CENTRAL OKLAHOMA DROUGHT REPORT

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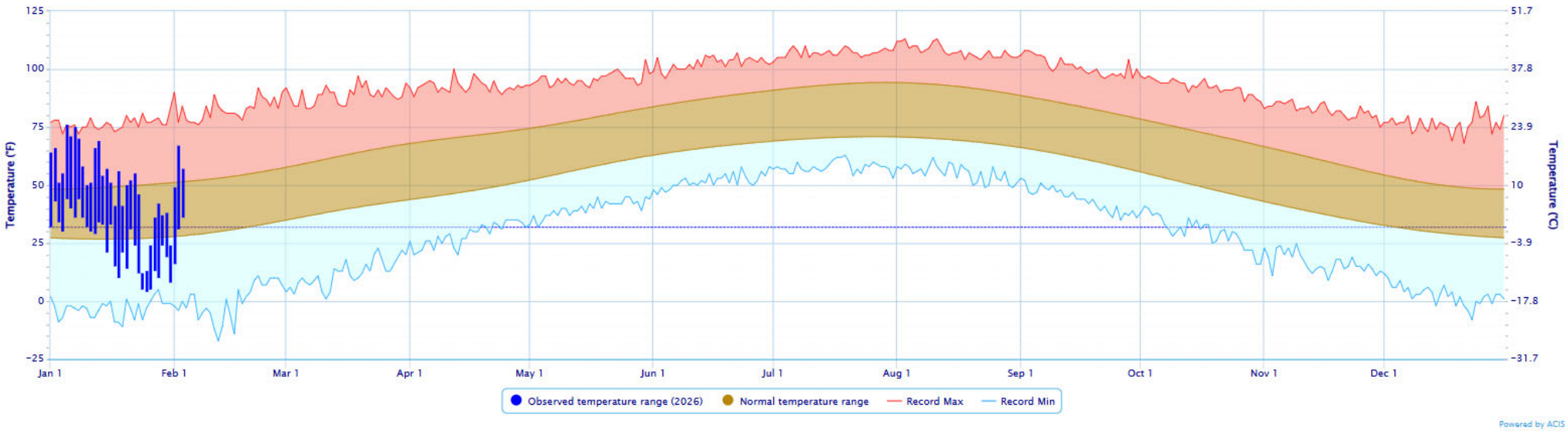

MONTHLY TEMPERATURE TREND:

Temperatures continue to linger above normal into February driving faster evaporation from soils and reservoirs

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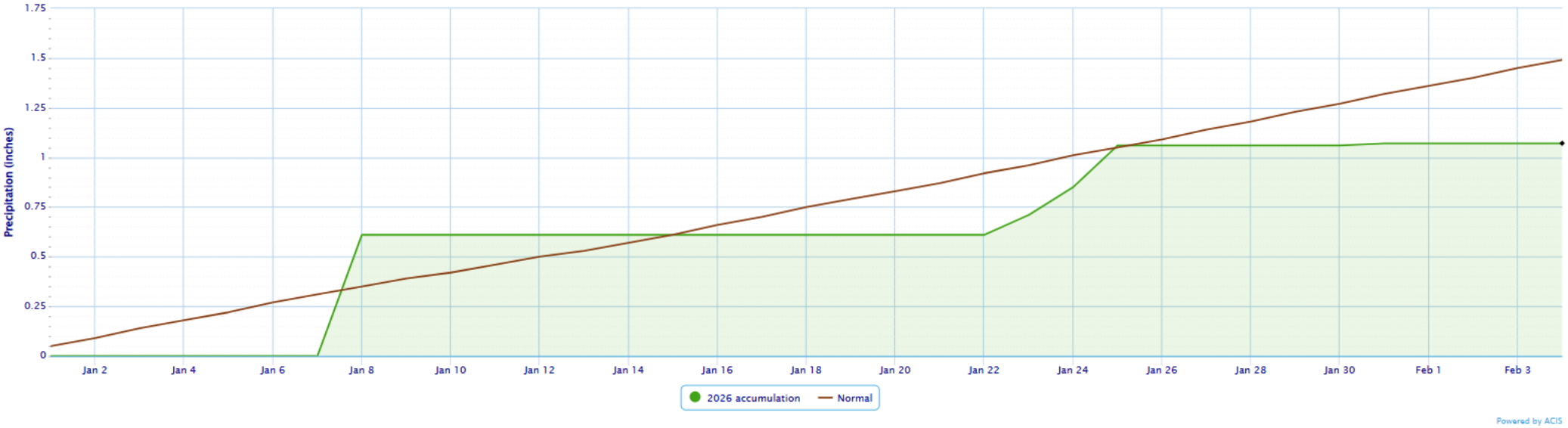
PRECIPITATION PLOT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FOR 2026



MONTHLY PRECIPITATION TREND:

Scattered, intense periods of rain and snow have kept OKC close to yearly trends – but still lagging in total precipitation

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WATER YEAR RAINFALL SUMMARY

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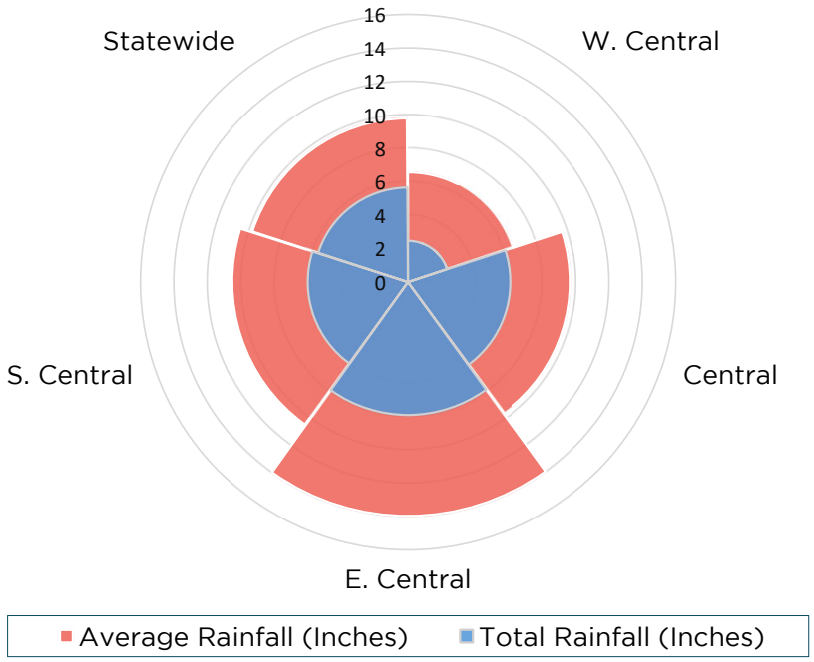
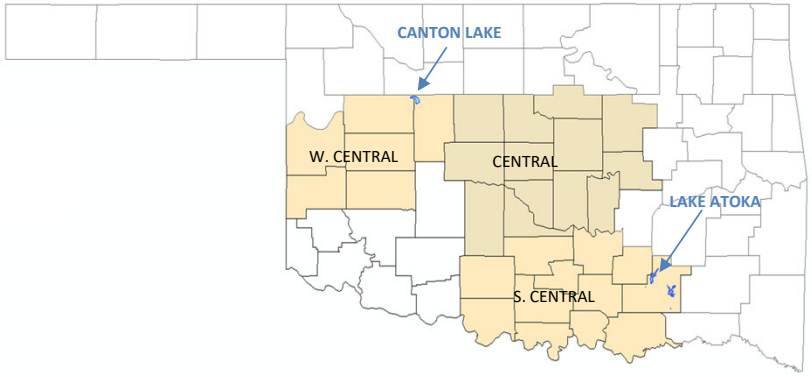
Oct 1, 2025 - Feb 3, 2026



CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TAKEAWAY:

- Average water year rainfall is well below normal – continuing the extended drought period
- Rainfall totals still have a chance to catch up with another wet spring – similar to 2025

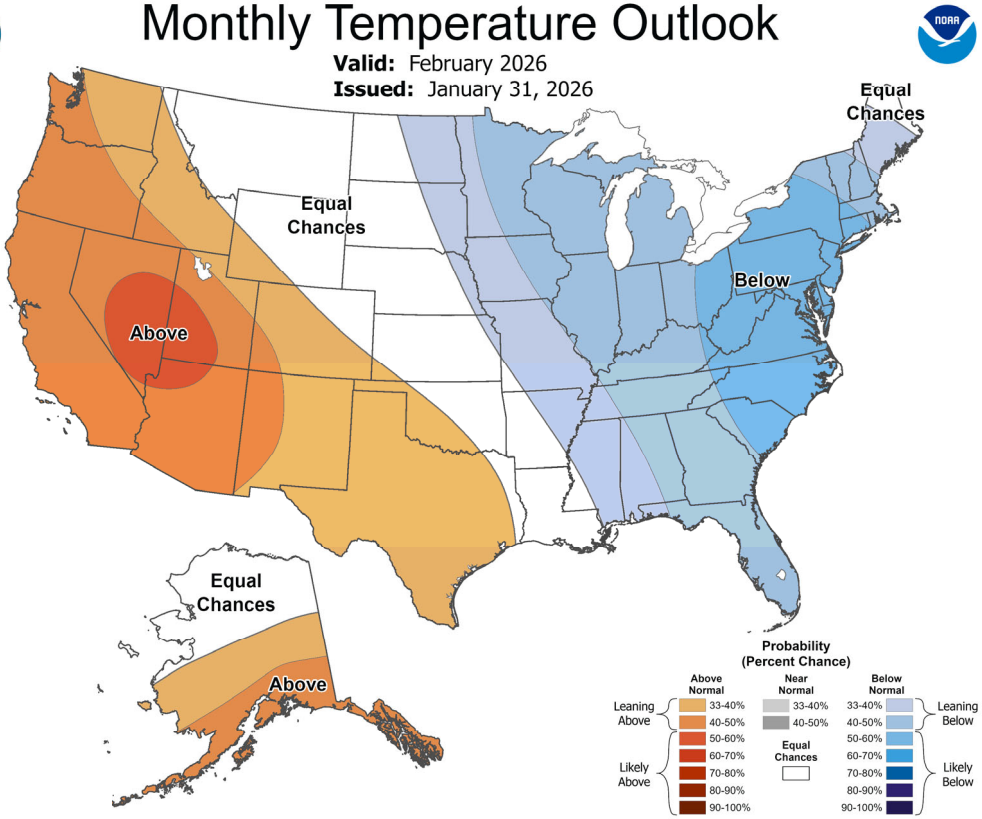


http://climate.ok.gov/index.php/drought/last_30_days/drought_wildfire

NOAA ONE-MONTH TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

FEBRUARY TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK:

- White areas shown as EC (Equal Chance) on these maps represent areas with no strong climate signals based on current data.
- Temperature outlook is still variable – continue planning for a variety of weather conditions but expect warmer temperatures overall



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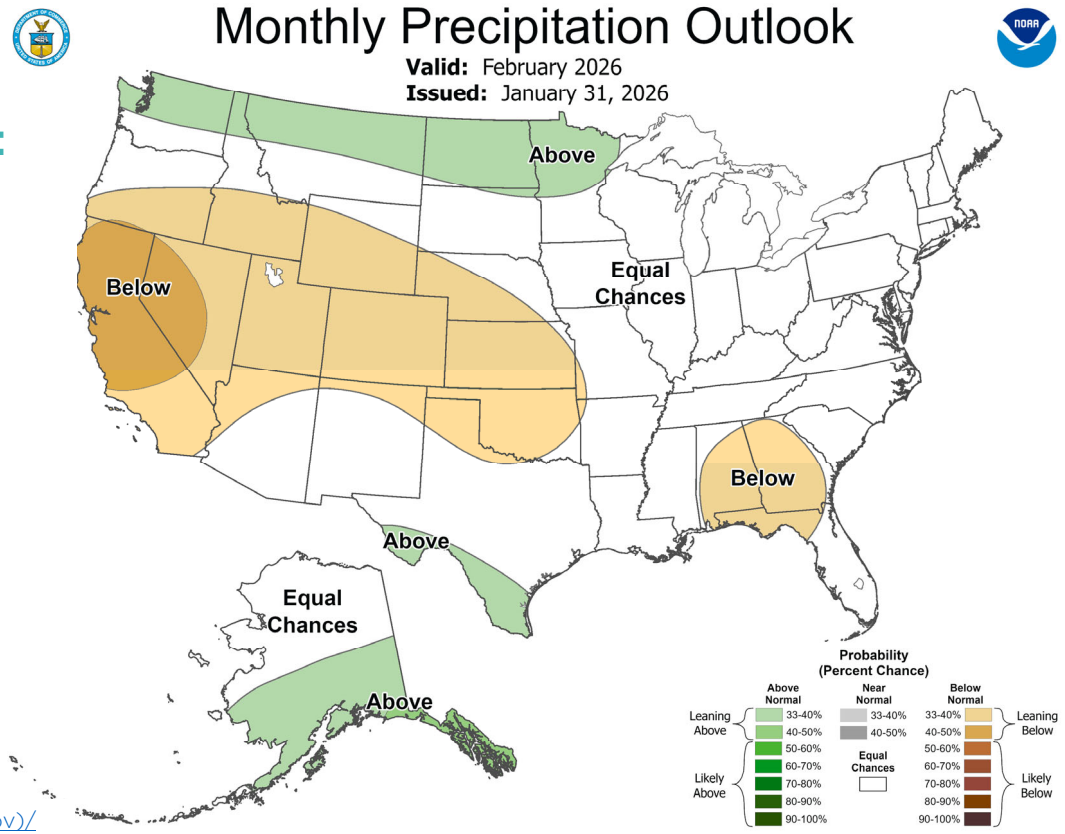
- February is favored to see below average precipitation throughout most of Oklahoma



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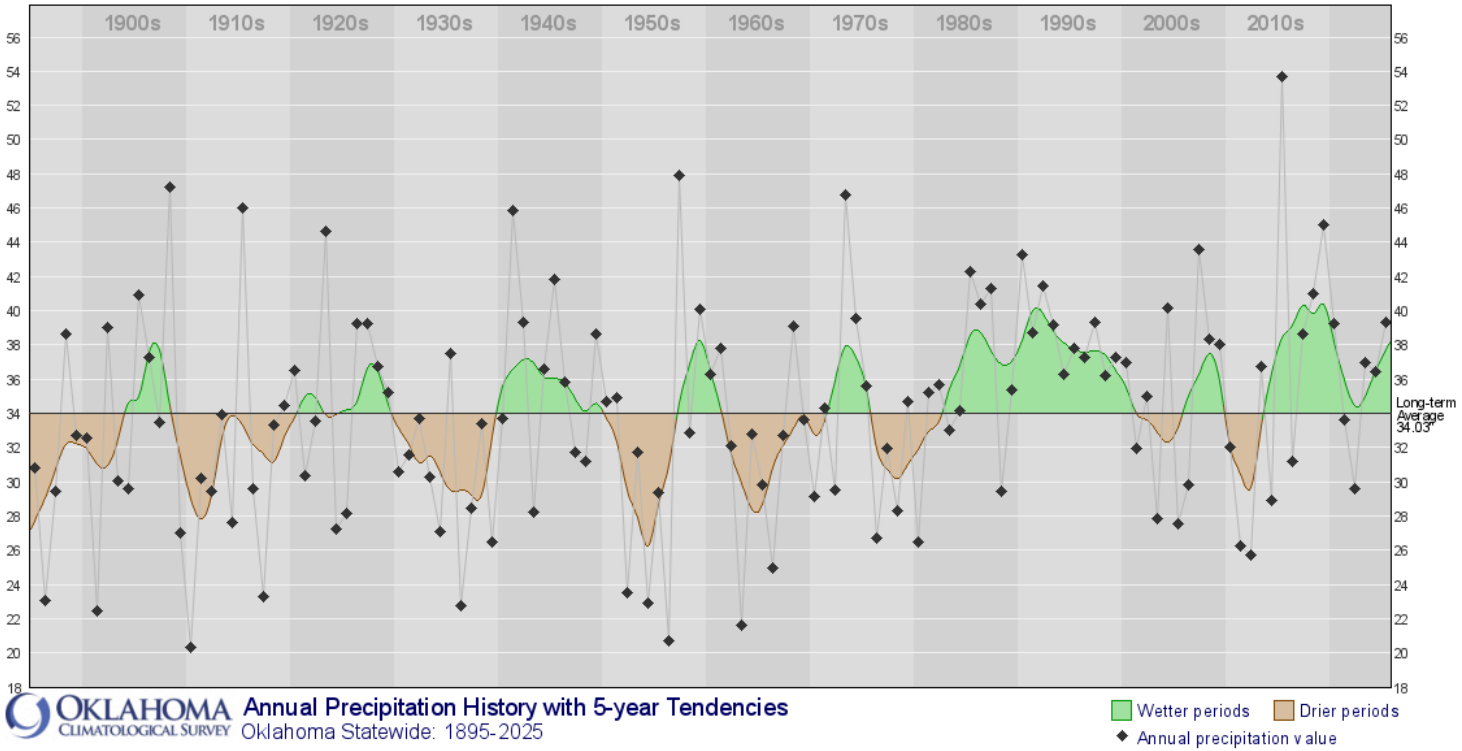
ANNUAL PRECIPITATION HISTORY WITH 5-YEAR TENDENCIES



HISTORICAL RAINFALL TRENDS:

- 2026 is still currently part of a wet cycle
- Trending towards a drought cycle based on 5 – 8 year patterns
- We are still following historic rainfall patterns

http://climate.ok.gov/index.php/climate/climate_trends/precipitation_history_annual_statewide/CD00/prcp/Annual/oklahoma_south-central_u.s

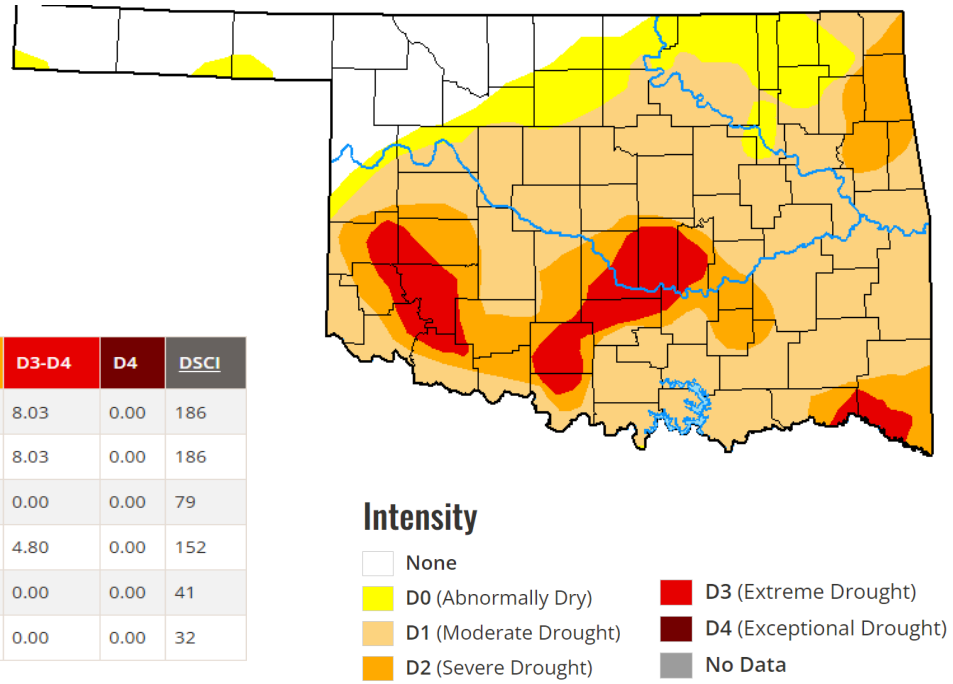
U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR - OKLAHOMA

OVER 3 MILLION OKLAHOMANS CURRENTLY AFFECTED BY DROUGHT:

Central Oklahoma remains in moderate to severe drought as of January 29, 2026

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	DSCI
Current	2026-01-27	17.38	82.62	71.69	23.32	8.03	0.00	186
Last Week to Current	2026-01-20	17.33	82.67	71.66	23.35	8.03	0.00	186
3 Months Ago to Current	2025-10-28	43.62	56.38	19.04	3.48	0.00	0.00	79
Start of Calendar Year to Current	2025-12-30	20.87	79.13	53.74	13.95	4.80	0.00	152
Start of Water Year to Current	2025-09-30	64.08	35.92	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	41
One Year Ago to Current	2025-01-28	73.89	26.11	5.24	0.33	0.00	0.00	32

Estimated Population in Drought Areas: **3,050,244**



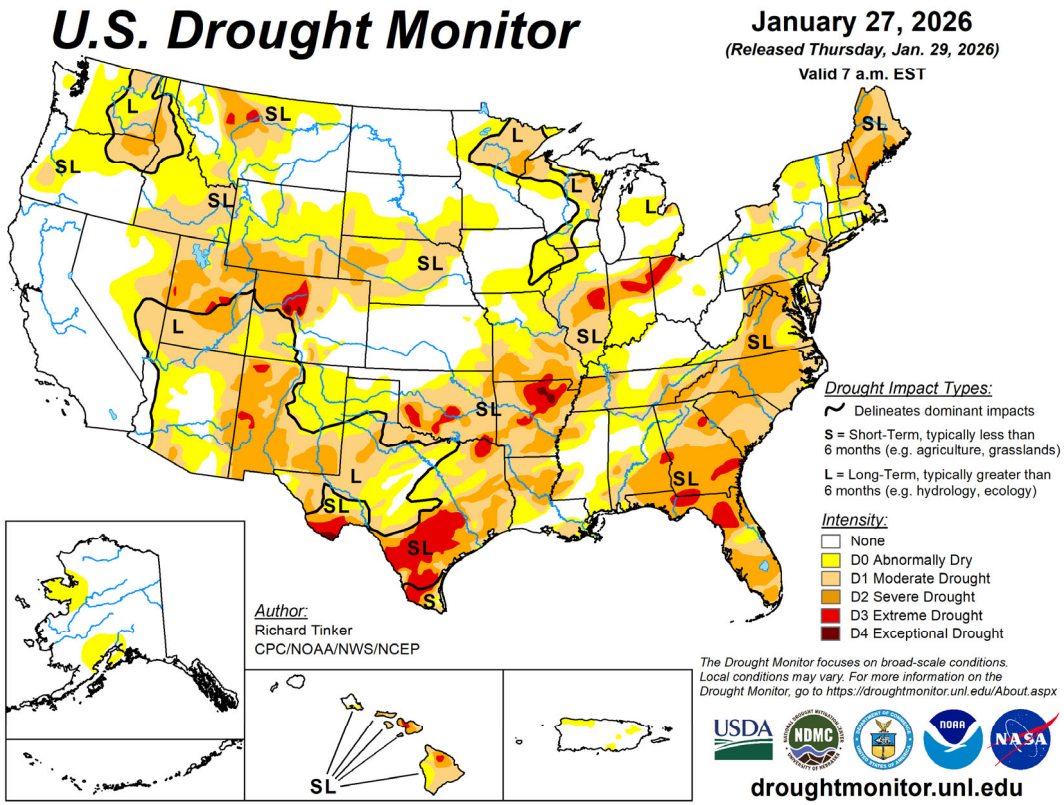
NATIONAL INTEGRATED DROUGHT INFORMATION SYSTEM NIDIS Drought.gov U.S. Drought Portal

https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?OK

U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR NATIONWIDE MAP

NATIONAL DROUGHT IMPACTS:

- Nationwide droughts continue to spread - Impacted areas in the West, South, and Eastern-Central US are increasing in size and intensity, even with strong winter storms
- Melting snow may help alleviate some pressure, but drought is likely to spread until spring



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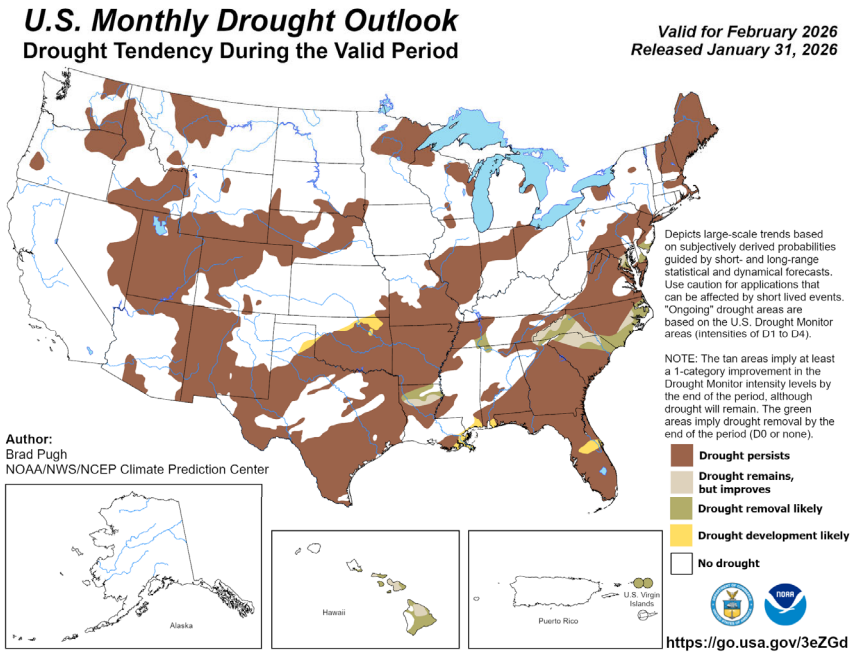
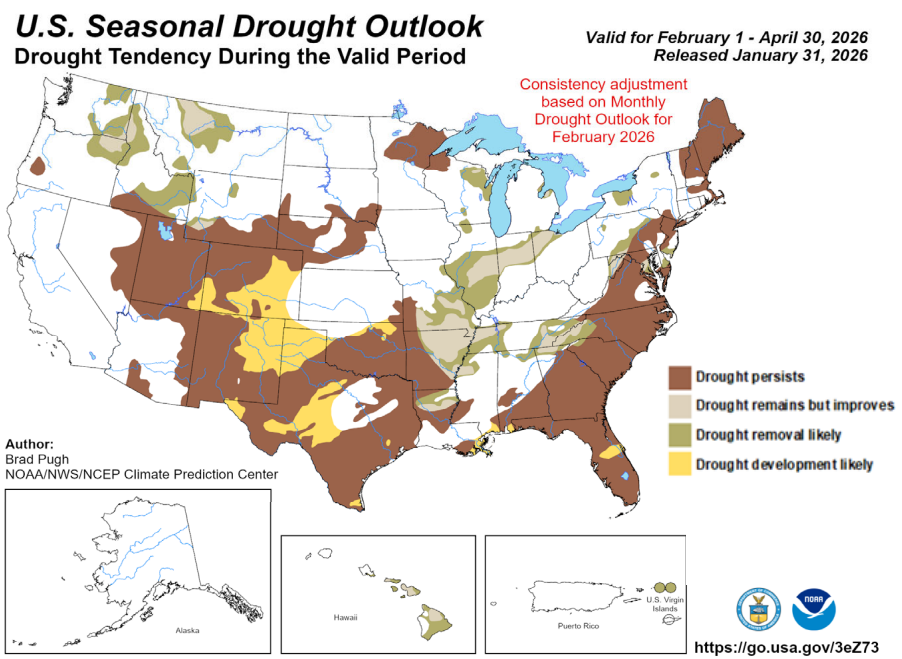




US DROUGHT OUTLOOK SUMMARY:

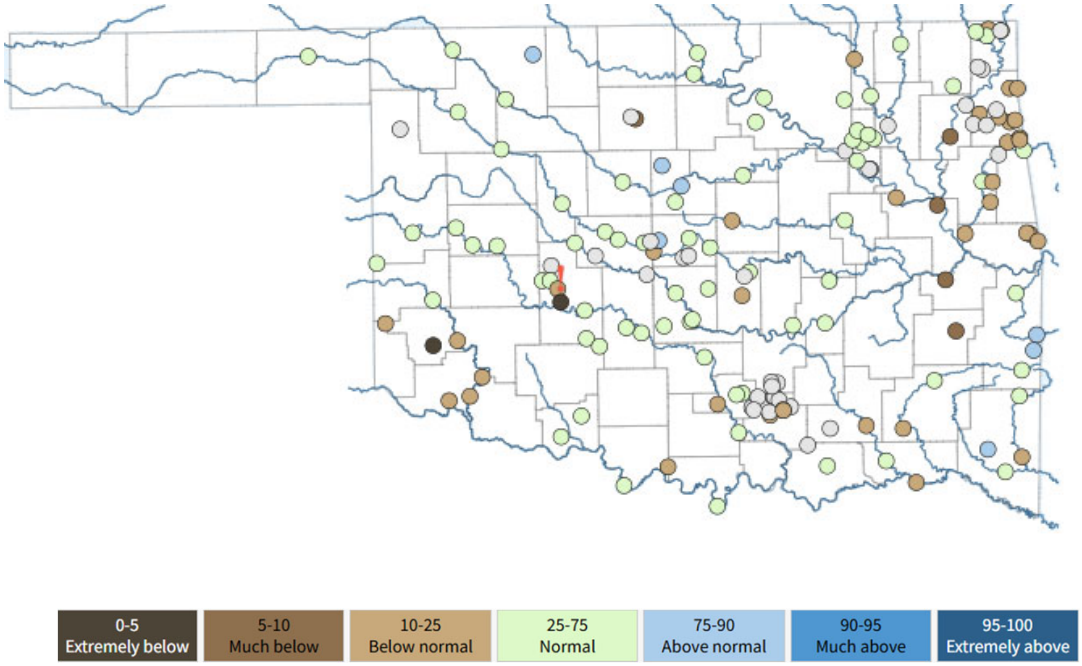
Drought conditions remain mostly steady throughout the US – Western, Eastern, and Southern regions continue to be hit hardest

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/mdo_summary.php

USGS STREAMFLOW DATA

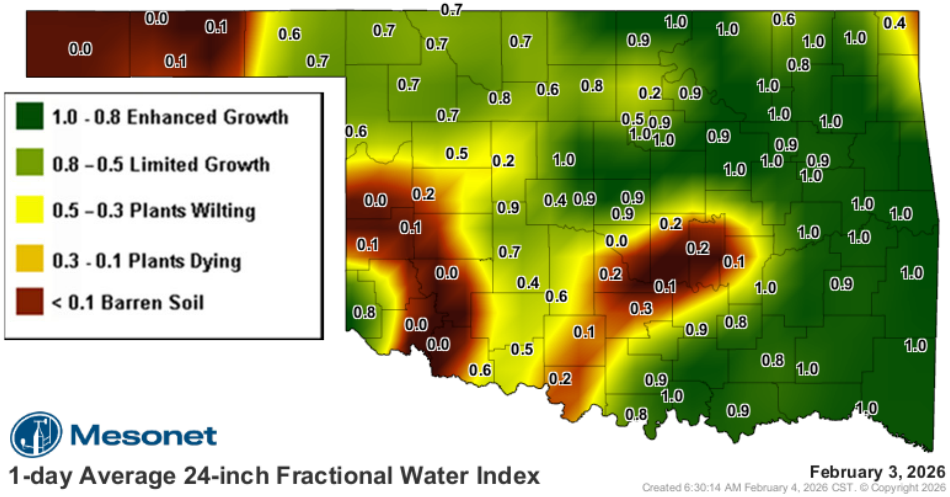
STREAMFLOW CONDITIONS:

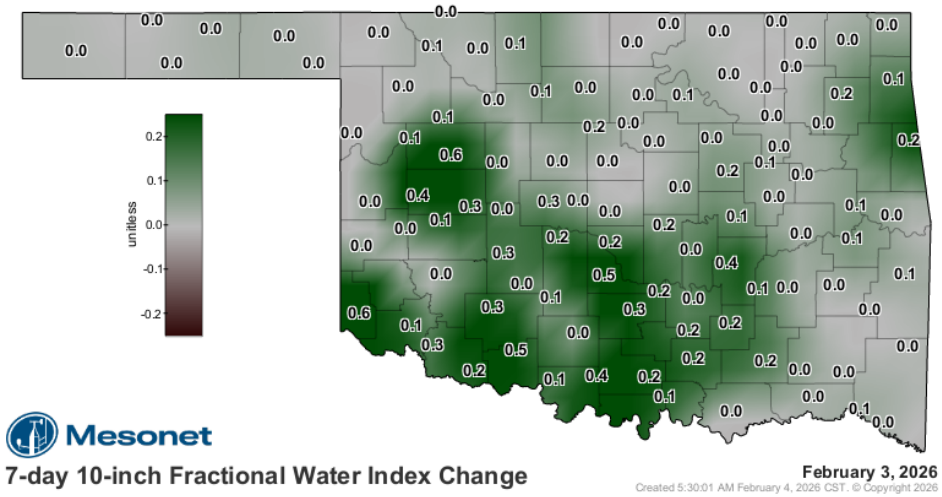
- Streamflow ratings are made by comparing current readings against historic 120-day readings
- Northeastern Oklahoma is facing the highest concentration of low-flow conditions
- Southwestern Oklahoma is also seeing a small concentration of low-flow streams
- Streamflow can appear healthy even in droughts due to having multiple supply sources



https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ok/nwis/rt

SOIL MOISTURE MAP



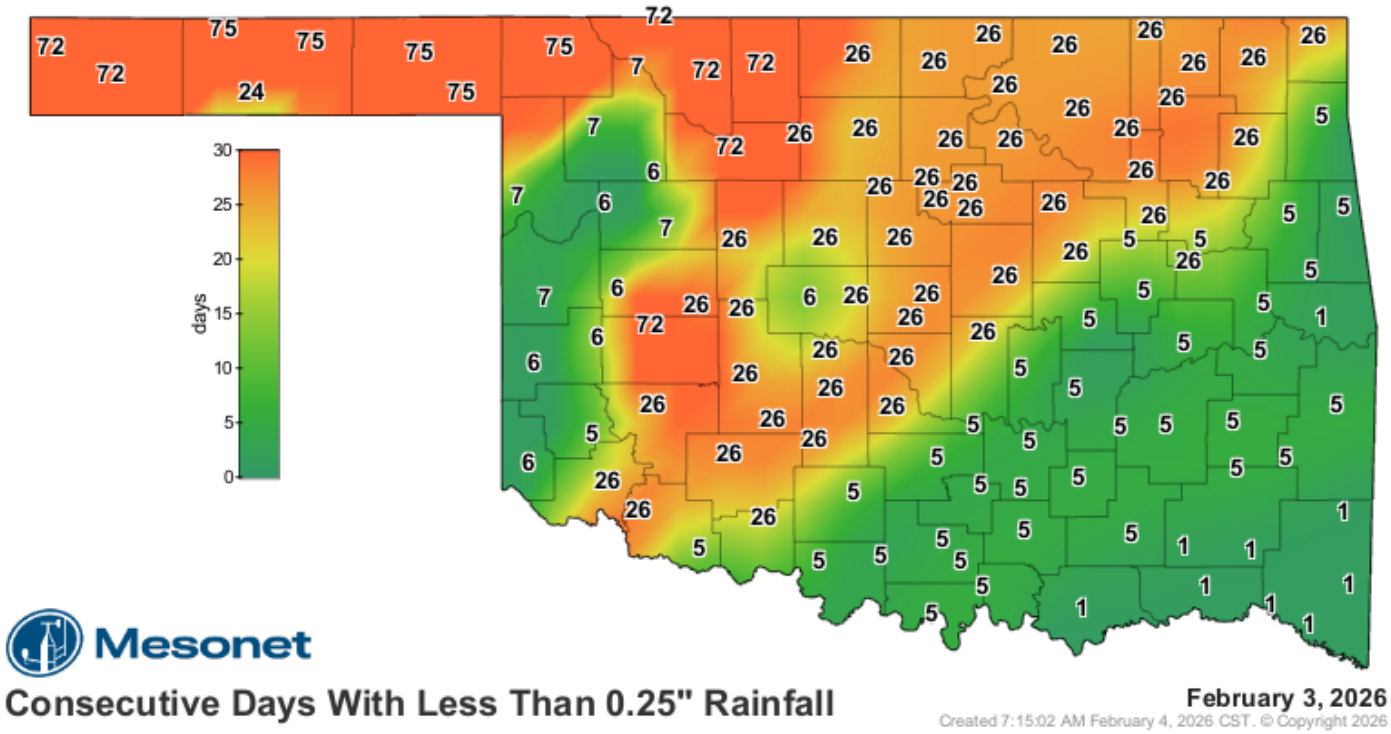


SHORT-TERM SOIL MOISTURE STATUS:

Swaths of Central and Western Oklahoma soils remain dry – but improvements are seen throughout thanks to concentrated rain and snowstorms

http://www.mesonet.org/index.php/weather/map/24-inch_fractional_water_index/soil_moisture

DAYS SINCE LAST RAINFALL

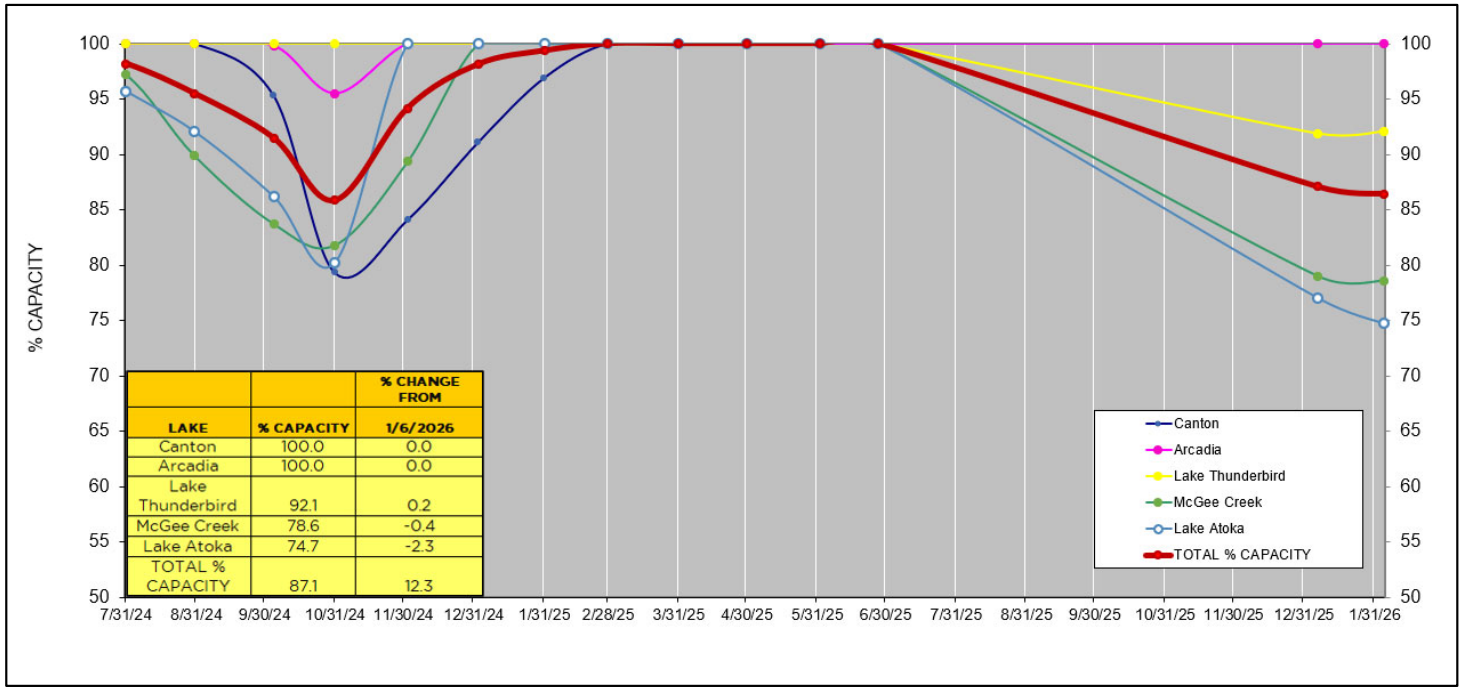


THE RAIN RETURNS (BRIEFLY):

- Large portions of Oklahoma still await rain – but much of the state has broken free of the recent dry spell
- Remain cautious when planning – the slight relief does not mean an end to our ongoing drought

Consecutive Days with Less Than 0.25 inches Rainfall | Mesonet

SURFACE WATER CONSERVATION CAPACITY - CENTRAL OK RESERVOIRS



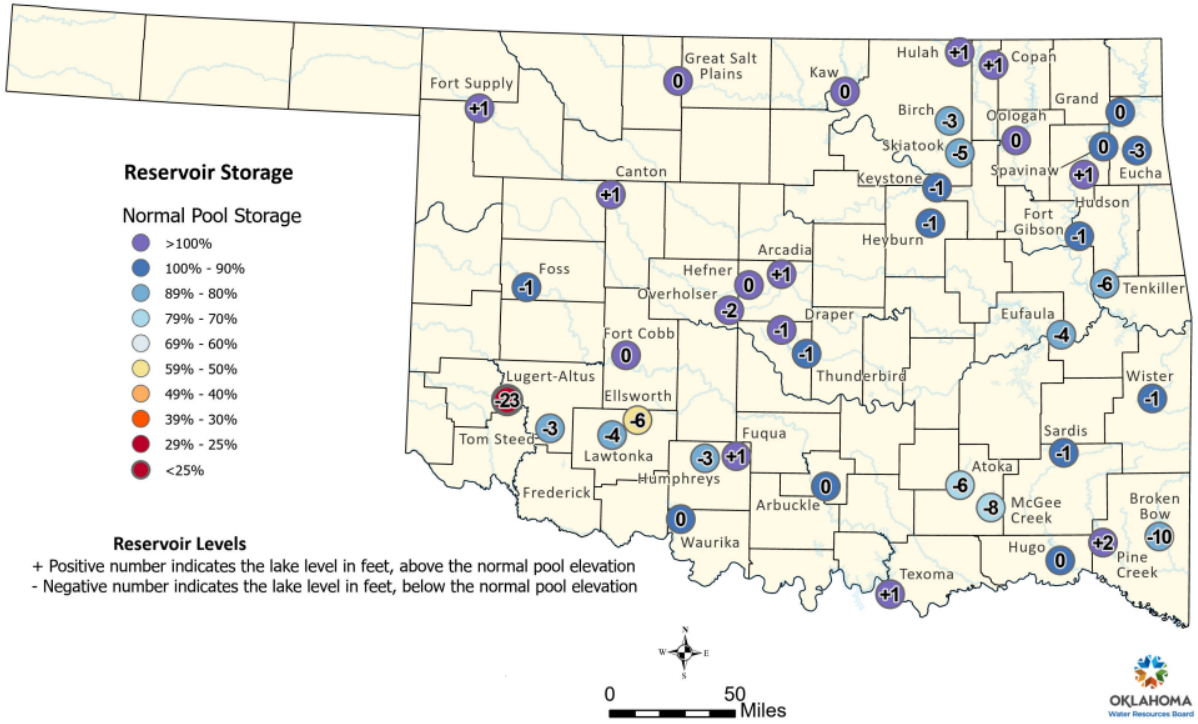
LAKE	% CAPACITY	% CHANGE FROM 1/6/2026
Canton	100.0	0.0
Arcadia	100.0	0.0
Lake Thunderbird	92.1	0.2
McGee Creek	78.6	-0.4
Lake Atoka	74.7	-2.3
TOTAL % CAPACITY	87.1	12.3

RESERVOIR TRENDS:

Only Arcadia and Canton reservoirs remain at full capacity, with all others being used to supplement water supplies during this unusually dry winter

https://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/Daily_Morning_Reservoir_Report.pdf

OKLAHOMA RESERVOIR LEVELS AND STORAGE



CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:

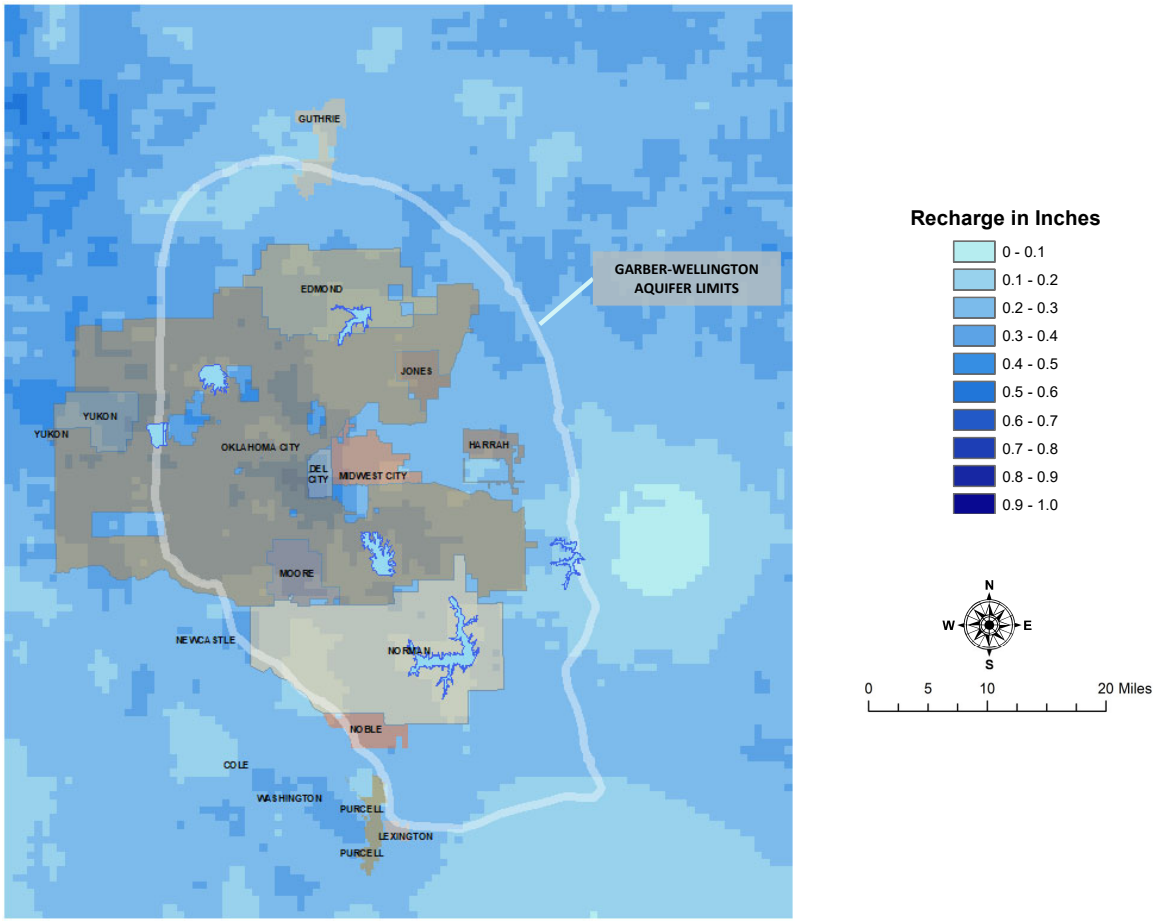
Oklahoma lake levels tracked as a percentage of normal storage - still showing low pool levels in two Southwestern Oklahoma reservoirs

15 https://www.owrb.ok.gov/supply/drought/Lake_Levels_files/Monthly%20Reservoir%20Storage.pdf

MONTHLY AQUIFER RECHARGE

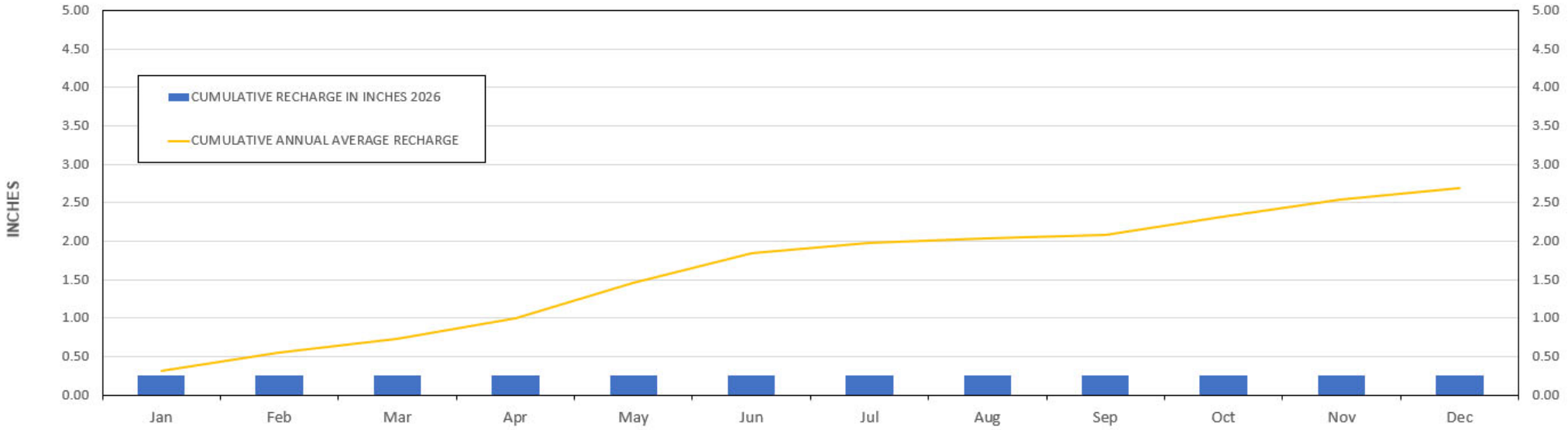
LIMITED WINTER RECHARGE:

- Mean aquifer recharge in January was 0.26 inches, just under the 0.32 average
- Sporadic rain and heavy snowfall both aided the January recharge



RECHARGE CHARTS CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM

ACCUMULATED CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM RECHARGE 2026



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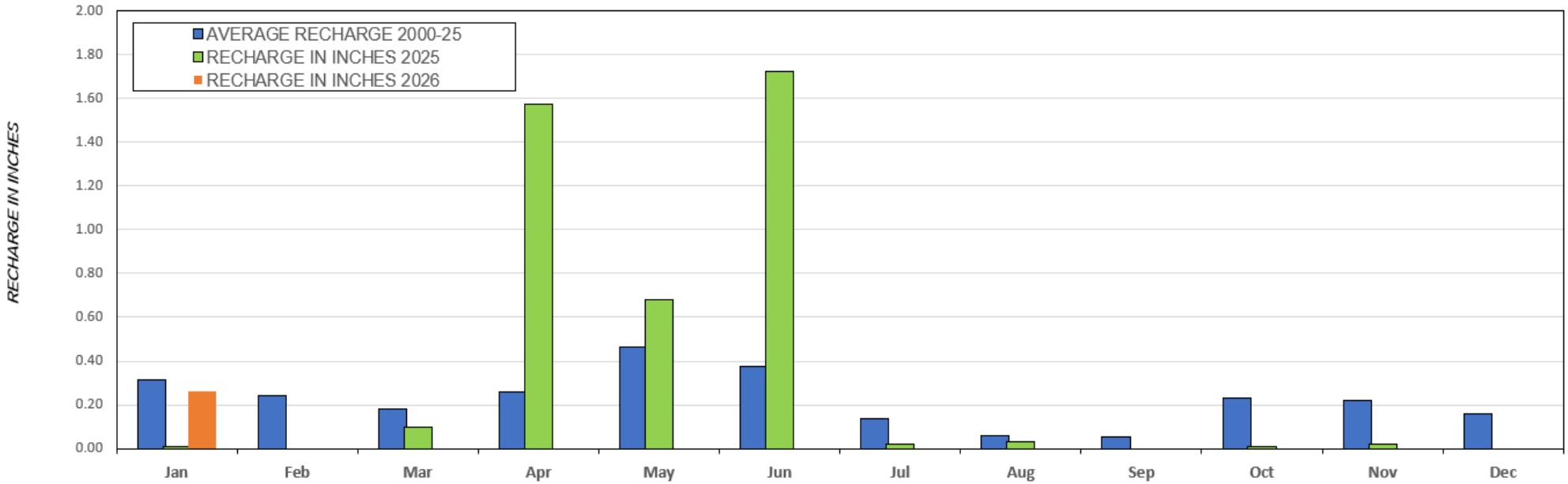
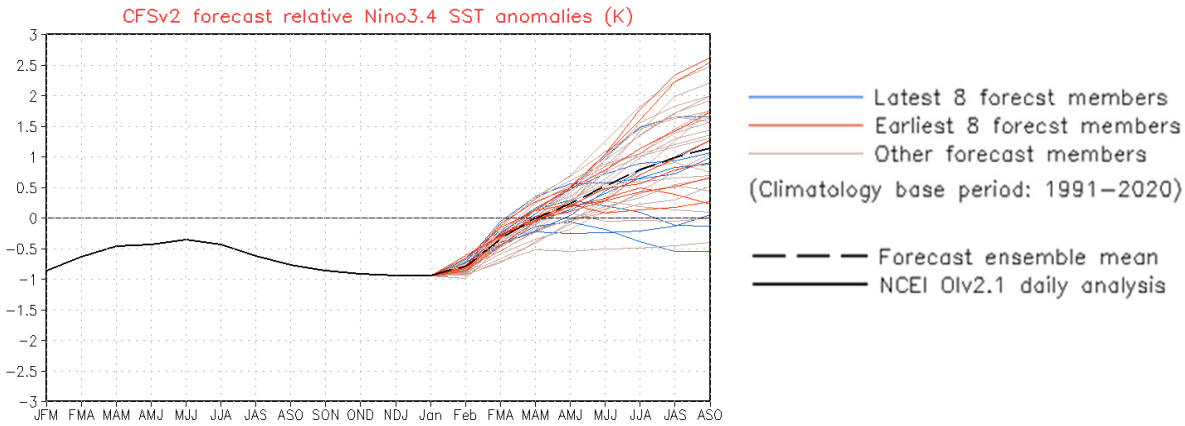
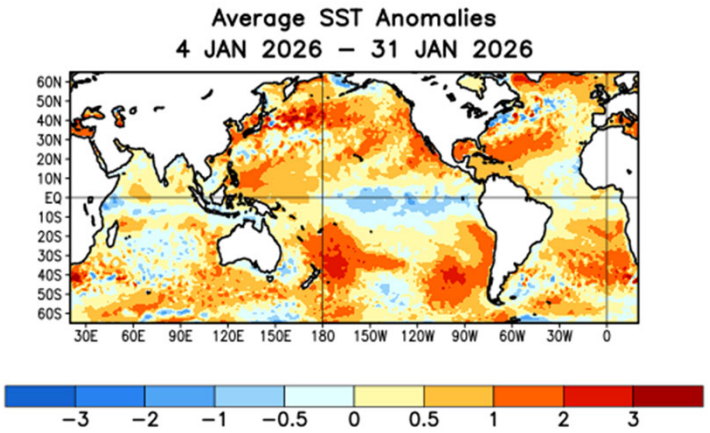


AQUIFER RECHARGE TRENDS:

Aquifer recharge for January was lower than average due to the limited rainfall

ENSO CYCLE - RECENT EVOLUTION, CURRENT STATUS AND PREDICTIONS





CLIMATE PATTERN UPDATE (ENSO):

- Based on current climate data and modeling, expect drought conditions to continue until early spring
- Possibility of intermittent relief through storms, but ENSO-neutral shift is not predicted until March - little meaningful aquifer recharge this month

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/lanina/enso_evolution-status-fcsts-web.ppt

SUMMARY

- Even with recent storms, the drought persists across most of Oklahoma
- Continue good water conservation practices as reservoir levels drop
- February may see unusually warm temperatures, intensifying drought conditions
- Climate data shows similar pattern shifts to last year, hinting at another wet spring

QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU.

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