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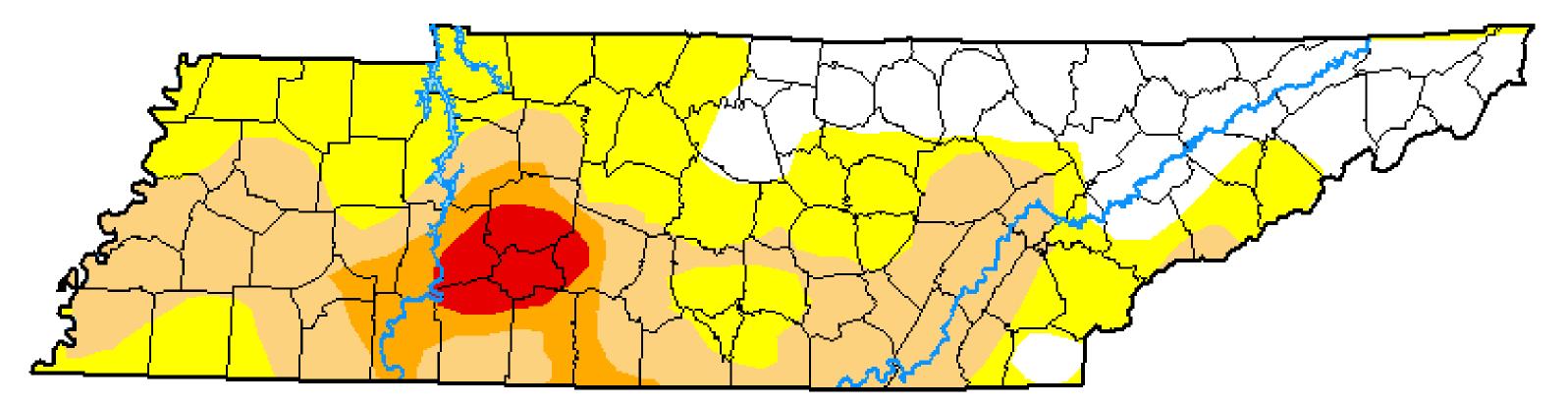
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# **Tennessee Drought Update**

# For the assessment period ending August 27th, 2024

## This Week's Drought Monitor of Tennessee Map

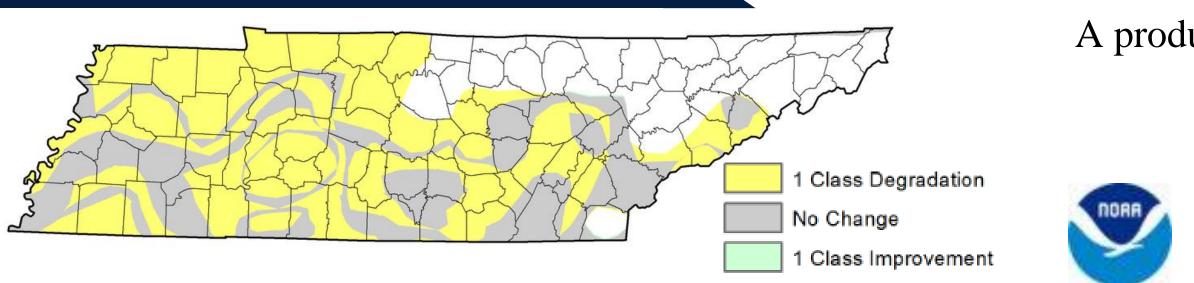
From the US Drought Monitor, authored by Richard Heim, NOAA/NCEI with input from the Tennessee Climate Office





Conditions continue to deteriorate across all of Tennessee with a lack of rainfall combined with increasing temperatures.

### Change Since Last Week





## **Statewide Condition Summary**

What's Changed? No measurable rainfall fell across Tennessee this week, leading to an expansion of Moderate Drought (D1) and Severe Drought (D2) conditions, along with introduction of Extreme Drought (D3) centered around Hickman and Lewis counties.

What's New? One-category degradation has been applied to most of the state, with Extreme Drought (D3) introduced in parts of seven counties where widespread impacts are even worse than last week. Moderate Drought (D1) was expanded in the southern Tennessee Valley and parts of the Smoky Mountains.

**What's Next?** The driest areas of the state may not see much relief with <0.25" expected across most of southern Tennessee over the next week, while temperatures will be at their highest of the year before cooling off towards the end of the weekend and early next week. Further degradation is expected in some areas, while parts of the Cumberland Plateau, Appalachian Mountains, and West Tennessee along the Mississippi River may see closer to 1" of rainfall. This may prevent additional degradation in these areas, though more rainfall is needed for conditions to improve.

## Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	<b>Coverage This Week</b>	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	35.66%	+4.57%
D1: Moderate Drought	30.96%	+11.59%
D2: Severe Drought	6.40%	+2.32%
D3: Extreme Drought	3.18%	+3.18%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0%	0%

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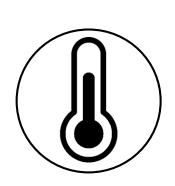
Increasing drought conditions



**Rivers and Streams** 



Precipitation



Temperatures



### Improvement



A mixture of improving and worsening conditions

No Change 



Hurricane/Tropical storm

