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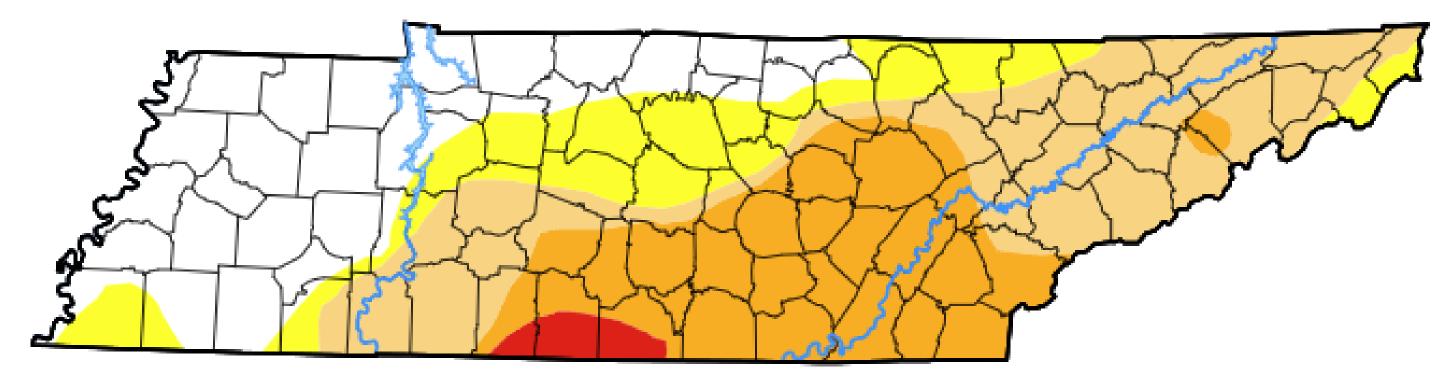
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Tennessee Drought Update

For the assessment period ending July 16th, 2024

This Week's Drought Monitor of Tennessee Map

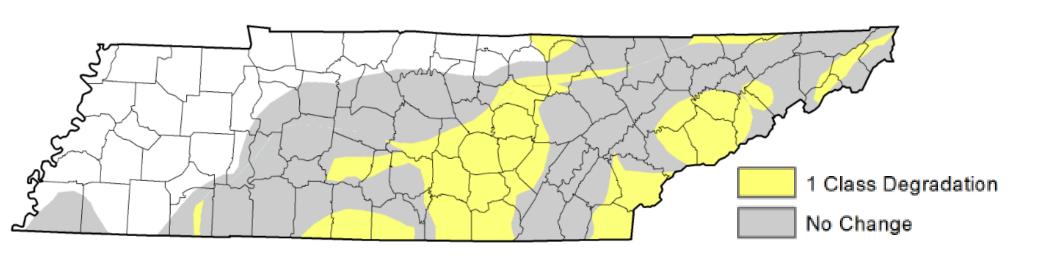
From the US Drought Monitor, authored by Brian Fuchs, NDMC with input from the Tennessee Climate Office





Lack of rainfall has led to worsening conditions across Middle and East Tennessee and the Cumberland Plateau

Change Since Last Week



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Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? Following another dry and hot week, conditions have deteriorated across the majority of Tennessee. Most of Middle and East Tennessee, as well as the Cumberland Plateau, missed the rainfall that West Tennessee received. Precipitation deficits have significantly grown over the past month causing streamflow rates and soil moisture levels to continue to drop. CMOR and Tennessee extension reports detail dry lawns, dead and dying pasturelands, impacts to crop yield, and increased fire concern.

What's New? D0 – D2 conditions have expanded across multiple regions of the state. D3 conditions have been introduced into parts of Lawrence, Giles, and Lincoln counties.

What's Next? Forecasts are predicting significant rainfall over the next week. Totals may range from 1-3 inches in some areas. Significant rainfall may slow expanding dry conditions.

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	16.22%	-6.30%
D1: Moderate Drought	27.16%	-6.70%
D2: Severe Drought	24.84%	+11.78%
D3: Extreme Drought	1.79%	+1.79%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0%	0%

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No Precipitation



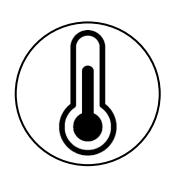
Increasing drought conditions



Rivers and Streams



Precipitation



Temperatures







Worsening conditions



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5 Class Degradation
4 Class Degradation
3 Class Degradation
2 Class Degradation
1 Class Degradation
No Change
1 Class Improvement
2 Class Improvement
3 Class Improvement
4 Class Improvement
5 Class Improvement
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