Tennessee Drought Update

For the assessment period ending April 07, 2026

This Week's Drought Monitor of Tennessee Map

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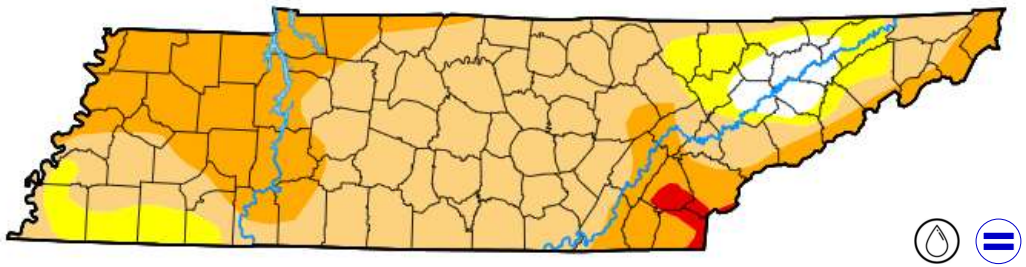
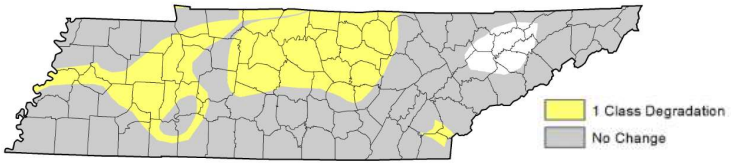


Most areas of West and Middle TN received at or below average rainfall resulting in a mixture of no change and 1-class degradation.

Most areas of East TN, particularly northeast TN and the Cumberland Plateau, received some rainfall but remained below average resulting in only small areas of degradation.

Change Since Last Week



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Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? **Most of TN received below average rainfall this past week (most areas received 0.5-1.5"). High temperatures were above average across the entire state (+8-16°F) during the last drought monitoring period (03/31–04/07).**

What's New? **Extreme Drought (D3) was added to sections of Polk, McMinn, and Monroe counties in southeast TN. Severe Drought (D2) conditions were expanded in West and Middle TN. Moderate Drought (D1) conditions were expanded in southern West and northern Middle TN.**

What's Next? **No precipitation is forecasted for the entire state of Tennessee during the second half of this week's drought monitoring period (04/07–04/14). Temperatures have been normal to slightly cooler than normal for the first part of this week's drought monitoring period, but warmer than normal conditions are expected to return late this week and over the weekend. With no rainfall and warm daytime temperatures, drought conditions will likely stay the same or worsen in the coming week.**

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	9.88%	-17.00%
D1: Moderate Drought	55.24%	+5.08%
D2: Severe Drought	30.08%	+11.41%
D3: Extreme Drought	**1.10%**	**+0.50%**
D4: Exceptional Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**