Tennessee Drought Update

For the assessment period ending April 14, 2026

This Week's Drought Monitor of Tennessee Map

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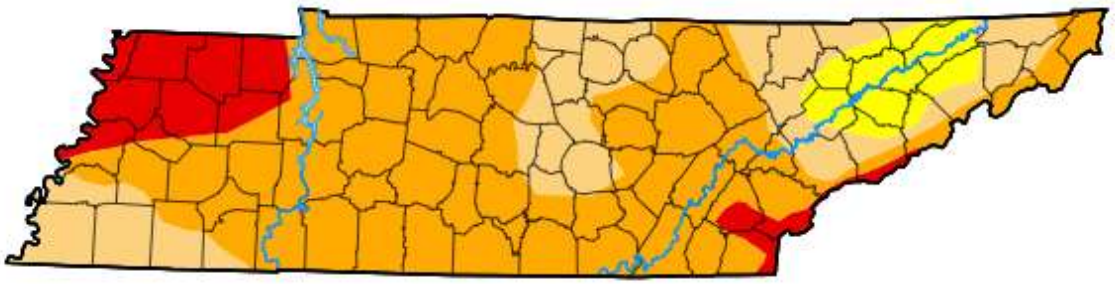
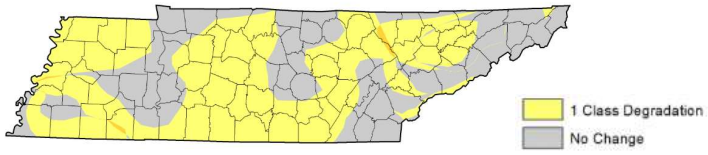


There was little to no rainfall across Tennessee, resulting in a mixture of no change and 1- to 2-class degradation. Streamflow is also much below average at nearly every gage statewide.

Change Since Last Week



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Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? **Most of TN received little to no rainfall over the past week, except for parts of East TN that received ~0.25". High temperatures were above average across the entire state (+2-7°F) during the last drought monitoring period (04/07–04/14).**

What's New? **All parts of TN are now experiencing Abnormally Dry (D0) or drought conditions. Extreme Drought (D3) was introduced in parts of northwest TN and along the TN/NC border. Severe Drought (D2) conditions were expanded in many areas across all three grand divisions. Moderate Drought (D1) conditions were expanded in southwest TN and parts of northeast TN, while Abnormally Dry (DO) conditions expanded across areas west and north of Knoxville .**

What's Next? **Approximately 0.5-1.5" of rainfall is forecasted for the entire state of Tennessee during the second half of this week's drought monitoring period (04/14–04/21). For most of the next drought monitoring period, Tennessee will experience near-record warmth, though cooler conditions are expected Sunday and Monday. With closer to normal rainfall and warm daytime temperatures, drought conditions will likely stay the same in many areas, though some locations in East TN may worsen in the coming week.**

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	6.35%	-3.53%
D1: Moderate Drought	22.84%	-32.40%
D2: Severe Drought	60.25%	+30.17%
D3: Extreme Drought	**10.56%**	**+9.46%**
D4: Exceptional Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**