Tennessee Drought Update

For the assessment period ending June 23, 2026

This Week's Drought Monitor of Tennessee Map

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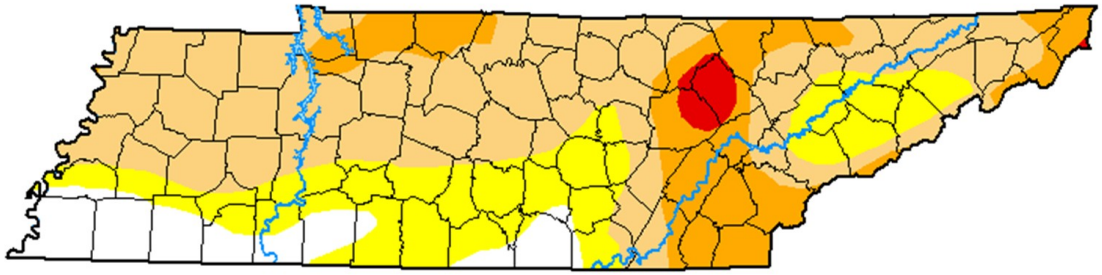
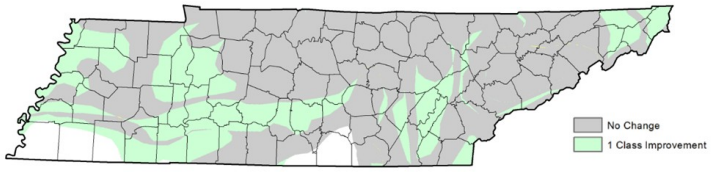


Most of the state, except for areas along the KY border and a small area of southeast TN, had normal or above normal rainfall this week and there were several areas of improvement.

Change Since Last Week



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Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? Widespread storms produced heavy rainfall with moderate rains common outside of these storms across TN. The northern Cumberland Plateau again received the least amount of rainfall (<0.5") over the past drought monitoring period (06/16–06/23). High temperatures were below normal statewide this past week, especially in southern Middle TN (3-6° below normal).

What's New? Severe Drought (D2) was removed from nearly all of West TN and parts of northwest TN. Improvements were also made across much of southern Middle TN where Abnormally Dry (D0) and Moderate Drought (D1) areas were reduced. Areas of Extreme Drought (D3) were removed in southeast TN and most of northeast TN, with some D3 remaining in the northern Cumberland Plateau. Severe Drought was also reduced in parts of northeast TN.

What's Next? Rain is expected statewide over the next drought monitoring period (06/23–06/30) with the heaviest amounts (1.25–2") forecasted for the northern half of the state, possibly providing some drought relief to these areas. High temperatures are expected to be near normal for most of the period, though a major heatwave is forecasted to build by Monday (6/29).

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	22.96%	+3.55%
D1: Moderate Drought	48.34%	+3.94%
D2: Severe Drought	16.72%	-7.56%
D3: Extreme Drought	**1.68%**	**-4.17%**
D4: Exceptional Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**