Tennessee Drought Update

For the assessment period ending July 14, 2026

This Week's Drought Monitor of Tennessee Map

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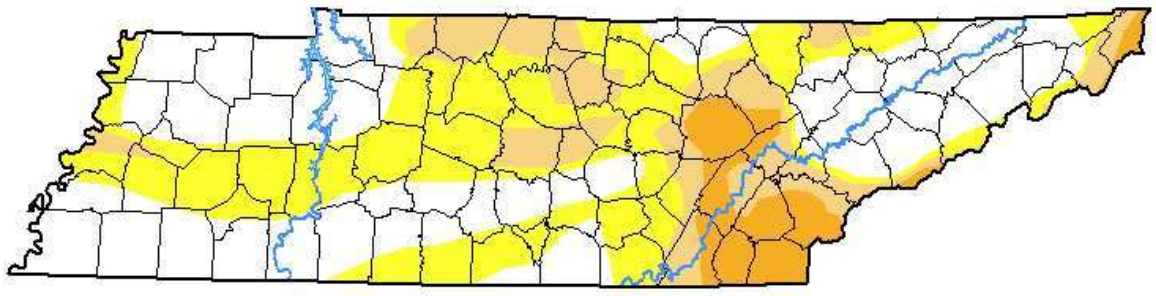
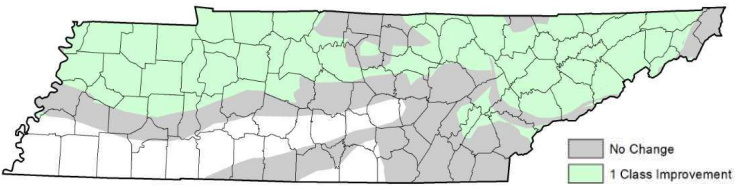


Several rounds of heavy rainfall and storms brought above normal precipitation to large portions of the state. Streamflow levels have improved into the normal or above normal range across almost all stream gages in the state.

Change Since Last Week



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Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? Several rounds of heavy rain and storms produced >2" of rainfall across most of TN with isolated locations recording over 5" of rainfall during the last monitoring period (07/07-07/14). Some areas in the southern half of the state had at or below normal rainfall for the week. High temperatures were close to normal statewide this past week.

What's New? Areas of Severe Drought (D2), Moderate Drought (D1), and Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions across northern portions of TN improved by one class. Only 22% of the state remains in drought conditions (D1-D2) and D2 conditions are only present in areas of the Cumberland Plateau and East TN. Large portions of West TN and northern East TN are now free of all drought and abnormally dry conditions.

What's Next? Scattered storms are expected to continue through the next drought monitoring period (07/14-07/21) with chances for higher rainfall totals (1-2") forecasted in the eastern half of the state. High temperatures are expected to be near normal for the next drought monitoring period. Drought conditions will likely remain the same for most of the state next week, with some improvement possible in East TN if heavier rainfall occurs.

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	32.96%	-10.61%
D1: Moderate Drought	14.46%	-11.01%
D2: Severe Drought	7.62%	-4.93%
D3: Extreme Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**
D4: Exceptional Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**

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No Precipitation

Increasing drought conditions

Rivers and Streams

Precipitation

Temperatures

Snowfall

Improvement

A mixture of improving and worsening conditions

No Change

Worsening conditions

Hurricane/Tropical storm

