Tennessee Drought Update

For the assessment period ending August 4, 2026

This Week's Drought Monitor of Tennessee Map

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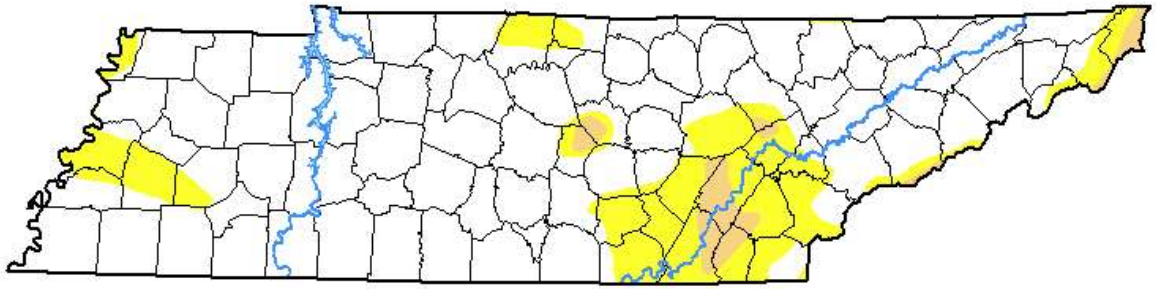
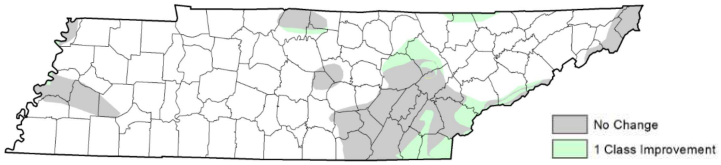


Outside of the areas impacted by stronger storms drier than normal conditions meant that some areas of drought and abnormally dry conditions remained the same this week.

Another week of storms and heavy rainfall brought above normal precipitation to some parts of Middle and East TN resulting in a few areas of 1-class improvements.

Change Since Last Week



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Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? **Heavy rainfall resulted in above normal precipitation across parts of Middle and East TN over the last drought monitoring period (07/28-08/04). However, most other areas of the state were drier than normal this week. High temperatures started out above normal but then cooled to near or below average later in the week.**

What's New? **A few areas of Moderate Drought (D1) and Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions improved by one class across parts of the northern Cumberland Plateau and the southeast corner of TN. There were also a few small areas of improvement along the Mississippi River in West TN. The only Severe Drought (D2) remaining in the state is a narrow strip along the mountain peaks in southern Sevier County of East TN.**

What's Next? **An unsettled pattern with scattered storms and heavy downpours has set up over the eastern half of the state and that is expected to continue through most of the current drought monitoring period (08/04-08/11) with chances for higher rainfall totals (an additional 0.5-2") forecasted for higher elevations of East TN and the Cumberland Plateau, this could lead to additional improvements for areas that get higher rainfall totals next week.**

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	16.54%	-1.70%
D1: Moderate Drought	2.86%	-1.62%
D2: Severe Drought	0.02%	–0.02%
D3: Extreme Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**
D4: Exceptional Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**