Tennessee Drought Update

For the assessment period ending August 11, 2026

This Week's Drought Monitor of Tennessee Map

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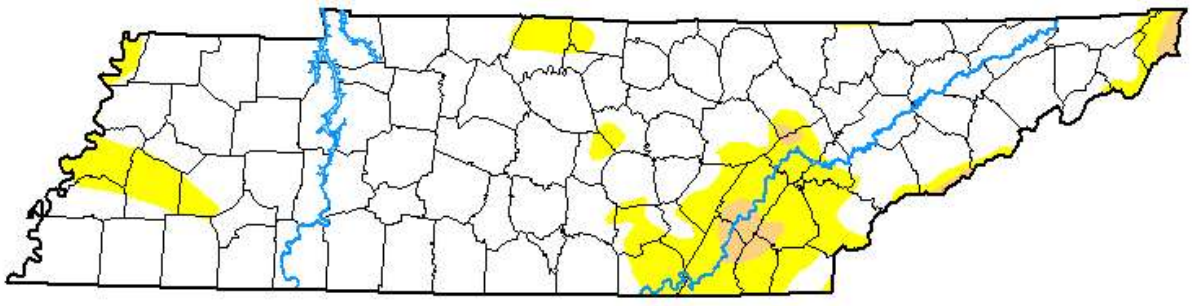
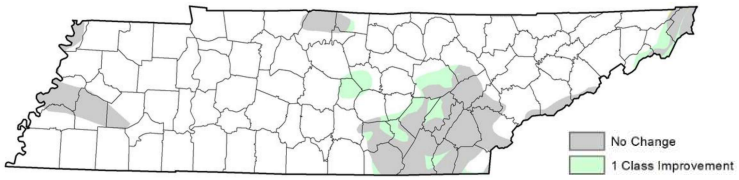


Outside of the areas impacted by stronger storms drier than normal conditions meant that some areas of drought and abnormally dry conditions remained the same this week.

Another week of scattered storms with heavy rainfall brought above normal precipitation to parts of TN resulting in a few areas of 1-class improvements in the eastern half of the state.

Change Since Last Week



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Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? **Scattered storms that produced heavy rainfall resulted in above normal precipitation across parts of Tennessee over the last drought monitoring period (08/04-08/11). However, some areas, particularly in the western half of the state, were drier than normal this week. High temperatures averaged out to near normal over the last drought monitoring period.**

What's New? **A few areas of Moderate Drought (D1) and Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions improved by one class in the eastern half of Tennessee. The only remaining areas of D1 are in East TN and a small area in southern Morgan County on the Cumberland Plateau.**

What's Next? **East TN is expecting to see continued scattered storms and heavy downpours with some areas in the region already recording 1-2" of rainfall since Tuesday. This pattern is expected to continue with an additional 0.5-2" forecasted for northeast TN in the next drought monitoring period (08/11-8/18). This could lead to further improvement of drought conditions in the region. The western half of the state is forecast to receive little to no rainfall through the end of the next drought monitoring period. This combined with a forecasted heat wave could lead to potential for flash drought conditions in the region.**

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	14.89%	-1.65%
D1: Moderate Drought	1.79%	-1.07%
D2: Severe Drought	0.02%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**
D4: Exceptional Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**