Tennessee Drought Update

For the assessment period ending September 1, 2026

This Week's Drought Monitor of Tennessee Map

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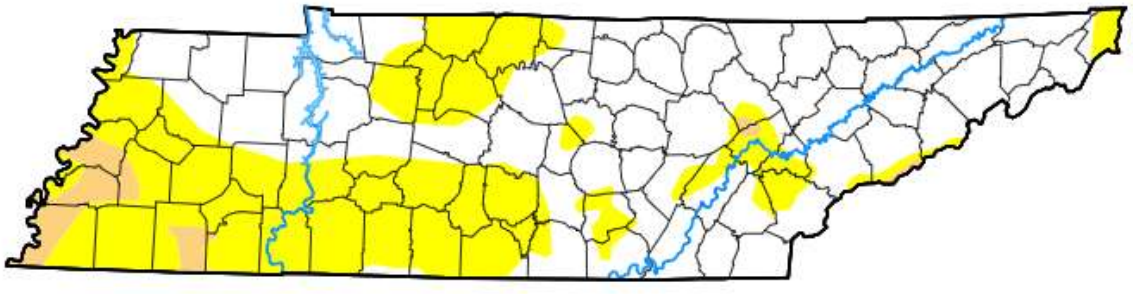
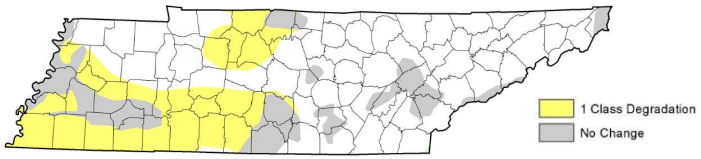


Another week of drier than normal conditions resulted in expansion of abnormally dry conditions across West TN and parts of Middle TN.

Change Since Last Week



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Statewide Condition Summary

What's Changed? Precipitation was below normal for most of the state except a small area in far northwest TN for the last drought monitoring period (08/25-09/01). High temperatures were 2-6°F above normal for much of the southwest and southeast portions of the state and on the Cumberland Plateau, but were closer to average or slightly below average elsewhere.

What's New? Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions expanded across West TN and southern Middle TN, as well as around the Nashville metropolitan area in northern Middle TN. A New area of Moderate Drought (D1) was added in southern West TN, mostly in Hardeman County. And D1 conditions expanded from Lauderdale County across parts Tipton, Haywood, and Shelby counties in southwest TN.

What's Next? Most areas across the state are forecast to receive below normal rainfall with less than 0.25" expected during the next drought monitoring period (09/01-09/08). Well above normal high temperatures are also expected to continue across the state through the next drought monitoring period. This could lead to further expansion of abnormally dry and drought conditions in the state.

Statewide Coverage By Category

Category	Coverage This Week	Change Since Last Week
D0: Abnormally Dry	37.53%	+19.48%
D1: Moderate Drought	3.61%	+2.70%
D2: Severe Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D3: Extreme Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**
D4: Exceptional Drought	**0.00%**	**0.00%**