

Midwest and Great Plains Climate & Drought Outlook 17 October 2019

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Missouri River at Rulo, NE. Photo courtesy: Mike Wilson





General Information

Providing climate services to the Central Region

- Collaboration Activity Between:
 - State Climatologists/American Association of State Climatologists
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 - USDA Climate Hubs
 - Midwest and High Plains Regional Climate Centers
 - National Drought Mitigation Center
- Next Regular Climate/Drought Outlook Webinar
 - November 21, 2019 (1 PM CDT): Presenter Pat Guinan, Missouri State Climatologist, University of Missouri
- Access to Future Climate Webinars and Information
- HPRCC: https://hprcc.unl.edu/webinars.php
- MRCC: http://mrcc.illinois.edu/multimedia/webinars.jsp
- Open for questions at the end



Agenda

- Recent Conditions
- Impacts
- Outlooks
 - 1-3 months
 - Winter season



Corn in snow, near Aberdeen, SD. Photo by Laura Edwards, 10/13/19





A look back Recent Conditions

Mature soybeans near Aberdeen, SD Photo by Laura Edwards, 10/13/19

September Temperature Ranks



http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/temp-and-precip/us-maps/

Growing Season Temperature Ranks



http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/temp-and-precip/us-maps/



http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/temp-and-precip/us-maps/

Growing Season Precipitation Ranks



http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/temp-and-precip/us-maps/

Last 30 Days





https://hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps

Last 30 Days



Modeled Soil Moisture



http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/mmb/nldas/drought/

28-day Average Streamflow



Explanation - Percentile classes									
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Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High			
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal				

http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/index.php?id=pa07d

U.S. Drought Monitor **NWS Central Region**

October 15, 2019 (Released Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)



	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	80.40	19.60	8.44	1.91	0. 14	0.00
Last Week 10-08-2019	80.47	19.53	8.22	1.65	0.04	0.00
3 Month s Ago 07-16-2019	95.54	4.46	0.70	0.06	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019	85.98	14.02	8.17	5.23	2.44	1.01
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	79.05	20.95	8.02	2.19	0. 14	0.00
One Year Ago 10-16-2018	76.90	23.10	11.40	<mark>6.3</mark> 6	3.55	1.23

Intensity:







D2 Severe Drought

D3 Extreme Drought

D1 Moderate Drought

D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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droughtmonitor.unl.edu



Impacts

COLD AND HIGH WATER



https://mrcc.illinois.edu/VIP/frz_maps/freeze_maps.html



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Missouri River

Missouri Mainstem Reservoir Status (as of 10/10/19):

- Sept runoff from eastern SD rivers was record high in September, 16x average and twice the previous record. These are unregulated: James, Vermilion and Big Sioux.
- 2019 estimated annual runoff is 61.0 million acre-feet. Would equal 2011 record year.
- October runoff systemwide is expected to be 3x average. High releases will continue to evacuate water before freezeup.



http://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/reports/pdfs/weeklyupdate_previous.pdf



North Central Region

Mainstem Missisippi still in flood stage.

Ohio River near average due to dry conditions and drought, with recent rain.





5 Gauges: Out of Service

68 Gauges: Observations Are Not Current



Great Lakes Water Level



https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/data/wlevels/levels.html#observations

 High water in many lakes in Minnesota, South Dakota as well

Very low year for West Nile Virus





Looking Ahead
OUTLOOKS



Climate Outlooks

- 7-day precipitation forecast
- 8-14 day outlook
- November temperature and precipitation
- Winter season temperature and precipitation

7-day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast Valid: 17 Oct – 24 Oct





Temperature

Precipitation

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/814day/index.php

Learn more at iGrow.org | © 2018, South Dakota Board of Regents

November Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks





Temperature

Precipitation

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/prediction

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3 Month Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks, Nov-Jan





http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/seasonal.php?lead=2

3 Month Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks, Dec-Feb





Temperature

Precipitation

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/seasonal.php?lead=2

Seasonal Drought Outlook





http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/season_drought.png

Further Information - Partners



- Today's and Past Recorded Presentations:
- <u>http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/webinars.htm</u> <u>http://www.hprcc.unl.edu</u>
- NOAA's National Climatic Data Center: <u>www.ncdc.noaa.gov</u>

Monthly climate reports (U.S. & Global): <u>www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/</u>

- NOAA's Climate Prediction Center: <u>www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov</u>
- Climate Portal: <u>www.climate.gov</u>
- U.S. Drought Portal: <u>www.drought.gov</u>
- National Drought Mitigation Center: http://drought.unl.edu/
- State climatologists
 - <u>http://www.stateclimate.org</u>
- Regional climate centers
 - <u>http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu</u>
 - <u>http://www.hprcc.unl.edu</u>



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Kentucky Soybeans, Sep. 18, 2019 Photo by Brad Rippey

<u>Highlights (and Lowlights) of the 2019 Crop Season</u>

- Midwestern planting was severely delayed by wetness.
- Market factors (e.g. commodity prices and a trade war) favored planting corn instead of soybeans; in a wet year there is often an acreage gain in soybeans.
- U.S. corn production in 2019 is down 4.4% from last year, despite a negligible change in area harvested. Corn yield is down 8.0 bushels/acre, or 4.5%, from 2018.
- U.S. soybean production in 2019 is down 20% from last year. Much of the decline was attributable to 14.2% decrease in harvested acres, but some was due to a 7.3% decline in yield from 50.6 to 46.9 bushels/acre.
- Just over half of the U.S. corn (55%) and soybeans (54%) were rated G to EX on October 13, compared to 68 and 66%, respectively, at the same time a year ago.



Aberdeen, SD, Oct. 10, 2019. Photo by L. Edwards, Extension State Climatologist.



Snow Depth, October 12, 2019

National Sr Anal Snow Depth 2019-10-12 06 UTC




This product was prepared by the USDA Office of the Chief Economist (OCE) World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB)

Growing Season Ends in Parts of the Midwest Extreme Minimum Temperatures (PF)

October 11 - 14, 2019

(Updated - Oct 15, 2019)



















Terra MODIS NDVI 8-day United States

> USDA-NASS 10-10-19



United States: Corn





- of the total national production.
- Major and minor areas and state production percentages are derived from NASS survey data from 2010 to 2014.

The crop calendar was developed using NASS crop progress data from 2010-2014. This calendar illustrates, on average, the dates when national progress advanced from 10 to 90 percent.





Corn for Grain Production United States

Billion Bushels



USDA-NASS 10-10-19

U.S. Corn Conditions



U.S. Corn Progress





U.S. Corn Progress



United States: Soybeans





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Soybean Production

Billion Bushels



USDA-NASS 10-10-19



U.S. Soybean Conditions







U.S. Soybeans Progress

Other Current Agricultural Highlights

- **<u>Spring wheat</u>** harvest has been delayed due to late crop maturation, followed by excessively wet weather. By October 13, six percent of the crop remained in the field—a record for the date.
- **<u>Sunflower</u>** production is expected to be up 6.9% from last year, although harvest is substantially delayed by adverse weather.
- <u>Winter wheat</u> is emerging in most major production areas, but planting and emergence has been limited in northern production areas by cold, wet weather and early-season snowfall.
- The <u>sugarbeet</u> harvest is underway but significantly behind schedule. The production estimate is up 1.4% from last year.
- **<u>Sorghum</u>** production is forecast to be down 4.5% from last year, despite a yield increase of 2.5%. (Harvested area is down 6.8%.)
- <u>Rangeland and pastures</u> are in good shape in most areas. However, pasture conditions are lower in the eastern Corn Belt.
 U.S. hay yield is up 8.7% from last year; production is up 8.1%.

United States: Spring Wheat





- Major and minor areas combined account for 99% of the total national production.
- Major and minor areas and state production percentages are derived from NASS survey data from 2010 to 2014.

The crop calendar was developed using NASS crop progress data from 2010-2014. This calendar illustrates, on average, the dates when national progress advanced from 10 to 90 percent.

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

U.S. Spring Wheat Progress



United States: Sunflowerseed



USDA World Agricultural Outlook Board Joint Agricultural Weather Facility

U.S. Sunflowers Progress



United States: Winter Wheat





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U.S. Winter Wheat Progress



U.S. Winter Wheat Progress



United States: Sugarbeets





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- Major and minor areas and state production percentages are derived from NASS survey data from 2010 to 2014.

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United States: Sorghum





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- Major and minor areas and state production percentages are derived from NASS survey data from 2010 to 2014.

The crop calendar was developed using NASS crop progress data from 2010-2014. This calendar illustrates, on average, the dates when national progress advanced from 10 to 90 percent.

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec



U.S. Sorghum Conditions

U.S. Sorghum Progress



U.S. Sorghum Progress Percent Harvested



United States: Hay (All)



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- Major and minor areas combined account for approximately 99% of the total national acreage.
- Major and minor areas and state acreage percentages are derived from NASS 2017 Census of Agriculture data.

Yellow numbers approximate the percent each state contributed to the total national acreage. States not numbered contributed less than 1% to the national total.



U.S. Pasture and Range Conditions

Sunset from Mackinac Island, MI June 21, 2018 (photo by B. Rippey)

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