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### **Can Parts of Oklahoma Still Be Dry?**

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NORMAN, OK - It might seem hard for folks in some parts of the state to fathom, but it's been a dry summer for the Panhandle. After getting soaked with a colossal snowfall to ring in 2007, precipitation events have been few and far between, even for a region used to dryness.

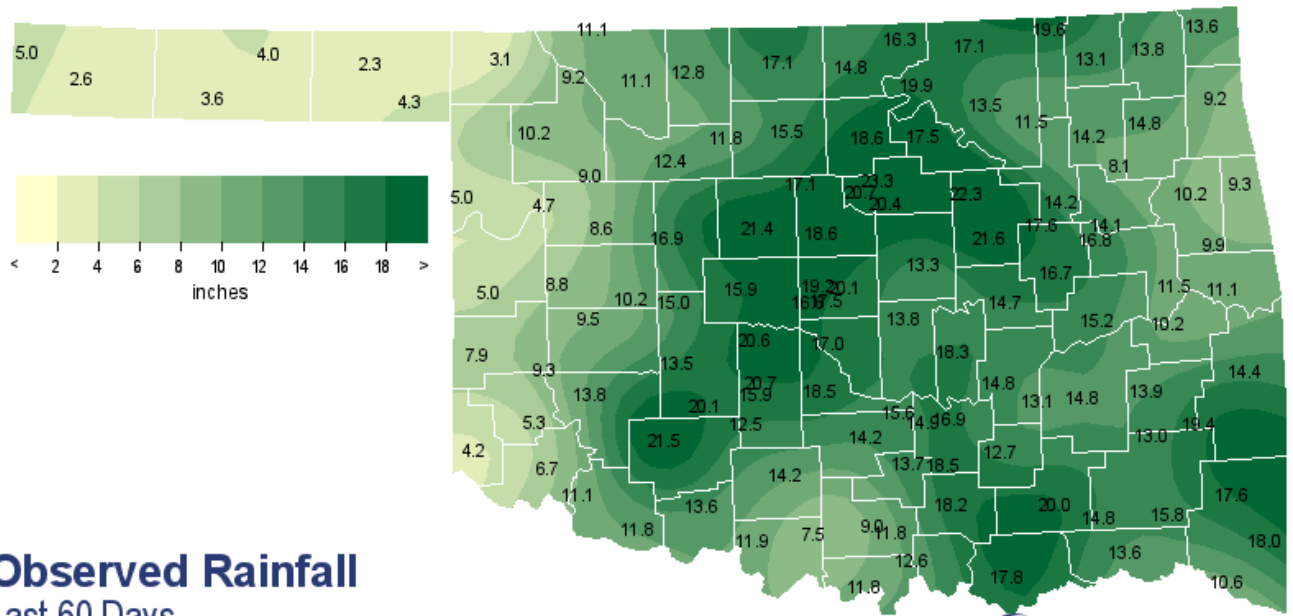
In fact, as of noon Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, the region is experiencing its 20<sup>th</sup>-driest June-July of the modern record (since 1921), even while the rest of Oklahoma easily recorded the *wettest* such period.

Recent rains in the western panhandle have helped somewhat, but for most of the area between Boise City and Buffalo, conditions are still dry. The months of June through August represent the "wet" time of year for the western panhandle. This is also in contrast with the rest of the state, which typically relies on spring rains for the bulk of its rainfall.

**Summer 2007**  
**Jun 1, 2007 through Jul 30, 2007**

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from normal	Percent of normal	Driest since	Wettest since	Rank since 1921	Driest of Record	Wettest of Record	60-day SPI	Most Like (Arndt Score)
Statewide	12.85"	+5.97"	187 %	2006 (4.51")	--	1st wettest	2.29" (1954)	11.75" (1950)	+1.99	2004 (7.59)
Panhandle	3.75"	-1.63"	70 %	2001 (2.85")	2006 (4.40")	20th driest	1.98" (1952)	11.07" (1950)	-0.77	1922 (8.99)
N. Central	13.08"	+6.18"	190 %	2006 (4.42")	--	1st wettest	1.80" (1954)	11.93" (1957)	+1.91	1957 (8.02)
Northeast	14.32"	+6.58"	185 %	2006 (5.82")	1948 (15.84")	2nd wettest	2.53" (1954)	15.84" (1948)	+1.74	1927 (7.93)
W. Central	9.05"	+3.08"	152 %	2006 (5.18")	1995 (9.30")	10th wettest	1.77" (2001)	11.43" (1962)	+1.21	2004 (9.20)
Central	18.27"	+11.26"	261 %	2006 (5.41")	--	1st wettest	1.88" (1954)	13.55" (1945)	+2.56	1945 (5.70)
E. Central	13.15"	+5.48"	171 %	2006 (4.95")	2000 (13.43")	8th wettest	1.43" (1936)	16.90" (1945)	+1.47	2004 (8.45)
Southwest	12.48"	+6.28"	201 %	2006 (2.99")	--	1st wettest	0.93" (2001)	11.11" (1962)	+1.92	1945 (7.37)
S. Central	14.26"	+7.42"	209 %	2006 (2.11")	1945 (15.31")	2nd wettest	2.11" (2006)	15.31" (1945)	+1.90	2004 (8.01)
Southeast	15.11"	+6.92"	184 %	2006 (5.31")	1951 (15.79")	3rd wettest	1.51" (1930)	16.60" (1945)	+1.73	2004 (8.05)

Table 1. Precipitation Statistics since June 1, 2007.

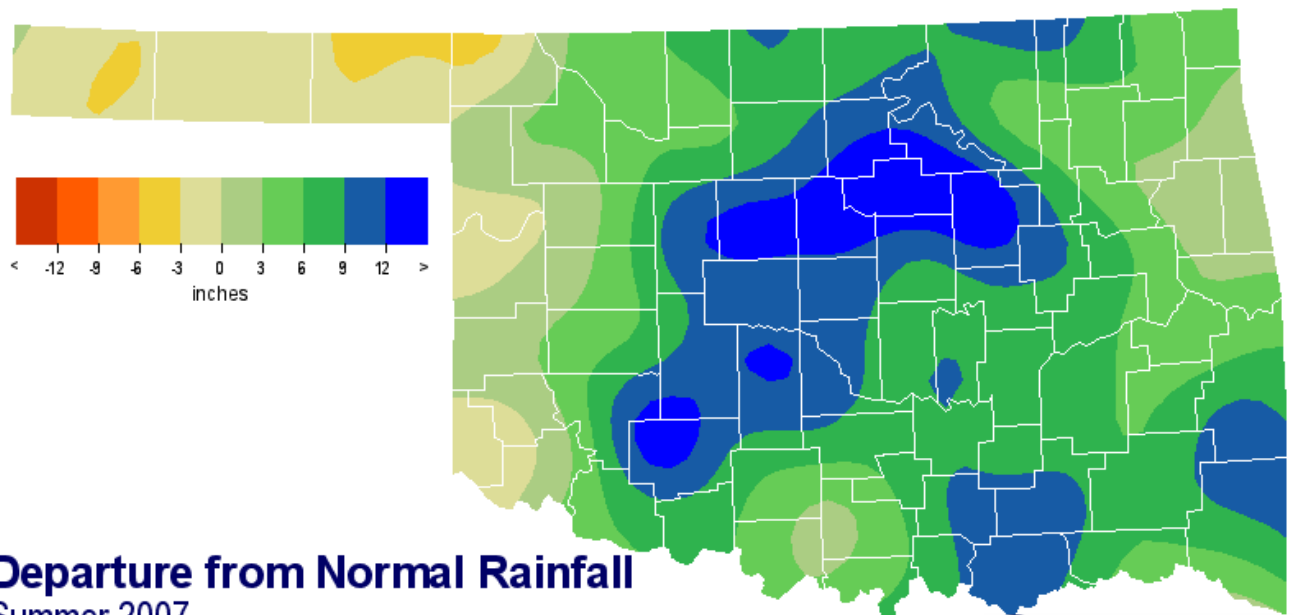


**Observed Rainfall**  
 Last 60 Days  
 Jun 1, 2007 through Jul 30, 2007

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Figure 1. Rainfall since June 1, 2007.



**Departure from Normal Rainfall**  
 Summer 2007  
 Jun 1, 2007 through Jul 30, 2007

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Figure 2. Departure from Normal Rainfall since June 1, 2007.

