

SCOO Weekly Hydrologic Outlook

Tuesday 30 August, 2016

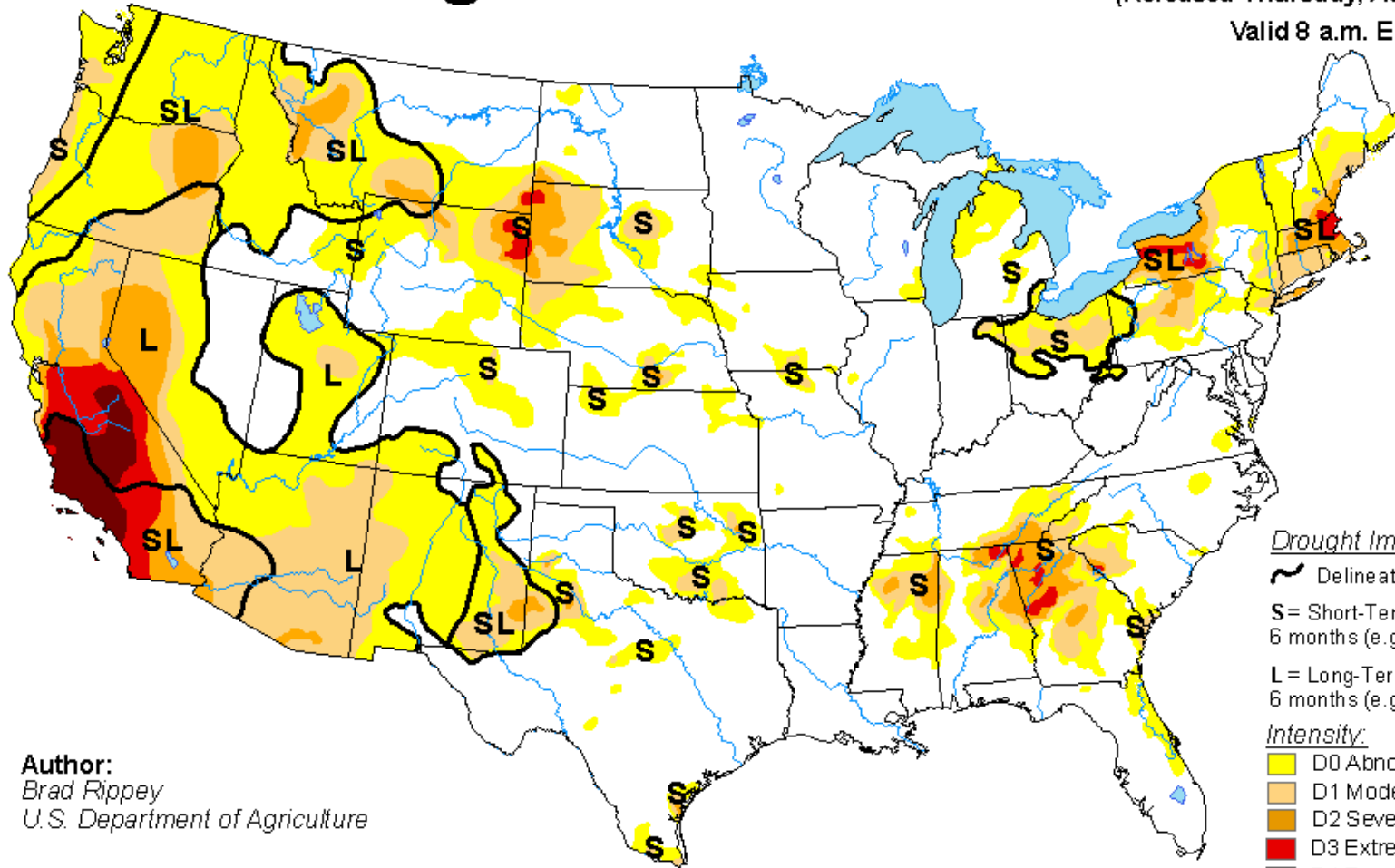


“Check out this amazing time-lapse of a thunderstorm from our NBC4 SkyCam, with swirling rain shafts culminating in a wet microburst (big column of water) moving over downtown and southeast Columbus around 6:30 p.m.! Keep an eye on the left side of the screen for a storm-ending rainbow. Cool storm-scale features.”

Video Credit: Ben Gelber – Meteorologist @ NBC 4 Columbus, Ohio
Video taken from NBC4 SKYCam looking SSE toward Downtown Columbus
28 August 2016

U.S. Drought Monitor

August 23, 2016
(Released Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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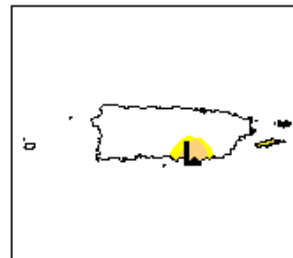
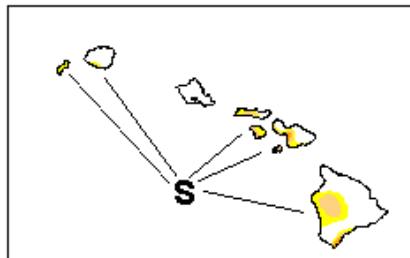
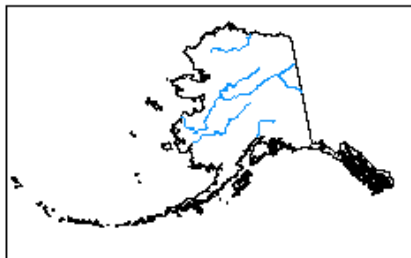
Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:

- Yellow: D0 Abnormally Dry
- Light Orange: D1 Moderate Drought
- Orange: D2 Severe Drought
- Red: D3 Extreme Drought
- Dark Red: D4 Exceptional Drought

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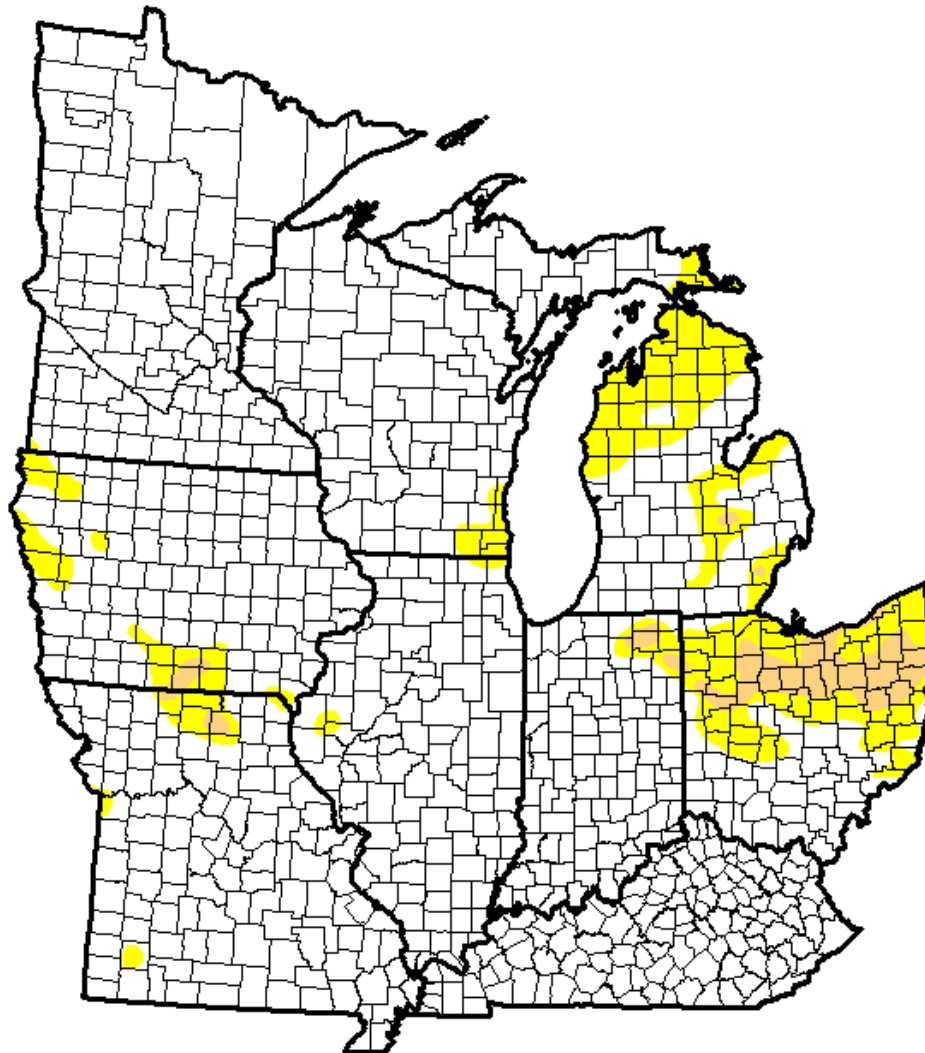
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	88.52	11.48	2.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>8/16/2016</i>	86.50	13.50	2.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>5/24/2016</i>	90.82	9.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/2/2015</i>	88.07	11.93	2.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/29/2015</i>	79.46	20.54	1.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>8/25/2015</i>	91.38	8.62	1.24	0.00	0.00	0.00



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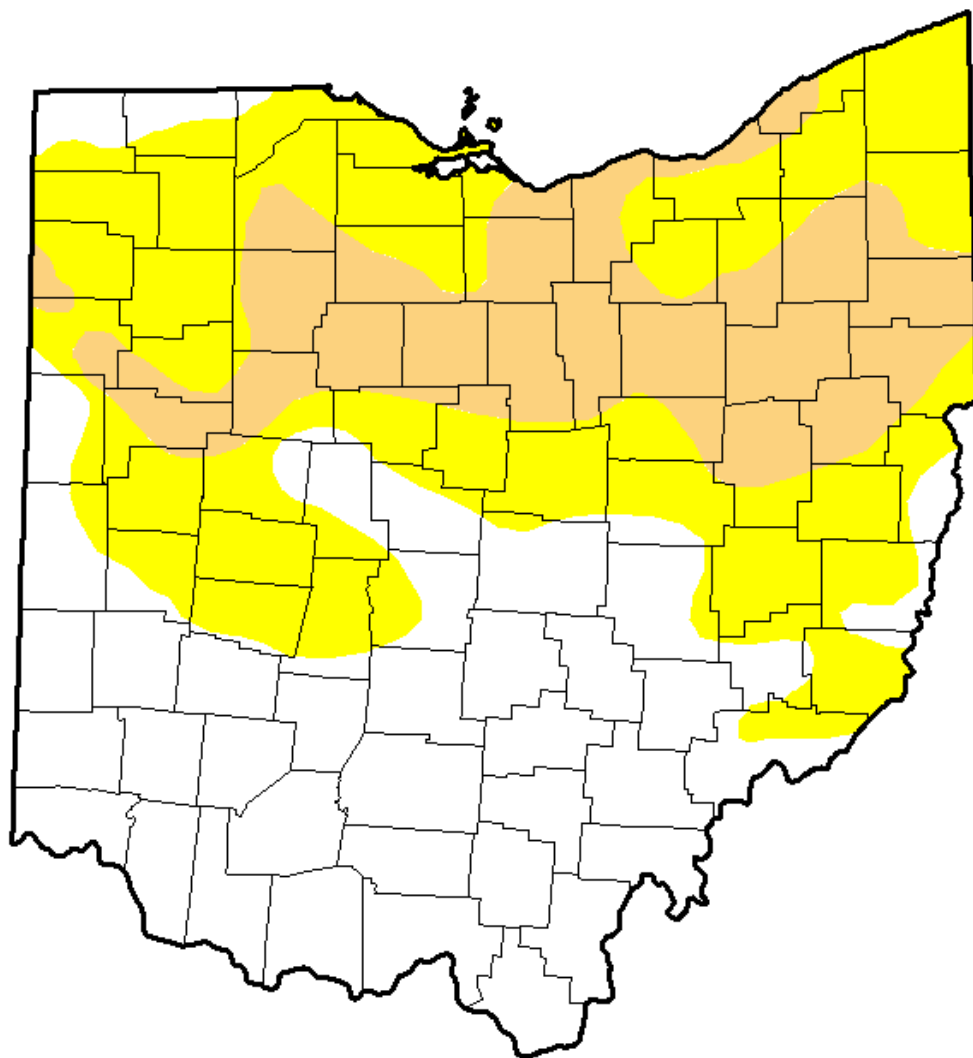


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U.S. Drought Monitor

Ohio

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.53	57.47	21.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/16/2016	30.61	69.39	26.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/24/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/2/2015	49.91	50.09	3.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	77.24	22.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 8/25/2015	79.98	20.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

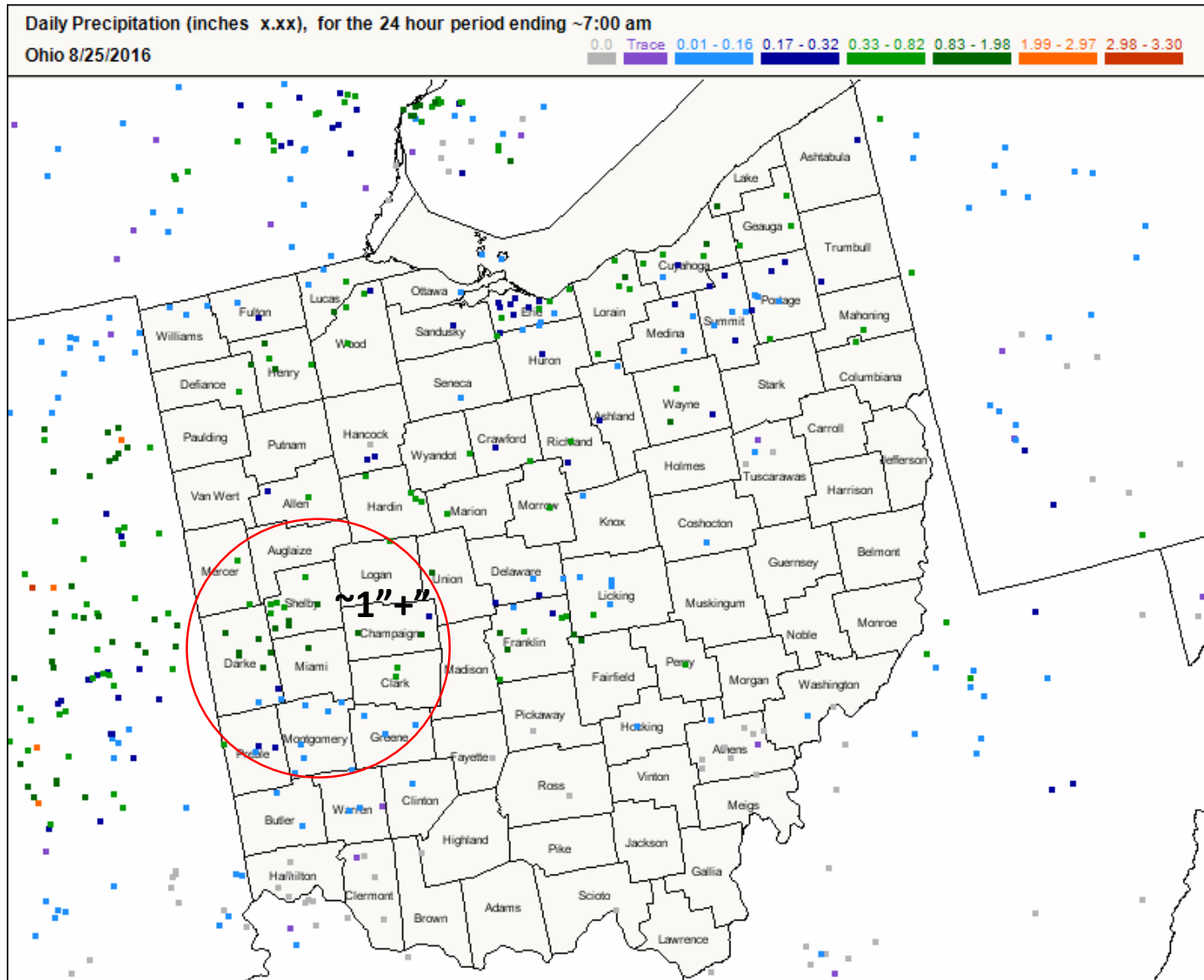
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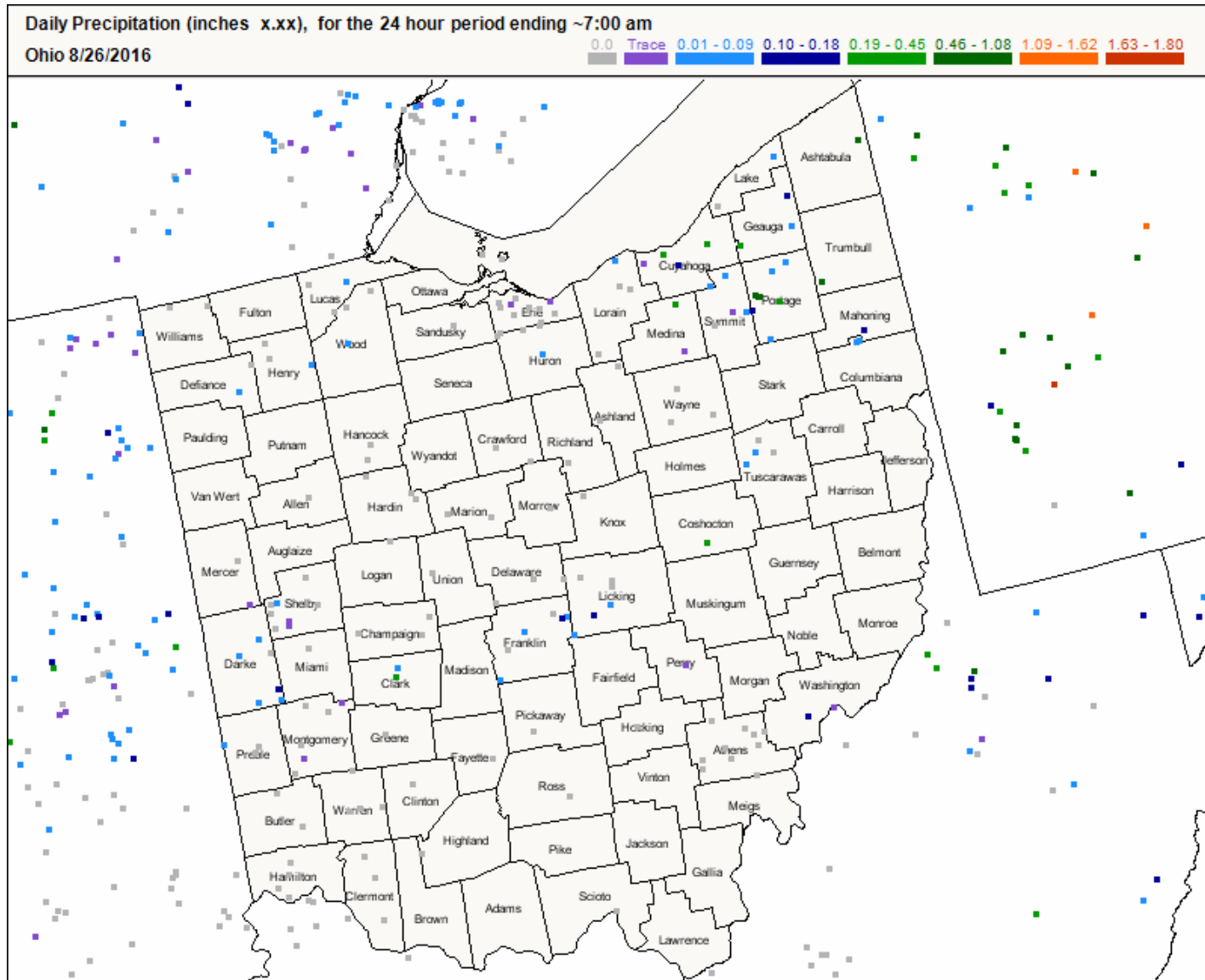
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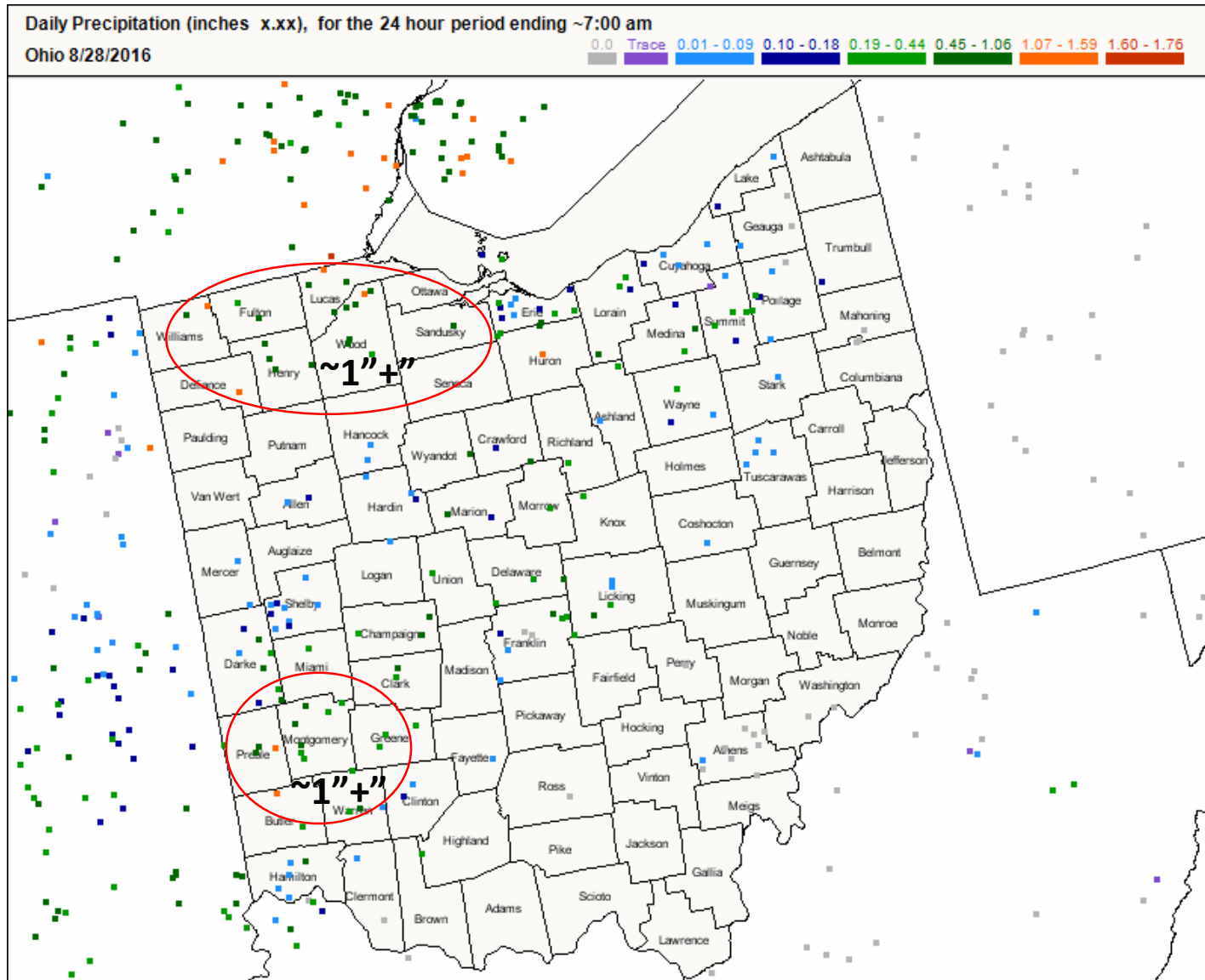
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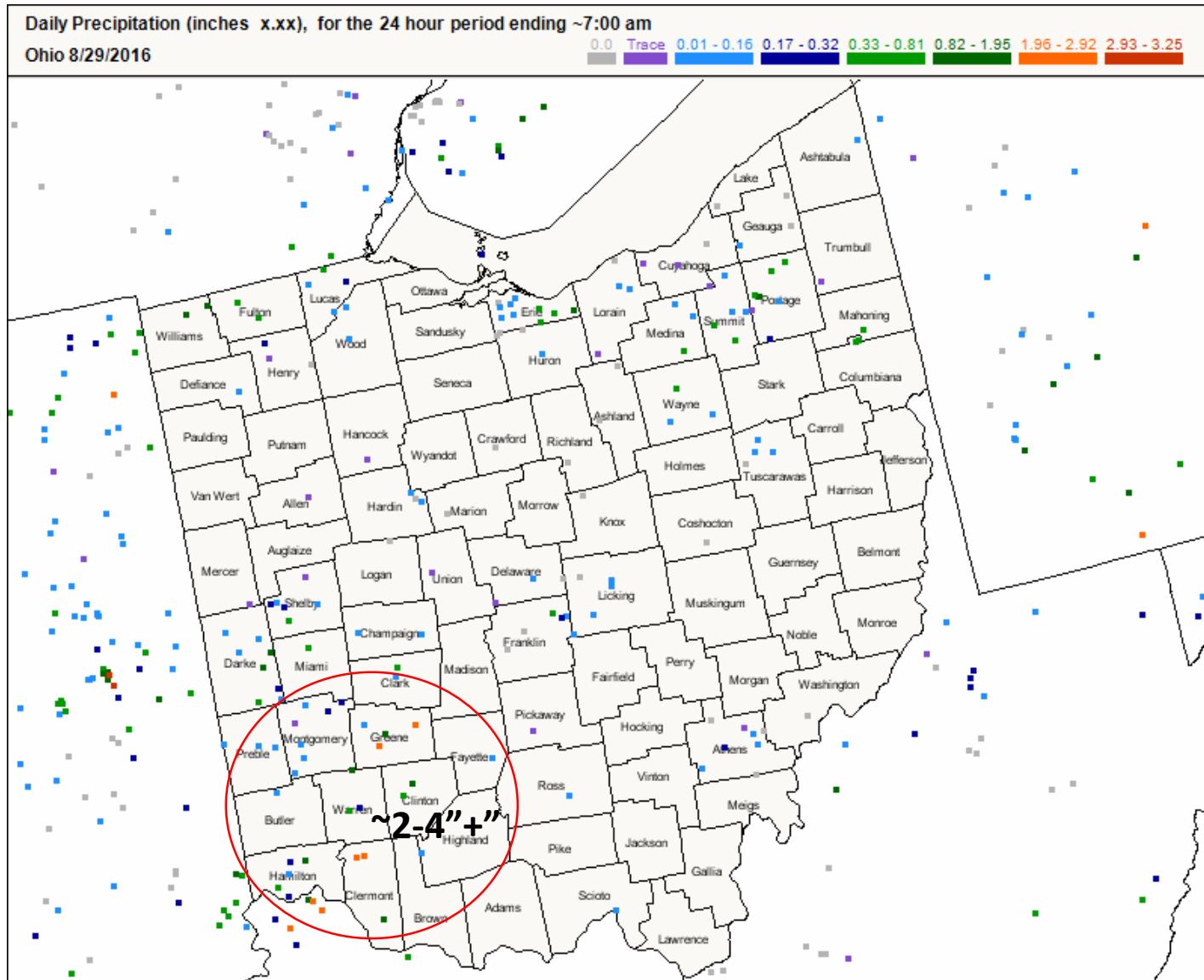
CoCoRaHS: 26 August



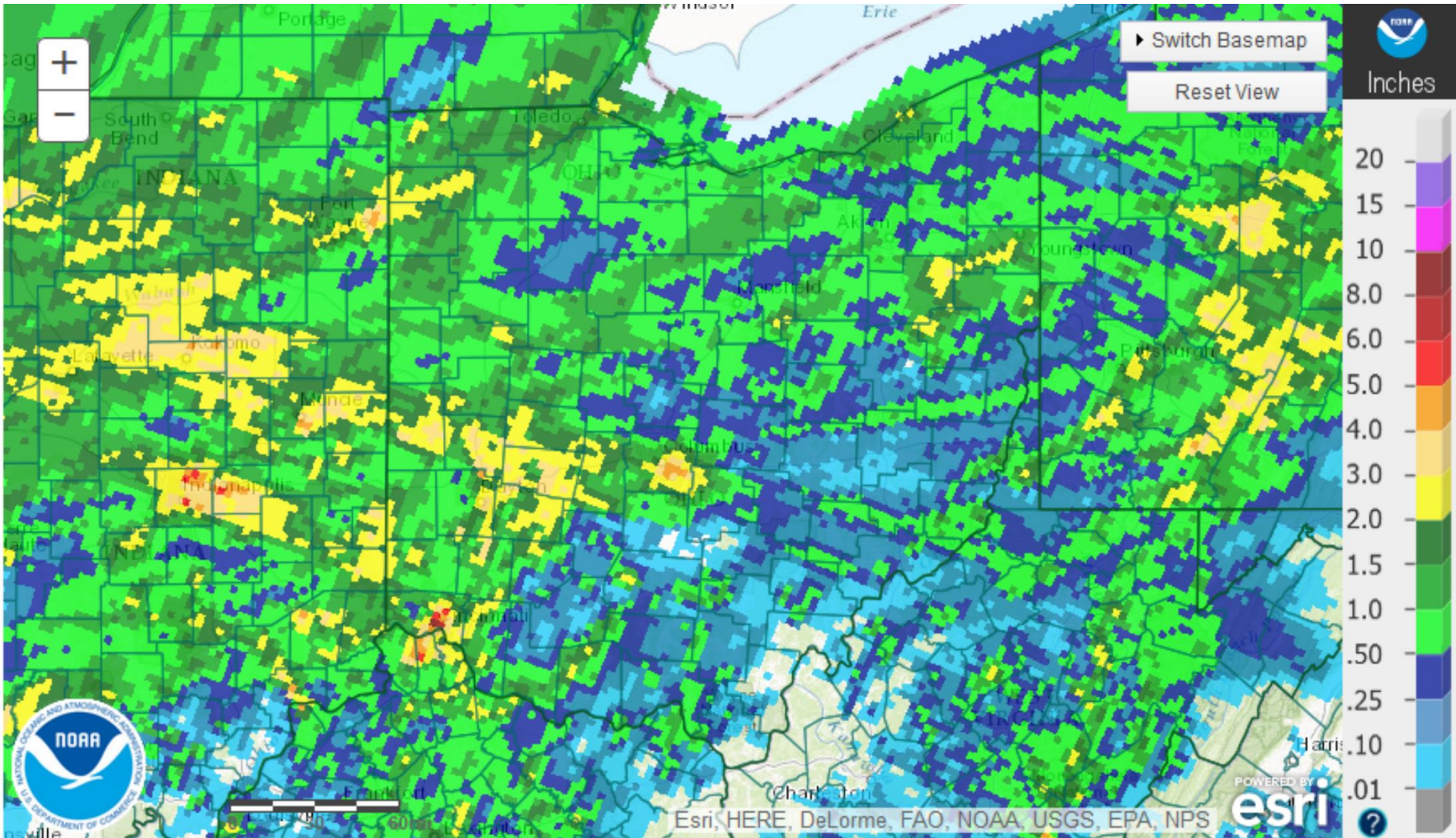
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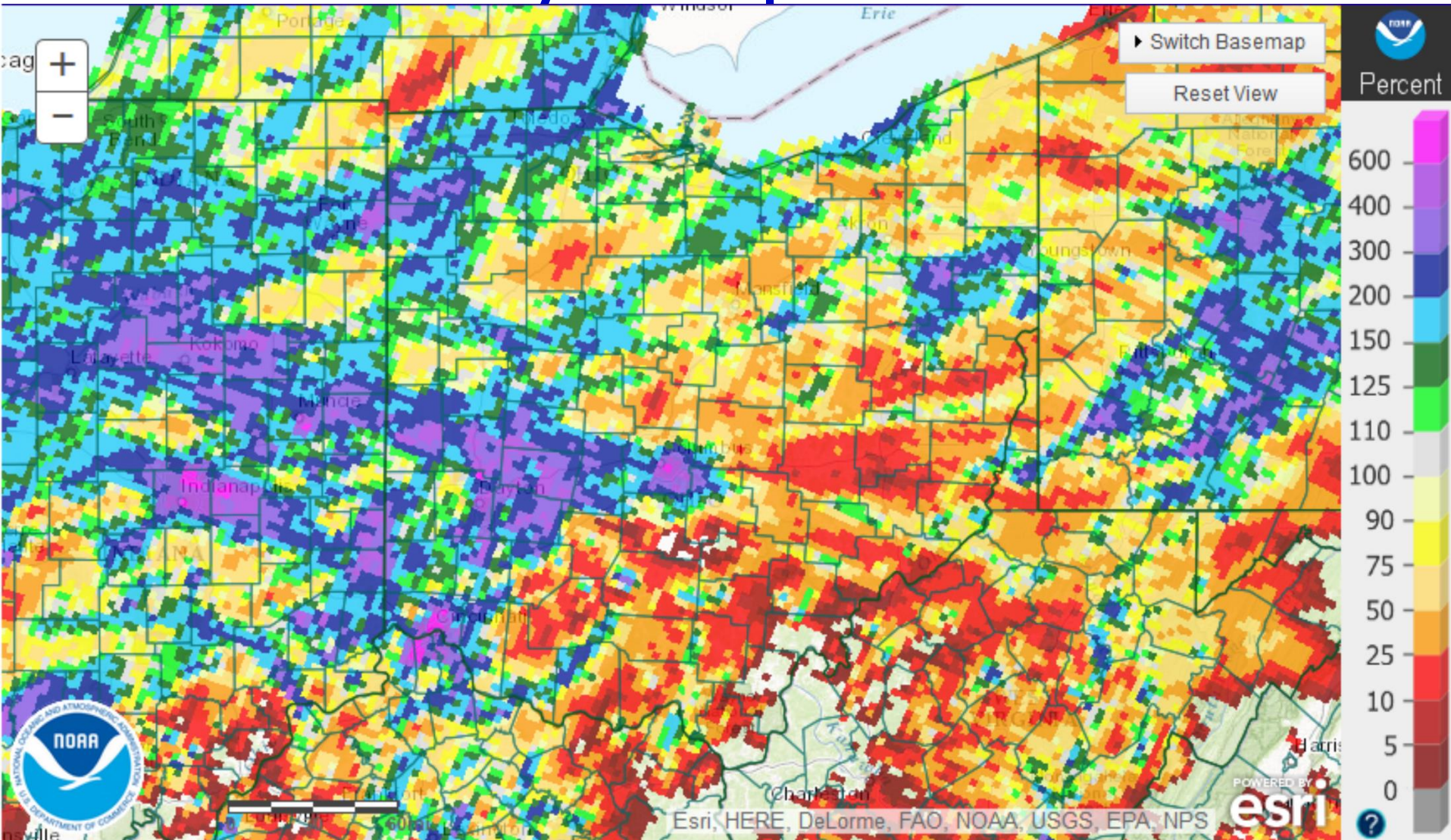
Previous 7-Day Precipitation Estimates



Total Observed



Previous 7-Day Precipitation Estimates



Percent of Normal



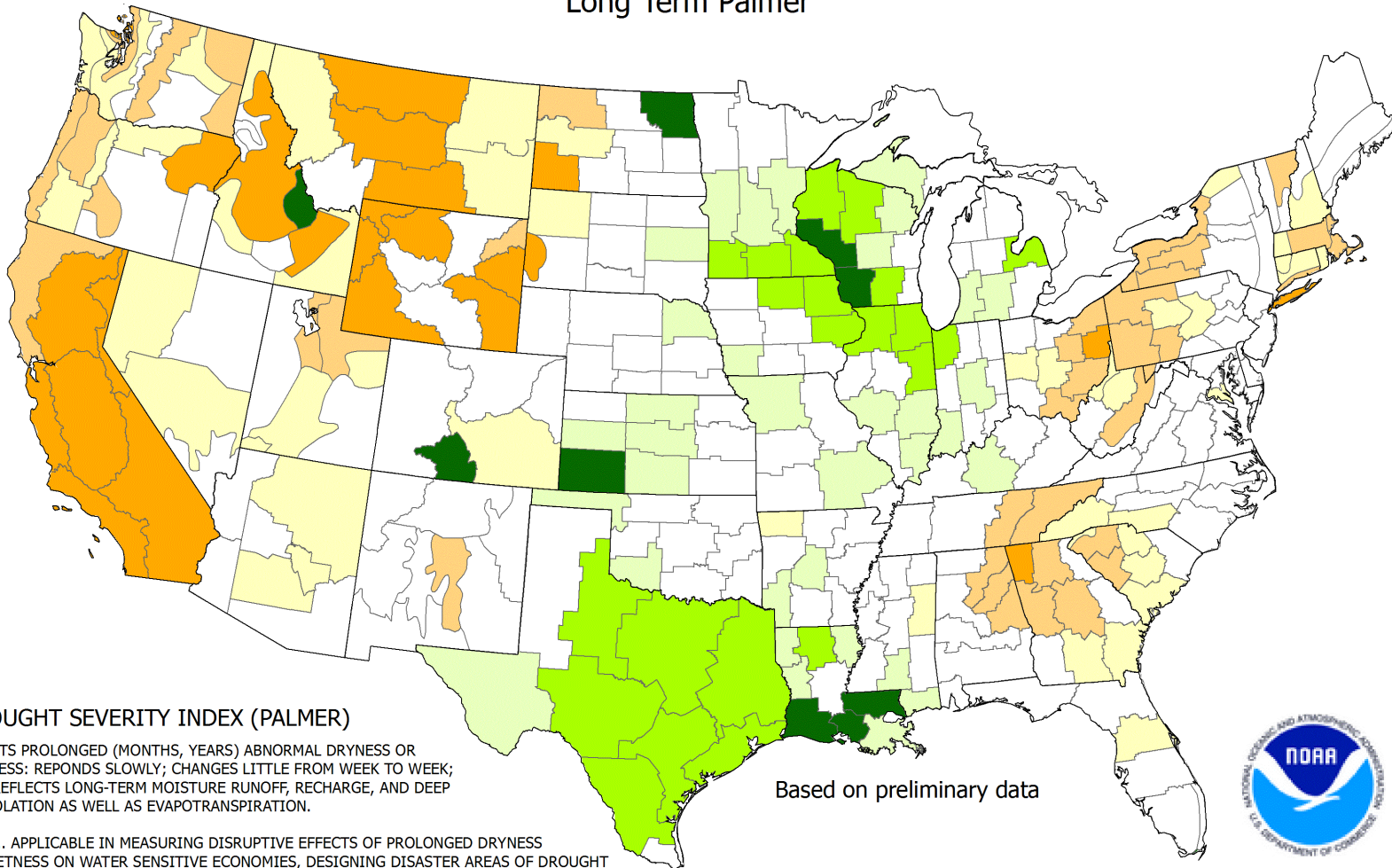


Drought Severity Index by Division

Weekly Value for Period Ending Aug 27, 2016

Long Term Palmer

PDSI



DROUGHT SEVERITY INDEX (PALMER)

DEPICTS PROLONGED (MONTHS, YEARS) ABNORMAL DRYNESS OR WETNESS; RESPONDS SLOWLY; CHANGES LITTLE FROM WEEK TO WEEK; AND REFLECTS LONG-TERM MOISTURE RUNOFF, RECHARGE, AND DEEP PERCOLATION AS WELL AS EVAPOTRANSPIRATION.

USES... APPLICABLE IN MEASURING DISRUPTIVE EFFECTS OF PROLONGED DRYNESS OR WETNESS ON WATER SENSITIVE ECONOMIES, DESIGNING DISASTER AREAS OF DROUGHT OR WETNESS; AND REFLECTING THE GENERAL LONG-TERM STATUS OF WATER SUPPLIES IN AQUIFERS, RESERVOIRS AND STREAMS.

LIMITATIONS... IS NOT GENERALLY INDICATIVE OFFSHORT-TERM (FEW WEEKS) STATUS OF DROUGHT OR WETNESS SUCH AS FREQUENTLY AFFECTS CROPS AND FIELD OPERATIONS (THIS IS INDICATED BY THE CROP MOISTURE INDEX).

Based on preliminary data

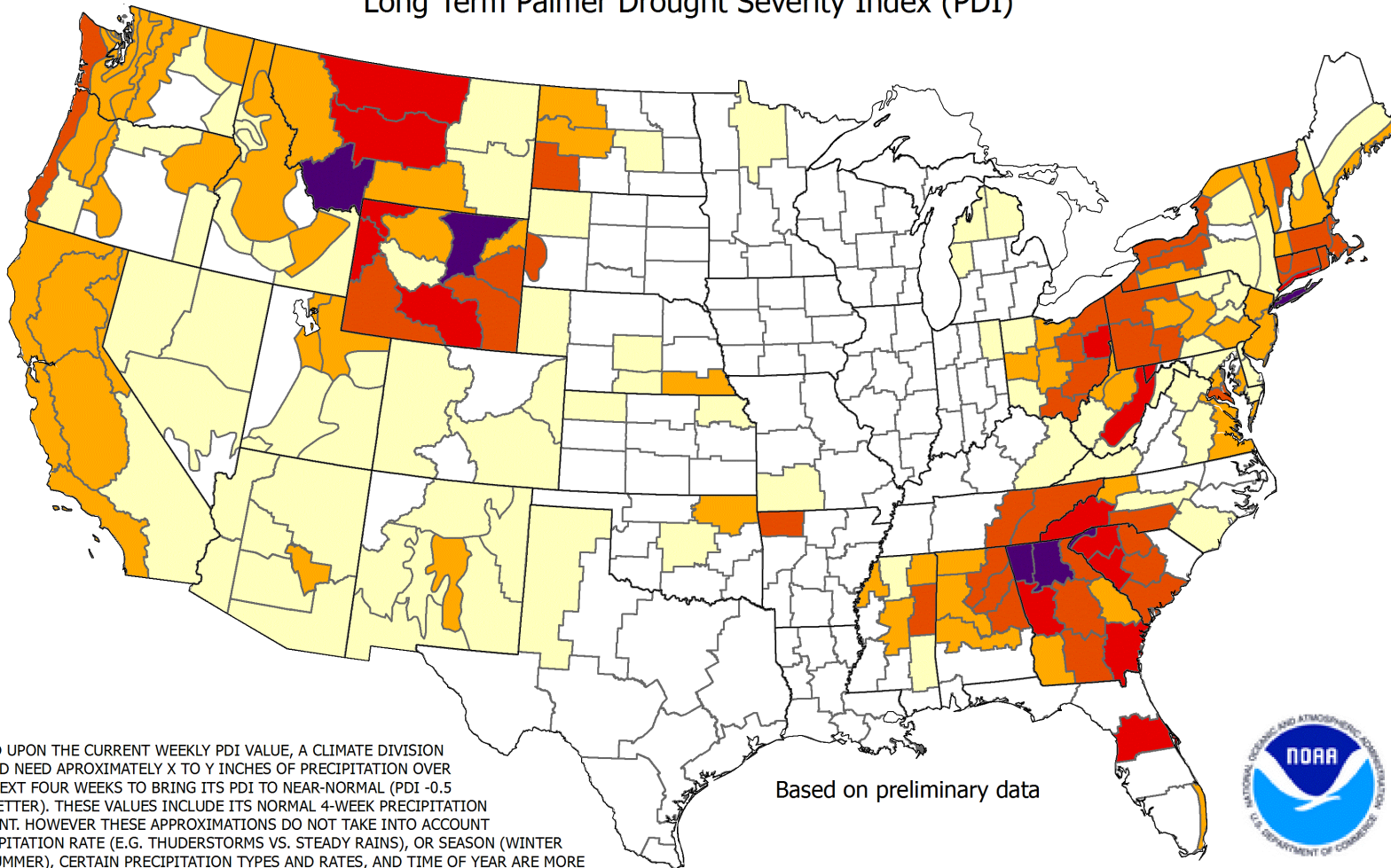


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| -4.0 or less (Extreme Drought) | +2.0 to +2.9 (Unusual Moist Spell) |
| -3.0 to -3.9 (Severe Drought) | +3.0 to +3.9 (Very Moist Spell) |
| -2.0 to -2.9 (Moderate Drought) | +4.0 and above (Extremely Moist) |
| -1.9 to +1.9 (Near Normal) | |



Additional Precip. Needed (In.) to bring PDI to -0.5 Weekly Value for Period Ending Aug 27, 2016 Long Term Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDI)

PDSI



Based on preliminary data



BASED UPON THE CURRENT WEEKLY PDI VALUE, A CLIMATE DIVISION WOULD NEED APPROXIMATELY X TO Y INCHES OF PRECIPITATION OVER THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS TO BRING ITS PDI TO NEAR-NORMAL (PDI -0.5 OR WETTER). THESE VALUES INCLUDE ITS NORMAL 4-WEEK PRECIPITATION AMOUNT. HOWEVER THESE APPROXIMATIONS DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PRECIPITATION RATE (E.G. THUNDERSTORMS VS. STEADY RAINS), OR SEASON (WINTER VS. SUMMER), CERTAIN PRECIPITATION TYPES AND RATES, AND TIME OF YEAR ARE MORE CONDUCTIVE FOR AMELIORATING DROUGHT WHILE OTHERS MAY PRODUCE LESS DROUGHT REDUCTION (E.G. RUNOFF OR FROZEN GROUND).

UNCOLORED CLIMATE DIVISIONS ARE CURRENTLY AT NEAR-NORMAL TO MOIST PDI CONDITIONS. (EXAMPLE - IF 4-WEEK NORMAL PRECIPITATION IS 3 INCHES AND PDI DEFICIT TO BRING TO -0.5 IS 4 INCHES, THE VALUE IS 7)

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Zero Inches | 9 to 12 Inches |
| Trace to 3 Inches | 12 to 15 Inches |
| 3 to 6 Inches | Over 15 Inches |
| 6 to 9 Inches | |

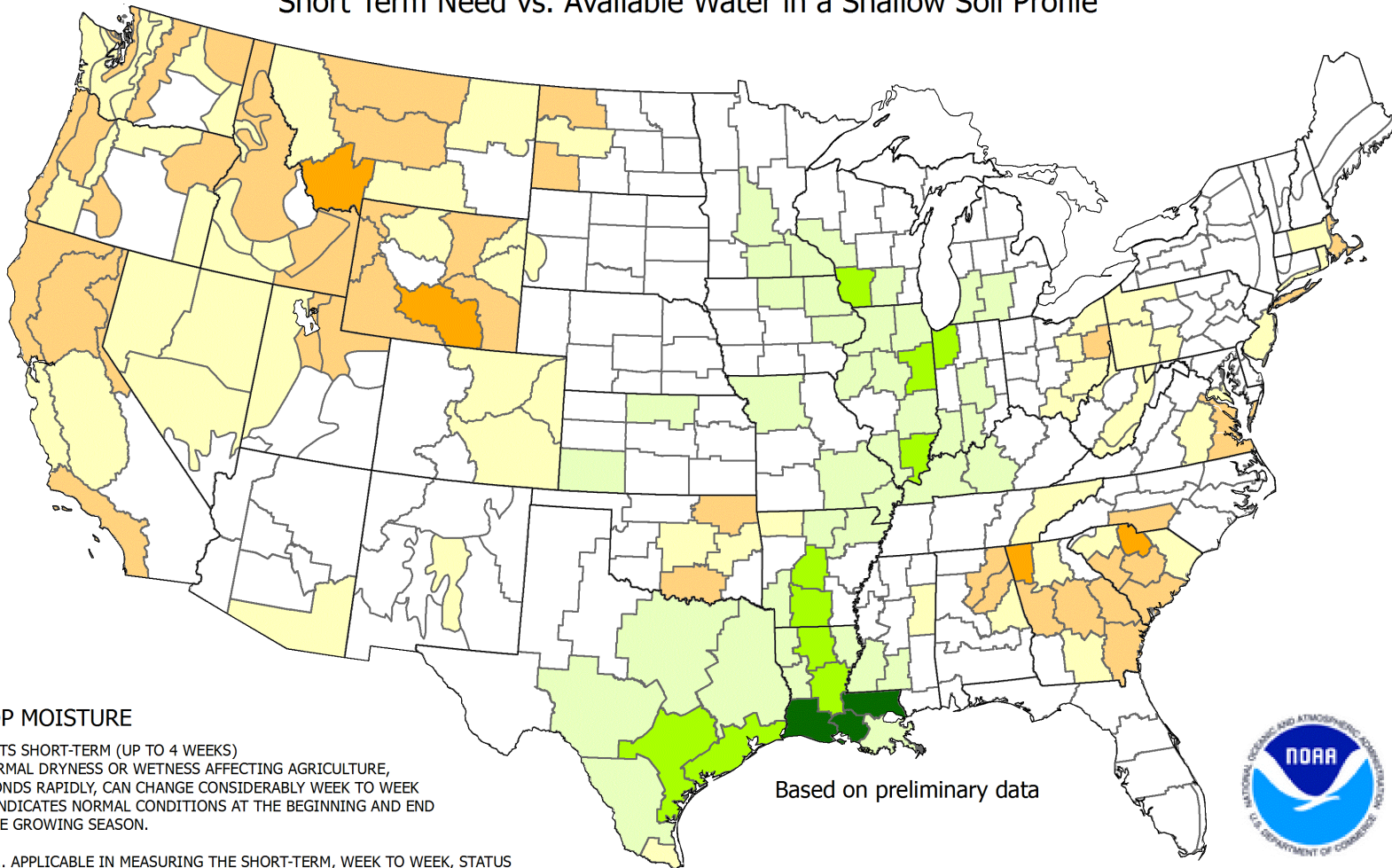


Crop Moisture Index by Division

Weekly Value for Period Ending Aug 27, 2016

Short Term Need vs. Available Water in a Shallow Soil Profile

CMI



CROP MOISTURE

DEPICTS SHORT-TERM (UP TO 4 WEEKS) ABNORMAL DRYNESS OR WETNESS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE, RESPONDS RAPIDLY, CAN CHANGE CONSIDERABLY WEEK TO WEEK AND INDICATES NORMAL CONDITIONS AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE GROWING SEASON.

USES... APPLICABLE IN MEASURING THE SHORT-TERM, WEEK TO WEEK, STATUS OF DRYNESS OR WETNESS AFFECTING WARM SEASON CROPS AND FIELD OPERATIONS

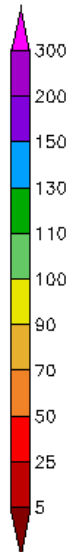
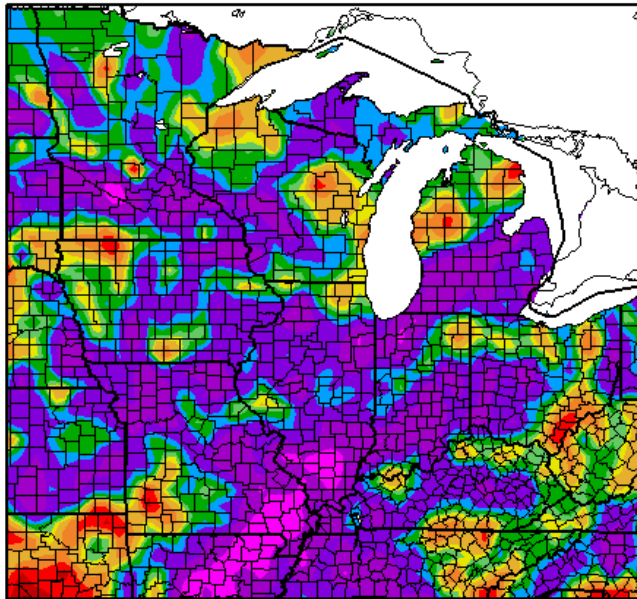
LIMITATIONS... MAY NOT BE APPLICABLE TO GERMINATING AND SHALLOW ROOTED CROPS WHICH ARE UNABLE TO EXTRACT THE DEEP OR SUBSOIL MOISTURE FROM A SHALLOW SOIL PROFILE, OR FOR COOL SEASON CROPS GROWING WHEN TEMPERATURES ARE AVERAGING BELOW ABOUT 55F. IT IS NOT GENERALLY INDICATIVE OF THE LONG-TERM (MONTHS, YEARS) DROUGHT OR WET SPELLS WHICH ARE DEPICTED BY THE DROUGHT SEVERITY INDEX.

Based on preliminary data



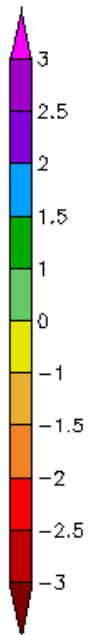
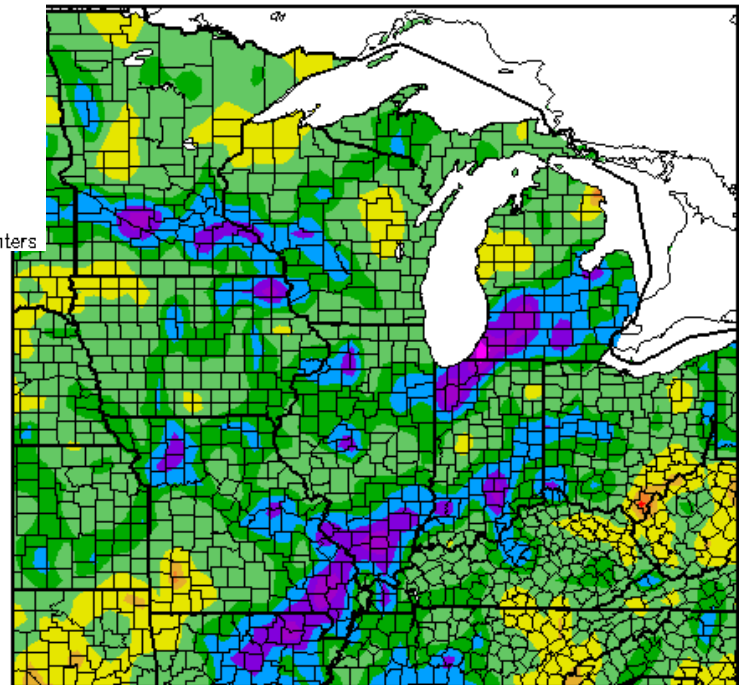
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|---|---------------------------------|
| -3.0 or less (Severely Dry) | +1.0 to +1.9 (Abnormally Moist) |
| -2.0 to -2.9 (Excessively Dry) | +2.0 to +3.0 (Wet) |
| -1.0 to -1.9 (Abnormally Dry) | 3.0 and above (Excessively Wet) |
| -0.9 to +0.9 (Slightly Dry/Favorably Moist) | |

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
7/31/2016 – 8/29/2016



Previous 30-Days

30 Day SPI
7/31/2016 – 8/29/2016

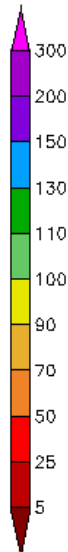
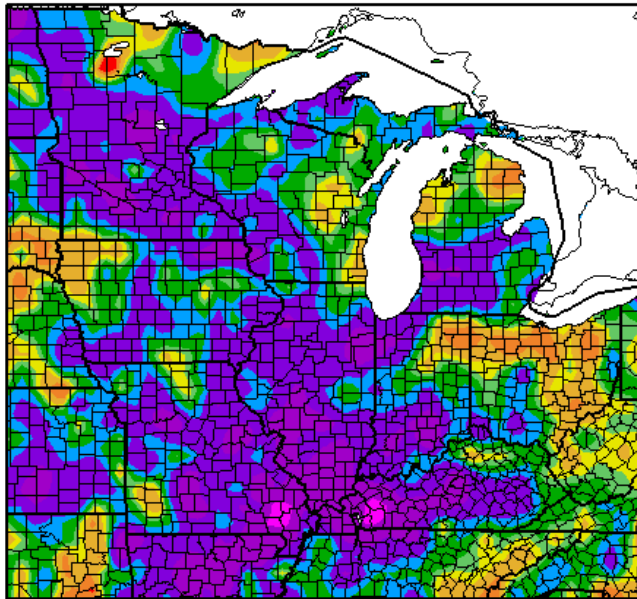


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Regional Climate Centers

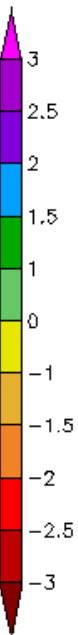
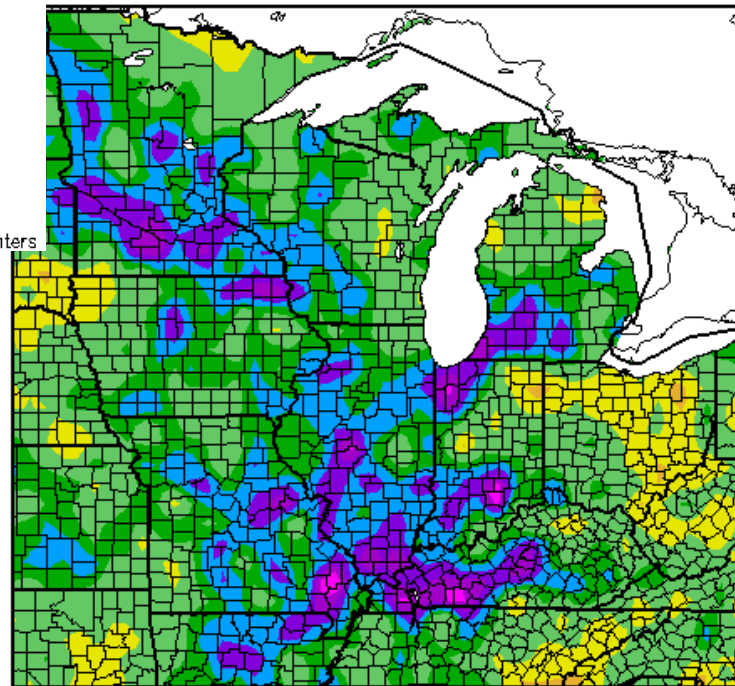
The Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) indicates how unusual the amount of accumulated precipitation is, compared to the historical record over a given time scale.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
7/1/2016 - 8/29/2016



Previous 60-Days

60 Day SPI
7/1/2016 - 8/29/2016



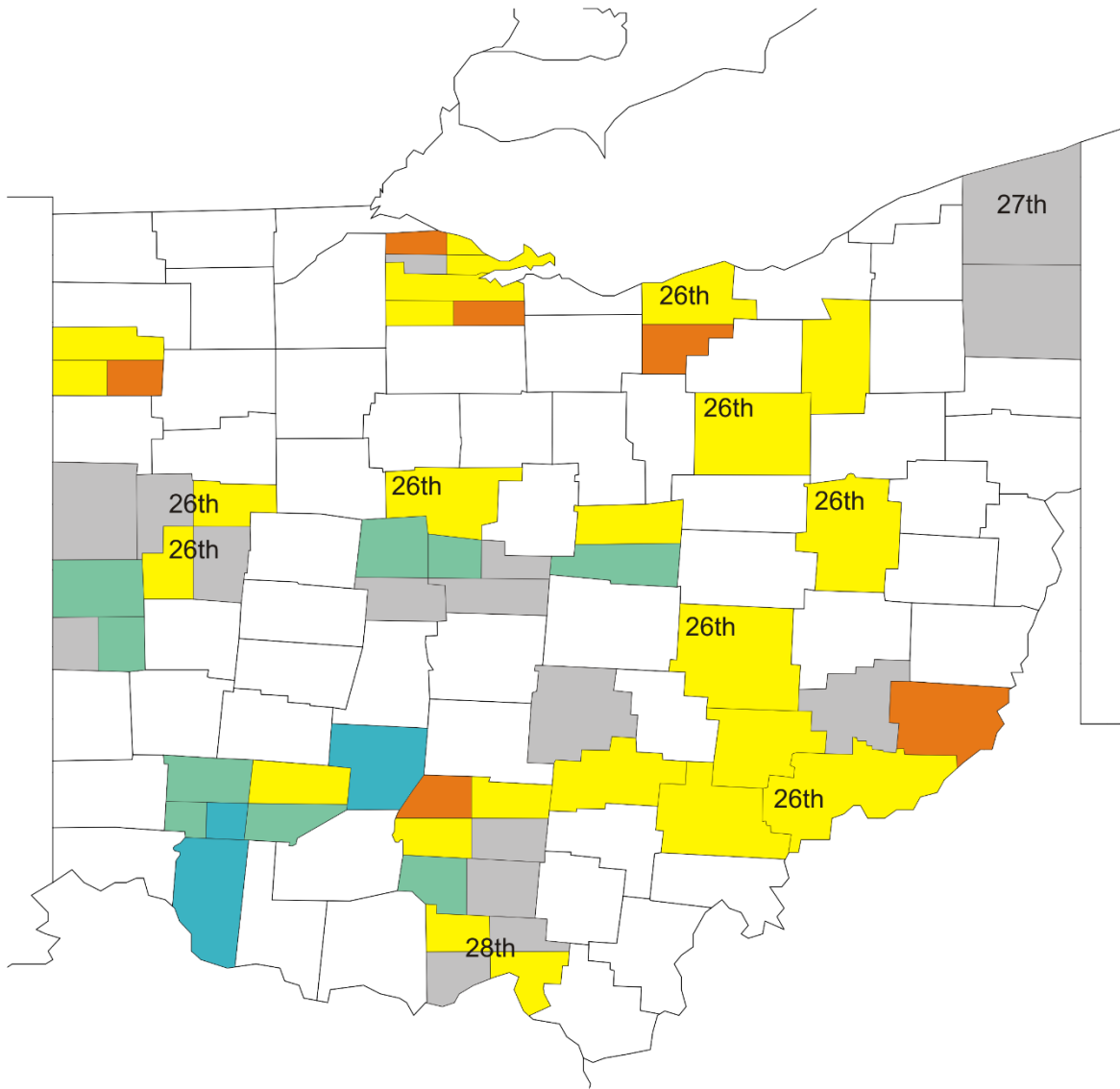
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Ohio Extension Educator Field Reports OSU Extension

29 August 2016 (Date of Report.
Otherwise, specified on Map.)



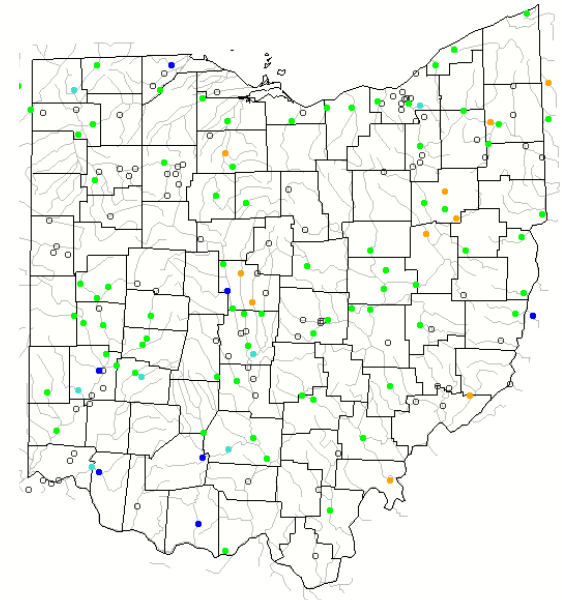
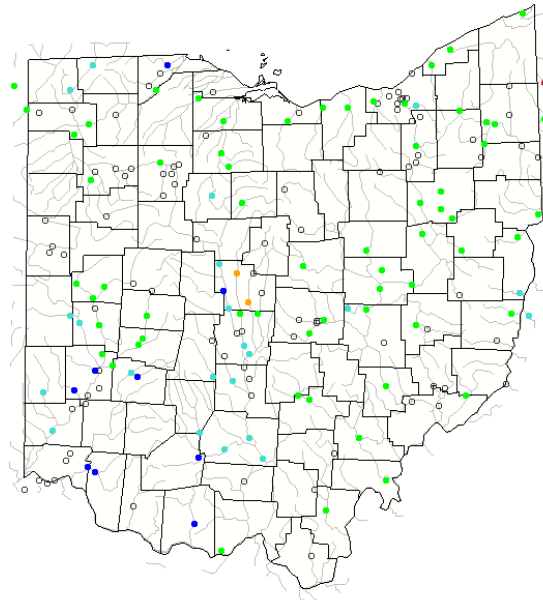
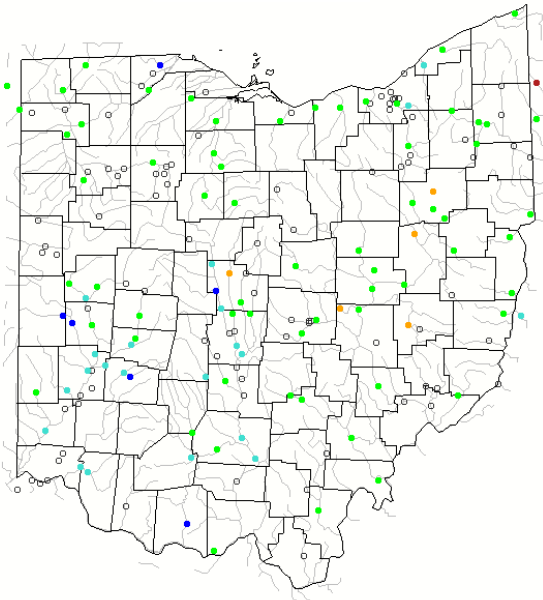
-  No Report
-  Extremely Wet
-  Moderately Wet
-  Normal
-  Moderately Dry
-  Extremely Dry

USGS Streamflow

7-DAY

14-DAY

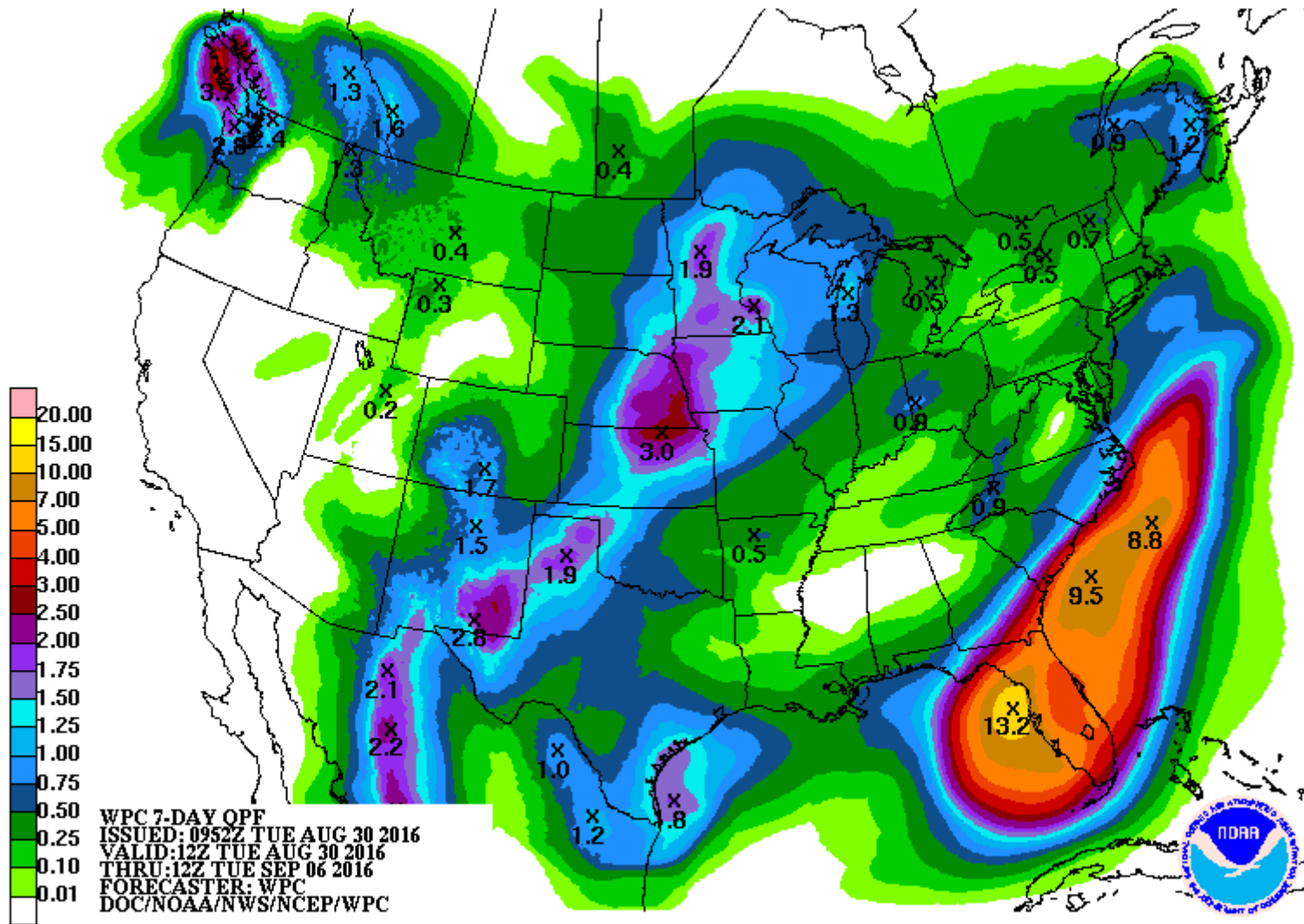
28-DAY



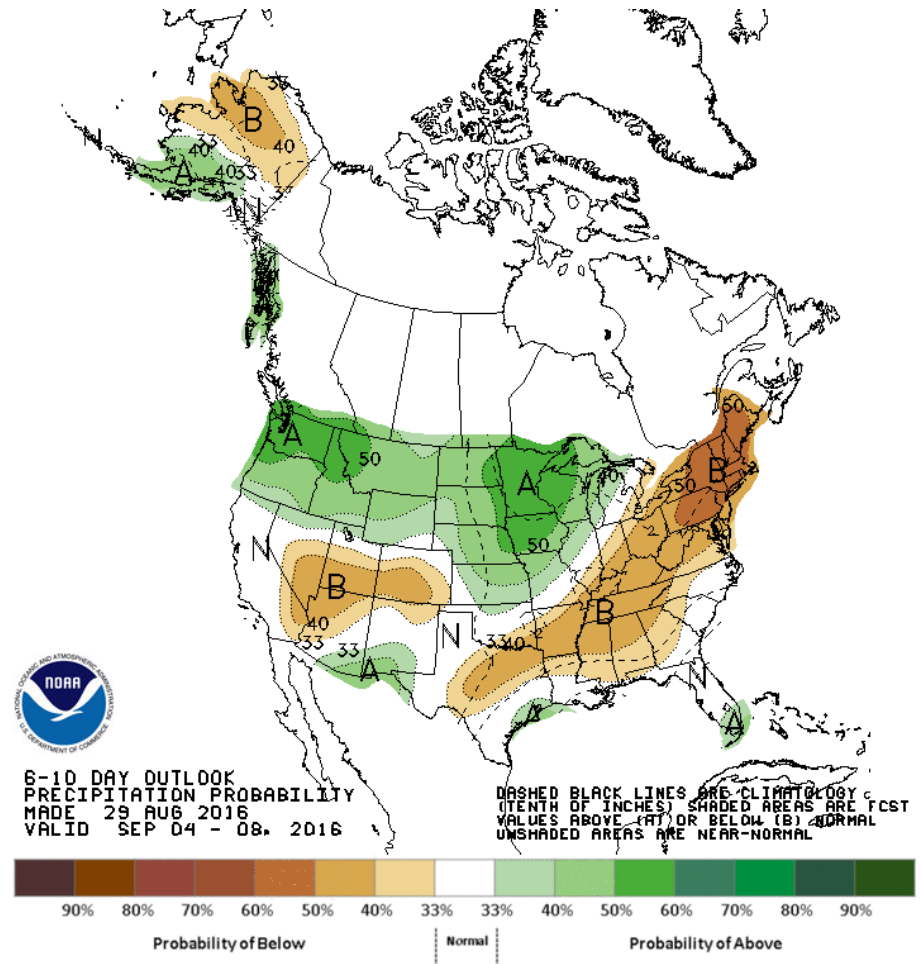
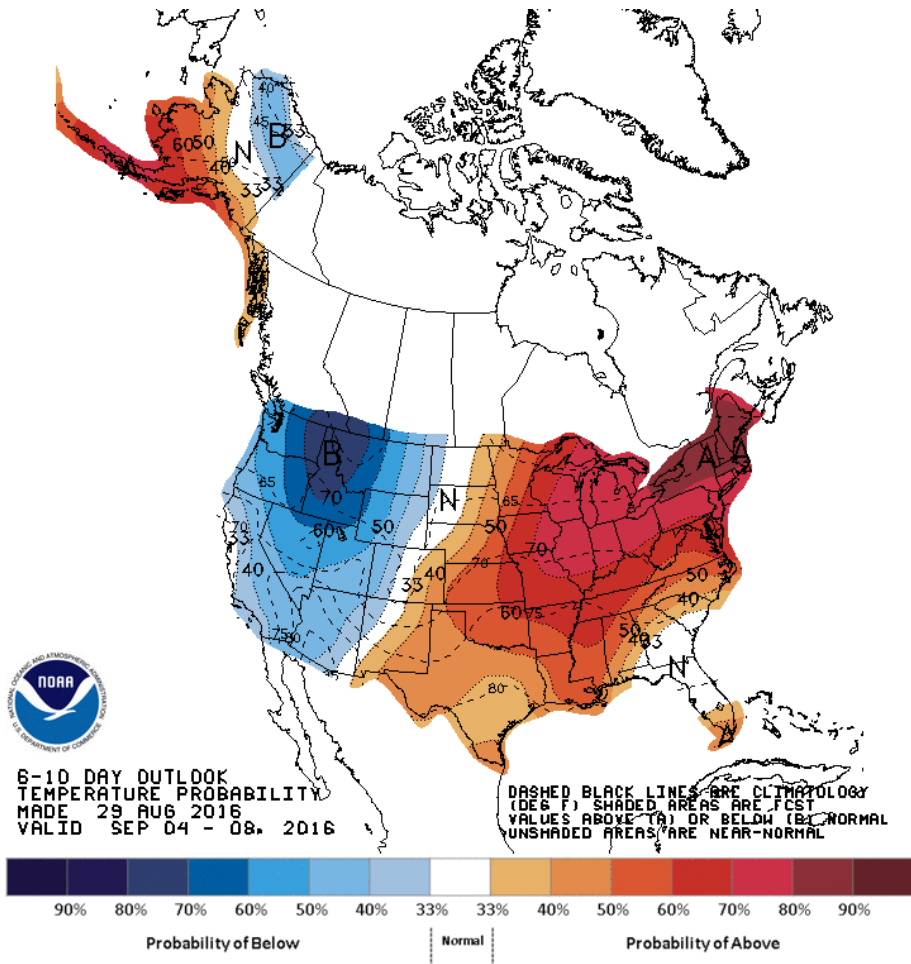
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	Not-ranked
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Average streamflow compared to historical streamflow for the day of the year

Weather for the Week Ahead



6-10 Day Outlook



SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

- **Current**

- Drought Monitor: Some improvements in the SW last week
- 7-day Precipitation: Heavy rains across the western part of the state has improved drought conditions again; SE remained dry
- Weekly Palmer Drought Severity Index: Status quo across the state – still reflecting long-term dryness
- Crop Moisture Index: Status quo
- 30-Day precipitation: Southern half of the state much improved; still holding onto some long-term dryness in the north

- **1 Category improvement for SW part of the state this week**

- **1 Category downgrade to D0 conditions across the SE as lack of precipitation and hot temperatures have led to low streamflow and drying**