Drought Conditions Return To Missouri
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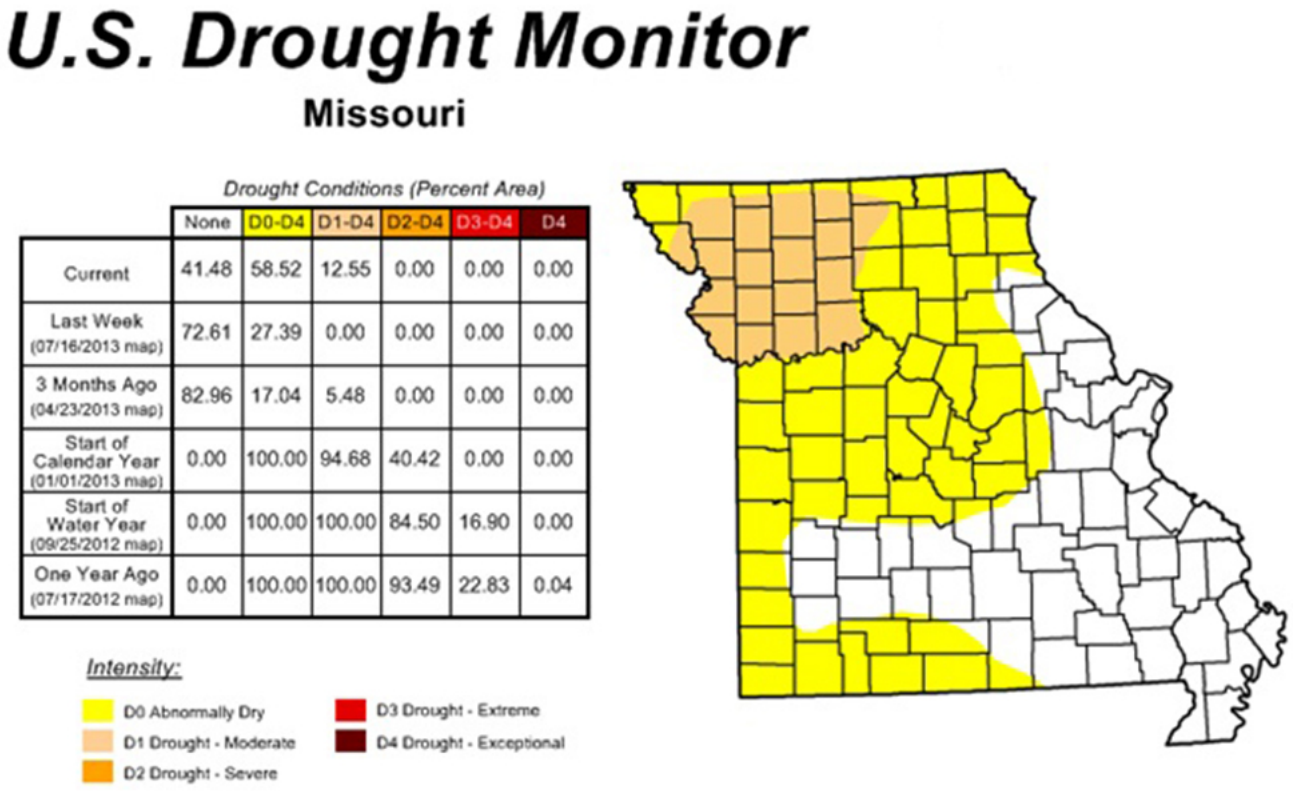
The U.S. Drought Monitor now places more than half the state in its â□□abnormally dryâ□□ category and most of northwest Missouri is rated as in â□□moderateâ□□ drought.



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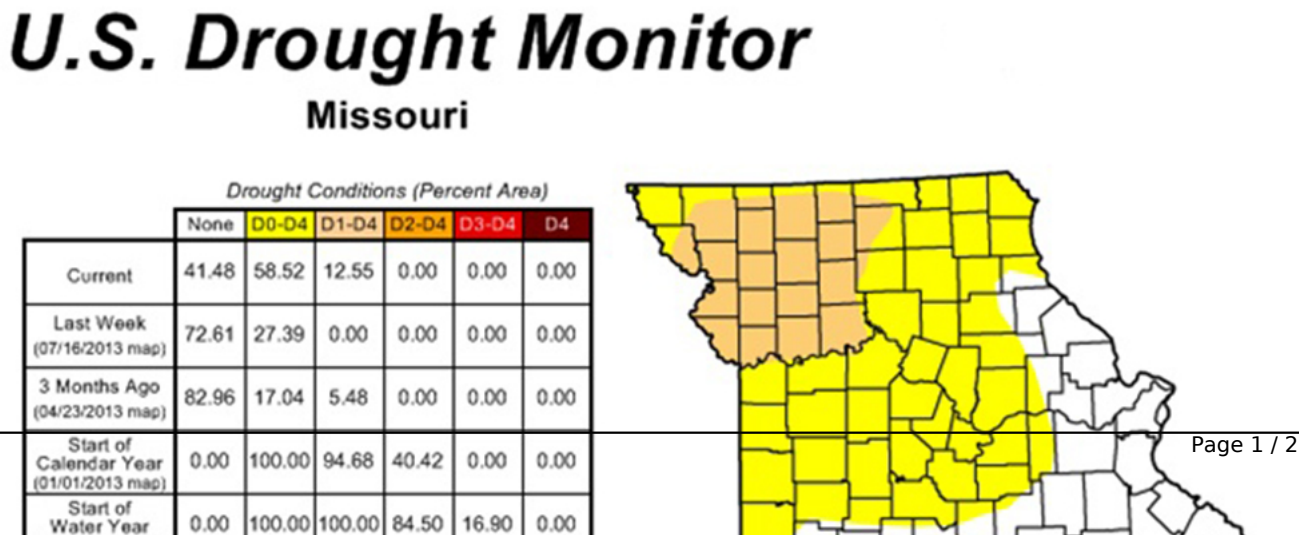
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	84.50	16.90	0.00
One Year Ago (07/17/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.49	22.83	0.04

This, after none of the state was categorized by the drought monitor at the beginning of the month.

Meteorologist Ryan Cutter says the state began drying out in June and there is no meteorological reason he can point to as a cause.

â□□Nothing really great out there, thereâ□□s no large-scale signal â□¦ for example El Nino, La Nina â□¦ that I would necessarily attribute this to here in this portion of the country.â□□



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This drought is setting in much later than in 2012, when the first â□□moderate droughtâ□□ categorization appeared in early May. Cutter says the later onset doesnâ□□t mean that this drought couldnâ□□t reach the severe or extreme levels of last year.

â□□Itâ□□s more than just simply has it rained or has it not rained, because theyâ□□re looking at indications of the plants and other environmental indicators across the region to determine whether or not a drought has really set in.â□□

Cutter says a normal amount of rain for the summer would be enough to keep Missouri from reaching those levels of drought, and as little as a couple of inches soon could mitigate drought in the short-term.

There is rain in the forecast. Best chances are Monday and Monday night when there is a 60 to 70% chance of rain.

Monday: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1pm. Cloudy, with a high near 75. East southeast wind 6 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Monday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Cloudy, with a low around 65. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.