



Vermont State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Energy  
Testimony on the 2024-2026 droughts

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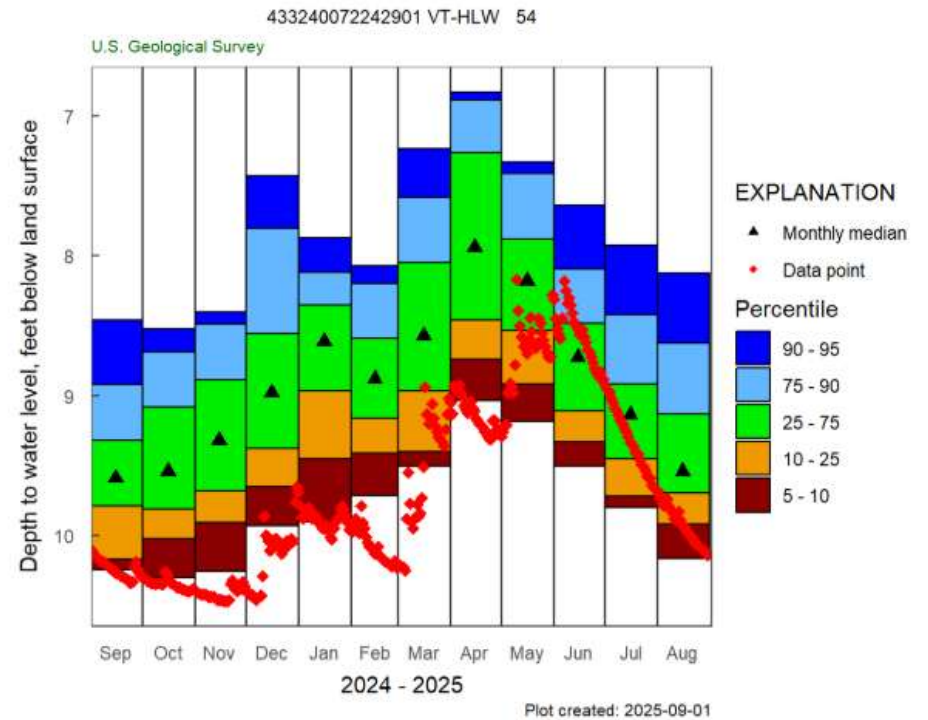
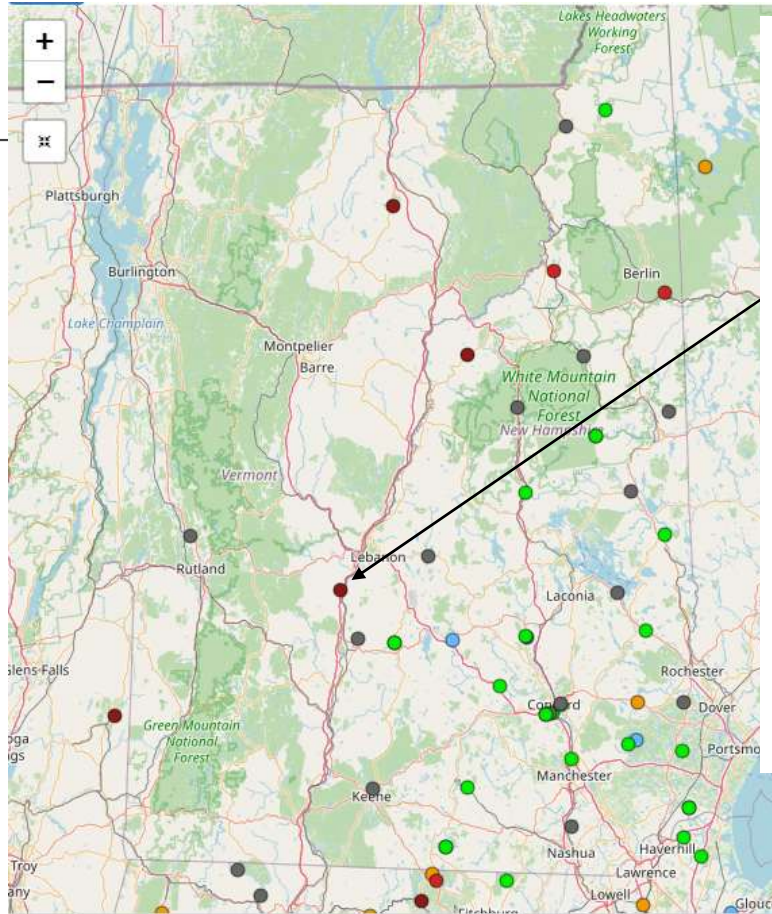
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The severe  
droughts of the  
summer of 2025  
actually began in  
2024

# Groundwater Levels in Vermont



Period of record: 1969 to 2025





THE 2025  
DROUGHTS WERE  
HISTORIC

Due to the lapse in federal government funding, NASA is not updating this website. We sincerely regret this inconvenience.



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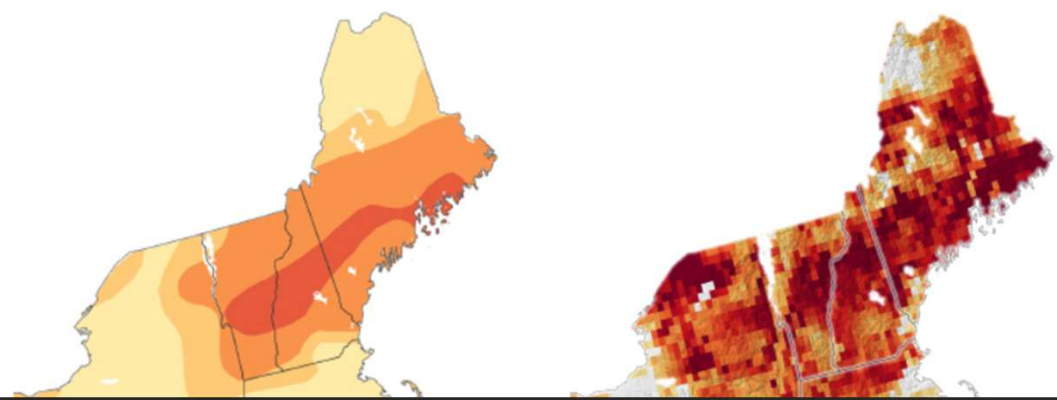


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# Drought Worsens Across Northern New England

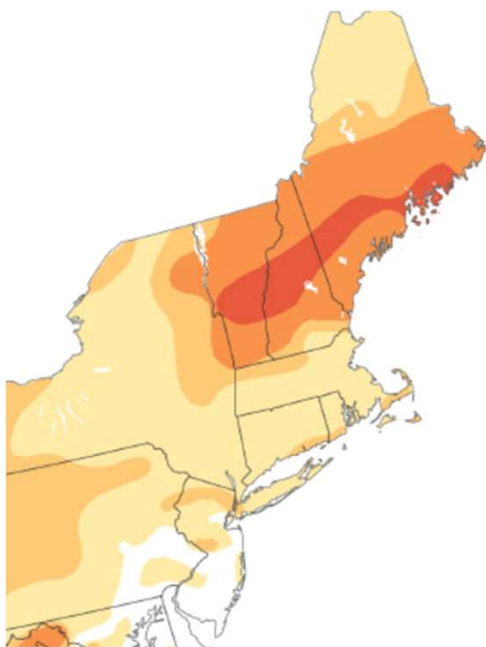


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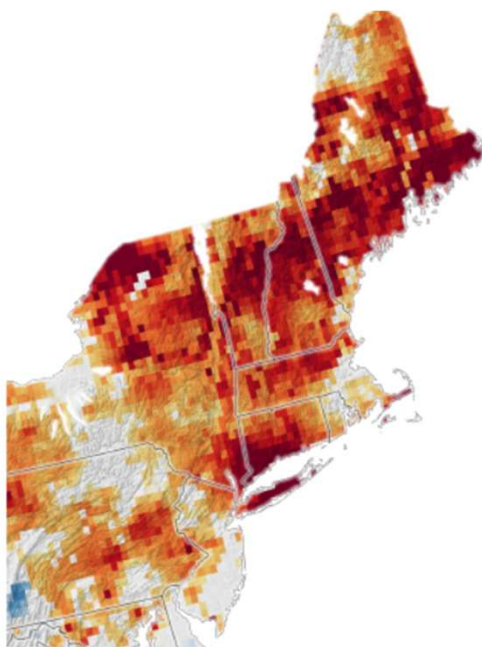
In late September 2025, a continued lack of rainfall led to stunted

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<https://www.earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/154833/drought-worsens-across-northern-new-england>



Drought Intensity



Root Zone Soil Wetness Percentile



September 23, 2025

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In mid- to late September 2025, drought conditions across the United States were mixed, with some areas seeing improvement while others worsened. The Northeast was one such place where conditions deteriorated amid persistently dry weather.



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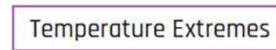
**In late September 2025, a continued lack of rainfall led to stunted vegetation, lowered water levels, and prompted early fall foliage.**

Image of the Day for September 27, 2025

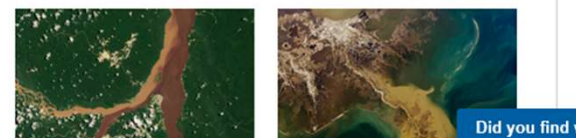
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In situ Measurement



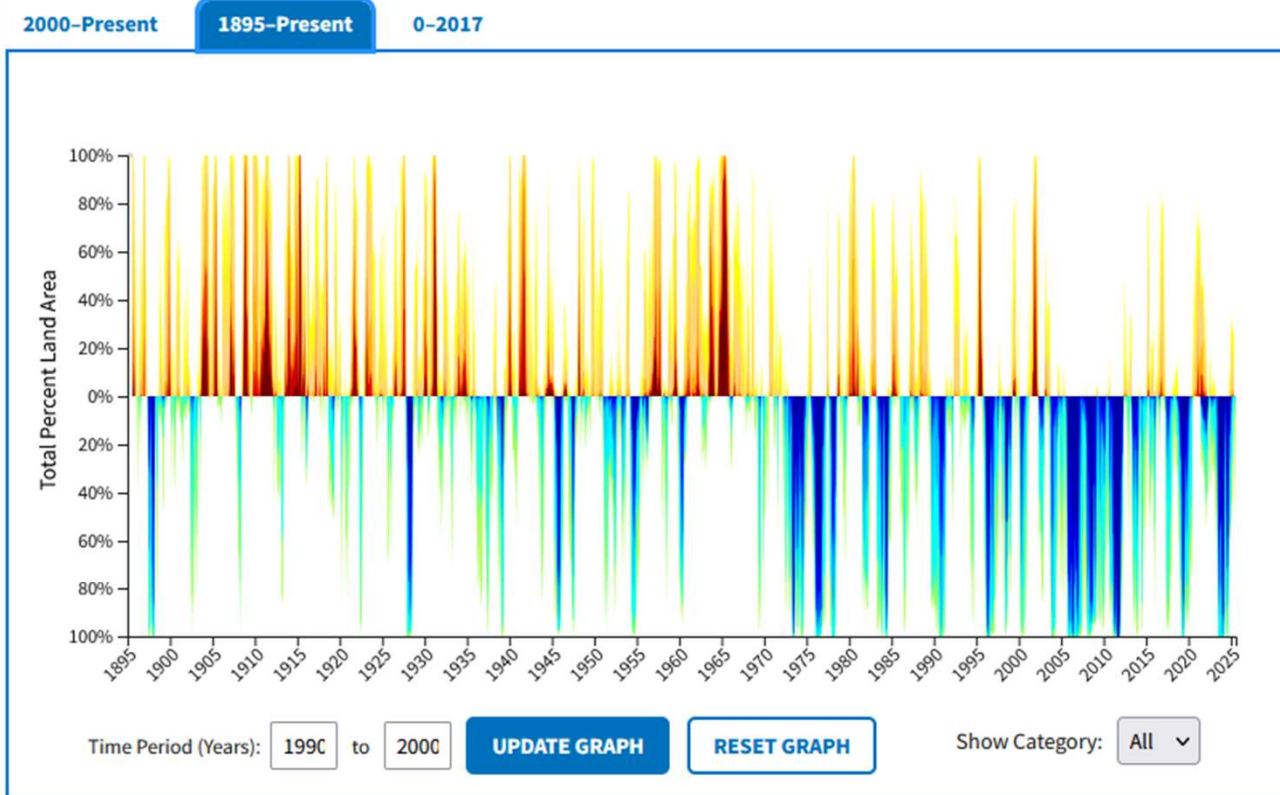
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DROUGHTS HAVE &  
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VERMONT

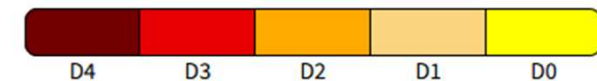
# Droughts in Vermont - 1895 to present



Drought results from an imbalance between water supply and water demand. The Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) measures water supply, specifically precipitation. SPI captures how observed precipitation (rain, hail, snow) deviates from the climatological average over a given time period—in this case, over the 9 months leading up to the selected date. Red hues indicate drier conditions, while blue hues indicate wetter conditions. Data are available monthly from 1895–present. [Learn more.](#)

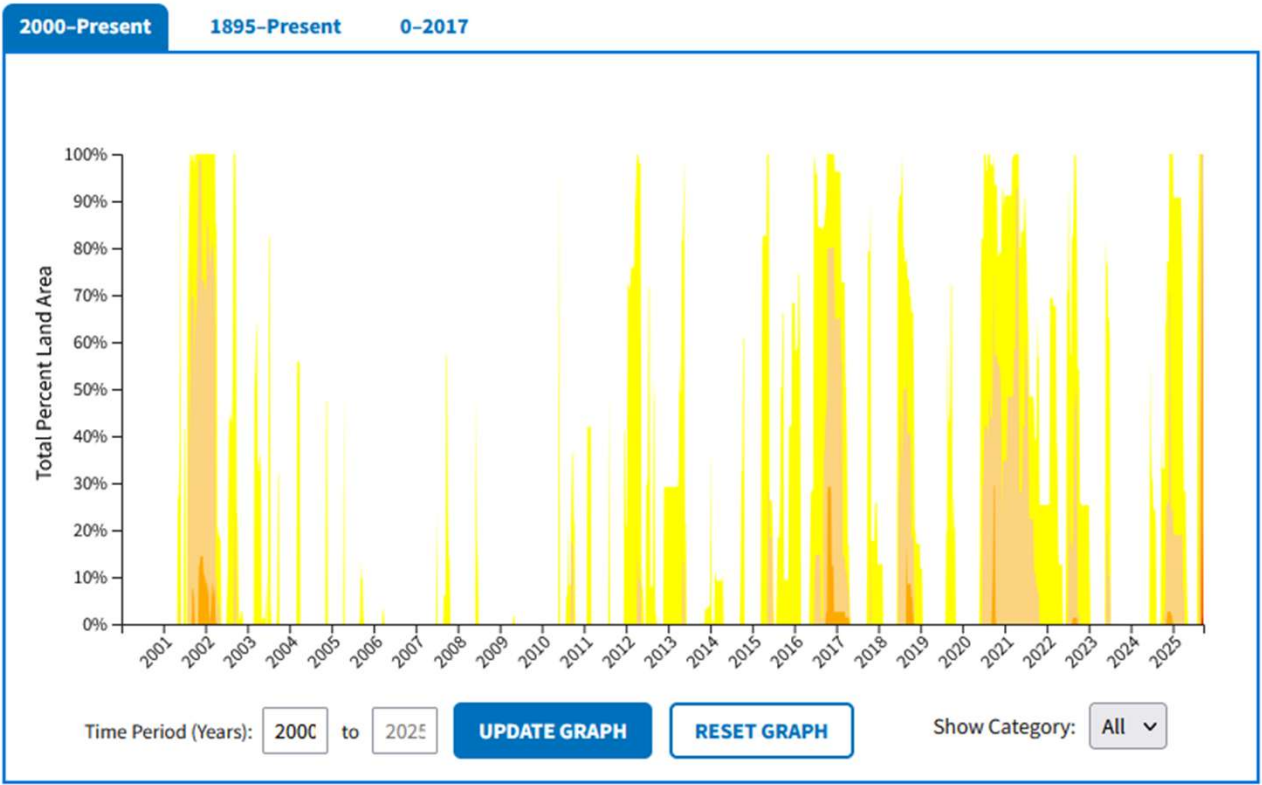
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### Dry Conditions

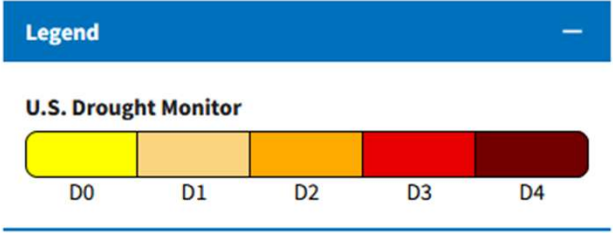


### Wet Conditions





The U.S. Drought Monitor (2000–present) depicts the location and intensity of drought across the country. Every Thursday, authors from NOAA, USDA, and the National Drought Mitigation Center produce a new map based on their assessments of the best available data and input from local observers. The map uses five categories: Abnormally Dry (D0), showing areas that may be going into or are coming out of drought, and four levels of drought (D1–D4). [Learn more.](#)



LATEST AVAILABLE DATA: 2025-09-23

Category	Examples of historically observed impacts
D0	Crop growth is stunted; planting is delayed
	Fire danger is elevated; spring fire season starts early
	Lawns brown early; gardens begin to wilt
	Surface water levels decline
D1	Honey production declines
	Irrigation use increases; hay and grain yields are lower than normal
	Trees and landscaping are stressed; fish are stressed
	Voluntary water conservation is requested; reservoir and lake levels are below normal capacity
	Wildfires and ground fires increase
D2	Fish kills occur; wildlife move to farms for food
	Golf courses conserve water
	Producers begin feeding cattle; hay prices are high
	Specialty crops are impacted in both yield and fruit size
	Trees are brittle and susceptible to insects
	Warnings are issued on outdoor burns; air quality is poor
	Water quality is poor; groundwater is declining; irrigation ponds are dry; outdoor water restrictions are implemented
D3	Crop loss is widespread; Christmas tree farms are stressed; dairy farmers are struggling financially
	Extremely reduced flow to ceased flow of water is observed; river temperatures are warm; wells are running dry; people are digging more and deeper wells
	Water recreation and hunting are modified; wildlife disease outbreak is observed
	Well drillers and bulk water haulers see increased business

<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?VT>








# Northeast

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Map released: **Thurs. September 25, 2025**

Data valid: September 23, 2025 at 8 a.m. EDT

## Intensity

-  None
-  D0 (Abnormally Dry)
-  D1 (Moderate Drought)
-  D2 (Severe Drought)
-  D3 (Extreme Drought)
-  D4 (Exceptional Drought)
-  No Data

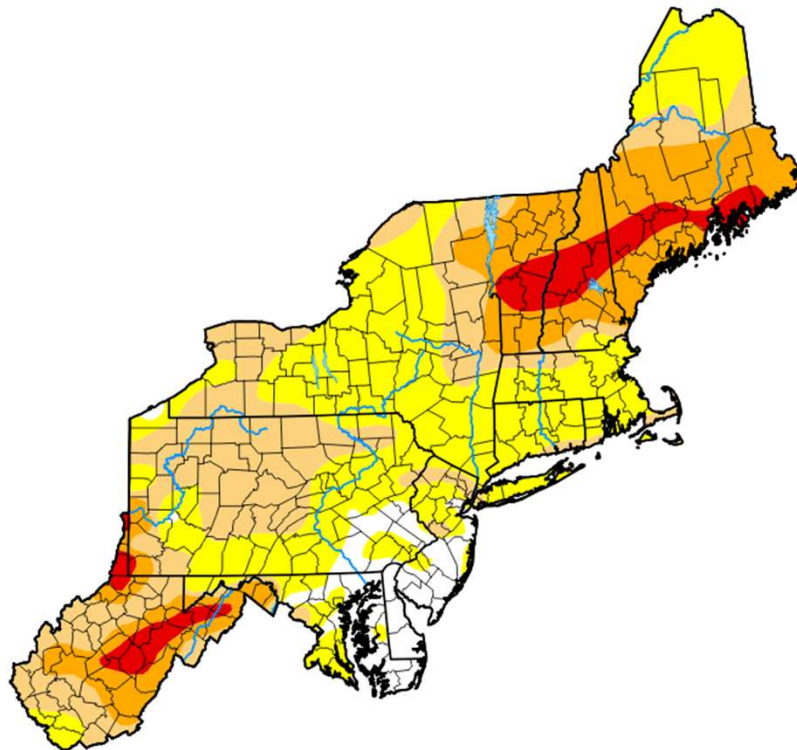
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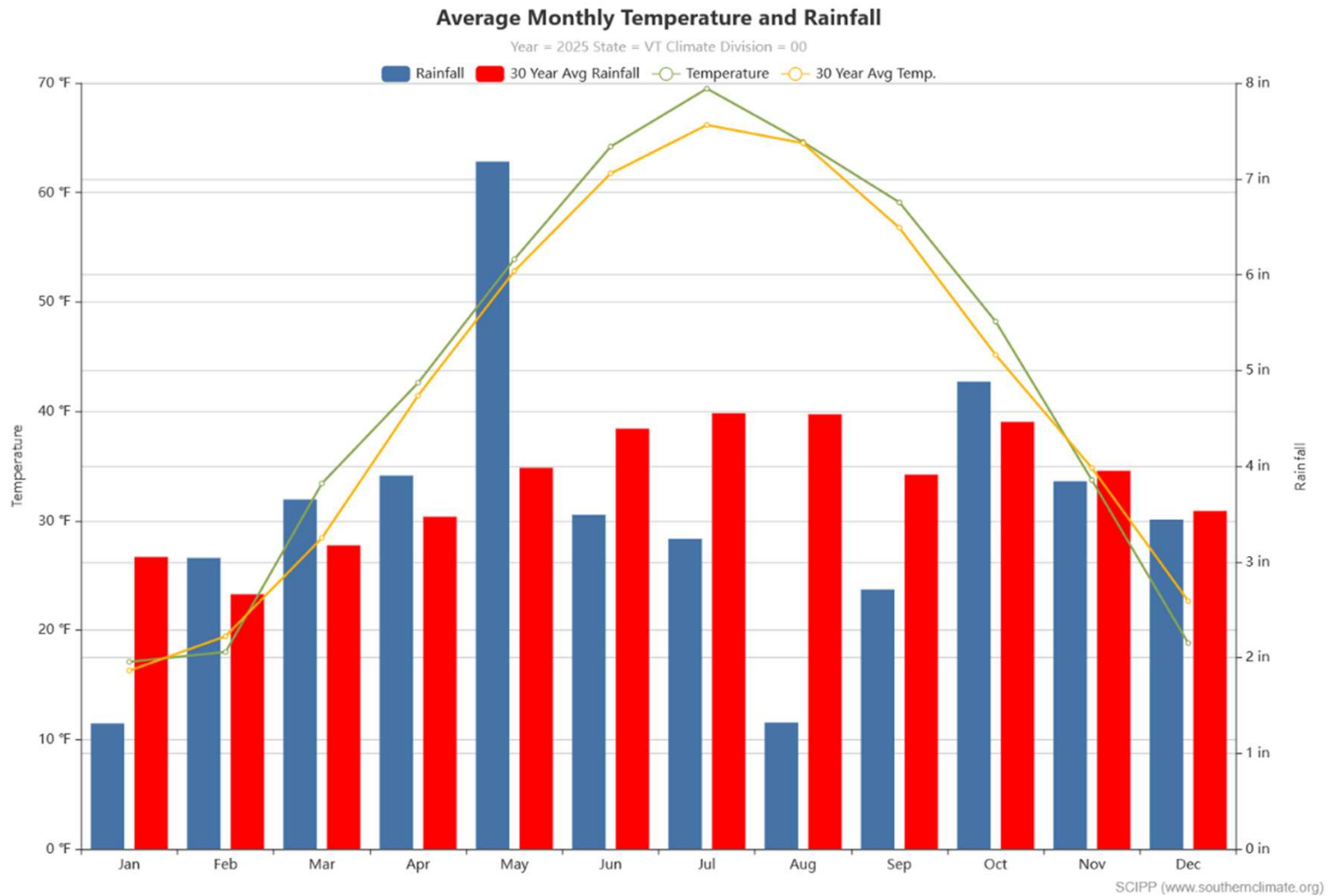


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FLASH DROUGHT:  
RAPID ONSET IN  
LATE JULY

**AUGUST 2025  
WAS THE  
DRIEST  
AUGUST  
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ACROSS  
VERMONT**



SPoRT-LIS 0-10 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 21 Sep 2025

SOIL  
DRYNESS  
IN THE  
TOPMOST  
3 FEET

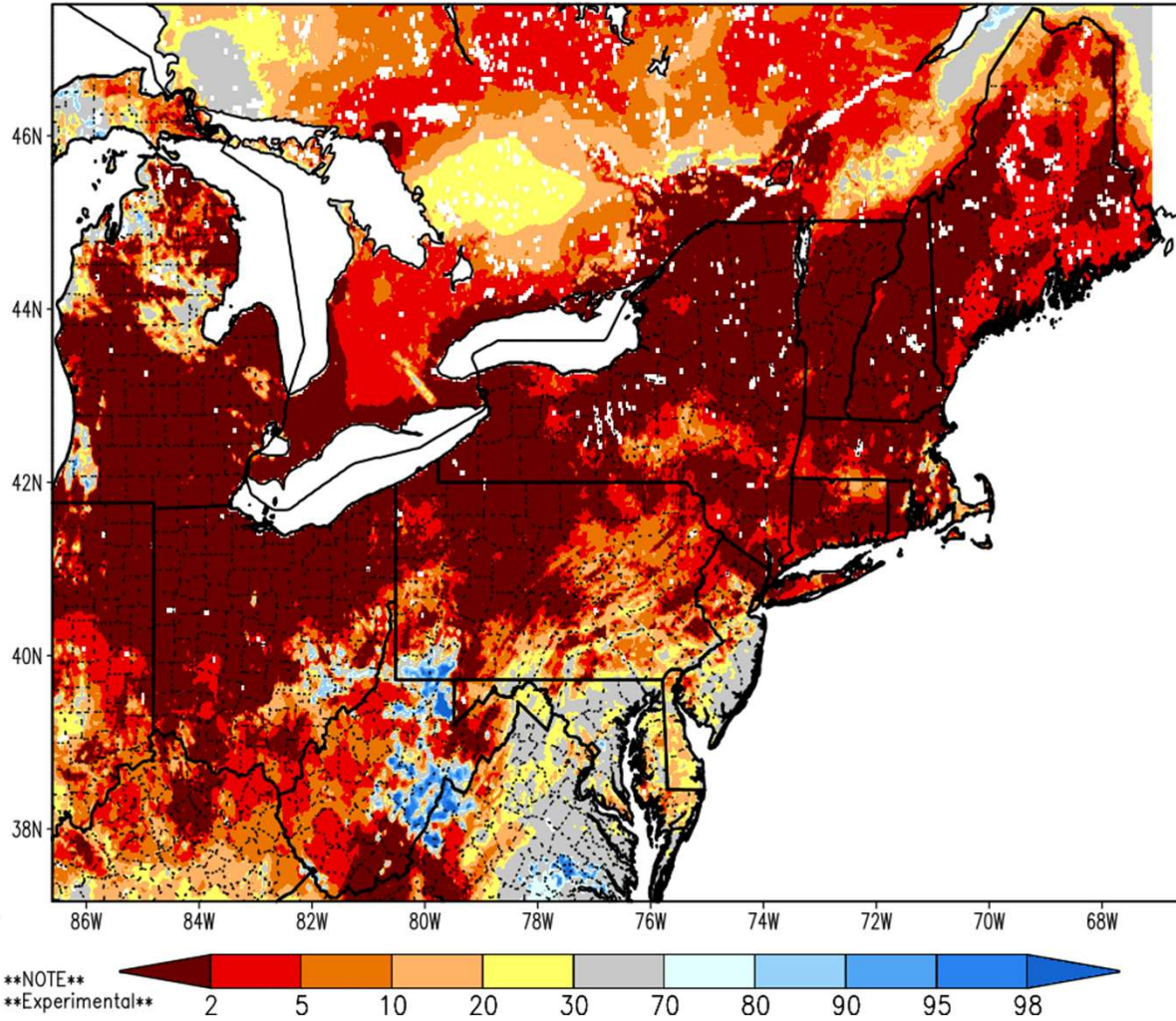




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Field near Sam Mazza's  
stand – 5 August 2016

PHOTOS: L-A. DUPIGNY-  
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# Champlain Valley 23 August 2025

PHOTOS: L-A. DUPIGNY-  
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# Friday, April 18th, 2025

As part of the 2025 Open Burning Weather Awareness Campaign from the NWS in Burlington, VT we will examine Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings:

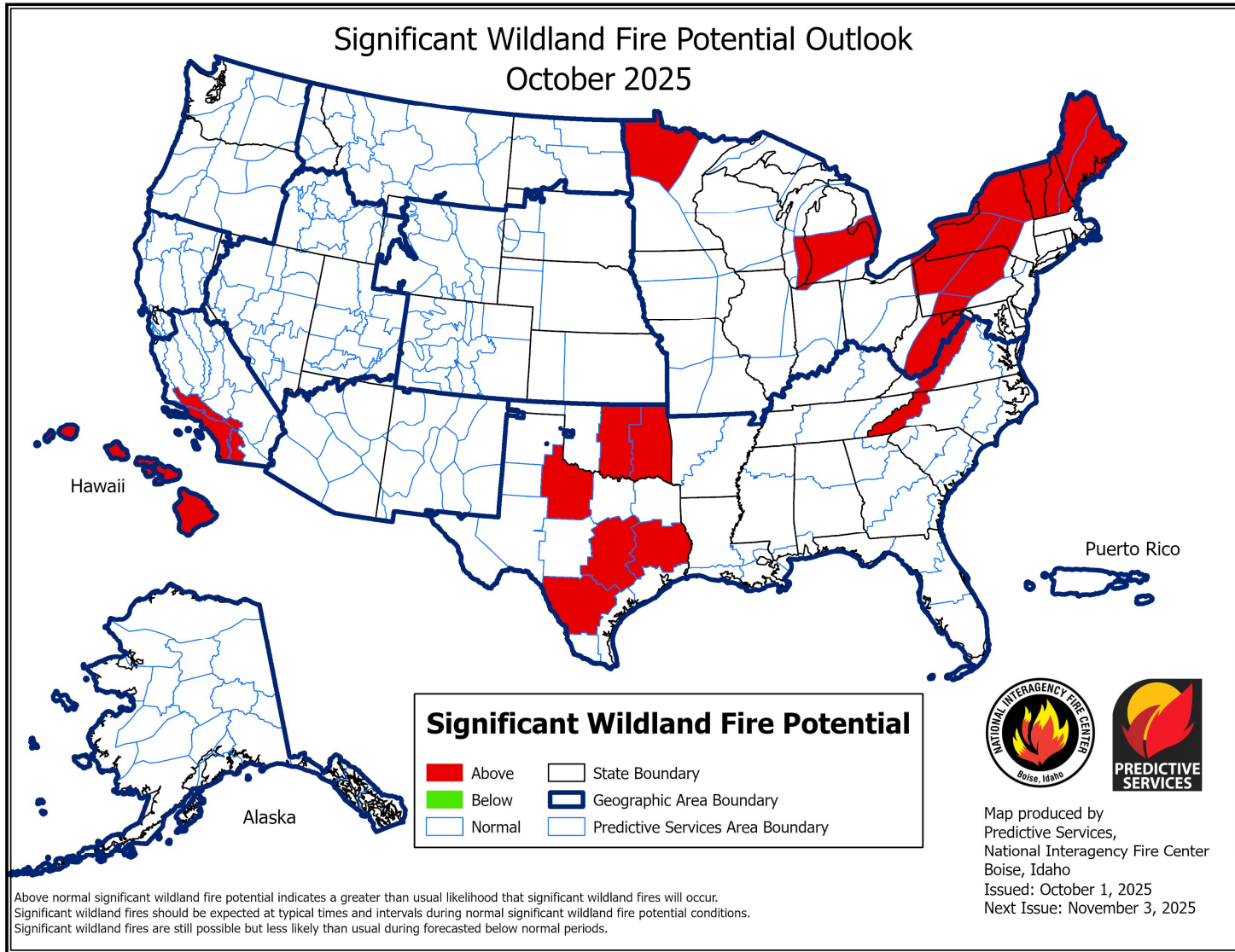
- Red Flag conditions develop when the combination of very dry fuels, low relative humidity values, strong winds, and an extended period with little to no precipitation all come together.
- If the potential were to exist for red flag conditions, the NWS issues a Fire Weather Watch 12 to 48 hours in advance of the potential event. A Fire Weather Watch alerts fire and forestry personnel, as well as the public that upcoming weather conditions combined with the very dry fuels could potentially create critical fire weather conditions.
- If Red Flag conditions are expected or occurring, the NWS issues a Red Flag Warning within 24 hours of the expected event to highlight concerns for firefighter and public safety as any fires that did start would likely spread quickly, burn intensely, behave erratically, and be difficult to contain.
- Open burning is strongly discouraged in these situations and you should follow guidance from your state or your local Fire Wardens.



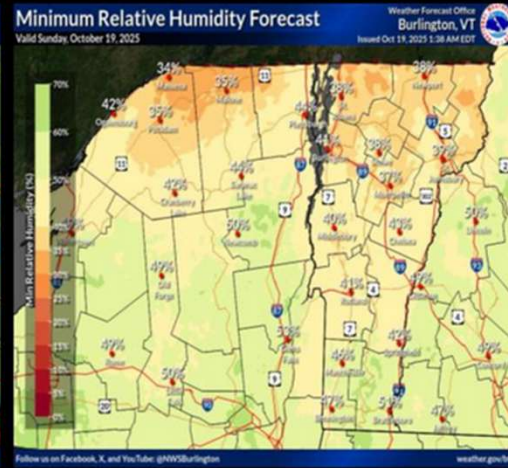
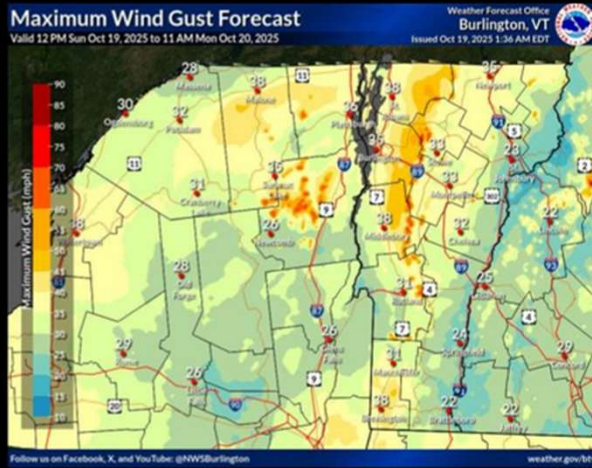
A red flag event is the combination of significantly dry fuels and critical fire weather conditions. A dangerous fire situation can result with any fires quickly becoming difficult to contain and pose a threat

Fire weather forecasts and additional information are always available at [weather.gov/btv](https://www.weather.gov/btv) and [weather.gov/btv/firewx](https://www.weather.gov/btv/firewx)

<https://www.weather.gov/btv/safetycampaigns>



# Red Flag Warning for portions of northern NY and VT



**i** The combination of dry fuels, low relative humidities and brisk winds today creates the potential for any fires to quickly get out of control. **The greatest threat is the the warning area but all of VT and northern NY should take the necessary precautions and avoid any fires or sparks.**

## Additional Details

**When:**

- Noon to 10 pm Today

**Potential Impact:**

- If any fires were to start today, weather and fuel conditions could cause fires to quickly get out of control and difficult to contain.

**What To Do:**

- **DO NOT** conduct any burning today, whether it's yard debris or a campfire.
- Be aware of anything that may cause a spark that could start a fire.



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Red flag day – 12 October 2025



# Wildfire response helicopter staged in Lebanon

## WILDFIRE RESPONSE HELICOPTER STAGED IN LEBANON NEW HAMPSHIRE



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80°

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By WCAX News Team

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LEBANON, N.H. (WCAX) - As the drought in our region worsens, officials are upping efforts to keep people safe.

[The U.S. Forest Service has stationed a wildfire response helicopter at the Lebanon Municipal Airport.](#)

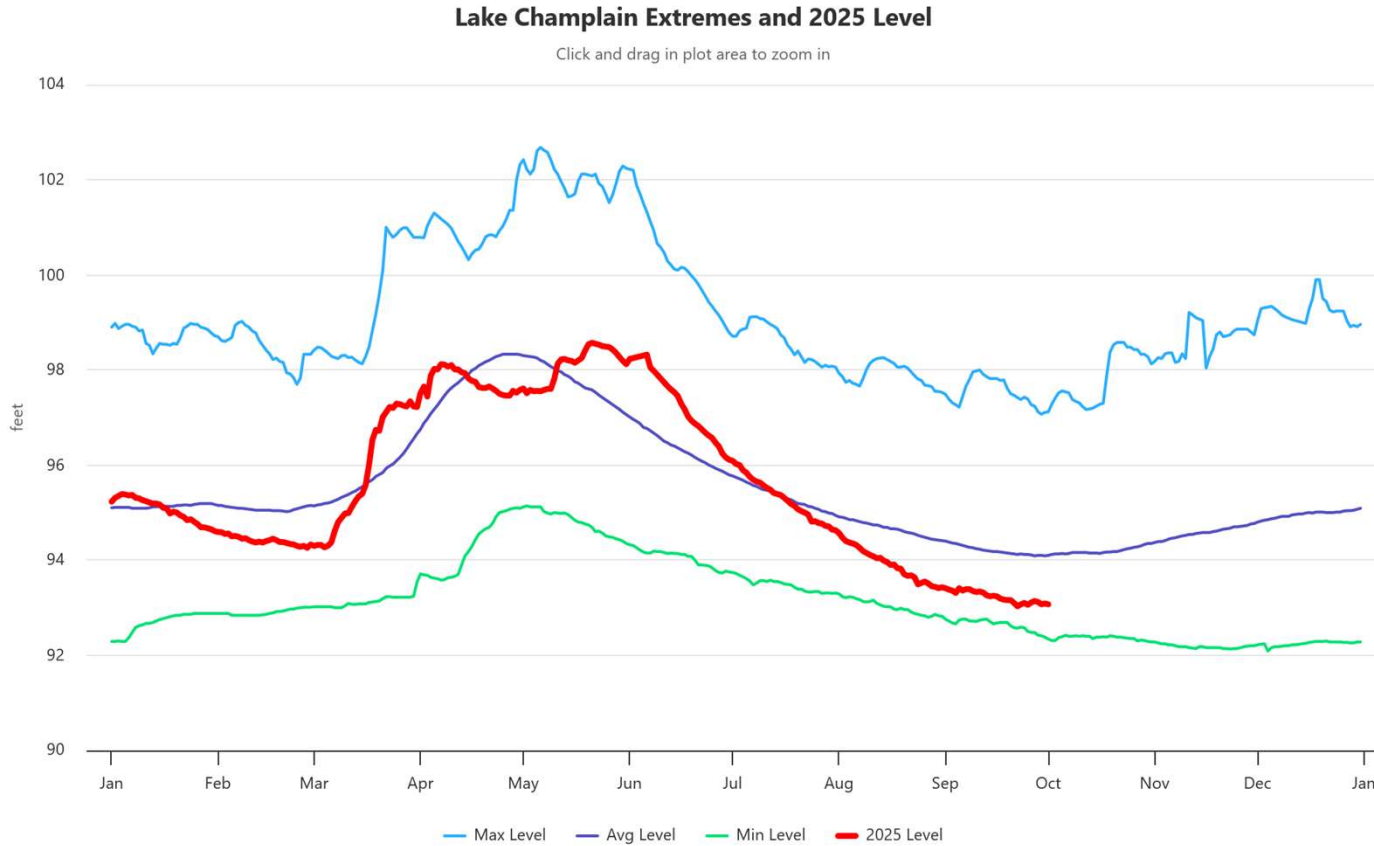
Officials say it's there temporarily to improve response times to potential wildfires.

They say people who live nearby may notice more flight activity, including low-level flying.

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<https://www.wcax.com/2025/09/29/wildfire-response-helicopter-staged-lebanon/>

# Lake Champlain daily heights – as of 1 October 2025

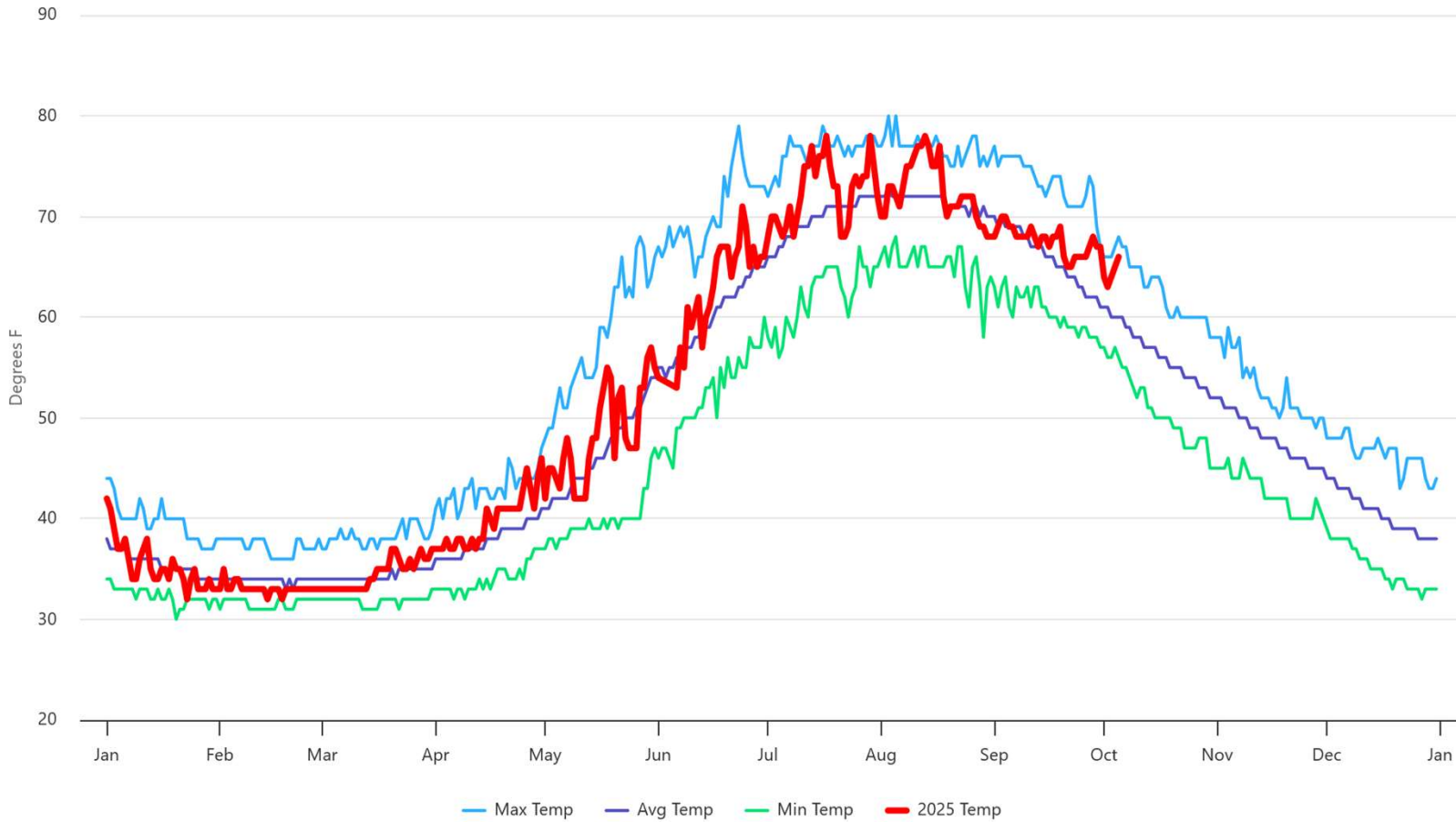


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<https://www.weather.gov/btv/lakeLevel?year=2025>

## Lake Champlain Extremes and 2025 Temperature

Click and drag in plot area to zoom in



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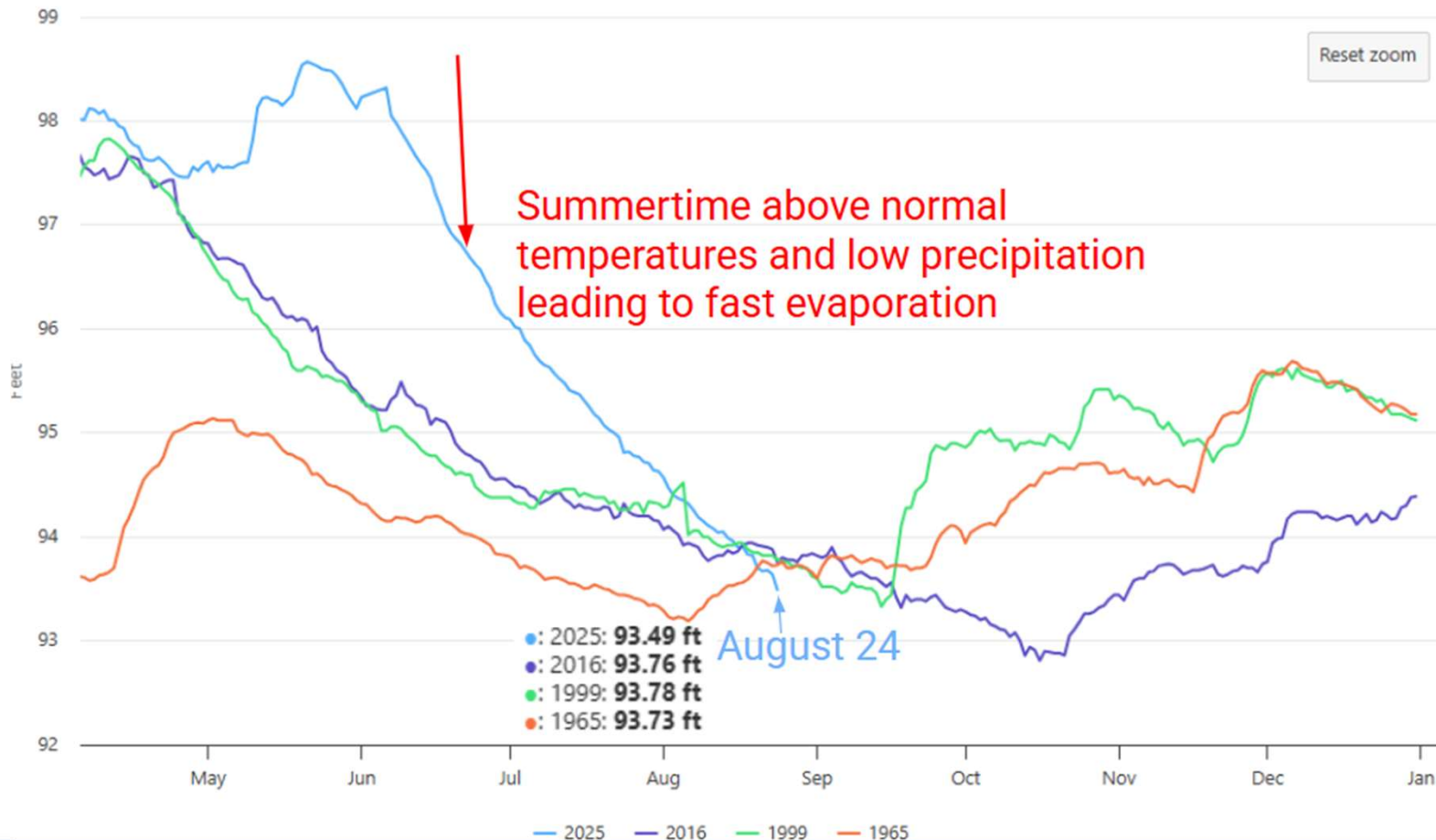
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# Fall 2025 Drought

## Lake Champlain Levels Comparison

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King Street Dock in Burlington, VT  
20 September 2025

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# Cyanobacteria Tracker

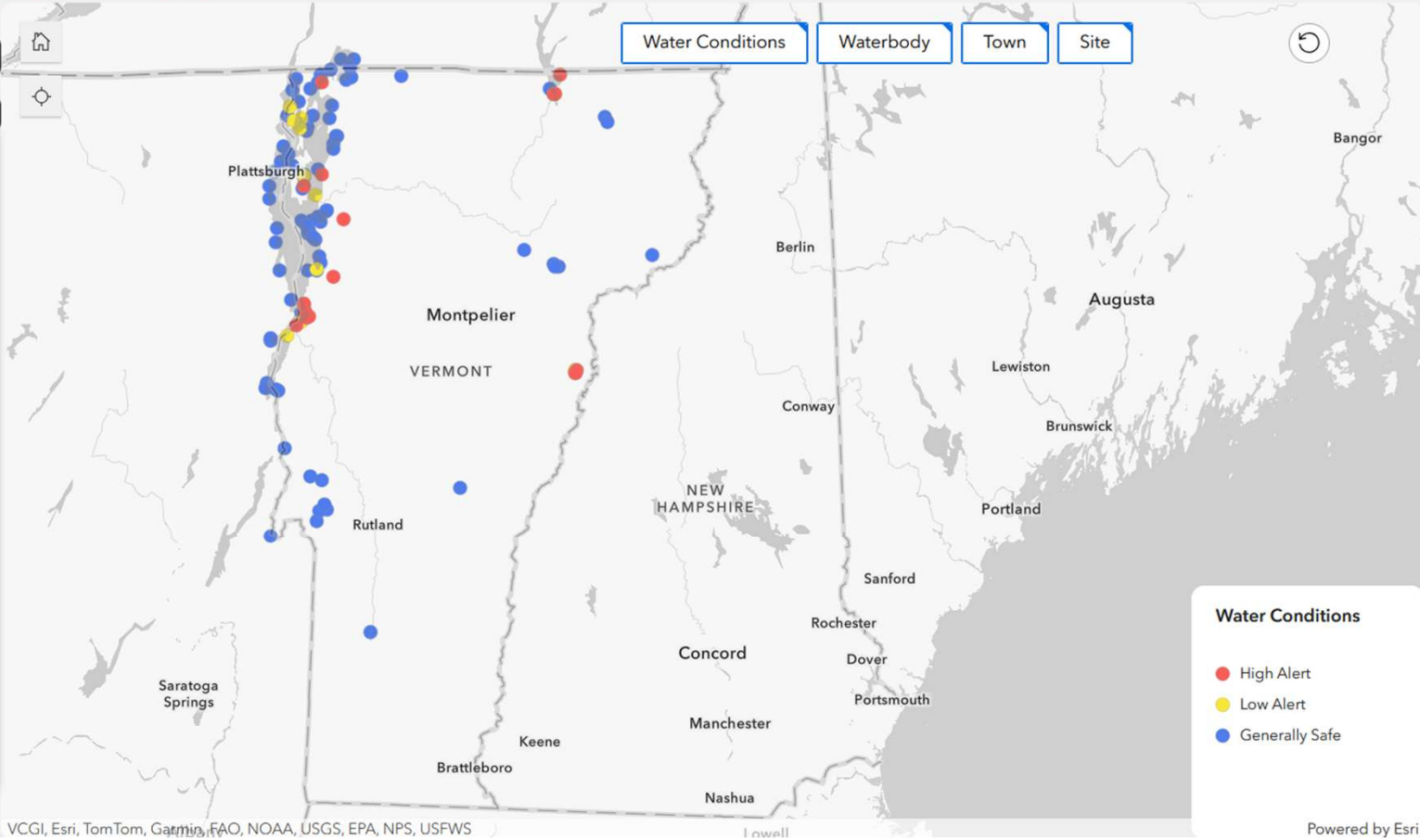
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[Learn more about the Cyanobacteria Tracker >](#)

[View the table with all reports >](#)

## Water Conditions:

Click a report on the map to view its information and photos



# LOW LAKE LEVELS – ST. ALBANS BAY

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## SEPT 2025 VS. 8 JULY 2016



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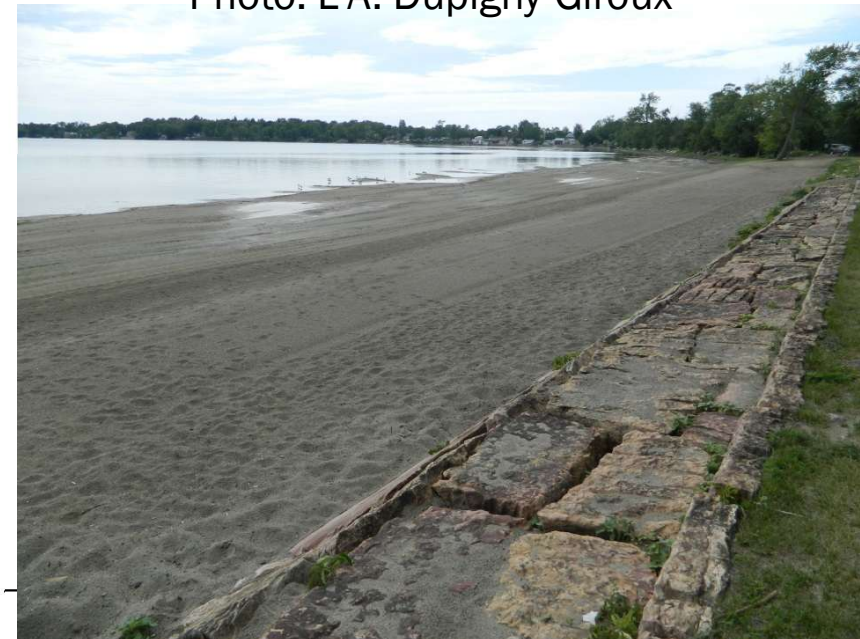


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A view from St. Albans Bay Park. Vermont's state climatologist Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux said the state needed 11 plus inches of groundwater to come out of a drought.

[https://www.samessenger.com/news/lake-champlain-drought-vermont-effects/article\\_21919dc2-ad3f-41a8-b699-7d2b65a62cb1.html](https://www.samessenger.com/news/lake-champlain-drought-vermont-effects/article_21919dc2-ad3f-41a8-b699-7d2b65a62cb1.html)

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Winooski River – Bridge Street from the Farr Farm – 11 September 2025



# WELLS RUNNING DRY IN ORANGE COUNTY



6:05  
66°



RANDOLPH

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HI 61 LOW 34

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HI 64 LOW 37

FRI



HI 71 LOW 44

By [Adam Sullivan](#)

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EAST CORINTH, Vt. (WCAX) - The region's drought conditions don't appear to be getting any better anytime soon. In Vermont, there have been over 400 reports of water shortages impacting wells and springs. Most have been in Orange County, although Caledonia and Orleans Counties are close behind.

The drought is bringing people together, including families at the Waits River Valley School in East Corinth.

The one shower at the school has been getting a lot more use than normal, as roughly half a dozen local families are without water due to wells drying up. All families are invited to use the shower and the washing machine.

"We are well aware, as community members, that this is a significant issue across our state, so any way that we can help," said Waits River Valley School Principal Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni.

## Related Stories:

[Amid drought, property owners coping with dry wells](#)

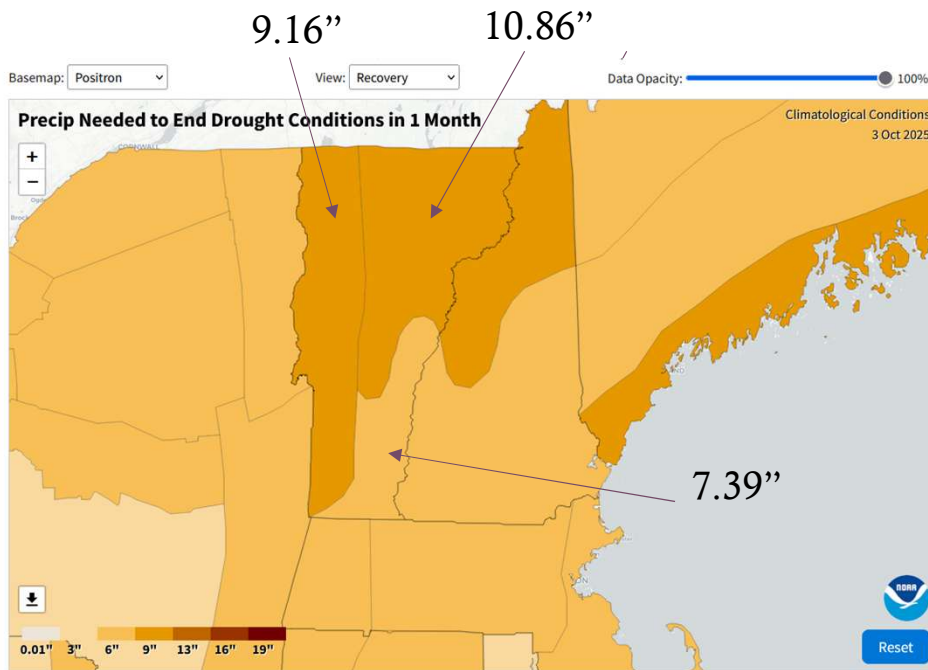
[Vt. may request federal drought declaration](#)

[Almost a quarter of Vermont now in extreme drought](#)

Despite the fact that the Waits River is still flowing, the lack of water across Orange County is the talk of the town at the East Corinth General Store. Kerry Ordway of Topsham is among those without water. "It started about three weeks ago, and it's going to take some rain to recover," Ordway said. "I'm securing a tank I can put in the basement so I can haul water all winter if I have to." Ordway is waiting until next year to have a new well dug.

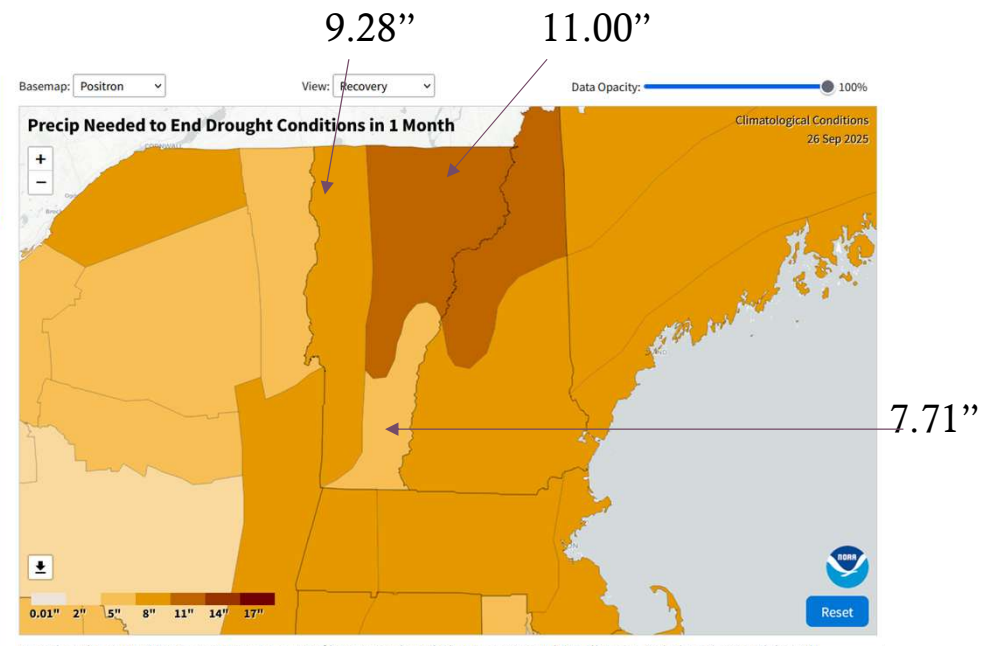
2 day lag

# WHAT IS NEEDED FOR DROUGHT AMELIORATION



Based on the PHDI. PHDI is a primary measure of long-term drought but may not apply to all areas, including those with heavily managed surface water. No additional precipitation is needed for white areas.

3 October 2025



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26 September 2025



# WEATHER & CLIMATE WHIPLASH

# WINOOSKI RIVER AT RICHMOND – BRIDGE STREET

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11 September 2025



Photo: L-A. Dupigny-Giroux

20 September, 2025



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1 November, 2025

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# EAST CORINTH – 1 NOVEMBER 2025

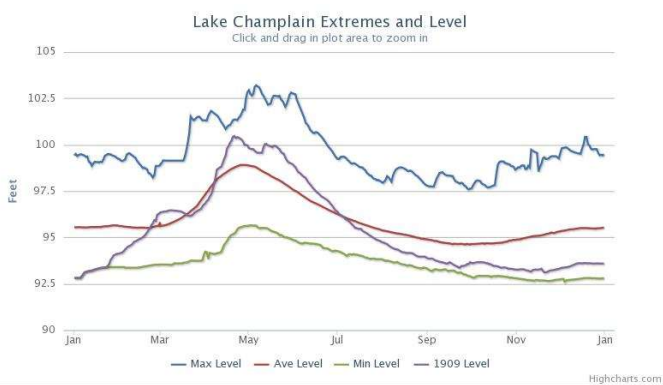


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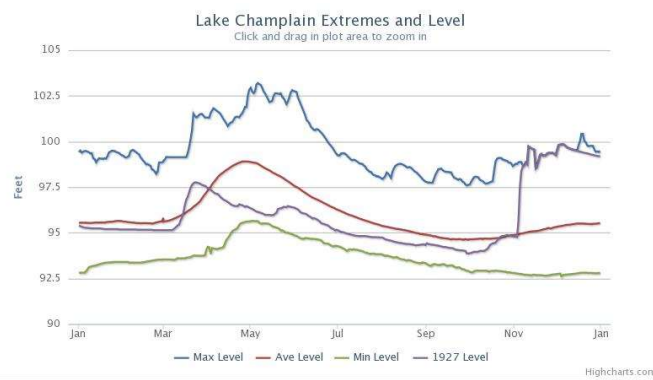
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# Floods & droughts

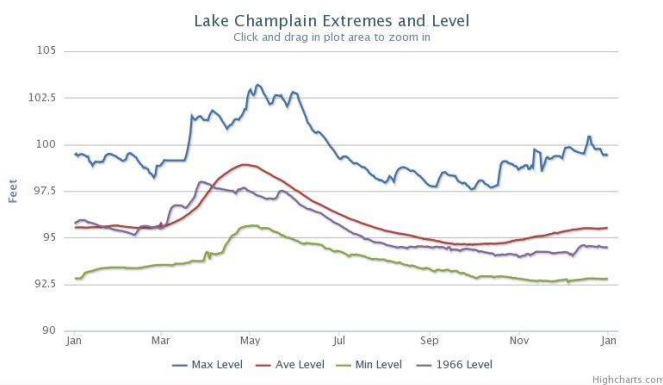
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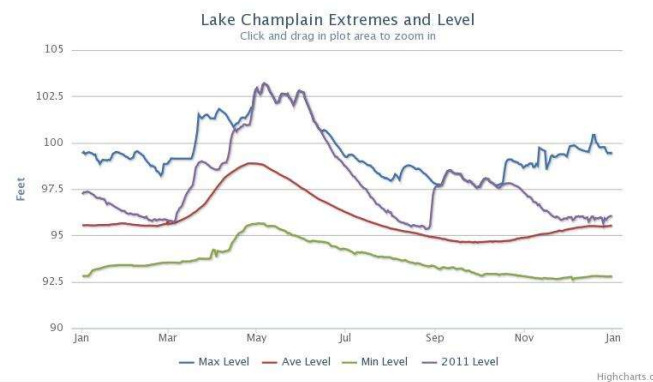
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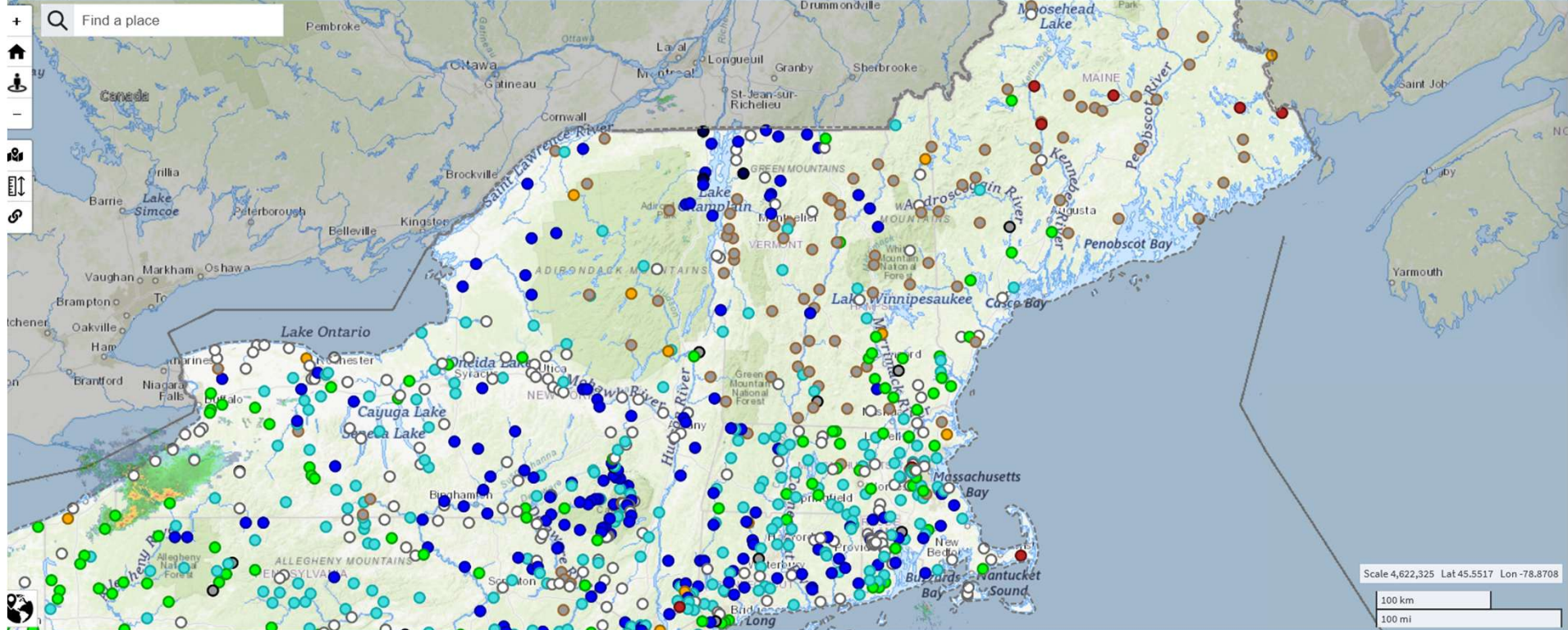


2011




1 October 2025

The image displays the USGS National Water Dashboard interface. At the top left, the USGS logo and "National Water Dashboard" text are visible. A search bar with the text "Find a place" is located below the header. The main area is a map of the Northeastern United States, showing major river basins such as the Hudson, Connecticut, and Merrimack. The map is overlaid with numerous colored dots representing monitoring stations. A right-hand sidebar contains a "Layers" panel with options for "USGS Stations", "Weather Conditions", "Hydrology", "RIVERS", "WATERSHEDS", "AQUIFERS", and "Base Map". A "Clear Layers" button is at the bottom of this panel. At the bottom right of the map, there is a scale bar showing 50 km and 50 mi, along with coordinates: "Scale 2,311,162 Lat 45.0773 Lon -75.2179". The footer contains links for "Accessibility", "FOIA", "Legal", "Privacy Policy", and "USGS Provisional Statement", as well as "U.S. Department of the Interior", "answers.usgs.gov", and "1-888-ASK-USGS". Logos for "Federal Data Sources Include", "USGS", "NIDIS", and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and RSS are also present.



<https://dashboard.waterdata.usgs.gov/app/nwd/en/>



# RESPONDING TO THE ONGOING DROUGHTS

## Meteorological Drought



Reduced precipitation



Less water enters ground

Higher temperatures and winds, lower relative humidity, greater sunshine



Increased water loss from plants, land, ocean

## Agricultural Drought



Reduced soil moisture

Crops suffer; reduced yields

## Hydrological Drought



Reduced water in streams, lakes, reservoirs

Wildlife habitats stressed

## Socioeconomic Drought



Demand of economic goods exceeds supply; strains on community and economy

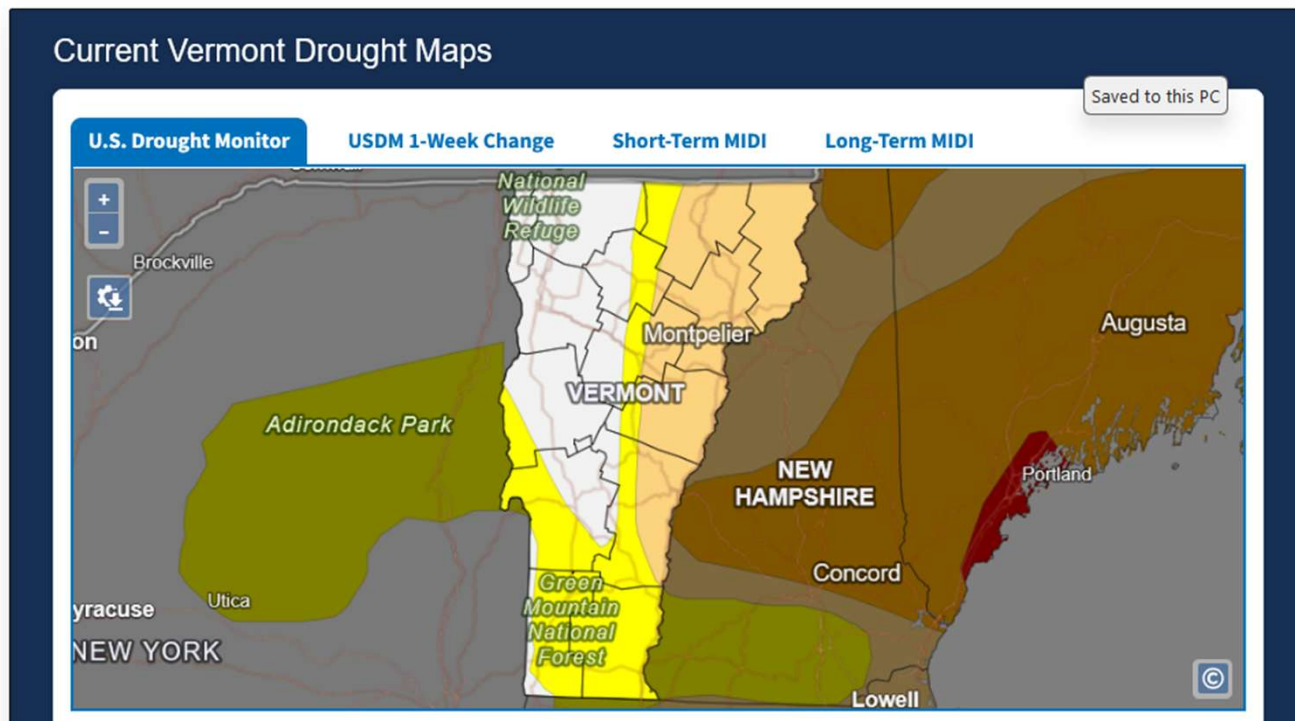
*Impacts increase over time*

# Drought conditions persist

19 March 2026



[Learn More About These Stats](#)



<https://www.drought.gov/states/vermont>

# We need to prepare for all hazards



Week of 8 March 2026 –  
temperature extremes, flooding, ice  
jams, freezing rain



Current difficulty in communicating  
about multiple, overlapping hazards



Resource allocation at address  
sequential hazards

Dr. L-A. Dupigny-Giroux

# Wildland fire smoke – 17 July 2023

## 6. Climate and Climate Change in Vermont

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### Preface

This section of the *Vermont Climate Action Plan 2025* presents the land, air, water and plant dimensions of climate change in Vermont and the interconnected ways that we as peoples both affect and are impacted by such changes. From the homelands of the Abenaki and the Mohican, we honor all ways of knowing<sup>(3)</sup> and present mitigation, adaptation and resilience through the overlapping lenses of natural hazards, inclusion and vulnerability of peoples, the natural environment, and human infrastructure, as we seek to do no harm. For consistency with other state-level Climate Action Plans, this section uses data, methodologies and results developed in support of the 2023 Fifth National Climate Assessment (NCA5)<sup>(4)</sup> as well as those from multiple federal and State of Vermont agencies. Following the presentation style used in NCA documents, information here will be organized into Key Messages that highlight updates and developments made since the Initial Vermont Climate Action Plan of 2021.

# Vermont Climate Action Plan 2025

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Year-to-Date

CMOR Challenge

Year-to-Date (time slider)

2018 - Yesterday

About

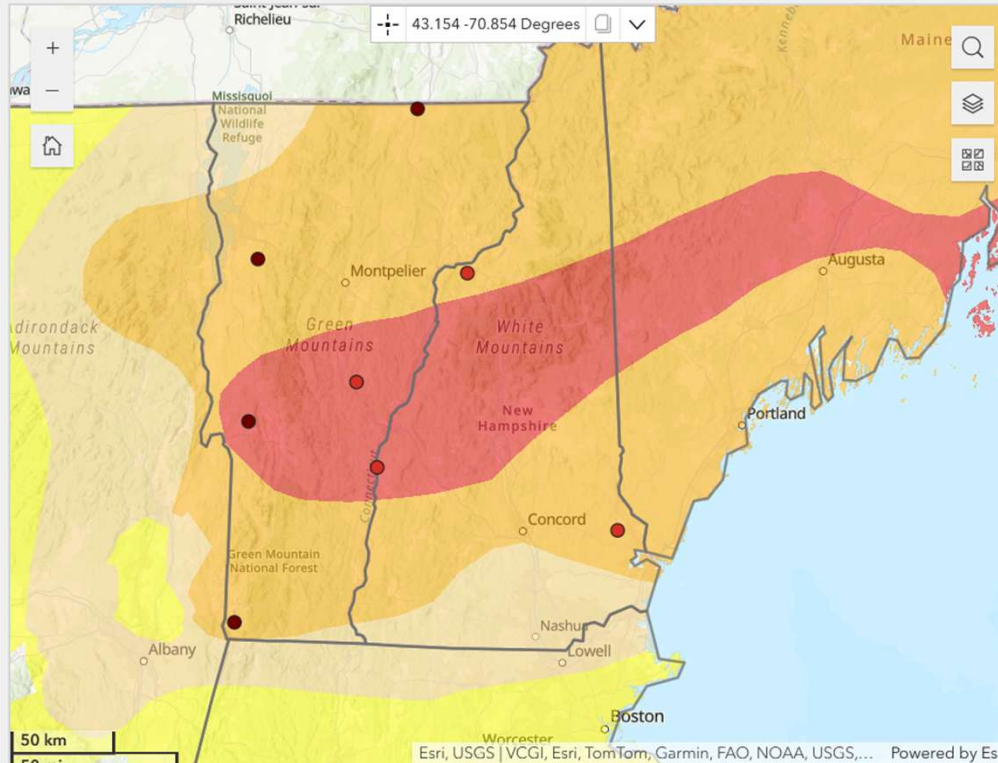
Total CMOR Reports

8

Filter Options

Impact Categories

- Year to Date
- Past 7 Days
- Past 30 Days
- Custom Date Range
  - 10/4/2025 and 10/5/2025
- Location
- Reports with Photos
- How dry or wet
- U.S. Drought Monitor Intensity
- Crop Conditions



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### Report Detail

**State/Territory:** Vermont  
**County/Equivalent:** Orleans

**Date:** 10/5/2025

**How dry or wet is it?** Severely Dry

**How much experience do you have with conditions there?**  
20 or more years

**How many times in the past have you seen it like this?**  
Never

**How localized or widespread are the conditions you are reporting?**  
All of the natural streams and springs on the property are dry. We have never seen the pond this low. The cows use this as their drinking source.

**Crop production:**  
• Less water for irrigation • Less water in ponds, creeks, cisterns, etc.

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/016ac3b48c5049909106a23e6556311b>

“If you see something, say something”

# VERMONT DROUGHT DASHBOARD

Office of the Vermont State Climatologist

Website build in progress

Funded by NOAA/NIDIS

Dr. L-A. Dupigny-Giroux

The screenshot displays the Vermont Drought Dashboard website. At the top, a dark green header contains the title "Vermont Drought Dashboard". Below this, a navigation menu on the left lists categories: HOME, AGRICULTURE (with sub-items: Precipitation (SPI), Precipitation (% normal), Soil Moisture (SPoRT), Soil Moisture (GRACE), Evaporation (EDDI), Ag Drought Impact Survey), WATER RESOURCES, DRINKING WATER (with sub-items: DEC Drought Reporter, Public Water Systems, Drought and Your Well), WILDFIRE (with sub-items: KBDI, Fire Danger Forecast, Eastern Area Fire Outlook), and HEALTH (with sub-items: Drought and Your Health, Air Quality Index, Cyanobacteria Tracker). The main content area features a welcome message: "Welcome to the Vermont Drought Dashboard. Select a product from one of the sectors listed in the navigation menu." Below this, "Recent updates:" lists three items: "SPI, streamflow and groundwater data are now being routinely updated.", "Added Lake Champlain water levels to Water Resources.", and "Added Agriculture Drought Impact Survey to Agriculture." A navigation bar below the main content includes links for "Data & Products", "Documents", "Wyoming Climate", "Wyoming Weather", "Drought", "CoCoRaHS", "Sitemap", "Interactive Maps", and "Contact". The central part of the dashboard shows a map of Vermont with a color-coded overlay representing drought conditions. To the right of the map is a "Map Controls" panel with a "Layers" list. The "Layers" list includes "Drought" (expanded) with sub-items: "Drought Monitor", "History at a point", "Comp Drought Ind (S)", "Comp Drought Ind (M)", and "Comp Drought Ind (L)"; "CMOR Condition Monitoring Observer Reports"; "Standardized Precipitation Index"; "Standardized Precip Evapotranspiration Index" (expanded) with sub-items: "Soil Moisture %ile (VIC)", "1-Week Change", "ERC", "Burning Index (10°f)", "Hotspots Past 7 Days", and "Hotspots Past 24 Hours"; "Wyoming Water Development Office"; "Vegetation"; "Hydrological Data"; and "Weather and Climate Data".

**Vermont Drought Dashboard**

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Select a product from one of the sectors listed in the navigation menu.

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- Added Lake Champlain water levels to Water Resources.
- Added Agriculture Drought Impact Survey to Agriculture.

**Water Resources Data System & State Climate Office**

Provisional mock-up courtesy Wyoming State Climate Office

# 1985 Drought Response Act (South Carolina)

## South Carolina Legislature

March 10, 2026, 09:37:48 pm

### Session 106 - (1985-1986)

**H\*2243 (Rat #0096, Act #0063 of 1985) General Bill, By P. Freeman, R.L. Altman, J.F. Anderson, L.E. Bennett, L. Blanding, Boan, J.D. Bradley, C.D. Chamblee, M.J. Cooper, W.N. Cork, C.M. Dangerfield, F.L. Day, J. Faber, L.E. Gentry, J.V. Gregory, M.S. Gulledege, P.B. Harris, Harvin, R.L. Helmlly, B.L. Hendricks, T.E. Huff, T.L. Hughston, H.H. Keyserling, Kirsh, R.A. Kohn, J.G. McAbee, F.E. McBride, McKay, H.L. Mitchell, H.E. Pearce, L. Phillips, A.V. Rawl, J.I. Rogers, T.F. Rogers, R. Schwartz, S.V. Shelton, J.J. Snow, J.H. Toal, Townsend, J.W. Tucker, J.M. White and D.E. Winstead**

A Bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 23 to Title 49, so as to enact the South Carolina Drought Response Act of 1985.

01/24/85	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-405
01/24/85	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources HJ-405
03/07/85	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture and Natural Resources HJ-1163
03/14/85	House	Amended HJ-1316
03/14/85	House	Read second time HJ-1325
03/15/85	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-1370
03/19/85	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-907
03/19/85	Senate	Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-907
04/09/85	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-1395
04/10/85	Senate	Read second time SJ-1451
04/10/85	Senate	Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-1451
04/17/85	Senate	Read third time and enrolled SJ-1546
04/24/85		Ratified R 96
04/29/85		Signed By Governor
04/29/85		Effective date 04/29/85

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=2243&session=106&summary=T&PRINT=1>

# Preparing for the next droughts



All state, multi-sector Drought Plan – continuous monitoring, thresholds, triggers, activations, drought termination



Bifurcation of the roles and responsibilities of Drought 'Council' and Drought Task Force



Fostering a culture of monitoring and reporting



Leveraging geospatial resources from the local/state level, regional, national



Communications to the public



Communications with partner institutions



Story Map QR Code.

Storymap about the Vermont droughts

2025 Climatology & Natural Hazards Geography class

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