Oklahoma Monthly Climate Summary

NOVEMBER 2019



November's weather was somewhat tame by Oklahoma's standards, with cold weather dominating the headlines. Several intrusions of arctic air blasted the country during November, and Oklahoma caught the edges of the frigid weather each time. Along with that cold came a mostly dry month across a droughty western Oklahoma. Heavy rains fell across the eastern half. There was a bit of snow across far northern Oklahoma – totals of 2-4 inches were observed in the Panhandle. A couple of thunderstorms in the east managed to exceed severe limits during the month's final two days; wind and hail being the main threats.

An outbreak of wildfires occurred on Nov. 26 when a strong storm system moved through the state, kicking winds up to over 60mph. Interacting with low humidity and temperatures in the 70s and 80s, those winds allowed fires to spread rapidly, prompting evacuations and widescale emergency response efforts. In addition, more than 15,000 residences

November 2019 Statewide Extremes

Description	Extreme	Station	Day
High Temperature	81°F	Buffalo, Waurika	9, 19
Low Temperature	-4°F	Eva	12
High Precipitation	7.79 in.	Mt. Herman	
Low Precipitation	0.36 in.	Eva	

and businesses were without power due to the high winds.

According to preliminary data from the Oklahoma Mesonet, the statewide average temperature was 46.4 degrees, the 38th coolest November since records began in 1895. The highest recorded temperature of 81 degrees occurred twice – at Buffalo on the ninth and Waurika on the 19th. The Mesonet site at Eva fell to minus 4 degrees on the 12th for the lowest temperature of the month. The wind chill dropped below zero 39 times at the Mesonet's 120 sites, with Eva's minus 17 degrees on the 12th setting the low mark. The climatological fall (September-November) ended as the 53rd warmest on record, 0.4 degrees above normal. The first 11 months of the year were 0.3 degrees below normal, the 57th coolest January-November on record.

As has been the case in recent months, the heaviest precipitation fell across eastern portions of the state while

the western half was left mostly dry. Totals ranged from 4-6 inches across the east. The western half received 1-2 inches in general, but north central and northwestern sections saw less than an inch. The statewide average was 2.55 inches. 0.04 inches above normal to rank as the 45th wettest November on record. Mt. Herman led all Mesonet sites with 7.79 inches. Eva received 0.36 inches for the lowest total. The fall season matched November's pattern; it was generally dry across western Oklahoma and exceedingly wet across the east. The September-November statewide average was 10.04 inches, 0.46 inches above normal to rank the 41st wettest fall on record. The year continues on pace to be one of the top 10 wettest in state history. The January-November statewide average of 43.84 inches ranked as the seventh wettest on record with a surplus of 9.4 inches, and is already the eighth wettest calendar year on record. Northeastern Oklahoma shattered its annual record total with

November 2019 Statewide Statistics

Temperature

	Average	Depart.	Rank (1895-2019)
Month (November)	46.4°F	-2.9°F	38th Coolest
Season-to-Date (Sept-Nov)	61.3°F	0.4°F	53rd Warmest
Year-to-Date (Jan-Nov)	61.6°F	-0.3°F	57th Coolest

Precipitation

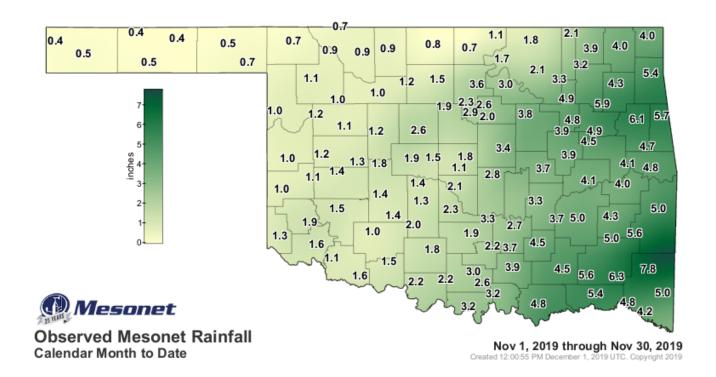
	Total	Depart.	Rank (1895-2019)
Month (November)	2.55 in.	0.04 in.	45th Wettest
Season-to-Date (Sept-Nov)	10.04	0.46 in.	41st Wettest
Year-to-Date (Jan-Nov)	43.84 in.	9.40 in.	7th Wettest

Depart. = departure from 30-year normal

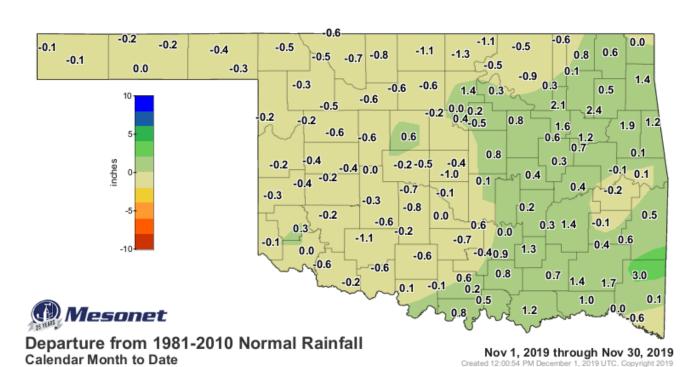
a month to spare. That area's average January-November total was 61.65 inches, 21.33 inches above normal. The previous record annual total was 57.82 inches from 1973.

Given the ongoing dry weather across western Oklahoma, drought managed to increase and intensify during November. Drought coverage increased from 8% at the end of October to 13% at the end of November according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. The area in severe drought increased from 1% to 4%, predominantly in the western Panhandle. The main feature of the December temperature and precipitation outlooks from the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) was greatly increased odds of above normal temperatures across the Southern Plains - including Oklahoma. The precipitation outlook called for equal chances of above-, below- and near-normal moisture in the state. CPC's December drought outlook indicated persistence of drought in those areas where it was noted in November's final Drought Monitor map.

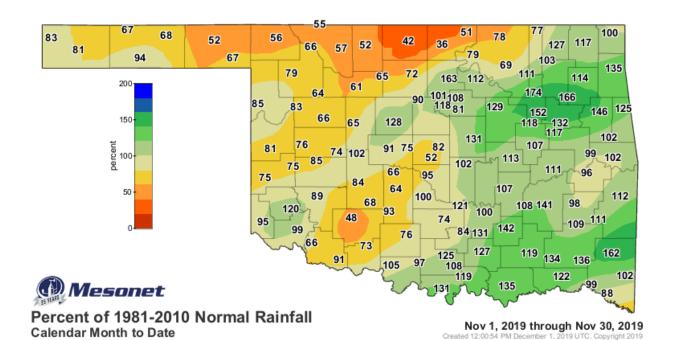
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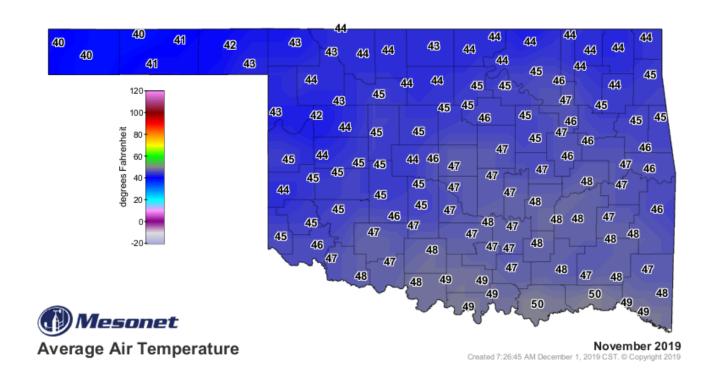
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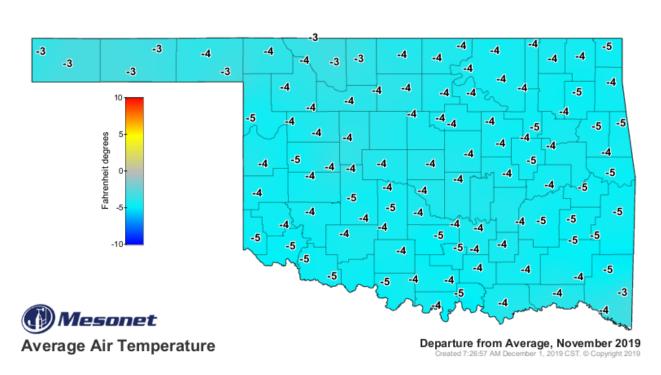
NOVEMBER 2019 PERCENT OF NORMAL PRECIPITATION



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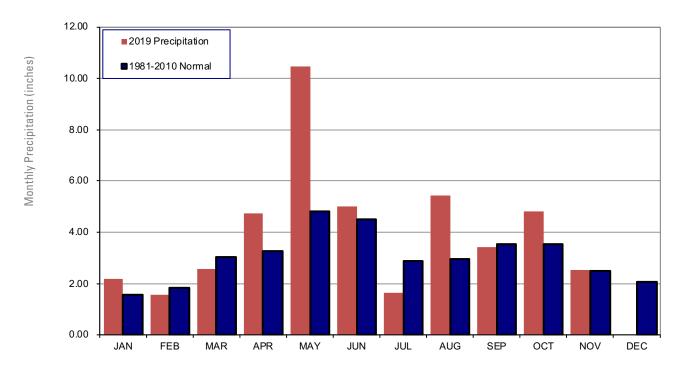
NOVEMBER 2019 DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL TEMPERATURE



MESONET MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 2019

NAME	MEAN TEMP		DAY	LOW TEMP	DAY	HDD	CDD		HIGH 24-HR	DAY	NAME	MEAN TEMP		DAY	LOW TEMP	DAY	HDD	CDD		HIGH 24-HR	DAY
PANHANDLE Arnett Beaver Boise City Buffalo Eva	44.3 42.9 40.9 43.9 41.1	80 80 77 81 80	9 9 9 9	5 -1 3 3 -4	12 12 12 12 12	621 664 723 633 718	0 0 0 0	.98 .47 .48 .67	.34 .26 .19 .28	28 28 29 28 29	Goodwell Hooker Kenton Slapout	42.7 41.8 40.7 44.2	79 80 77 80	9 9 9	2 -1 5 4	12 12 11 12	669 697 728 623	0 0 0	.45 .40 .44 .68	.23 .25 .18 .32	28 28 28 28
NORTH CENTRAL Alva Blackwell Breckinridge Cherokee Fairview Freedom Lahoma	45.1 44.7 45.4 45.2 46.4 45.1	79 75 76 78 77 80 76	9 18 18 18 18 18	8 11 11 10 11 6 12		599 610 588 595 557 597 596	0 0 0 0 0	.89 .72 1.50 .88 .98 .93	.30 .20 .74 .26 .32 .30	20 6 6 20 7 28 6	May Ranch Medford Newkirk Red Rock Seiling Woodward	45.2 44.3 45.0 45.8 44.7 45.6	77 77 73 76 78 80	9 18 18 10 9	6 9 10 12 8 6	12 12 12 12 12 12	595 620 601 577 608 583	0 0 0 0 0	.71 .81 1.09 3.59 .96 1.08	.30 .23 .53 2.21 .39	28 20 6 6 7 28
NORTHEAST Bixby Burbank Copan Foraker Inola Jay Miami Nowata	46.7 45.1 45.0 44.6 45.7 45.7 44.7	75 75 73 74 72 74 72 72	10 10 10 10 10 10 10	16 11 12 9 14 13 13	12 12 12	549 597 600 613 578 579 609 619	0 0 0 0 0 0	4.79 1.69 2.08 1.80 5.90 5.36 4.02 3.90	1.78 .60 .72 .68 2.57 1.83 1.40 2.03	6 20 6 6 6 6 6	Pawnee Porter Pryor Skiatook Talala Tulsa Vinita Wynona	46.0 47.5 45.5 46.5 45.3 47.5 44.6 45.7	75 73 73 74 73 73 72 76	10 10 10 10 10 10 10	12 15 13 12 12 15 11	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	569 525 586 555 590 526 613 578	0 0 0 0 0 0	2.96 4.87 4.32 3.30 3.23 4.93 4.02 2.06	1.91 1.23 .95 1.65 1.39 2.56 2.03	6 6 6 6 6 6 6
WEST CENTRAL Bessie Butler Camargo Cheyenne Elk City	46.4 45.3 43.6 45.9 45.8	78 79 79 78 77	19 18 9 18 18	10 8 6 8 10	12 12 12 12 12	559 592 642 573 577	0 0 0 0	1.39 1.19 1.17 1.00 1.14	.38 .32 .31 .35	7 7 20 7 20	Erick Putnam Watonga Weatherford	45.5 45.4 46.3 45.9	80 77 75 76	18 18 19 19	8 10 11 12	12 12 12 12	586 588 560 572	0 0 0	1.02 1.06 1.16 1.25	.33 .50 .38 .29	20 20 20 20
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EAST CENTRAL Cookson Eufaula Haskell Hectorville Holdenville McAlester Okmulgee	46.1 48.7 46.6 48.0 48.6 48.4 46.8	72 74 72 74 75 76 74	19 10 10 10 19 19	14 17 16 15 15 17	12 12 12 12 12 12	567 489 551 509 492 499 546	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	4.68 4.13 4.45 3.92 3.30 4.98 3.92	2.12 1.20 1.10 1.01 .76 1.56	7 7 7 6 6 6	Sallisaw Stigler Stuart Tahlequah Webbers Falls Westville	46.9 47.4 48.7 45.7 47.5 45.4	73 73 77 71 74 70	10 10 19 10 10	17 16 15 14 18	13 13 12 12 12 12	544 528 488 580 525 588	0 0 0 0 0	4.83 4.01 3.67 6.12 4.08 5.72	1.96 1.15 1.40 1.34 1.85	7 7 6 30 7 6
SOUTHWEST Altus Apache Fort Cobb Grandfield Hinton Hobart	47.5 47.0 46.3 49.0 45.9 46.5	78 77 77 80 77 77	19 19 19 19 19		12 12 12 12 12 12	526 539 562 479 574 554	0 0 0 0 0	1.58 1.36 1.44 1.57 1.79	.58 .43 .40 .46 .73	20 22 28 28 20 20	Hollis Mangum Medicine Park Tipton Walters	46.9 46.2 48.3 47.8 48.9	80 78 74 78 78	10 19 19 19	8 6 14 14 16	12 12 12 12 12	542 565 502 515 485	0 0 0 0	1.27 1.90 .97 1.08 1.53	.28 .73 .29 .39	21 20 28 28 28
SOUTH CENTRAL Ada Ardmore Burneyville Byars Centrahoma Durant Fittstown Ketchum Ranch	48.2 49.6 49.5 49.2 48.6 50.3 48.0 48.8	76 77 80 77 78 77 76 78	19 26 26 19 19 19	17 17 14 17 19	12 12	504 461 466 475 493 444 510 486	0 0 1 0 0 3 0	2.71 2.64 3.20 3.31 4.51 4.78 3.72 1.77	.56 .80 1.00 1.38 2.12 1.18 1.37 .40	6 6 6 6 30 6 28	Lane Madill Newport Pauls Valley Ringling Sulphur Tishomingo Waurika	48.7 49.2 49.0 48.3 49.3 47.7 48.3 49.6	77 77 80 78 79 78 77 81	19 26 19	18 17 17 16 17 15 16	12	489 474 480 **** 471 518 502 465	1 0 0	4.46 3.20 2.97 1.92 2.22 2.24 3.87 2.17	1.18 .85 1.29 .46 .57 .76 1.89	6 6 28 6 7 6
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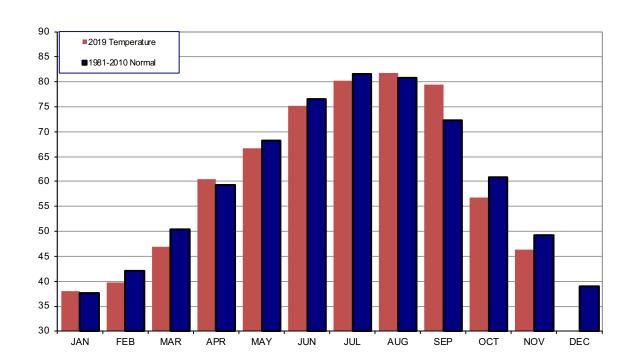
2019 STATEWIDE PRECIPITATION MONTHLY TOTALS VS. NORMAL



November 2019 Mesonet Precipitation Comparison

Climate Division	Precipitation (inches)	Departure from Normal (inches)	Rank since 1895	Wettest on Record (Year)	Driest on Record (Year)	Nov-18 (inches)
Panhandle	0.55	-0.28	62nd Driest	4.08 (1909)	0.00 (1921)	0.31
North Central	1.18	-0.55	63rd Driest	6.61 (1964)	0.00 (1910)	0.37
Northeast	3.70	0.55	31st Wettest	7.04 (1992)	0.05 (1910)	1.45
West Central	1.15	-0.34	58th Wettest	6.96 (1909)	0.00 (1949)	0.23
Central	2.29	-0.12	47th Wettest	6.56 (1992)	0.01 (1955)	0.55
East Central	4.45	0.57	28th Wettest	9.86 (1946)	0.32 (1910)	1.71
Southwest	1.45	-0.26	52nd Wettest	6.63 (2004)	0.00 (1949)	0.59
South Central	3.11	0.22	42nd Wettest	8.87 (1902)	0.07 (1949)	1.57
Southeast	5.37	0.72	27th Wettest	12.58 (2015)	0.37 (2017)	3.38
Statewide	2.55	0.04	45th Wettest	6.04 (2015)	0.13 (1949)	1.09

2019 STATEWIDE TEMPERATURE MONTHLY TOTALS VS. NORMAL



November 2019 Mesonet Temperature Comparison

Climate Division	Average Temp (F)	Departure from Normal (F)	Rank since 1895	Hottest on Record (Year)	Coldest on Record (Year)	Nov-18 (F)
Panhandle	42.5	-2.5	35th Coolest	51.5 (1999)	35.5 (1929)	41.1
North Central	45.2	-1.9	46th Coolest	54.5 (1999)	39.0 (1929)	42.1
Northeast	45.7	-3.2	35th Coolest	56.4 (1999)	41.1 (1929)	42.8
West Central	45.6	-2.4	41st Coolest	54.8 (1999)	39.4 (1929)	43.8
Central	46.8	-3.0	36th Coolest	57.1 (1999)	42.0 (1929)	45.4
East Central	47.3	-3.5	27th Coolest	58.9 (1909)	43.3 (1929)	45.8
Southwest	47.3	-3.2	27th Coolest	56.7 (1999)	42.4 (1929)	46.9
South Central	48.8	-3.5	26th Coolest	58.6 (1999)	43.5 (1929)	47.4
Southeast	48.7	-2.9	34th Coolest	58.3 (1909)	43.7 (1929)	46.8
Statewide	46.4	-2.9	38th Coolest	56.1 (1999)	41.1 (1929)	44.6

MESONET EXTREMES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Climate Division	High Temp (F)	Day	Station	Low Temp (F)	Day	Station	High Monthly Rainfall (inches)	Station	High Daily Rainfall (inches)	Day	Station
Panhandle	81	9th	Buffalo	-4	12th	Eva	0.98	Arnett	0.34	28th	Arnett
North Central	80	9th	Woodward	6	12th	Freedom	3.59	Red Rock	2.21	6th	Red Rock
Northeast	76	10th	Wynona	9	12th	Foraker	5.90	Inola	2.57	6th	Inola
West Central	80	18th	Erick	6	12th	Camargo	1.39	Bessie	0.50	20th	Putnam
Central	78	19th	Washington	11	12th	El Reno	3.75	Oilton	2.25	6th	Oilton
East Central	77	19th	Stuart	13	12th	Westville	6.12	Tahlequah	2.12	7th	Cookson
Southwest	80	10th	Hollis	6	12th	Mangum	1.90	Mangum	0.73	20th	Mangum
South Central	81	19th	Waurika	14	12th	Byars	4.78	Durant	2.12	6th	Centrahoma
Southeast	78	19th	Antlers	15	13th	Wister	7.79	Mt Herman	2.15	7th	Mt Herman
Statewide	81	9th	Buffalo	-4	12th	Eva	7.79	Mt Herman	2.57	6th	Inola

Oklahoma Climate Divisions



U.S. Drought Monitor Oklahoma

November 26, 2019

(Released Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019) Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4			
Current	76.05	23.95	12.58	3.67	0.00	0.00			
Last Week 11-19-2019	76.40	23.60	10.50	2.00	0.00	0.00			
3 Month's Ago 08-27-2019	61.77	38.23	18.47	7.94	2.62	0.00			
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019	94.85	5.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	71.94	28.06	11.08	1.01	0.00	0.00			
One Year Ago 11-27-2018	81.67	18.33	3.27	0.00	0.00	0.00			

Intensity:

None D2 Severe Drought D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Extreme Drought D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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INTERPRETATION INFORMATION

MEAN DAILY TEMPERATURE: Calculated from an average of the daily maximum and minimum temperatures. Daily averages are summed for each day, and then divided by the number of valid data points – typically the number of days in the month. Although this November differ from the "true" daily average, it is consistent with historical methods of observation and comparable to the normals and extremes for stations and regions of the state.

DEGREE DAYS: Degree Days are calculated each day of the month for which there is a temperature report and the mean temperature for the day is less than (Heating Degree Days) or greater than (Cooling Degree Days) 65 degrees. Daily values are summed to arrive at a monthly total. HDD/CDD are qualitative measures of how much heating/cooling was required to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature. Missing observations November result in an artificially high or low value.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

SUNRISE / SUNSET TABLES

U.S. Naval Observatory: http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data

SEVERE STORM REPORTS

Storm Prediction Center: http://spc.noaa.gov/climo/

National Centers for Environmental Information:

https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/stormevents/

SEASONAL OUTLOOKS

Climate Prediction Center:

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/OUTLOOKS_index.shtml

CLIMATE CALENDARS AND OTHER LOCAL WEATHER AND CLIMATE INFORMATION

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