

WESTERN KANSAS WEATHER MODIFICATION PROGRAM

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General Interest: Further improvement in the drought conditions across western and southern Kansas are forecast for the month of August. According to the U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook, a continued normal to perhaps slightly moist trend is expected to continue through the month with a few locations, particularly over the eastern portions of northwestern, west-central and southwest Kansas pulling out of the drought entirely. The counties of Ness, Hodgeman, Ford, Clark, Comanche, Trego, Gove, Ellis and perhaps Lane counties are likely to receive enough precipitation during the month to warrant the removal of drought by the end of the month. Other locations across western Kansas are expected to continue chipping away at drought intensity but not expected to pull completely out of the drought over the next 30-days.

Weather: The week started out scorching hot with a few thunderstorms forming around peak heating Saturday across portions of southwest and west-central Kansas. A cold front swept through the area Saturday late evening and night providing for a much needed cool-down. Tranquil and cool conditions prevailed through Tuesday evening. Widespread beneficial rains occurred across a large portion of western and southern Kansas Tuesday through Wednesday along with cool temperatures. The week finished out with mostly sunny skies and below normal temperatures.

Operations: There were no operational days this week. However, there were two observation flights on July 26th.

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