

# Weather Forecast

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Drought... the theme for the last 3 years. So, the million-dollar question... "What will happen in 2025?" To be honest no one knows with certainty what the weather will do besides mother nature herself.

Last week I listened to Matthew Sittel the Assistant State Climatologist at Kansas state University talk about our current weather conditions and the projected weather pattern. According to Matt now through April 20<sup>th</sup> we should expect 50% near normal precipitation for this time of year. After that there is a 40% higher probability of precipitation from April 20<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Along with the rain chances we can expect the temperatures to run on the warm side for this time of year in the next 30 days. As you look farther into June there's a 30% chance of below precipitation and 30% chance of above average temperatures.

So, what does this mean exactly... well it means there is a slightly elevated chance of precipitation in the next few weeks. Will it rain? There is a good chance it will but it is not guaranteed. The long range forecast into June says chances are we could have a below average rain fall and above average temperatures.

Unfortunately, the forecast does not look promising at this time for producers. The only advice I have right now when planning for the growing season is hope for the best and plan for the worst. I have never wanted to be wrong this much in my life. I hope the weather turns in our favor and we can recover from the last 3 years but only time will tell.

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