

OKLAHOMA WEATHER HISTORY
2001, Driest In Years
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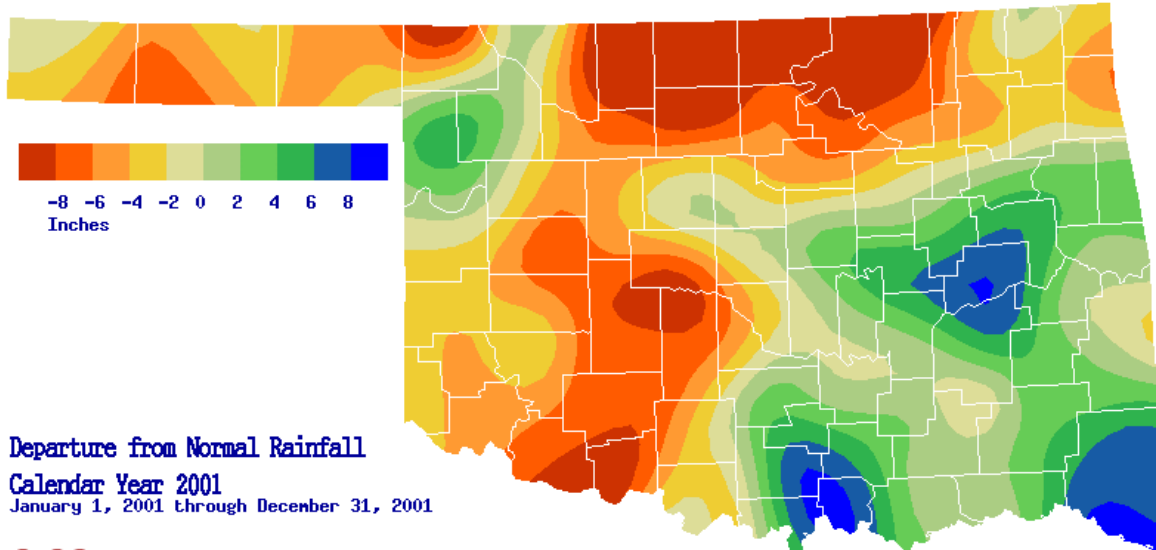
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2001 Was First "Dry" Year in, Well, Years

Data from the Oklahoma Mesonet indicates that the statewide-averaged precipitation during the 2001 calendar year was below normal. This breaks an unprecedented string of twelve straight years with above-normal rainfall. Even the extremely dry summers of 1998 and 2000 couldn't offset their rainy winters, springs, and/or autumns.

In 2001, western and northern Oklahoma was quite dry, while eastern and southeastern Oklahoma observed normal to slightly-above-normal conditions. The net result was a statewide-averaged rainfall between two and three inches below normal. This amount falls at about the 65th percentile for annual precipitation. In English, that means 2001 was drier than almost two-thirds of the years since records began in 1895.



Departure from Normal Rainfall
Calendar Year 2001
January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001

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