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During much of the past twelve months, large portions of western Oklahoma have been mired in drought conditions. After a very wet May of 2001, rainfall deficits accumulated rapidly across northern, western, and southwestern Oklahoma.

The contrast from northwest to southeast is remarkable. The panhandle's June-through-May rainfall ranks as the 2nd-driest on record, while southeastern Oklahoma received one of its 25 wettest such periods on record. It's common for the southeast to receive more rainfall than the panhandle over a twelve-month period. In fact, it's happened every year for the 107 years on record. However, this period's ratio of 5.3 (the southeast received 5.3 times the rainfall of the panhandle) is the largest ever for the June-through-May period.

Complete details are given in the table below.

PRECIPITATION DATA: JUNE 2001 - MAY 2002 (inches)

Climate Division	June through May 2001-02	May Norm	Precipitation Depart	Pct	Rank* of 107	Driest Since	Driest on Record
Panhandle	10.27	21.10	-10.83	49%	2nd	1956	10.22 (1955-56)
N. Central	18.58	31.65	-13.07	59%	5th	1956	15.47 (1952-53)
Northeast	31.90	41.97	-10.07	76%	18th	1996	22.81 (1910-11)
W. Central	16.07	29.09	-13.02	55%	6th	1981	12.61 (1952-53)
Central	30.16	37.99	-7.83	79%	31st	1996	17.65 (1910-11)
E. Central	42.54	46.09	-3.55	93%	49th	2000	29.13 (1910-11)
Southwest	20.10	30.80	-10.70	65%	11th	1981	14.45 (1910-11)
S. Central	37.27	40.96	-3.69	91%	56th	2000	20.83 (1910-11)
Southeast	54.83	50.94	+2.38	108%	85th	2000	33.01 (1924-25)

* - 1st = Driest
107th = Wettest

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