

## Kansas Ag-Climate Update

The good ‘ol Kansas weather seems to continue the roller coaster ride with temperatures and moisture! Fortunately, many of us recently received some much-needed rain. Some parts of the county could have certainly utilized more of what the northern end received. Feast or famine seems to be the going theme with rainfall. Significant rain created wide spread flooding in the northern part of our county the beginning of this month, and as I type this article, we are sitting under a flood watch with 2-4” forecast after watching a lot of crops being planted this weekend wondering what will happen next!

The Climate Prediction Center is a great source of information about what may lie ahead. The information below was pulled from <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

<b><u>Time Frame</u></b>	<b><u>Temperature Outlook</u></b>	<b><u>Precipitation Outlook</u></b>
6-10 days (Valid May 28 – June 1)	60-70% likely to be above normal	33-40% leaning to be above normal
8-14 days (Valid May 30-June 5)	40-50% leaning to be above normal	33-40% leaning to be above normal
Weeks 3-4 Precipitation Outlook (Valid June 4-17)	55-60% chance of above normal	50-55% chance below normal
June, July & August	40-50% leaning to be above normal	33-40% chance leaning to be below normal

Currently, on the long term, it appears the weather will be hot and dry. If one thing is for certain, weather can and will change. Additional weather information can be found at the following links:

- Kansas Office of the State Climatologist - <http://climate.k-state.edu/ag/updates/> - Here you will find monthly recaps of the weather.
- National Weather Service, Wichita Office – [www.weather.gov/ict](http://www.weather.gov/ict) - This site will provide you with daily and weekly weather information, watches, warnings, radar, and other current information as it pertains to the local weather.

With the days rolling on, crop planting coming closer to an end, wheat harvest and hay season just around the corner, I encourage you to check local forecasts and utilize tools and resources available to you and your operation.