

## Summer predicted to be warm and dry

The summer season climate outlook continues to favor warmer and drier conditions for most of South Dakota, according to the NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

On May 19, the NOAA's Climate Prediction Center released their temperature and precipitation outlooks for June and the summer season ahead. For the month of June,

corner of South Dakota. All other areas have equal chances of wetter, drier or near-average moisture in the month of June. The area that is favored to be drier than average includes a region that is already in moderate drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor that was also released on May 19. The combination of warm and dry conditions in

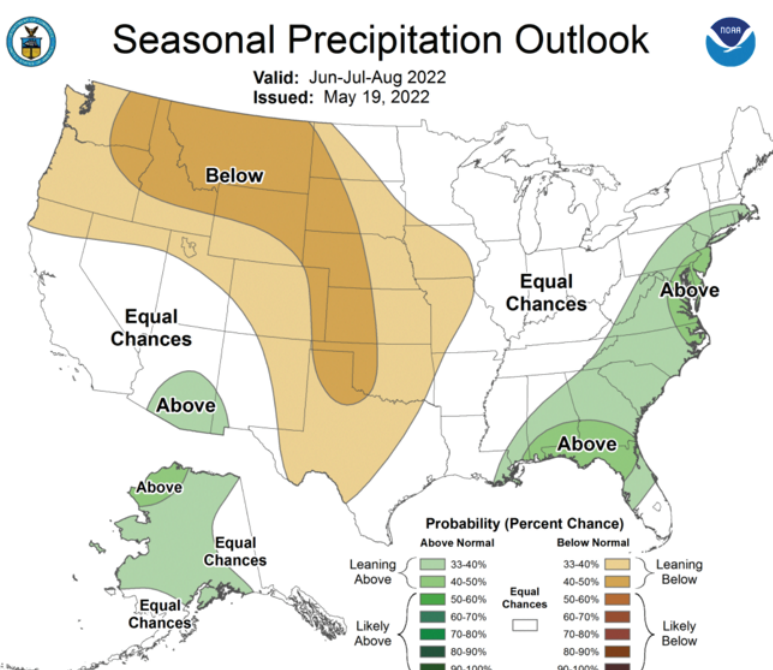
native feeds or grazing, considering water sources and being sure to test water before turning cattle out to pastures, starting or increasing monitoring of your grazing lands to ensure adequate forage for animals, and looking at financial impacts of some alternatives, or finding some cost-share program to provide good water or other infrastructure (like fencing).

For gardeners and homeowners, plan your garden plantings so that you can water your ornamentals, fruit and vegetable plants in the summer. This may mean installing drip irrigation or laying out your garden so that you can set up a sprinkler or other watering system later in the season if heat and drought become a problem. A little planning now can pay off in reducing your stress and workload in the mid-summer season.

For the summer months of June through August, the likelihood of warmer-than-average temperature increases and covers the entire state of South Dakota. This is consistent with what climate models and forecasters have been predicting for months—that most of the lower-48 states are more likely to have warmer-than-average summer temperatures, as compared to cooler or near-average temperatures. Warmth in the summer could allow late-planted crops to catch up for lost time by accumulating some growing degree days faster than usual in the next few months.

Summer season precipitation continues to lean towards drier-than-average conditions for all of South Dakota, except for the far

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Precipitation outlook for June through August 2022. Tan shaded areas indicate increased chances for drier than average. Courtesy: NOAA Climate Prediction Center

the southern half of the state has slightly enhanced chances of warmer-than-average temperatures. This outlook would provide an ending to a cool spring season, even though the month of May has been slightly warmer than average.

The precipitation outlook for June leans towards drier-than-average conditions in the southwest

June, in what is typically one of the wettest months of the year, could likely lead to continuation or worsening drought in this region.

For those who are in drought or in near-normal or borderline drought conditions, now is the time to make a plan in the event that conditions dry out. For ranchers, this may include planning for alter-



Clark Memorial Day speaker Phillip Braeger of Vietnam Veterans of America is surrounded by Clark Cagley-Smith American Legion Post #60 chaplain Stan Jongbloed, left, and commander Rob McGraw, right, during the singing of America the Beautiful.

## Veteran Phillip Braeger speaks of the personal side of Memorial Day

The Clark American Legion Memorial Day speaker was Phillip Braeger, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1054, Watertown.

Braeger detailed what Memorial Day is all about and why the personal, human element is so much more important than simple statistics.

Memorial Day began as Decoration Day, a day to decorate the graves of those fallen in combat.

"Now we celebrate to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice, and he listed statistics of combat deaths of Americans: 291,557 in World War II; 214,938 in the Civil War; 54,502 in WWI (but if one adds flu deaths, it would be over

100,000); Vietnam 47,438; Korea 33,338 and then he listed five more wars with fewer deaths, bringing about his point:

"Statistics are boring, impersonal, just numbers. No face. No name. No meaning. If you want to honor those who have fallen, honor those as individuals - and that is what Memorial Day is all about. The speaker then asked those in the audience if they had ever just sat in a cemetery and wondered about the people: What they did? What games they played? What they thought?"

He emphasized again the importance of serving our country as a personal experience, something not to be overlooked, but celebrated!

"Memorial Day is something bigger than ourselves. Every veteran gave up themselves for their country!"

"Old soldiers never die, they just fade away."

Braeger then told of how the importance of women in the military has gained popularity. He also told of the importance of educating our youth about war history and military importance. "Make it real. Make it from the heart. Tell of the agony of losing people. Freedom is not free."

"Young people, the faith of the nation is in your hands. It is important to pass the torch with hope and faith."



## Straight-line wind does damage in Clark County last weekend

Straight-line winds caused damage, Saturday night into Sunday morning. A pair of inch and half rains have turned the county from the dry side to being under flood watch this week.

The pictures on both sides are from the Clark Municipal Golf Club and the middle picture is the cold storage building at Westside Implement, just west of Clark.

This Westside building suffered roof damage last August, but Saturday night the damage was worse. Debris from this storage building ended up on the north side of the U.S. Highway 212 where Ken Bell's artwork

is, and it also suffered minor damage.

At the golf course, the sign was literally blown off its posts. Also, this tree dividing the fairways was split. Sheriff Rob McGraw added a pole barn at the Darin Michalski farm was damaged, and said that County Road 4, also known as 428th Avenue between 166th and 168th Street, between Clark and Garden City, was under water.

It is to be drier and less volatile weather-wise, as well as cooler, in the week ahead.



## Four contests on Republican primary ballot, one non-political question

Republican voters will find four contests on the primary election ballot on Tuesday, June 7. Those are for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor and District 4 representative.

There is also the question on the non-political ballot and the Republican ballots. That is in regard to Amendment C and all voters, that is any political persuasion, can cast a yes or no ballot.

Polling places and instructions to voters can be found on page 10.

**National office contests**  
There are contests on the Republican ballot for the national offices of U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative.

Incumbent senator John Thune of Sioux Falls is challenged for the nomination by Bruce Whalen of Sioux Falls and Mark Mowry of Pine Ridge. Term of office is six years. The primary winner will ap-

pear on the general election ballot.

Dusty Johnson, incumbent U.S. Representative of Mitchell, is challenged by Taffy Howard of Rapid City. Term of office is two years.

**State contests**  
Contests on the Republican ballot for governor and state representative from District 4 are on the primary ballot.

Incumbent Kristi Noem of Castlewood is challenged by Steven Haugeard of Sioux Falls. The office has a four year term.

In District 4, two people will be elected to appear on the general election ballot. There will be two elected for two year terms then. Incumbent Fred Deutsch of Florence appears along with Val Rausch of Big Stone City, Adam Grimm of Wallace and Stephanie Sauder of Bryant.

Incumbent John Mills has been moved to District 8 due to redistricting required by the 2020 census and appears on the ballot there.

Redistricting has also changed the boundaries of District 4 which no longer includes Brookings County and adds Hamlin County, some of Roberts County and some of Clark County.

### WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
May 24	67	41	0.20
May 25	66	43	0
May 26	57	40	0
May 27	73	44	0
May 28	82	55	0
May 29	82	61	0.30
May 30	78	53	1.45
2022 precipitation to date	8.99		
2021 precipitation to date	7.10		

## State Track and Field Meet was Saturday

The South Dakota State Track and Field Meet was held in three classes, Class AA, A and B last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at Howard Wood Field, in Sioux Falls.

Above, Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones senior Tyler O'Neill, far right, places seventh in an ultra competitive 800 meter run. O'Neill was timed in 2:00.42.

The Sioux Falls Christian runner, second from left, defeated the Milbank runner, clocked in at 1:56. This event should be changed to the 800 meter dash.

For more on the Cyclones, turn to page 6. The athletes had warm, humid weather in which to compete, bringing about outstanding results.

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