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Good afternoon,

Thankfully most of state is starting to receive some beneficial rain. However, a significant portion of the state is in some level of drought. The last week's drought monitor [map](#) shows drought impacting over 97.78% of state with 31.46% being in D2 – Severe Drought or higher. This week's map is being assessed today and will be released on Thursday.

Below is a press release from Governor Kehoe's office announcing an executive order declaring a drought alert. In the executive order and press release, citizens are encouraged to report their local impacts utilizing [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#). Due to the drought occurring at this time of the year with limit forage growth and crops maturing, it is harder for the drought map authors to assess the drought. The authors rely on local conditions reporting in CMOR, stream gage flows, soil moisture monitoring stations and rainfall amounts to make the weekly drought assessment. Please encourage local landowners to report their conditions through CMOR.

At this time, there are not any commission approved variances to practice policies.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact your district coordinator.

Thank you,

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Governor Mike Kehoe



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 23, 2025

Governor Kehoe Signs Executive Order 25-29 Declaring Drought Alert in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Governor Mike Kehoe has signed Executive Order 25-29, declaring a drought alert in Missouri until December 1, 2025.

Currently, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that all or portions of 85 Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis are experiencing moderate, severe, or extreme drought conditions. The executive order declares a Drought Alert in these Missouri counties and any additional county that begins experiencing moderate

drought conditions.

"This executive order allows our state agencies to step in and direct resources to those struggling with the consequences of drought, while allowing for vigilant monitoring of conditions over the next few months," **Governor Kehoe** said. "While much of our state is anticipating rainfall this week, we expect drought conditions to continue impacting agriculture and waterway navigation. We urge Missourians to report their local conditions in order to help local, state, and federal partners to best understand impacts."

During drought, local condition reports are crucial to understanding impacts to provide timely and appropriate assistance. Citizens can submit information about local drought conditions at [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#).

The Missouri Drought Mitigation and Response Plan calls for intergovernmental communication, cooperation, and coordination of efforts in drought mitigation activities.

A variety of helpful resources are online at www.dnr.mo.gov/drought. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is adding information on drought mitigation and assistance opportunities as it becomes available. The one-stop drought website features a link to [CMOR](#), current drought-related news, the current United States and Missouri drought maps, the Missouri Drought Mitigation and Response Plan, and other resources, including information on previous droughts.

Executive Order 25-29 will expire on December 1, 2025, unless otherwise terminated or extended.

To view Executive Order 25-29, [click here](#).

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