WATER SUPPLY HIGHLIGHTS — AUGUST 2026

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Heart River

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Dickinson	230%	0%	99%
Heart Butte	124%	0%	76%

August precipitation was above average across the Heart River basin, 230 percent of average at Dickinson Reservoir and 124 percent at Heart Butte Reservoir. There was no inflow at either reservoir. End-of-month storage was near average at Dickinson (99 percent) and below average at Heart Butte (76 percent).

Cheyenne, Grand & James Rivers

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Angostura	66%	0%	59%
Belle Fourche	120%	55%	106%
Deerfield	133%	71%	105%
Keyhole	34%	0%	107%
Pactola	128%	43%	86%
Shadehill	171%	0%	91%
Jamestown	82%	0%	91%

Precipitation in the Cheyenne, Grand, and James River basins was above average at Shadehill Reservoir (171 percent of average), Deerfield Reservoir (133 percent), Pactola Reservoir (128 percent), and Belle Fourche Reservoir (120 percent), and below average at Jamestown Reservoir (82 percent), Angostura Reservoir (66 percent), and Keyhole Reservoir (34 percent). Inflows were below average, from zero at Angostura, Keyhole, Shadehill, and Jamestown to 71 percent at Deerfield. End-of-month storage was near average at most reservoirs, from 86 percent at Pactola to 107 percent at Keyhole; Angostura was below average at 59 percent.

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Bighorn River

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Bull Lake	166%	97%	94%
Boysen	131%	66%	85%
Buffalo Bill	148%	69%	97%

Precipitation in the Bighorn River basin was above average, from 131 percent of average at Boysen Reservoir to 166 percent at Bull Lake Reservoir. Inflows were below average at Boysen (66 percent) and Buffalo Bill Reservoir (69 percent), and near average at Bull Lake (97 percent). End-of-month storage was near average, from 85 percent at Boysen to 97 percent at Buffalo Bill.

North Platte River

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Seminoe	92%	10%	44%
Pathfinder	86%	286%	34%
Glendo	199%	169%	86%
Guernsey	84%	—	56%

Precipitation in the North Platte River basin was variable: near average at Seminoe Reservoir (92 percent of average) and Pathfinder Reservoir (86 percent), above average at Glendo Reservoir (199 percent), and below average at Guernsey Reservoir (84 percent). Inflows were 10 percent of average at Seminoe, 286 percent at Pathfinder, and 169 percent at Glendo; Guernsey recorded 100 AF of inflow against an August average of zero. End-of-month storage was below average at Seminoe (44 percent), Pathfinder (34 percent), and Guernsey (56 percent), and near average at Glendo (86 percent). The end-of-month North Platte storage in the four reservoirs was 571,900 AF, 44 percent of average.

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Colorado-Big Thompson Project

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Green Mountain	58%	38%	18%
Willow Creek	61%	33%	—
Lake Granby	61%	38%	65%
Lake Estes	52%	29%	—
Carter Lake	—	—	109%
Horsetooth	—	—	117%

August precipitation over the Colorado-Big Thompson Project (CBT) was below average, from 52 percent of average at Lake Estes to 61 percent at Willow Creek Reservoir and Lake Granby. Inflows were below average at all four reservoirs, from 29 percent at Lake Estes to 38 percent at Green Mountain Reservoir and Lake Granby. End-of-month storage was variable: below average at Lake Granby (65 percent) and critically low at Green Mountain (18 percent), near average at Carter Lake (109 percent), and above average at Horsetooth Reservoir (117 percent). The end-of-month CBT storage in Green Mountain, Lake Granby, Carter Lake, and Horsetooth Reservoir was 511,800 AF, 68 percent of average.

Fryingpan-Arkansas Project

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Ruedi	105%	17%	49%
Turquoise	48%	222%	73%
Twin Lakes	44%	0%	78%
Pueblo	72%	21%	95%

Precipitation over the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project (Fry-Ark) was below average at Pueblo Reservoir (72 percent of average), Turquoise Reservoir (48 percent), and Twin Lakes Reservoir (44 percent), and near average at Ruedi Reservoir (105 percent). Native inflows were below average at Ruedi (17 percent) and Pueblo (21 percent), zero at Twin Lakes, and above average at Turquoise (222 percent). End-of-month storage was below average at Ruedi (49 percent), Turquoise (73 percent), and Twin Lakes (78 percent), and near average at Pueblo (95 percent). The total end-of-month storage in the four reservoirs was 378,600 AF, 78 percent of average.

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Upper Missouri River

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Clark Canyon	120%	65%	67%
Canyon Ferry	102%	80%	96%
Gibson	72%	90%	65%
Tiber	150%	90%	102%

August precipitation in the upper Missouri River basin was variable: above average at Tiber Reservoir (150 percent of average) and Clark Canyon Reservoir (120 percent), near average at Canyon Ferry Reservoir (102 percent), and below average at Gibson Reservoir (72 percent). Inflows were below average at Clark Canyon (65 percent) and Canyon Ferry (80 percent), and near average at Gibson and Tiber (90 percent each). End-of-month storage was near average at Canyon Ferry (96 percent) and Tiber (102 percent), and below average at Clark Canyon (67 percent) and Gibson (65 percent).

Milk River

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Sherburne	81%	79%	91%
Fresno	84%	118%	73%

Precipitation in the Milk River basin was below average at Sherburne Reservoir (81 percent of average) and Fresno Reservoir (84 percent). Inflow was below average at Sherburne (79 percent) and above average at Fresno (118 percent). End-of-month storage was near average at Sherburne (91 percent) and below average at Fresno (73 percent).

Bighorn River

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Yellowtail	81%	72%	96%

At Yellowtail Dam, August precipitation was 81 percent of average and inflow was 72 percent of average. End-of-month storage was near average at 96 percent.

NEBRASKA-KANSAS AREA OFFICE

Republican River

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Swanson	78%	28%	56%
Enders	58%	0%	34%
Hugh Butler	148%	13%	57%
Harry Strunk	157%	61%	57%
Keith Sebelius	91%	13%	76%
Harlan County	103%	7%	62%
Lovewell	81%	66%	51%

August precipitation in the Republican River basin was variable: above average at Harry Strunk Lake (157 percent of average) and Hugh Butler Lake (148 percent), near average at Harlan County Lake (103 percent) and Keith Sebelius Lake (91 percent), and below average at Lovewell Reservoir (81 percent), Swanson Lake (78 percent), and Enders Reservoir (58 percent). Inflows were below average at all seven reservoirs, from zero at Enders to 66 percent at Lovewell. End-of-month storage was below average at all seven reservoirs, from 34 percent at Enders to 76 percent at Keith Sebelius.

Solomon River

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Kirwin	97%	15%	31%
Webster	73%	2%	29%
Glen Elder	58%	8%	81%

Precipitation in the Solomon River basin was near average at Kirwin Reservoir (97 percent of average), and below average at Webster Reservoir (73 percent) and Glen Elder Reservoir (58 percent). Inflows were well below average, from two percent at Webster to 15 percent at Kirwin. End-of-month storage was below average at all three reservoirs, from 29 percent at Webster to 81 percent at Glen Elder.

Smoky Hill, Niobrara & Lower Platte

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Cedar Bluff	92%	7%	52%
Box Butte	157%	40%	29%
Merritt	89%	106%	82%
Calamus	152%	105%	78%
Davis Creek	383%	151%	97%

Across the Smoky Hill, Niobrara, and Lower Platte basins, August precipitation was above average at Davis Creek Reservoir (383 percent of average), Box Butte Reservoir (157 percent), and Calamus Reservoir (152 percent), and near average at Cedar Bluff Reservoir (92 percent) and Merritt Reservoir (89 percent). Inflows were variable: above average at Davis Creek (151 percent), near average at Merritt (106 percent) and Calamus (105 percent), and below average at Box Butte (40 percent) and Cedar Bluff (seven percent). End-of-month storage was below average at Merritt (82 percent), Calamus (78 percent), Cedar Bluff (52 percent), and Box Butte (29 percent), and near average at Davis Creek (97 percent).

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Arkansas River

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Cheney	20%	33%	118%
Norman	15%	0%	106%
Sanford	31%	15%	125%

Precipitation over the Arkansas River basin was well below average, from 15 percent of average at Norman Reservoir to 31 percent at Sanford Reservoir. Inflows were well below average, from zero at Norman to 33 percent at Cheney Reservoir. End-of-month storage was above average at Sanford (125 percent) and Cheney (118 percent), and near average at Norman (106 percent).

Red River

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Altus	19%	0%	56%
Arbuckle	6%	0%	119%
McGee Creek	1%	0%	96%
Mountain Park	0%	12%	93%

Precipitation over the Red River basin was well below average, from zero at Mountain Park Reservoir to 19 percent of average at Altus Reservoir. Inflows were well below average: zero at Altus, Arbuckle Reservoir, and McGee Creek Reservoir, and 12 percent at Mountain Park. End-of-month storage was variable: below average at Altus (56 percent), near average at McGee Creek (96 percent) and Mountain Park (93 percent), and above average at Arbuckle (119 percent).

Nueces, Colorado & Washita

Reservoir	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Choke Canyon	3%	0%	41%
Twin Buttes	35%	2%	30%
Nasworthy	30%	45%	106%
Foss	36%	0%	110%
Fort Cobb	4%	0%	90%

Across the Nueces, Colorado, and Washita basins, precipitation was well below average, from three percent of average at Choke Canyon Reservoir to 36 percent at Foss Reservoir. Inflows were below average at all five reservoirs: zero at Choke Canyon, Foss, and Fort Cobb Reservoir, two percent at Twin Buttes Reservoir, and 45 percent at Nasworthy Reservoir. End-of-month storage was below average at Twin Buttes (30 percent) and Choke Canyon (41 percent), and near average at Fort Cobb (90 percent), Nasworthy (106 percent), and Foss (110 percent).

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS — MISSOURI RIVER MAINSTEM

Runoff into the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System (System) totaled 1.0 million acre-feet (MAF) in August, 73 percent of average. The 2026 runoff forecast above Sioux City, Iowa is 15.4 MAF, 60 percent of average. System storage on September 1 was 47.2 MAF, down 1.3 MAF during August and 8.9 MAF below the base of the Annual Flood Control and Multiple Use zone; System storage is forecast to be 43.8 MAF at the start of the 2027 runoff season, 12.3 MAF below the base of the zone. The U.S. Drought Monitor indicated 83 percent of the basin was abnormally dry or in drought.

AUGUST RUNOFF

1.0

MAF

73% of average for the month.

ANNUAL FORECAST

15.4

MAF

60% of average above Sioux City, Iowa.

SYSTEM STORAGE

47.2

MAF

8.9 MAF below base of annual flood control zone.

DROUGHT COVERAGE

83%

of basin

Abnormally dry or in drought.

Project	Avg. Aug. Release (cfs)	Current Release (cfs)	Forecast Release (cfs)	End of Aug. Level (ft)	Forecast End of Sept. Level (ft)
Gavins Point	26,400	29,000	29,100	1,206.5	1,207.5
Fort Randall	24,700	—	—	1,355.6	1,353.3
Big Bend	25,500	—	24,300*	1,420.7	1,420.6
Oahe	25,900	—	24,500*	1,593.7	1,591.3
Garrison	17,300	17,000	13,000*	1,825.2	1,823.8
Fort Peck	6,900	7,000	7,000*	2,223.0	2,221.8

** Forecast average rate for the month.*

Hydropower

The six mainstem power plants generated 762 million kWh of electricity in August, 76 percent of the long-term August average of 1,000 million kWh. The annual forecast is 7.1 billion kWh, 76 percent of the long-term average of 9.3 billion kWh.