Recent flooding and drought in Missouri

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Major flooding in late December 2015



Precipitation Total: Dec 24 - 29, 2015

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I-44 Near Jerome MO

Source: NWS Springfield, MO





Thousands of homes and business were impacted by the flooding of these two rivers. Below are just a few pictures of the damage that occurred from Union to Arnold. Property damage estimates are expected to top 1 billion dollars.

Source: NWS St. Louis



Flood water on Interstate 70 prior to closure.

Meramec River Flooding in Valley Park, Missouri Photo Courtesy of St. Louis Post Dispatch

Bourbeuse River Flooding in Union, Missouri Photo Courtesy of St. Louis Post Dispatch





2012 "Flash Drought"





March 26 2013

Class A Pan Evaporation Apr-Sep HARC*, New Franklin MO 1956-2012



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Conservation orders issued

Public water systems issued 46 conservation orders throughout Missouri during the drought.

Mandatory orders
Voluntary orders



2012 Annual Departure from Normal Precipitation

As much as 20 inches below normal in Missouri



2012 July Monthly Percent of Normal Precipitation

As little as 5% of normal for July in Missouri



2012 Annual Observed Precipitation

As little as 20 inches annual total in Missouri

