Drought Information Statement for Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida

Valid November 13, 2025

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- This product will be updated November 20, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/jax/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.

- Severe to extreme drought expanding across Southeast Georgia & upper Suwannee River Basin.
- Recent rain not enough to overcome interior drought.
- Coastal areas fared much better, but are beginning to dry out.

U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for southeast GA and North FL

- Severe to extreme drought expanding across Southeast Georgia & portions of Northeast Florida along the Suwannee River.
- Drought monitor valid 7 am ET, Tuesday, 11/11/2025
- Drought Intensity & Extent
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Southeastern Georgia & upper Suwannee River in Northeast Florida.
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Across portions of Southeastern Georgia & interior Northeast Florida near the Suwannee & Santa Fe Rivers.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Across Southeast Georgia near Altamaha River & Florida in Alachua County eastward to the Florida Ridge.
  - **D0 (Abnormally Dry):** Marion County.

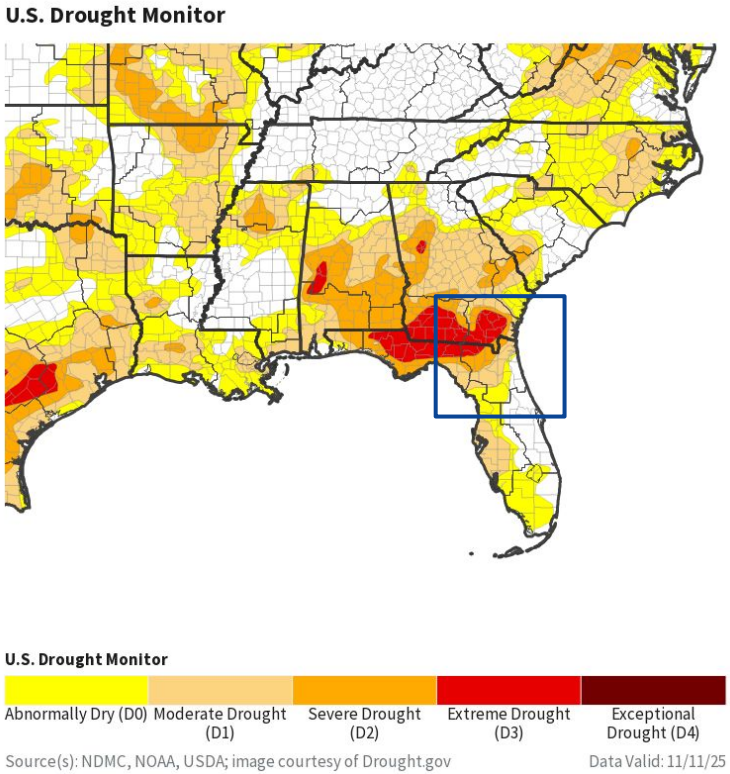


Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor valid Nov 11, 2025

Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 1-week change map for southeast GA and North FL

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
  - **Drought Worsened:** across portions of Northeast Florida along upper Suwannee River & eastward near & north of Interstate 10 corridor
  - **Drought Improved:** None.
  - **No Change:** Across most areas.

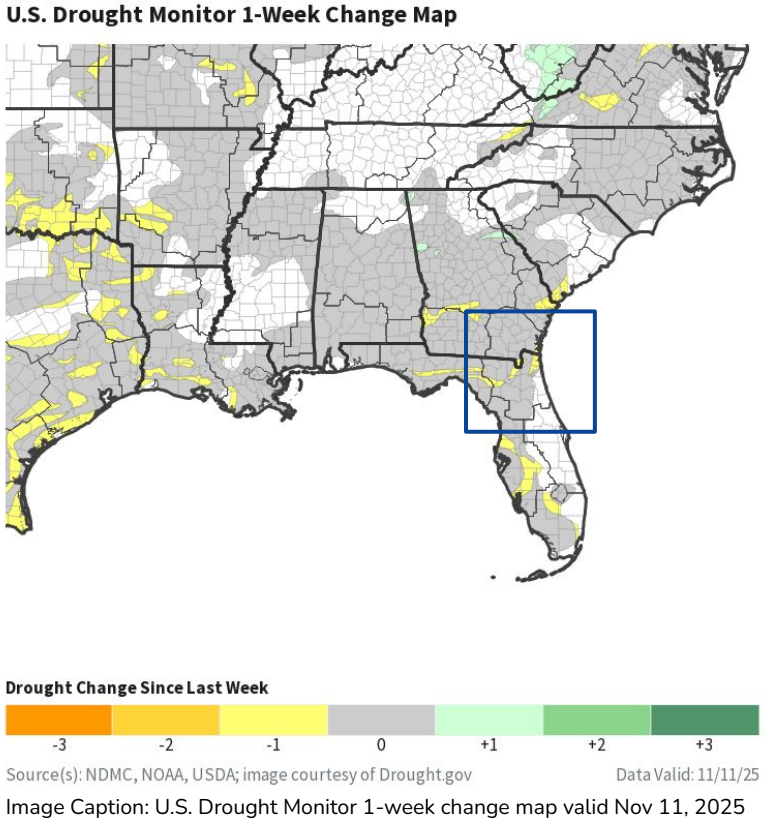


Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor 1-week change map valid Nov 11, 2025

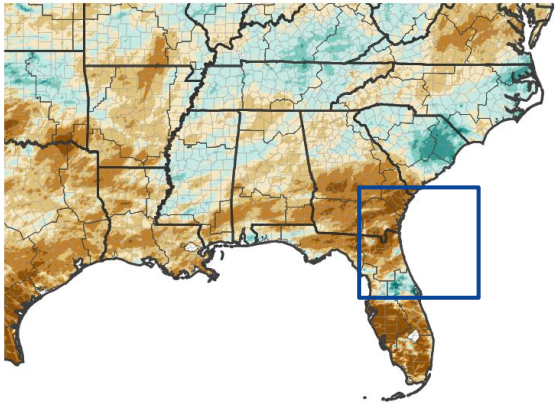
Precipitation

Note: Precipitation after 7 AM EST/6 AM CST Tuesday is incorporated in next week's Drought Monitor

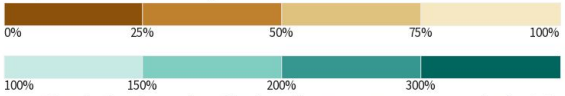
	Last 30 Days		Last 60 Days	
	Rainfall	Percent	Rainfall	Percent
Jasper	0.52”	18.7%	1.22”	17.4%
Live Oak	0.46”	16.6%	2.07”	28.6%
Ichetucknee St Pk.	1.04”	41.1%	2.84”	40.5%
Fanning Springs	1.05”	41.2%	3.20”	44.8%
Baxley	0.58”	21.2%	1.89”	29.6%
Alma	1.44”	55.4%	2.29”	38.2%
Waycross	0.80”	28.6%	1.93”	28.0%
Olustee	0.32”	14.4%	1.93”	29.3%
Ocala	0.69”	25.4%	2.76”	35.7%
Ocklawaha	2.71”	106.3%	4.72”	63.7%
Nahunta	0.69”	22.2%	1.46”	19.3%
Woodbine	0.57”	17.6%	2.92”	35.4%
Jacksonville	0.95”	30.1%	4.27”	46.9%

Data Updated through Nov 11, 2025
Data Courtesy:
NWS Observations
University of Florida - Florida Automated Weather Network
University of Georgia Weather Network
Suwannee River Water Management District

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

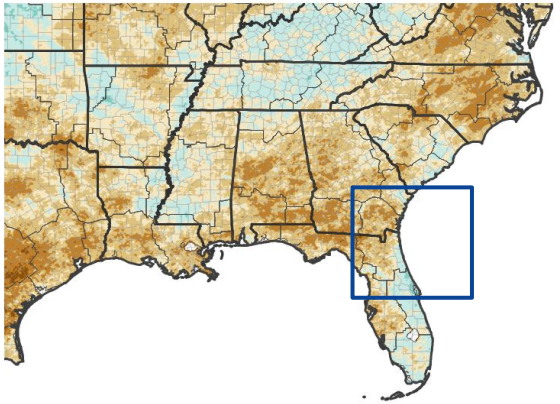


Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov
Last Updated: 11/12/25

90-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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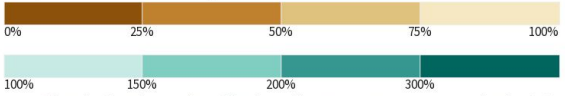

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Image Captions:
Left - 30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation for the Southeast US
Right - 90-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation for the Southeast US
Data Courtesy NWS Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System.
Data over the past 30 and 90 days ending Nov 12, 2025

Temperature

- Temperatures trending cooler over the last couple of weeks.
- Inland Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida slightly warmer than average mid October, recent cooler than average temperatures prevailed with a recent freeze.

	Last 30 Days	
	Average High (Departure)	Average Low (Departure)
Jacksonville	77.5° (-0.4°)	52.2° (-4.7°)
Craig Field	76.3° (-0.9°)	55.3° (-4.0°)
Ocala	80.4° (-1.1°)	56.5° (-2.2°)
Gainesville	79.6° (+0.6°)	56.5° (-2.6°)
Alma	74.9° (-1.9°)	47.3° (-5.0°)

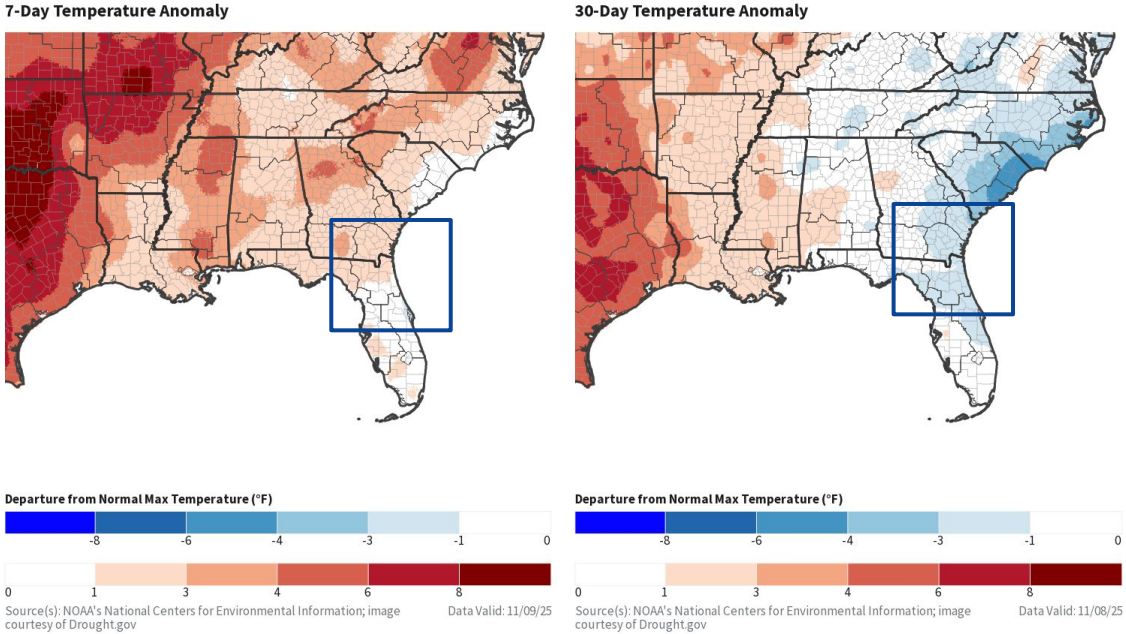


Image Captions:
Left - 7-Day Departure from Normal High Temperatures for the Southeast US
Right - 30-Day Departure from Normal High Temperature for the Southeast US
Data ending Nov 6, 2025

Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR) and view the Drought Impacts Reporter

Hydrologic Impacts

- Interior Northeast Florida River Basins: Below normal flows (includes Black Creek, St Marys, Suwannee & Santa Fe Rivers). Some locations have 14 day average stream flows in the 10th percentile of flow for this time of year.
- Southeast Georgia: Near normal stream flows. Much of the Altamaha River benefits from upstream releases.
- Local reports indicate holding ponds are much below normal and some wells are dropping steadily across the interior.

Agricultural Impacts

- NE Florida: Interior harvesting continues. Some decrease in crop yields & supplemental cattle/horse feeding.
- SE Georgia: Supplemental feeding & difficult crop harvesting due to recent dry conditions across interior.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Keetch-Byram Drought Index values: Inland SE Georgia: 550-650; Inland NE Florida: 500-600; Coast: 200-450.
- No current burn bans, however, some counties report increasing grass or brush fires over the last month.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows across the Altamaha River remain at normal levels for this time of year due to routed upstream flows.
- Below normal flows are present throughout the Suwannee Basin, including the Santa Fe River.
- The St Marys River & Black Creek much below normal flow for this time of year
- Over the near term, non-tidal river levels expected to continue decreasing with the lack of widespread heavy rainfall.

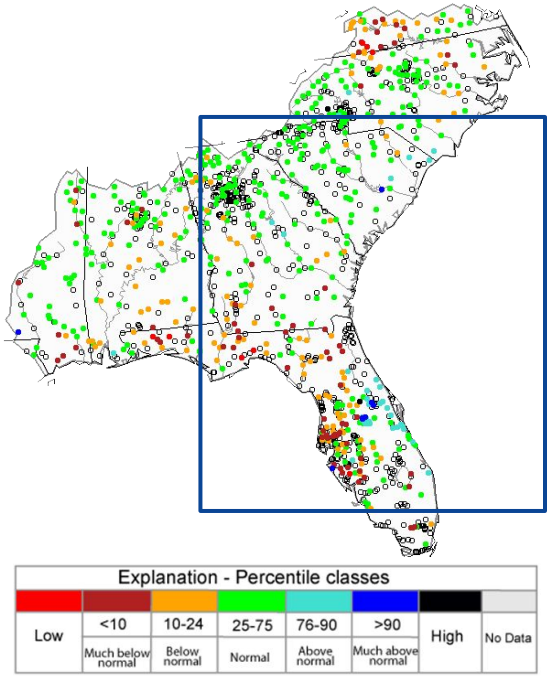
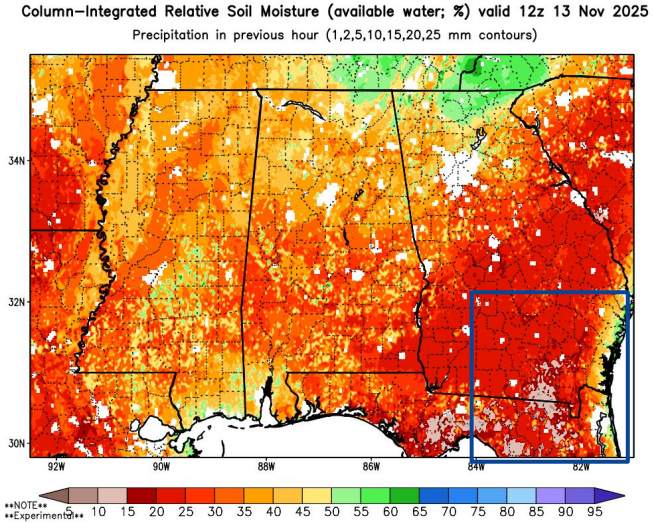


Image Caption: USGS 28 day average streamflow map valid Nov 12, 2025

Agricultural Impacts

- Dry Soils across interior southeast Georgia & northeast Florida.
- Slow soil drying, though brief periods of rain allowed for some near surface layer moistening.
- With low relative humidities and no rainfall expected over the next week to ten days, further soil drying will occur.



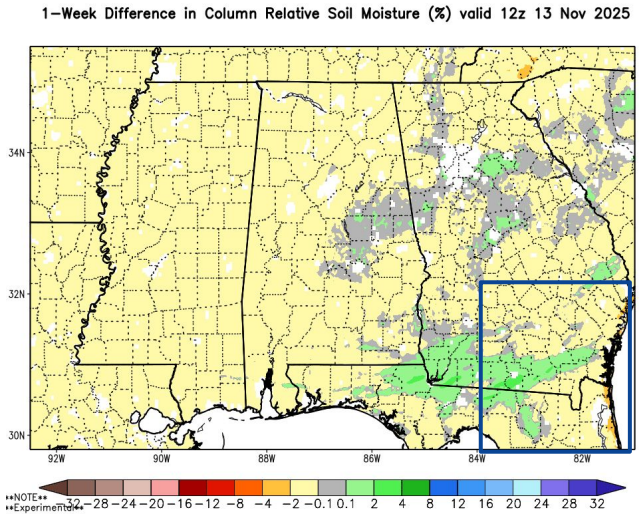


Image Captions:
Left: 0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture from NASA SPoRT valid Nov 13, 2025
Right: 0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture 1-week Change from NASA SPoRT valid through Nov 13, 2025

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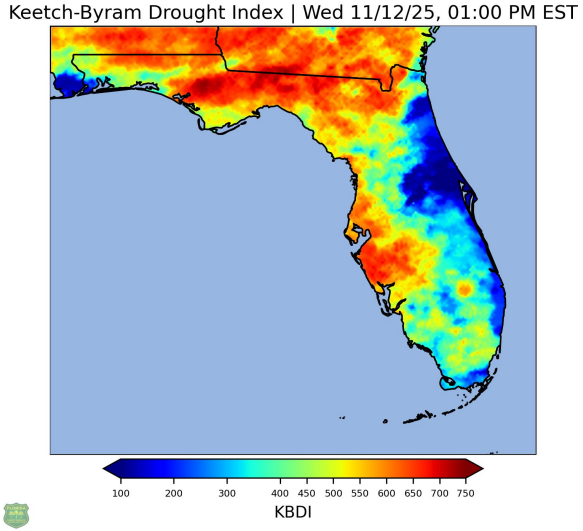
Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center.]

- Keetch-Byram Drought Index values at or above 600 for portions of Southeast Georgia & Northeast Florida.
- No local burn bans in effect
- An increase in brush and grass fires have been reported by several counties.
- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for November calls for above normal wildfire activity across much of the area

[7-Day Significant Fire Potential Outlook from the Southern Area Coordination Center]



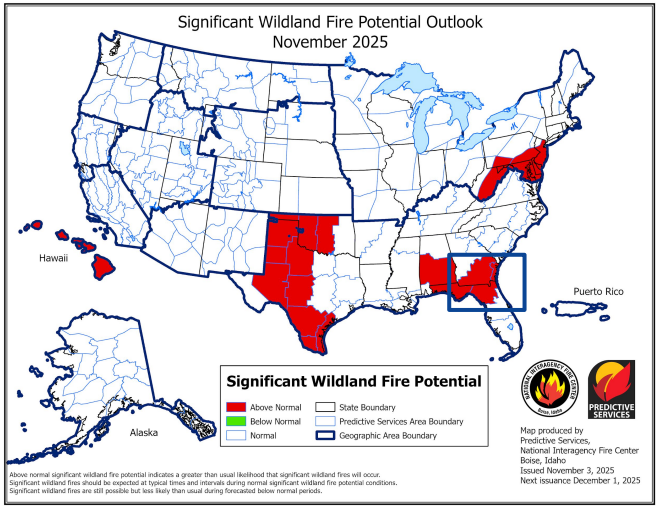


Image Captions:
Left - Keetch-Byram Drought Index valid November 12, 2025 (Florida Forest Service)
Right - Significant Wildland Fire Potential for November 2025 (National Interagency Coordination Center)

Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- No rainfall over the next 7 days across the region.
- While this is the drier portion of the year, missing any rainfall over a 7 day period results in a worsening of drought conditions.
- Rainfall chances will begin to increase later in the month.

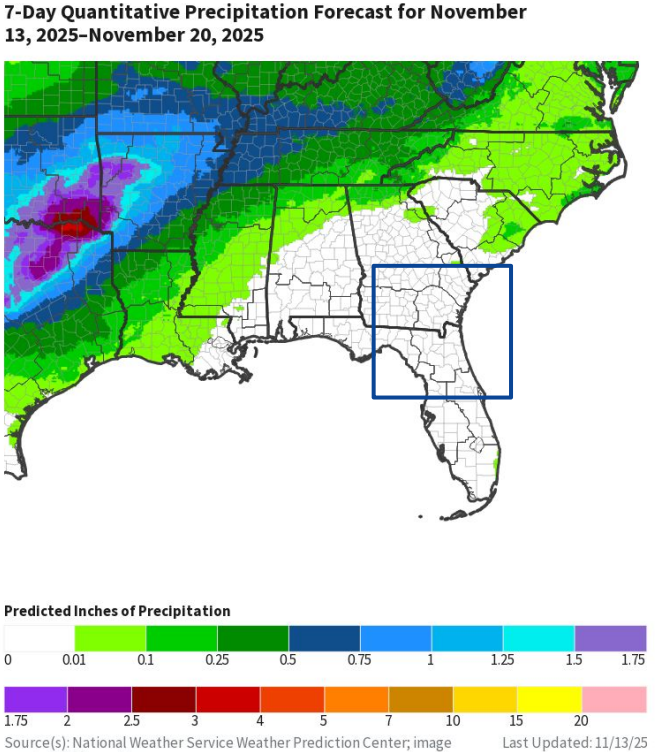


Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center 7-day precipitation forecast valid Wednesday, November 13, 2025 through November 20, 2025

Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the CPC homepage

- Next 3 months favor above normal temperatures & below normal precipitation.
- Lower rain amounts tied to current La Nina.
- In the winter months, rainfall is often below normal as storm systems tend to track farther north of the region.

	Nov		Dec		Jan	
Average	Temp	Rain	Temp	Rain	Temp	Rain
Jacksonville	63.3°	2.55”	57.6°	2.80”	54.9°	2.99”
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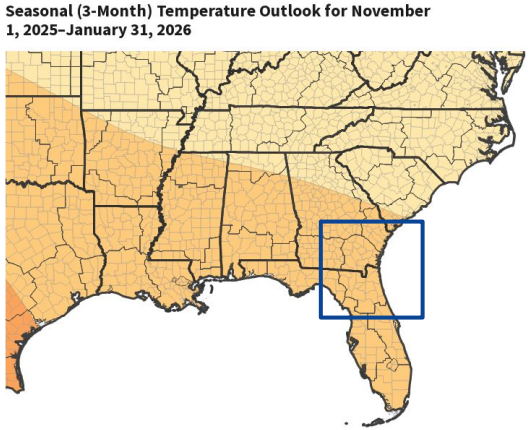

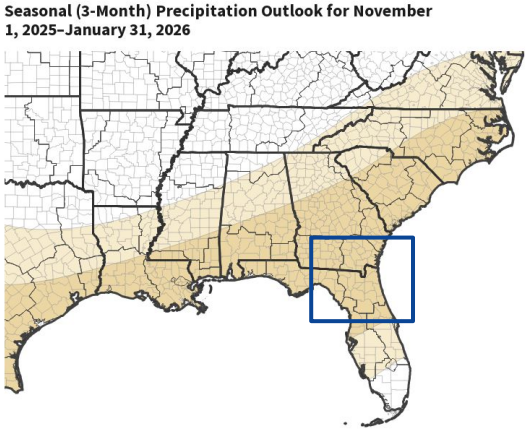

Image Captions:
Left - Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Temperature Outlook.
Right - Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Precipitation Outlook.
Valid Nov 2025 through Jan 2026

Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to persist through the winter.
- With persistent La Nina through the winter, below normal precipitation and persistent drought conditions are expected & will likely further worsen/expand.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 31, 2025–January 31, 2026

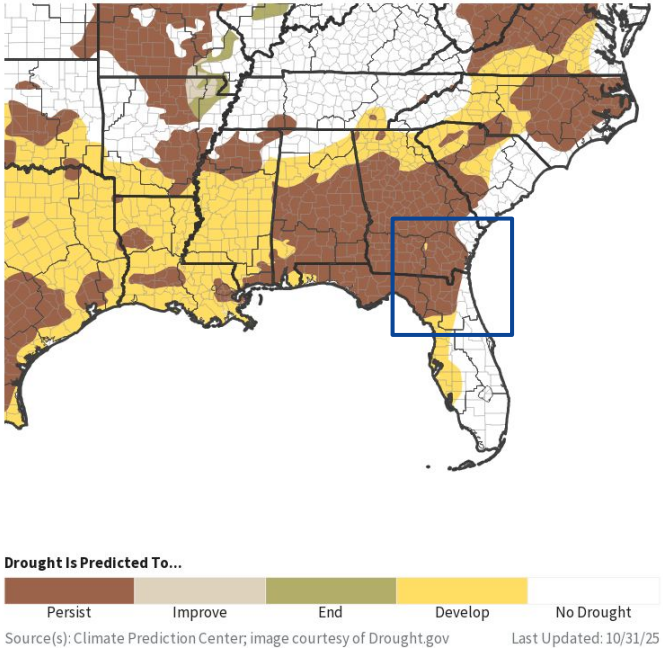

Image Caption:
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook Released April 17 valid for October 31, 2025 through January 31, 2026

Links to the latest:
Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook