



Drought Information Statement for Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida

Valid November 20, 2025

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- Severe to extreme drought continues to expand across Southeast Georgia & upper Suwannee River Basin.
 - No rain over the last week exacerbated the ongoing drought.
 - Coastal areas, especially in Northeast Florida, are still generally wet, but over the last month are beginning to dry out.



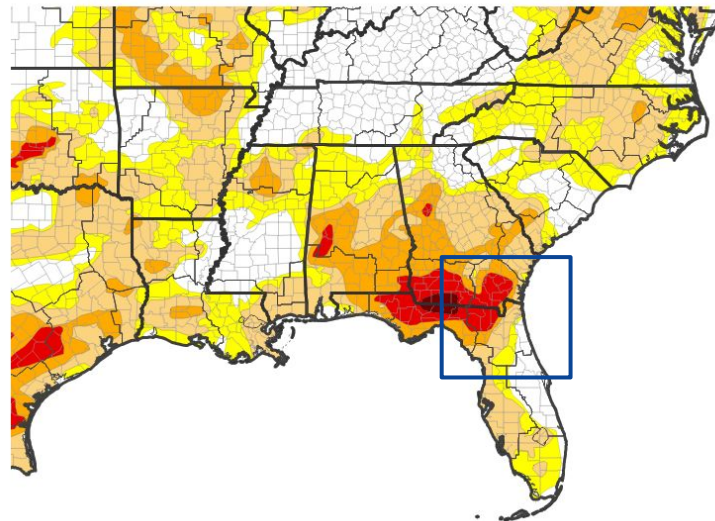


U.S. Drought Monitor

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, 11/18/2025
- 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 coastal Southeast Georgia and in Florida along the US-301 corridor.
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry):** Southeastern Marion County northward into Clay County in Florida.

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 11/18/25

Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor valid Nov 18, 2025



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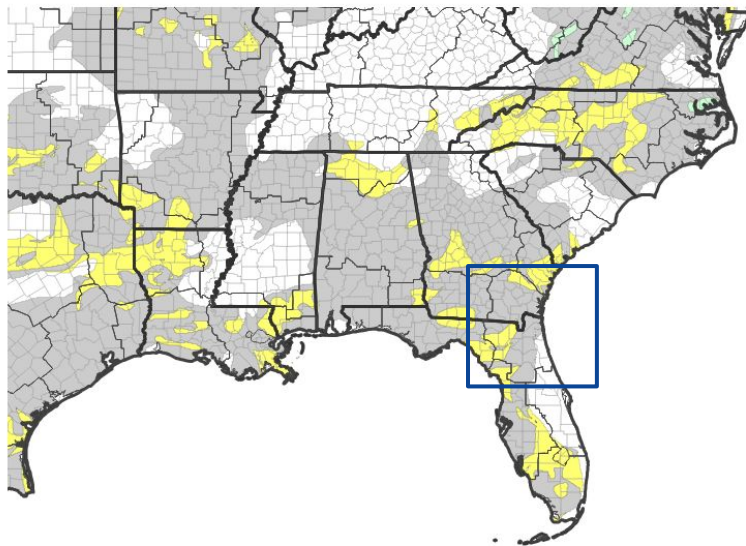


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

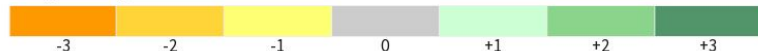
Link to the latest [1-week change map](#) for southeast GA and North FL

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - **Drought Worsened:** across portions of Northeast Florida along the Suwannee and Santa Fe Rivers. Worsening also down the Interstate 75 corridor into Alachua and Marion Counties.
 - **Drought Improved:** None.
 - **No Change:** Across most areas.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor 1-week change map valid Nov 18, 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	0.31"	11.9%	1.22"	19.2%
Live Oak	0.28"	10.9%	2.09"	32.2%
Ichetucknee St Pk.	0.05"	2.2%	2.84"	46.2%
Fanning Springs	0.20"	8.6%	2.62"	42.0%
Baxley	0.57"	21.5%	1.27"	21.2%
Alma	1.42"	57.9%	2.27"	40.4%
Waycross	0.81"	31.1%	1.71"	27.2%
Olustee	0.15"	14.4%	1.92"	33.8%
Ocala	0.42"	16.8%	2.77"	41.2%
Ocklawaha	2.26"	95.2%	4.72"	73.7%
Nahunta	0.69"	25.3%	1.33"	19.3%
Woodbine	0.58"	20.6%	2.94"	39.7%
Jacksonville	0.93"	34.3%	4.27"	54.6%

Data Updated through Nov 18, 2025

Data Courtesy:

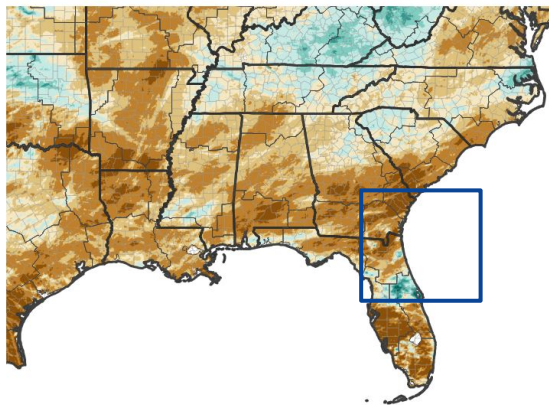
NWS Observations

University of Florida - Florida Automated Weather Network

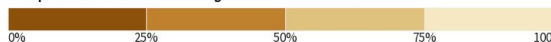
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Suwannee River Water Management District

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

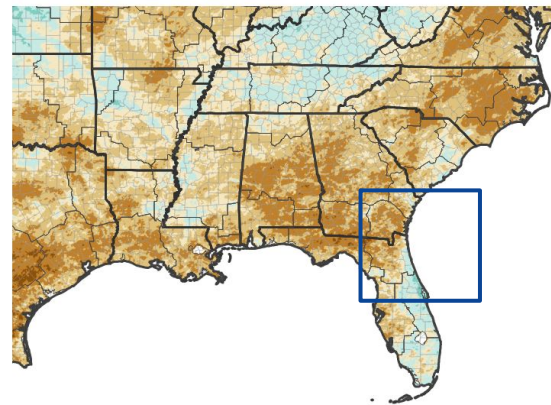


Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

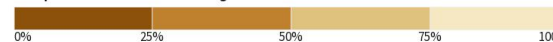


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; Last Updated: 11/20/25
image courtesy of Drought.gov

90-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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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 18, 2025



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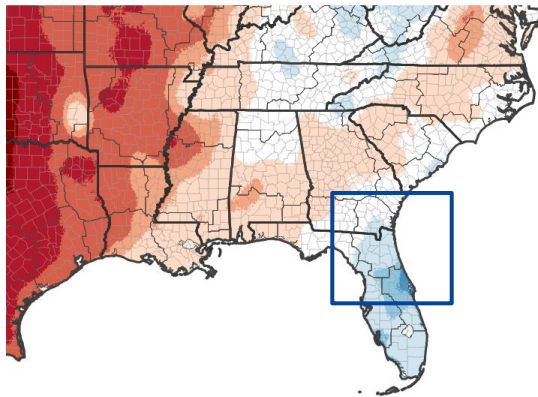


Temperature

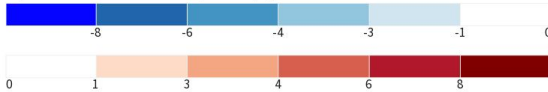
- An unusually early season freeze across the interior resulted in low temperatures for the past month being much below normal.
- Above normal high temperatures over the last few days will lead to further drying of soil conditions with no rain on the horizon.

	Last 30 Days	
	Average High (Departure)	Average Low (Departure)
Jacksonville	76.4° (0.4°)	48.8° (-5.7°)
Craig Field	75.1° (-0.3°)	52.2° (-4.8°)
Ocala	79.0° (-0.8°)	53.2° (-3.3°)
Gainesville	78.2° (+1.0°)	50.3° (-3.4°)
Alma	73.7° (-1.1°)	44.5° (-5.3°)

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



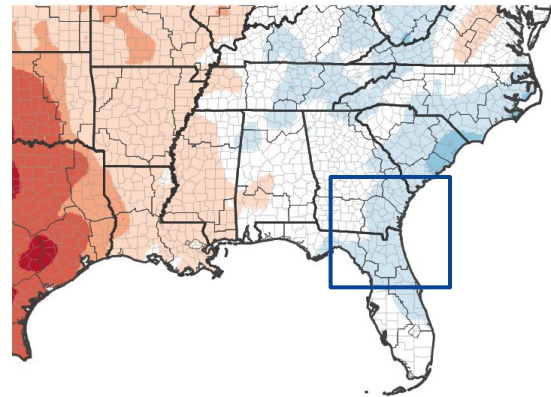
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



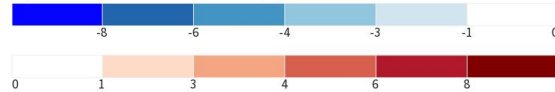
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Data Valid: 11/15/25

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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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 18, 2025



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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: 550-650; Coast: 200-450.
- Counties report increasing grass or brush fires over the last couple of weeks.
- Alachua, Gilchrist, and Union Counties in Florida have issued burn bans.

Mitigation Actions

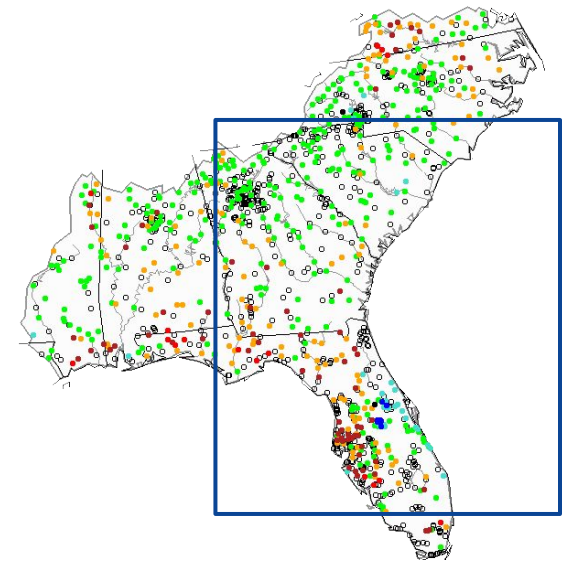
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows across the Altamaha River remain at normal levels for this time of year due to routed upstream flows.
- Below to much 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.



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Image Caption: USGS 28 day average streamflow map valid Nov 19, 2025

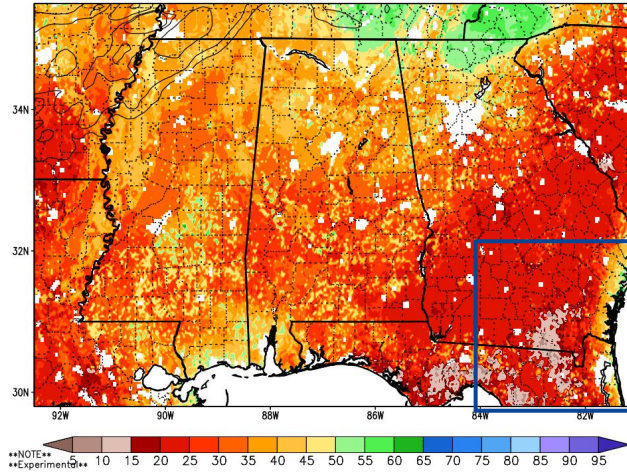




Agricultural Impacts

- Dry Soils across interior southeast Georgia & northeast Florida.
- With low relative humidities and no rainfall expected over the next week to ten days, further soil drying will occur.
- Supplementary feeding of livestock is ongoing and the planting of winter cover crop has been delayed in many places.

Column—Integrated Relative Soil Moisture (available water; %) valid 18z 20 Nov 2025
Precipitation in previous hour (1,2,5,10,15,20,25 mm contours)



1-Week Difference in Column Relative Soil Moisture (%) valid 18z 20 Nov 2025

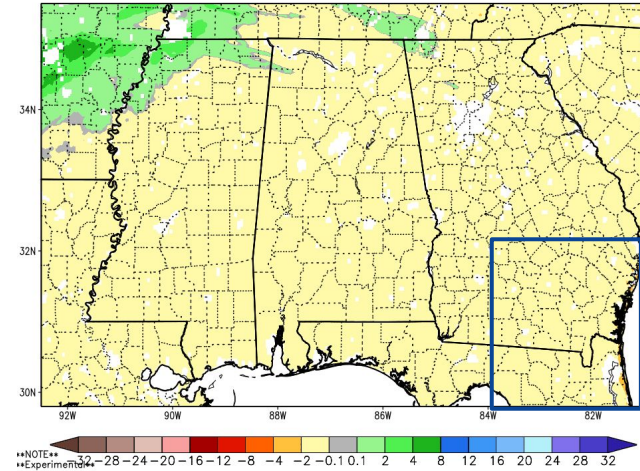


Image Captions:

Left: 0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture from NASA SPoRT valid Nov 20, 2025
Right: 0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture 1-week Change from NASA SPoRT valid through Nov 20, 2025

2025 Crop Reports
[Florida](#) | [Georgia](#)





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.
- Burn bans in effect in Union, Alachua, and Gilchrist Counties.
- 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 the area

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

Keetch-Byram Drought Index | Thu 11/20/25, 01:00 PM EST

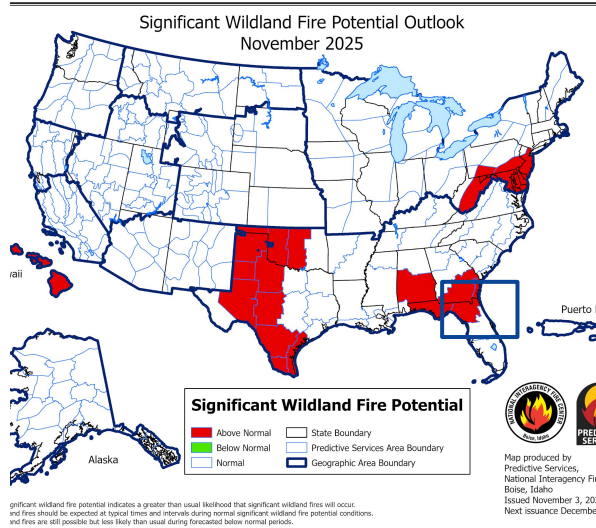
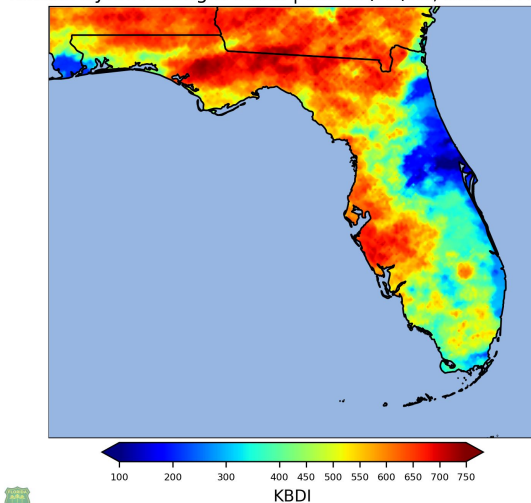


Image Captions:

Left - Keetch-Byram Drought Index valid November 20, 2025 (Florida Forest Service)
Right - Significant Wildland Fire Potential for November 2025 (National Interagency Coordination Center)



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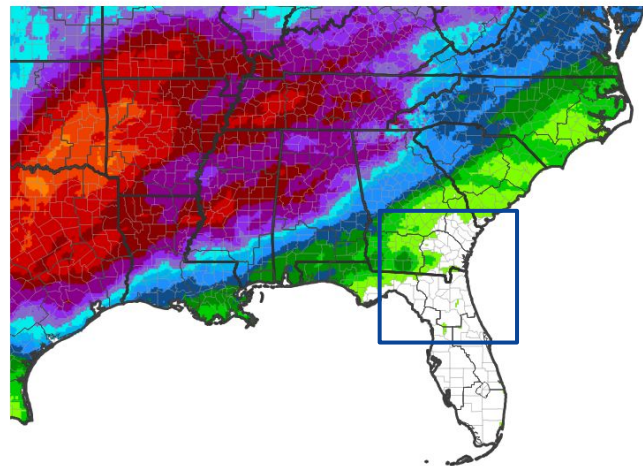
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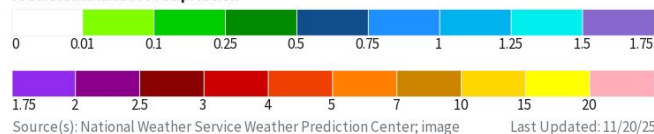
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Little or 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 toward the end of November or into early December.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for November 20, 2025–November 27, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image Last Updated: 11/20/25

Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center [7-day precipitation forecast](#)
valid Wednesday, November 20, 2025 through November 27, 2025



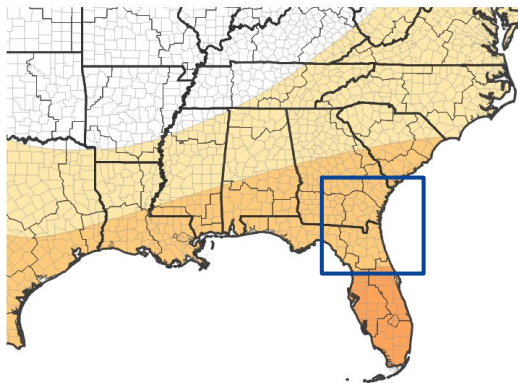


Long-Range Outlooks

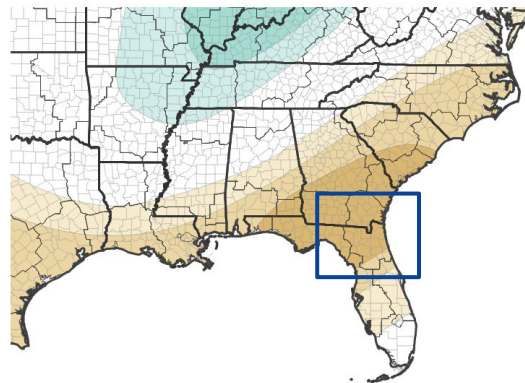
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- Next 3 months favor above normal temperatures & below normal precipitation.
- Lower rain amounts tied to current La Nina.
- In the winter months, rainfall is often below normal as storm systems tend to track farther north of the region.

Seasonal (3-Month with 2-Month Lead) Temperature Outlook for December 1, 2025–February 28, 2026



Seasonal (3-Month with 2-Month Lead) Precipitation Outlook for December 1, 2025–February 28, 2026



	Dec		Jan		Feb	
Average	Temp	Rain	Temp	Rain	Temp	Rain
Jacksonville	57.6°	2.80"	54.9°	2.99"	57.5°	2.86"
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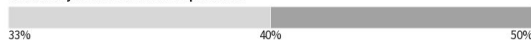
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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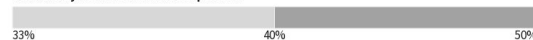
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Left - [Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Temperature Outlook](#)
Right - [Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Precipitation Outlook](#)

Valid Dec 2025 through Feb 2026



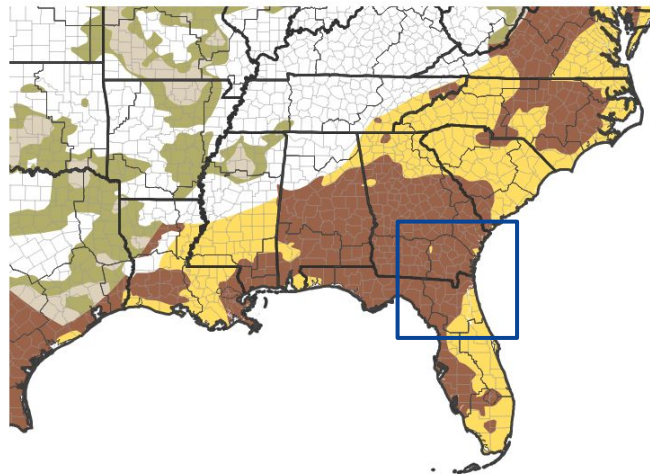


Drought Outlook

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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 November 20, 2025–February 28, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

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Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook Released November 20, 2025
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