

Drought Information Statement for the Mid-South

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- This product will be updated when drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/MEG/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
- Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates for regional drought status updates.
- Severe Drought (D2) continues across north Mississippi with at least 1 category improvements elsewhere









Link to the <u>latest U.S. Drought Monitor</u> for the Mid-South

Drought Intensity and Extent

D4 (Exceptional Drought)

None

D3 (Extreme Drought)

None

D2 (Severe Drought)

Portions of north Mississippi and a sliver of West Tennessee

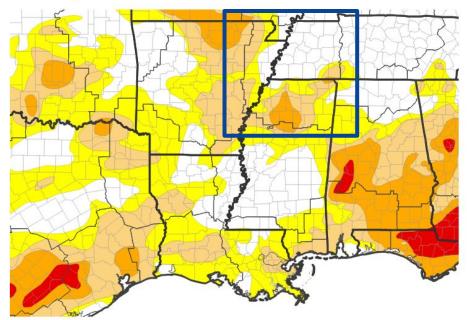
D1 (Moderate Drought)

Portions of northeast Arkansas, north Mississippi, and West Tennessee

D0 (Abnormally Dry)

Portions of northeast Mississippi, the Missouri Bootheel, eastern Arkansas and West Tennessee

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

Drought (D4)
Data Valid: 11/04/25

Exceptional

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service Memphis, TN



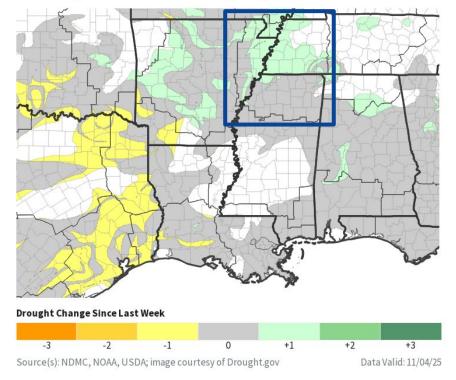
Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for the Mid-South

One-Week Drought Monitor Class Change

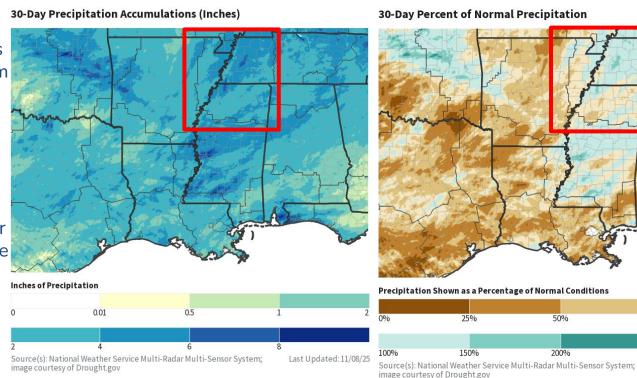
- Drought Worsened
 None
- Drought Improved
 Most of West Tennessee, the Missouri
 Bootheel, and northeast Arkansas
- No Change
 The remainder of the Mid-South

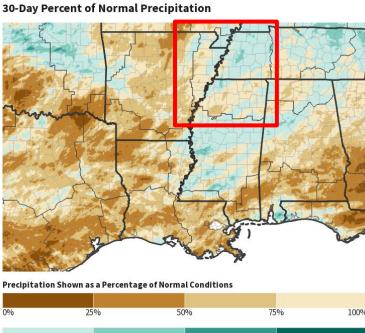
U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map





- Precipitation totals over the past 30 days generally ranged from 1-4 inches with pockets of higher amounts up to 6-8 inches in eastern AR and near Memphis.
- Rainfall amounts over the past 30 days were near normal with some areas favoring above normal and some areas favoring below normal.





200%

150%



300%

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

Hydrologic Impacts

• Streamflow is normal across the lower Mississippi River Basin and the Tennessee River Basin.

Agricultural Impacts

- Pastures provide very little or no feed. Supplemental feeding is required to maintain livestock condition across West Tennessee.
- There is an extreme degree of loss to yield potential, as well as complete or near crop failure across northwest Tennessee.

Fire Hazard Impacts

There are no known impacts at this time.

Other Impacts

There are no known additional impacts at this time.

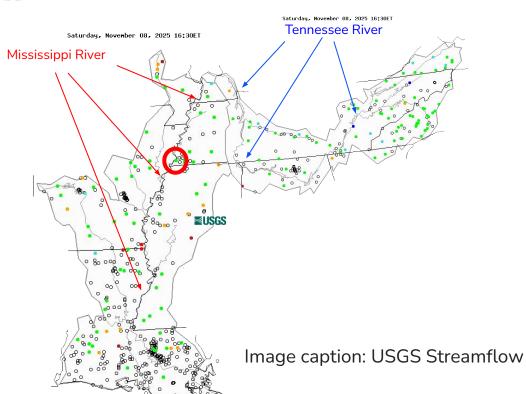
Mitigation Actions

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





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts



- The Mississippi River at Memphis is currently experiencing near normal flow. The extended river forecast shows levels holding steady before slowly declining towards low water thresholds.
- The Tennessee River feeds into the Mississippi River and is experiencing normal flow at Savannah, TN, and Kentucky Lake.



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

- Normal wildland fire is expected for the entire Mid-South for the remainder of November and December.
- Burn Bans currently in effect:

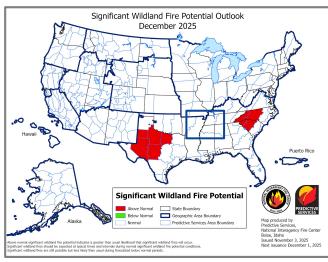
Arkansas: None

Missouri: None

Mississippi: None

Tennessee: None



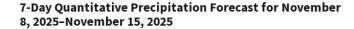


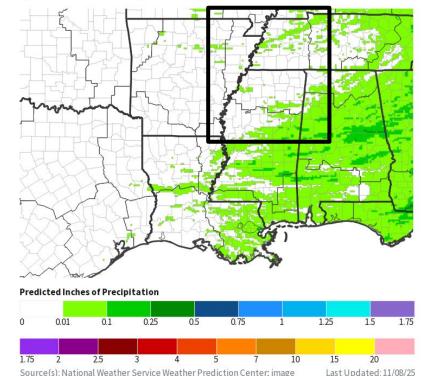




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Forecast precipitation over the next week is very light with no precipitation expected for most of the area.
- A few areas could see up to a tenth of an inch of precipitation.





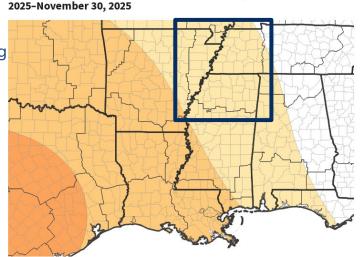
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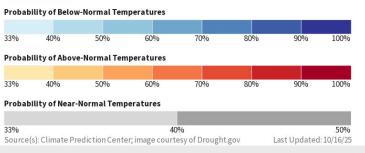
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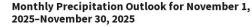
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Monthly Temperature Outlook for November 1,

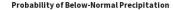
- The Mid-South is leaning above normal (33-40%) for temperatures for November.
- The Mid-South is generally leaning below normal (33-40%) for precipitation for November

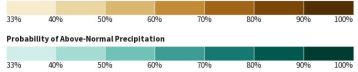












Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation





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- Drought conditions are expected to persist across most of north Mississippi, southeast Arkansas and a sliver of West Tennessee through the end of January.
- Improvement to the end of drought conditions is expected across northeast Arkansas and the Missouri Bootheel

Links to the latest:

Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook

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

