



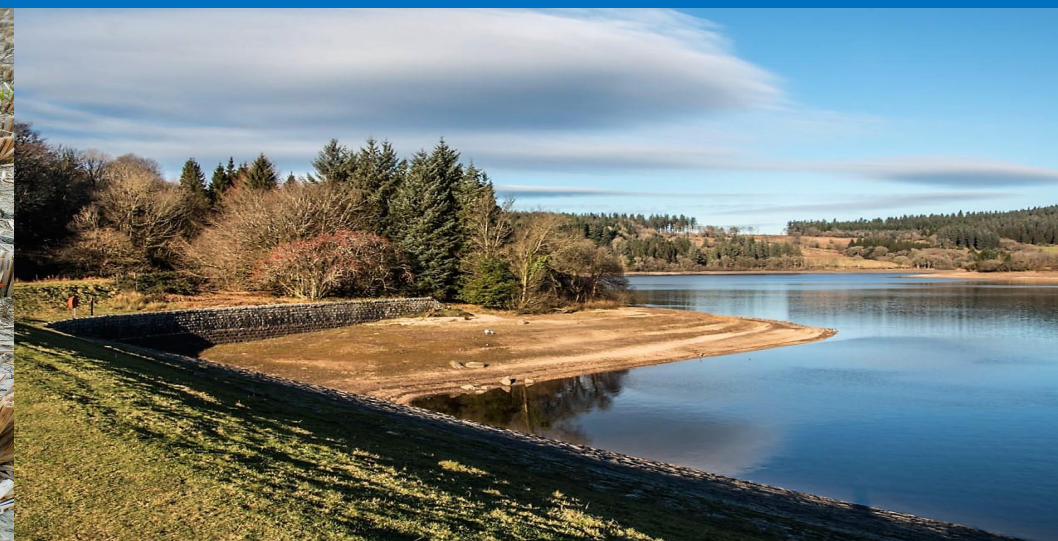
# Drought Information Statement for the Missouri Ozarks

Valid November 13, 2025

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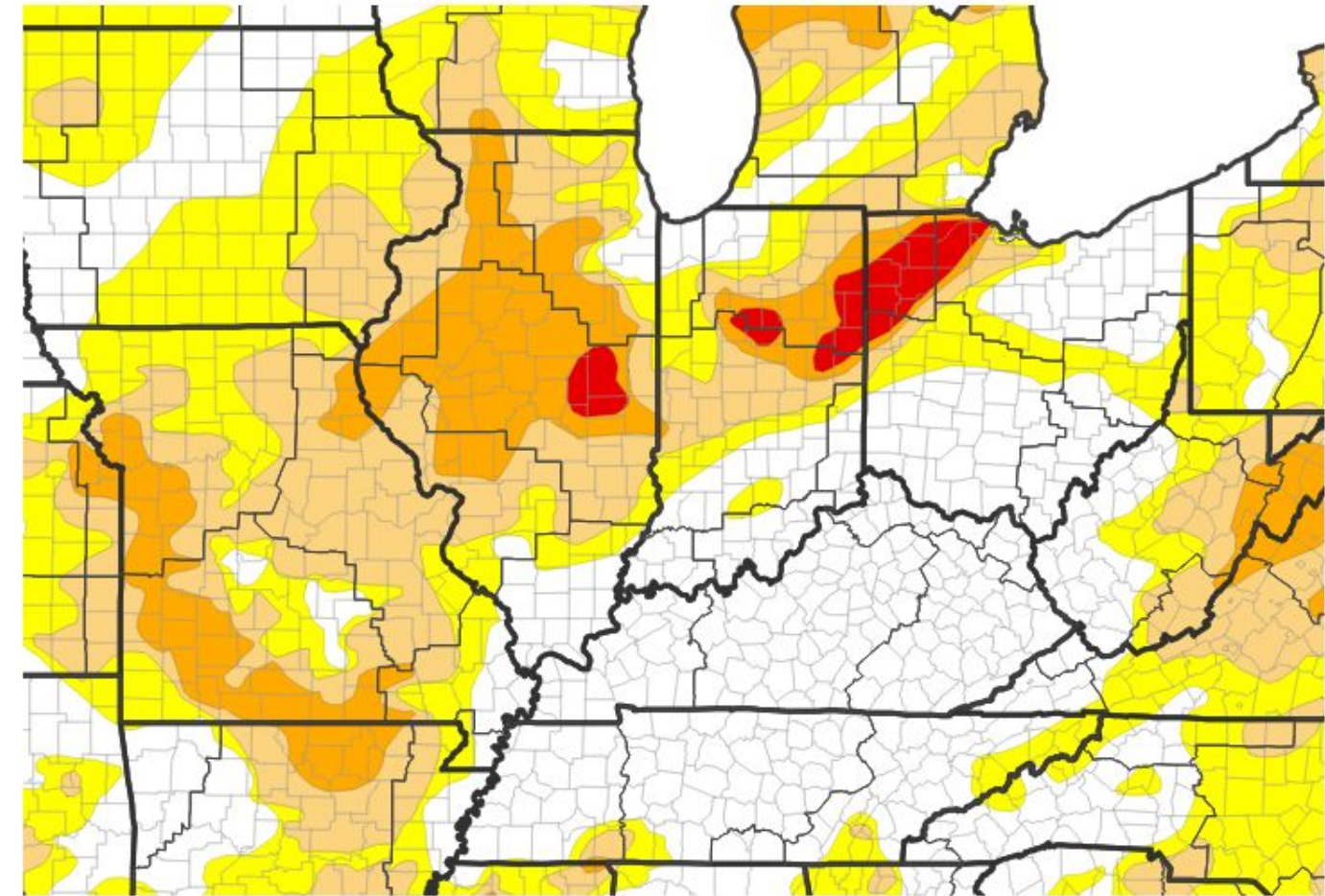
# U.S. Drought Monitor

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Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Lower Midwest

- **Drought Deepens and Expands Across the Ozarks Region**
- **Drought Intensity and Extent**
  - D3 (Extreme Drought): Has been removed from southwest Missouri.
  - D2 (Severe Drought): St. Clair, Benton, Cedar, Vernon, Barton, Jasper, Dallas, Dade, Lawrence, Barry, Stone, Taney, Wright, Laclede, Texas, Howell, Oregon, and Shannon Counties in Missouri.
  - D1 (Moderate Drought): Bourbon, Crawford, and Cherokee Counties in Kansas. Vernon, Barton, Jasper, Newton, Morgan, Cedar, Dade, Lawrence, Barry, Dallas, Benton, Camden, Laclede, Howell, Shannon, Dent, Pulaski, and Texas Counties in Missouri.
  - D0: (Abnormally Dry): Bourbon and Cherokee Counties in Kansas. Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Barry, Texas, Wright, Laclede, Pulaski, Phelps, Camdenton, Dallas, Morgan, Benton, Hickory Counties in Missouri.

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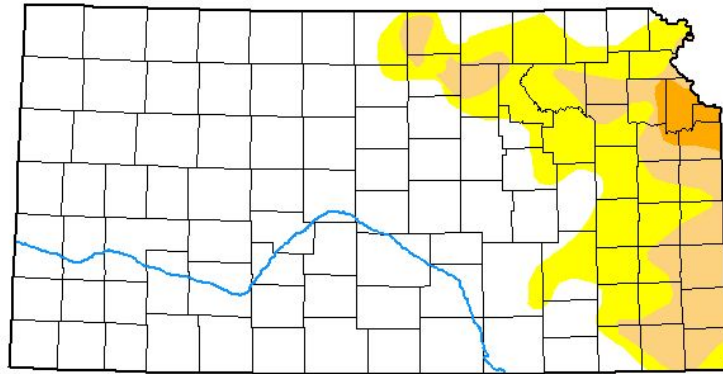


# State Drought Monitor

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## U.S. Drought Monitor Kansas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.94	25.06	9.84	1.33	0.00	0.00
Last Week 11-04-2025	74.93	25.07	8.33	1.33	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-12-2025	86.04	13.96	3.42	0.06	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2025	35.20	64.80	24.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2024	81.75	18.25	5.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 11-12-2024	26.78	73.22	33.05	3.36	0.00	0.00

### Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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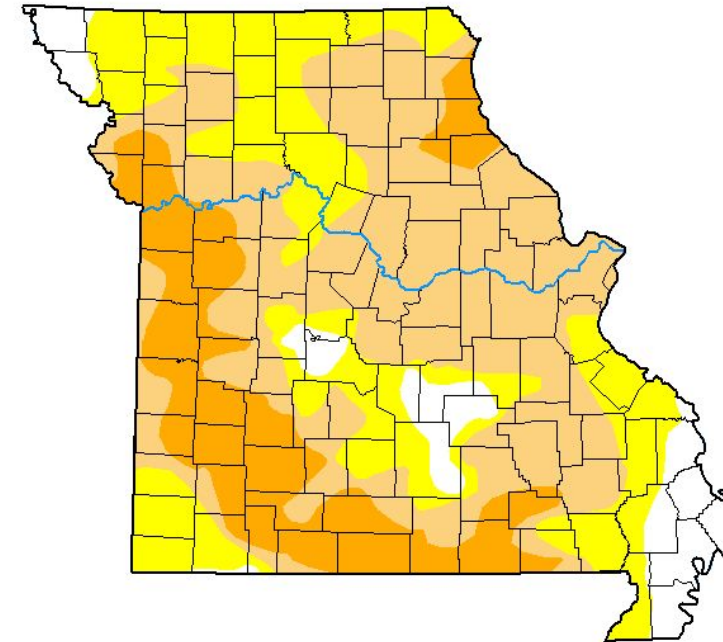
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Missouri



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.71	91.29	63.45	19.44	0.00	0.00
Last Week 11-04-2025	8.70	91.30	60.81	19.44	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-12-2025	65.93	34.07	0.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2025	69.71	30.29	11.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2024	6.56	93.44	63.57	22.18	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 11-12-2024	37.88	62.12	29.98	10.31	0.00	0.00

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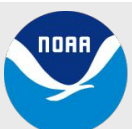
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## Main Takeaways

- Drought has improved across some portions of the Missouri Ozarks but still persist for many locations.
- Drought conditions persist across southeast Kansas.



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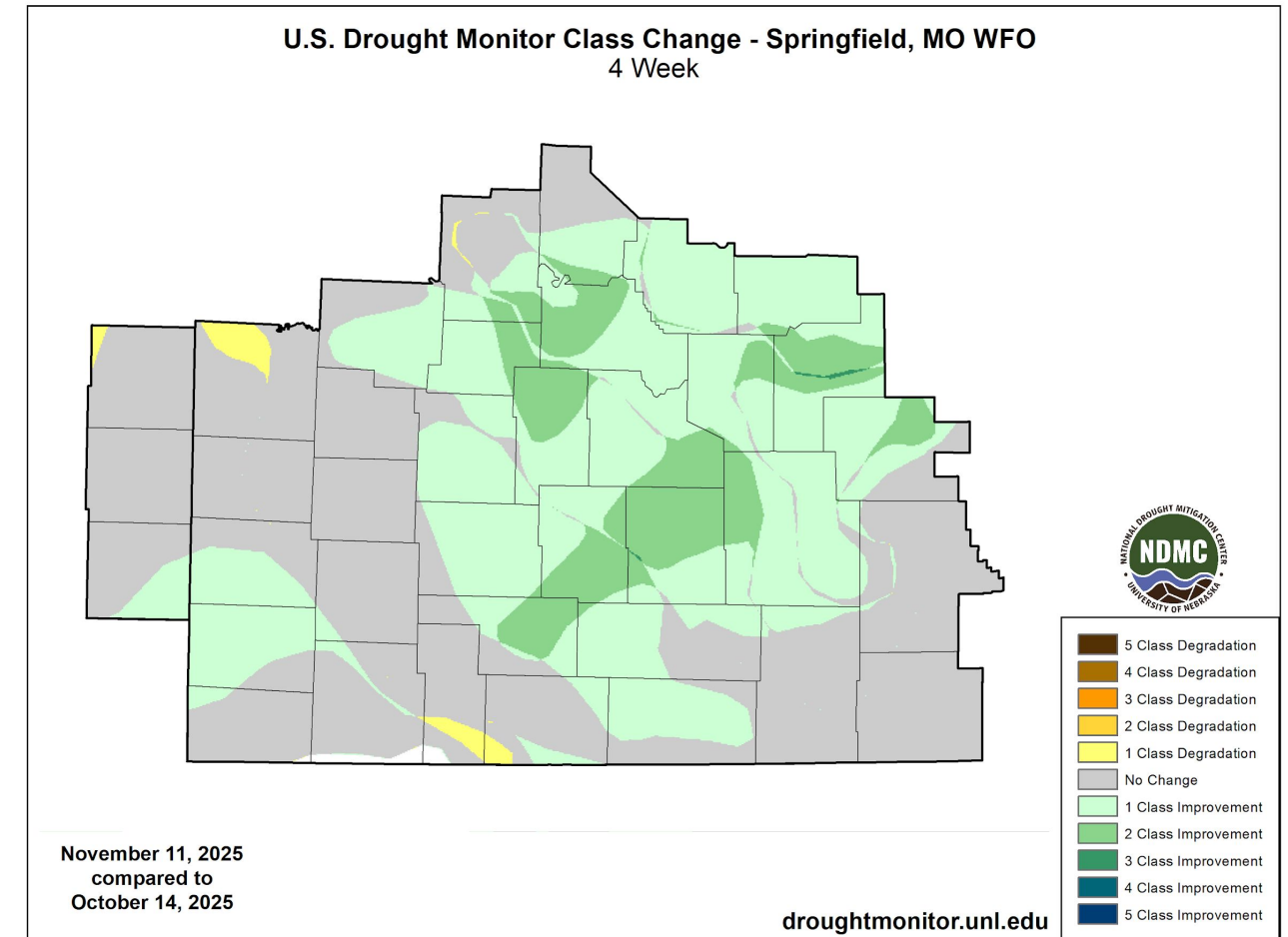
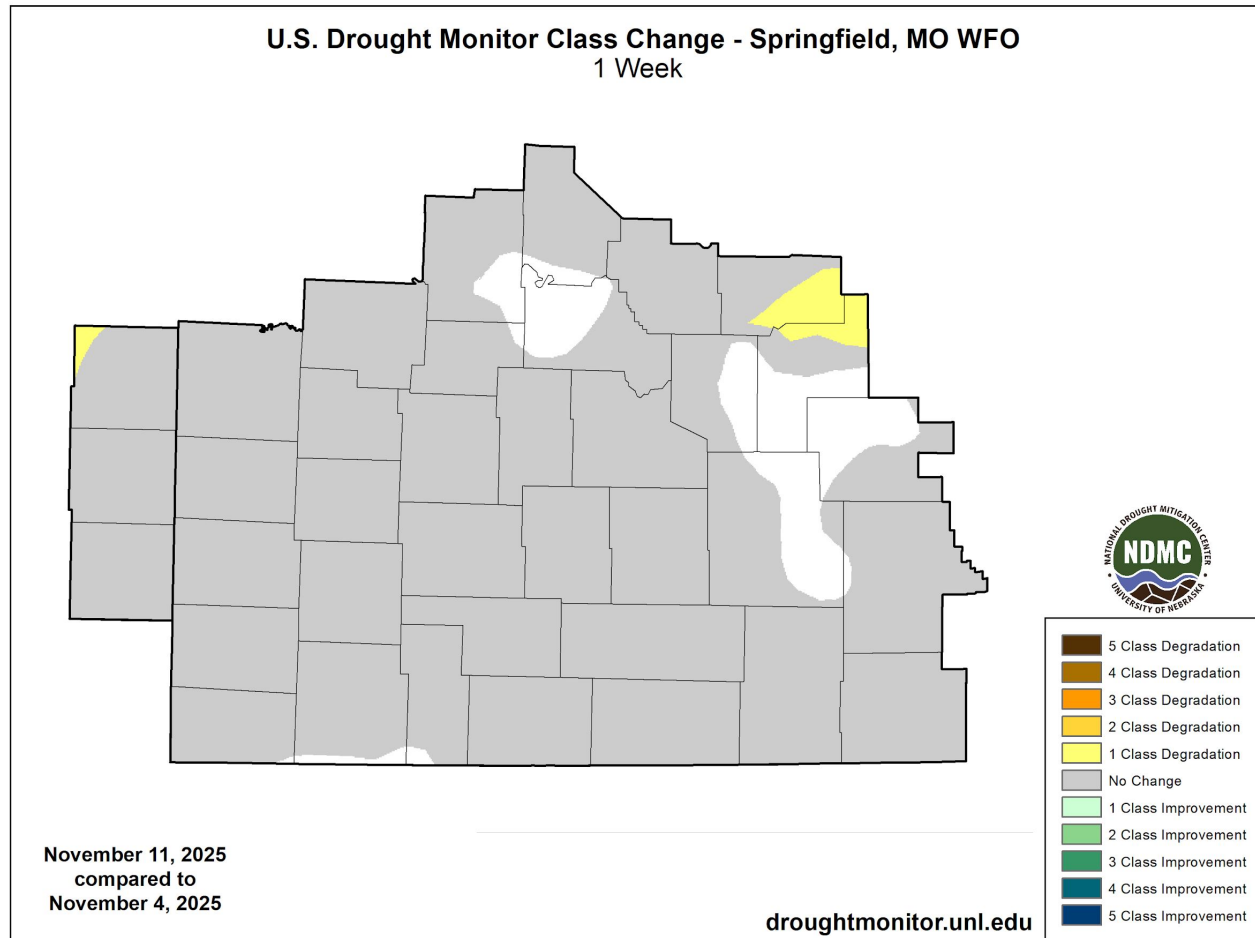




# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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## Main Takeaways

- Drought conditions have improved by 1 or 2 categories for many locations across the area over the last 4 weeks.
- Little to no change has occurred in the last week.



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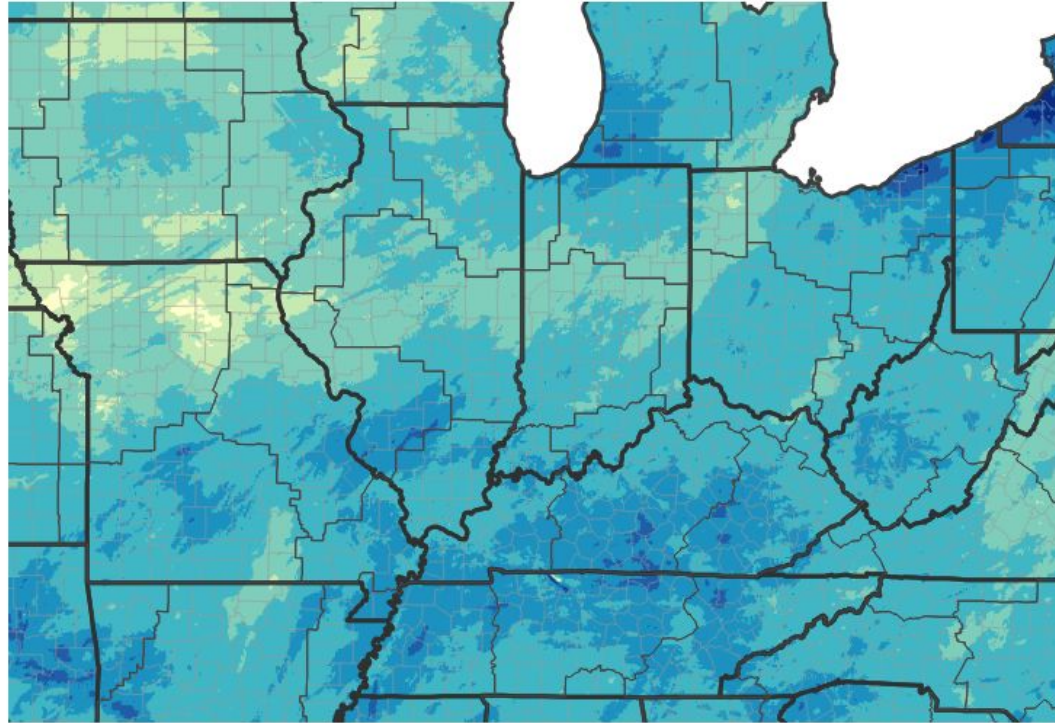
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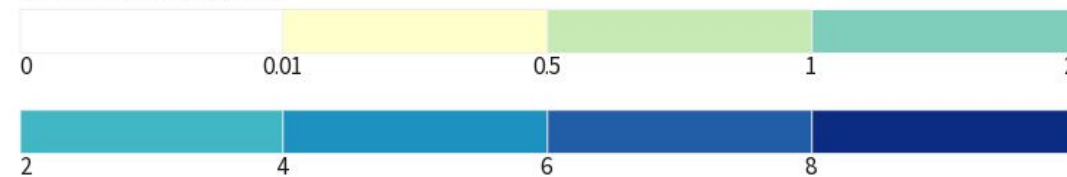
# Precipitation

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30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

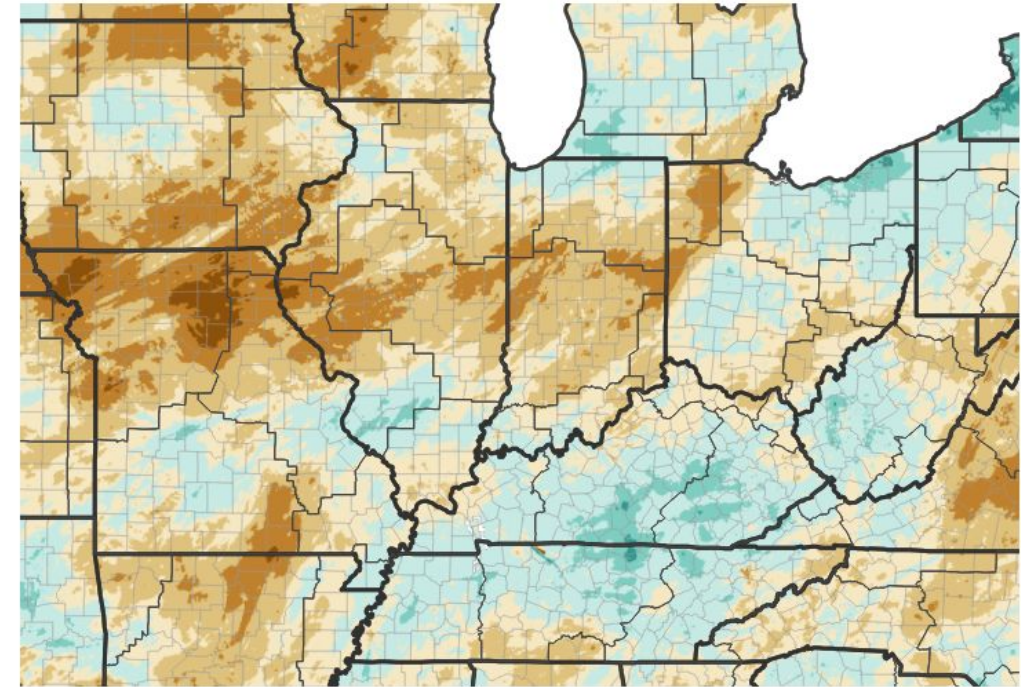


Inches of Precipitation

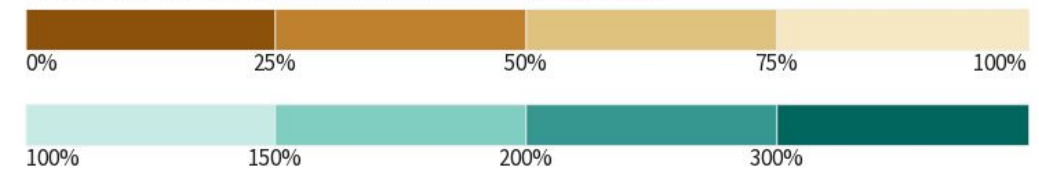


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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



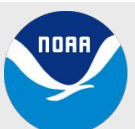
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

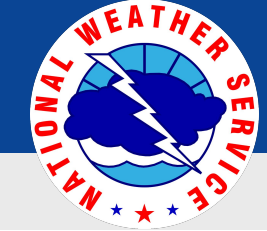


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## Main Takeaways

- Precipitation has been near to slightly above normal atop the Ozark plateau over the last 30 days.
- Portions of south-central and northern Missouri saw well below-normal precipitation.





# Summary of Impacts

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

## Hydrologic Impacts

- A number of locations are seeing below normal streamflows, with reports of small creeks, streams, and ponds nearly dried up.

## Agricultural Impacts

- Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMORs) from the last 7 days indicate severely dry conditions.
  - Supplementing feed and feeding hay early (some for 60+ days already) with dead grass and little to no regrowth
  - Lack of water for livestock requiring water hauling, reduced water quality where water remains
  - Decreased stock weights, animal stress and livestock mortality, and farmers selling livestock to reduce hay and water consumption
  - Early crop harvests, crop stress and failures, reduced crop yields, increases in invasive insects, erosion (no-till practices not helping), inability to plant fall forage for lack of moisture
  - Farmers report “going into winter this low [on water and feed] is going to be a major issue”

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Increased risk of fires and potential early onset of fall fire season due to below normal precipitation, above normal temperatures, and dry soils.

## Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

## Mitigation actions

- Many farmers and ranchers continued to haul water for livestock, supplement feed and herd culling is occurring.
- The Missouri Department of Agriculture has an AgriStress Helpline at 833-897-2474.
- More information is available at [muext.us/PSCFarmRanch](https://muext.us/PSCFarmRanch).



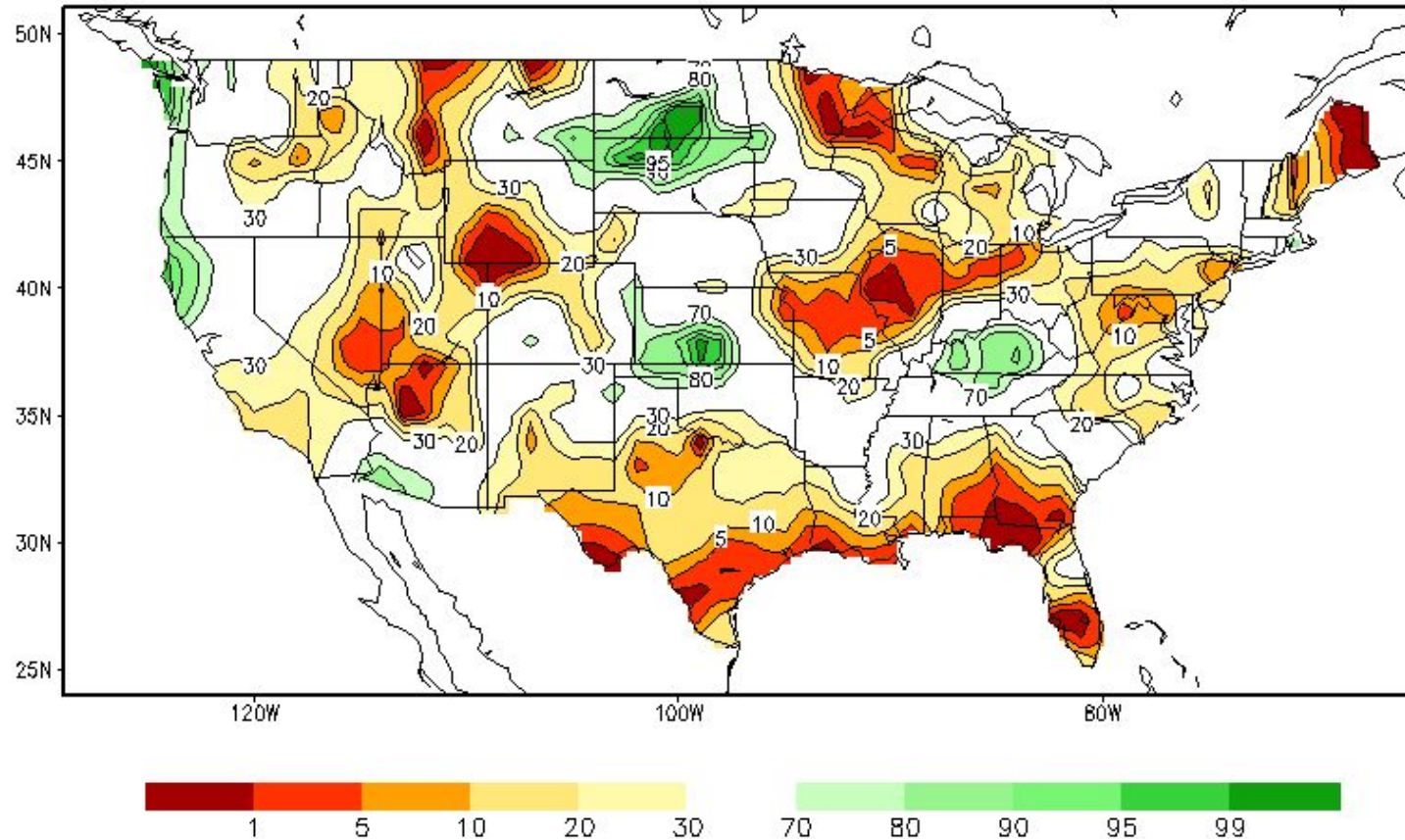




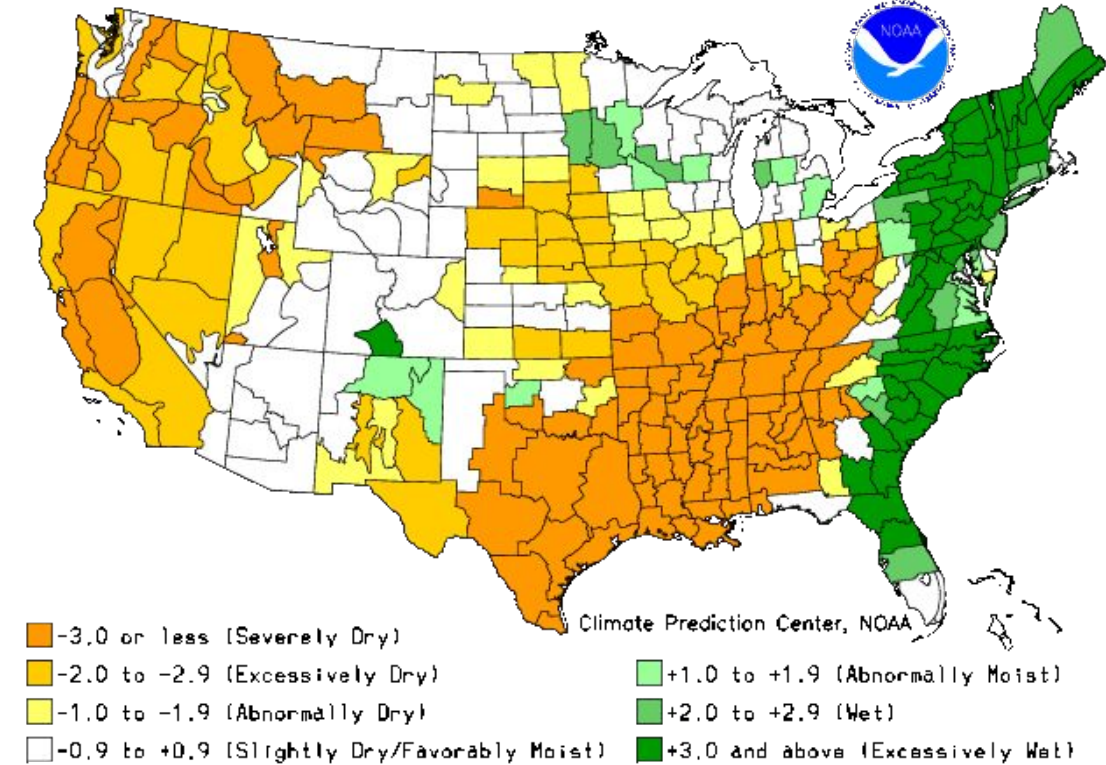
# Agricultural Impacts

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Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile  
NOV 12, 2025



Crop Moisture Index by Division  
Weekly Value for Period Ending OCT 26, 2024  
Short Term Need vs. Available Water in a Shallow Soil Profile



## Main Takeaways

- November 12th soil moisture was below to well below average across much of the area, with portions of central Missouri seeing well below average soil moisture.
- Crop Moisture Index ending Oct 26th was below average.





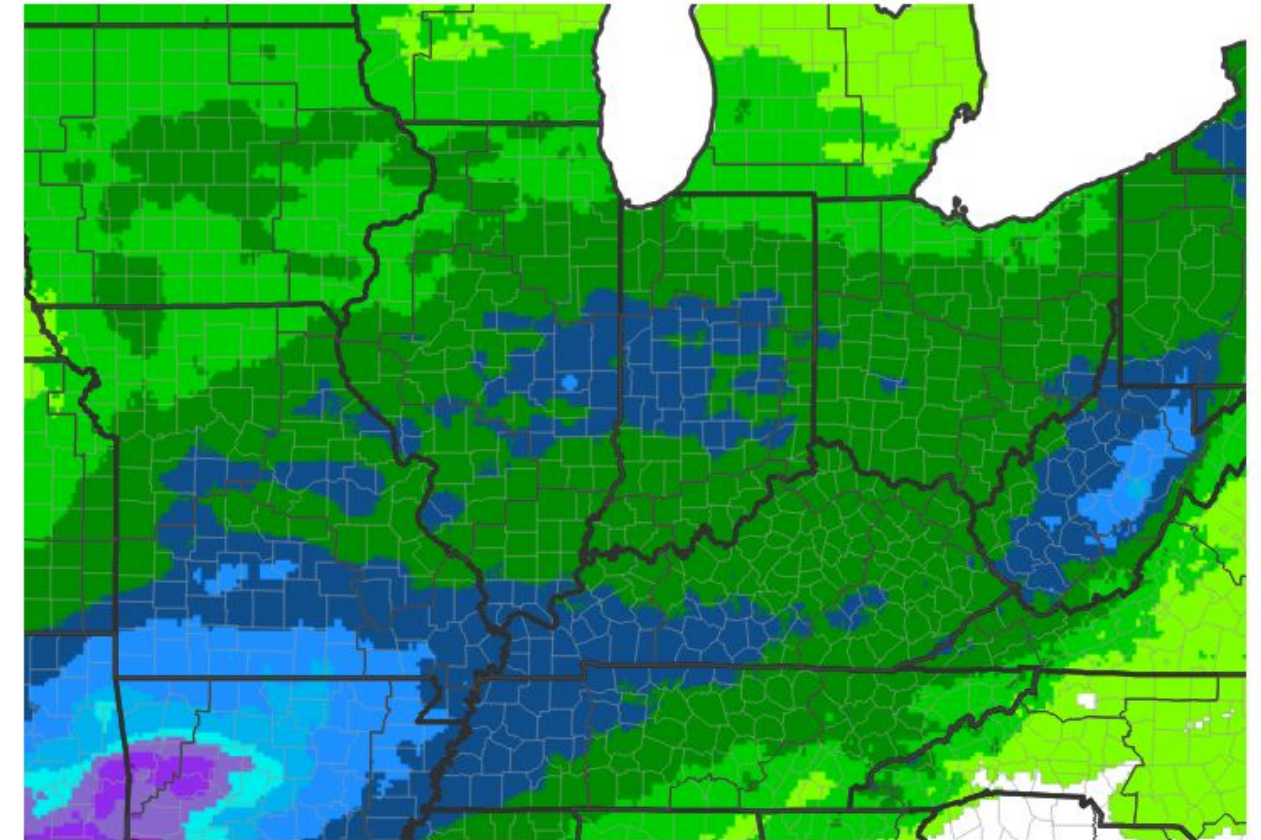
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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## Main Takeaways

- Models continue to favor an active pattern heading into the week of November 16th.
- Most areas are expected to receive at least 0.25" of rain over the next seven days.
- The best signal for the heaviest rain is across far southern Missouri and locations south of there.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for November 13, 2025–November 20, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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# Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

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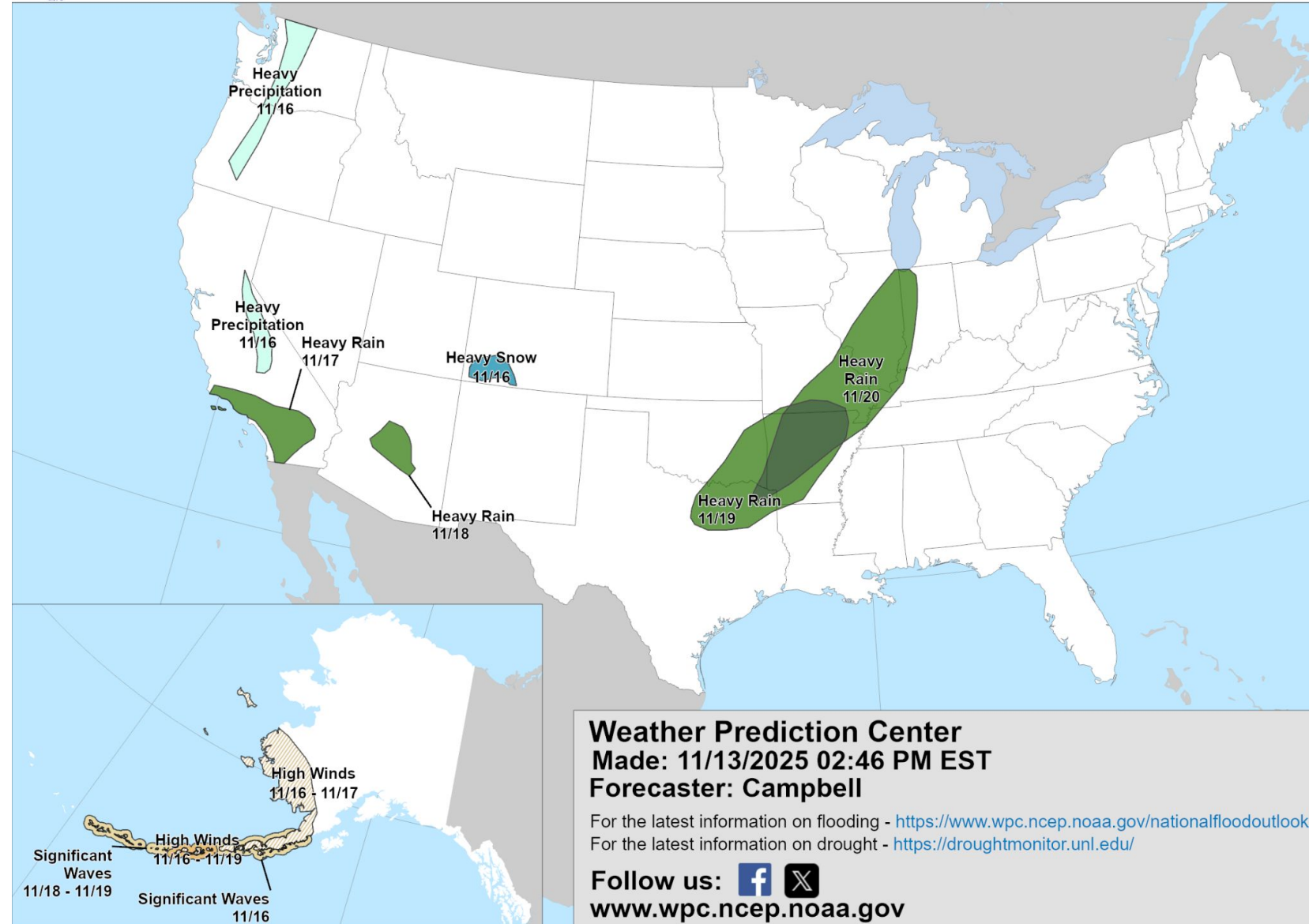
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Hazards Outlook](#)

## Main Takeaways

- Models continue to favor an active pattern heading into the week of November 16th.
- Risk of heavy precipitation for parts of the Southern Plains, Lower and Middle Mississippi, Tennessee, and Ohio Valleys centered around Wednesday, Nov 19th and Thursday, Nov 20th.



## Day 3-7 U.S. Hazards Outlook Valid: 11/16/2025-11/20/2025





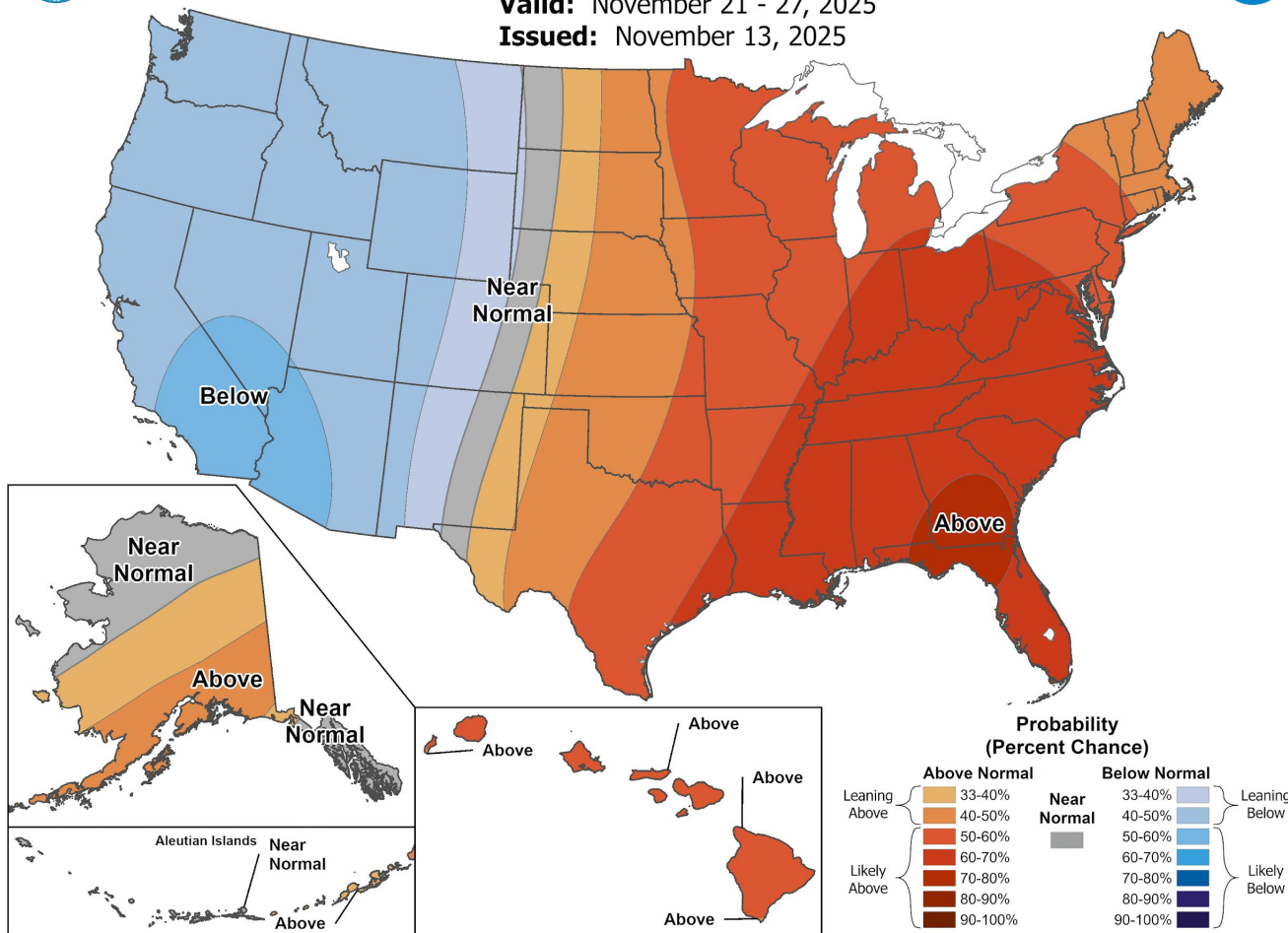
# 8 to 14 Day Outlooks

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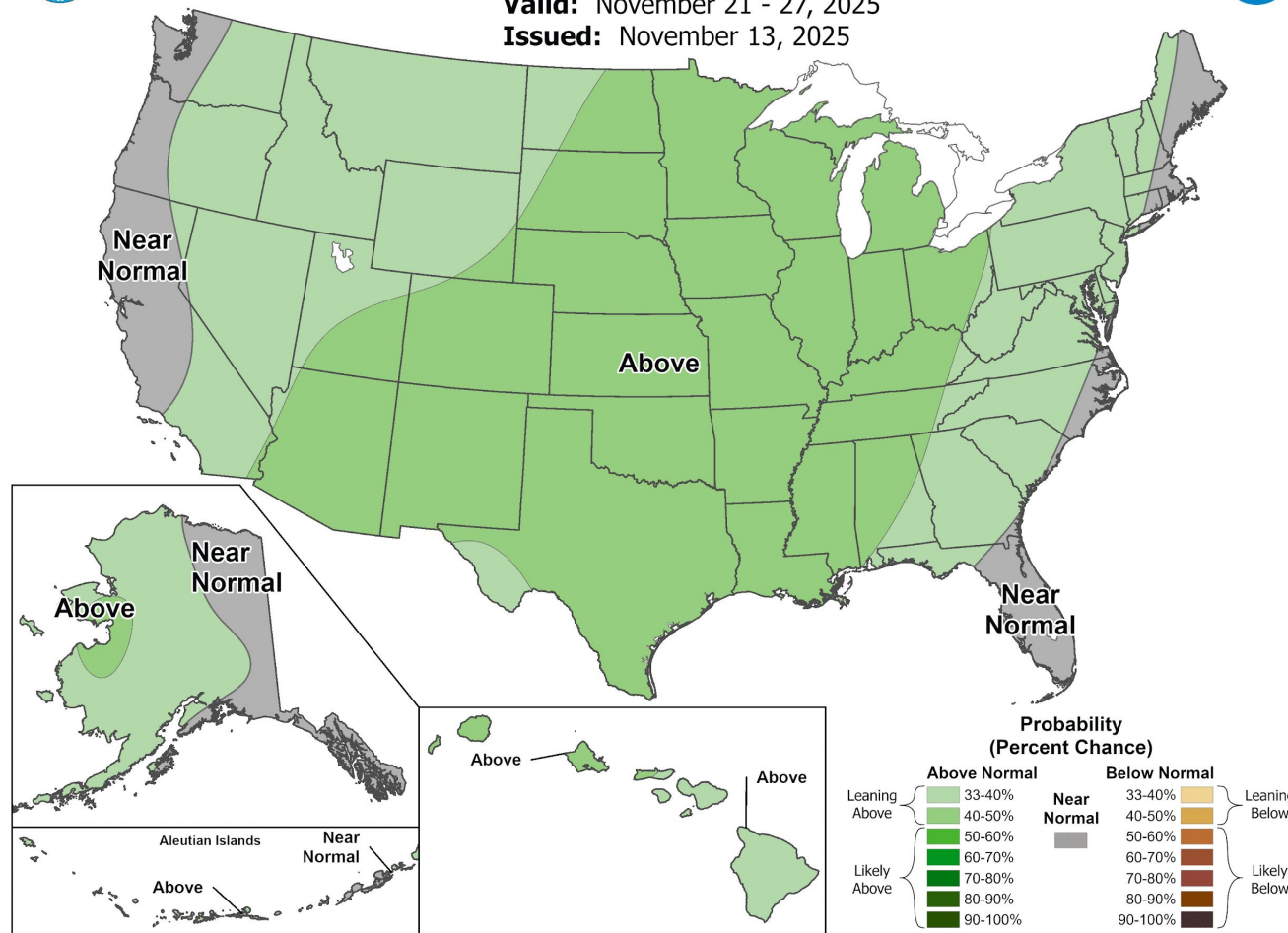
## 8-14 Day Temperature Outlook

**Valid:** November 21 - 27, 2025  
**Issued:** November 13, 2025



## 8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook

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### Main Takeaways

- The signal favors better chances for above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation in the Nov 21-27 time period.







# Monthly Outlooks

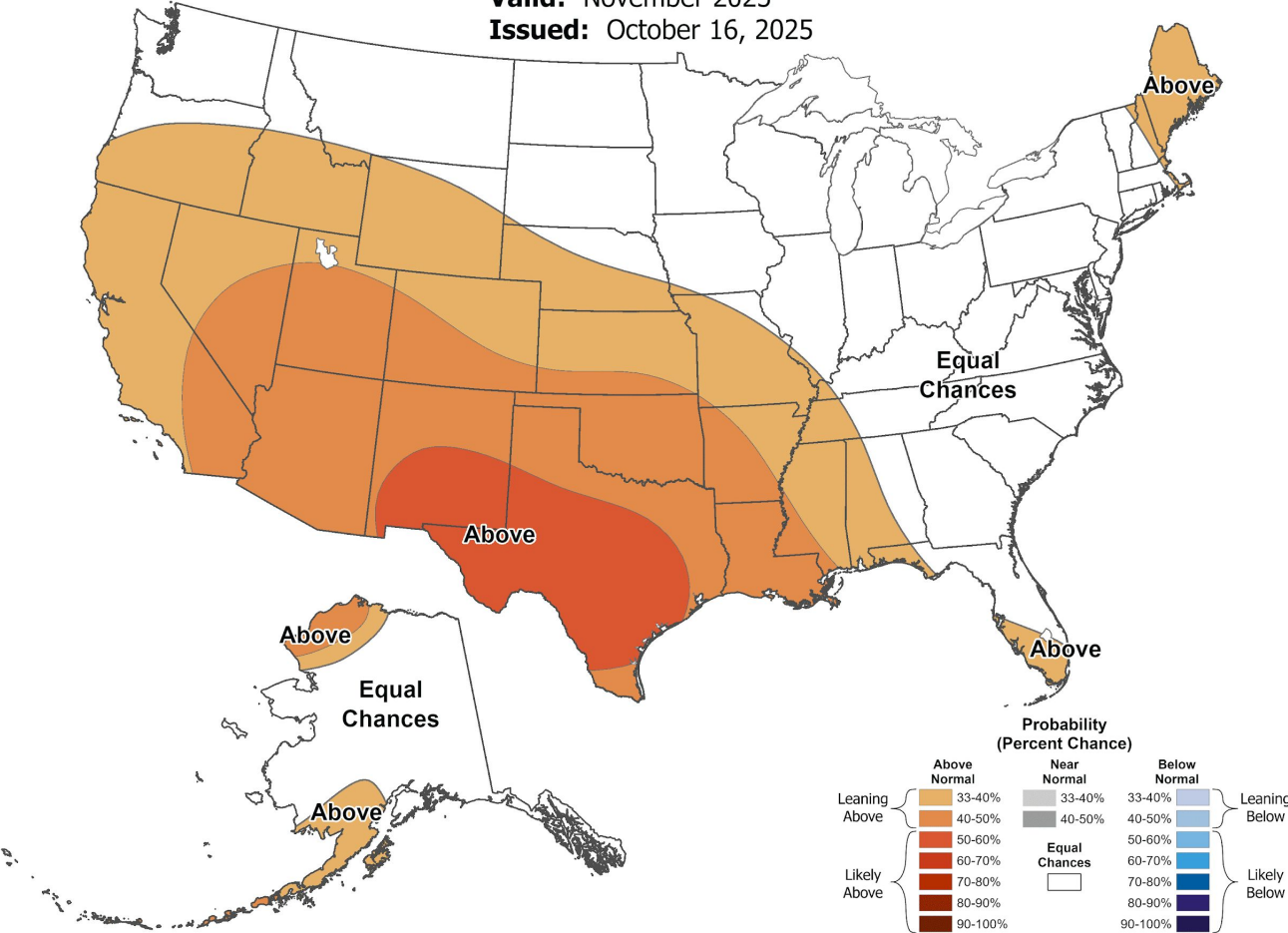
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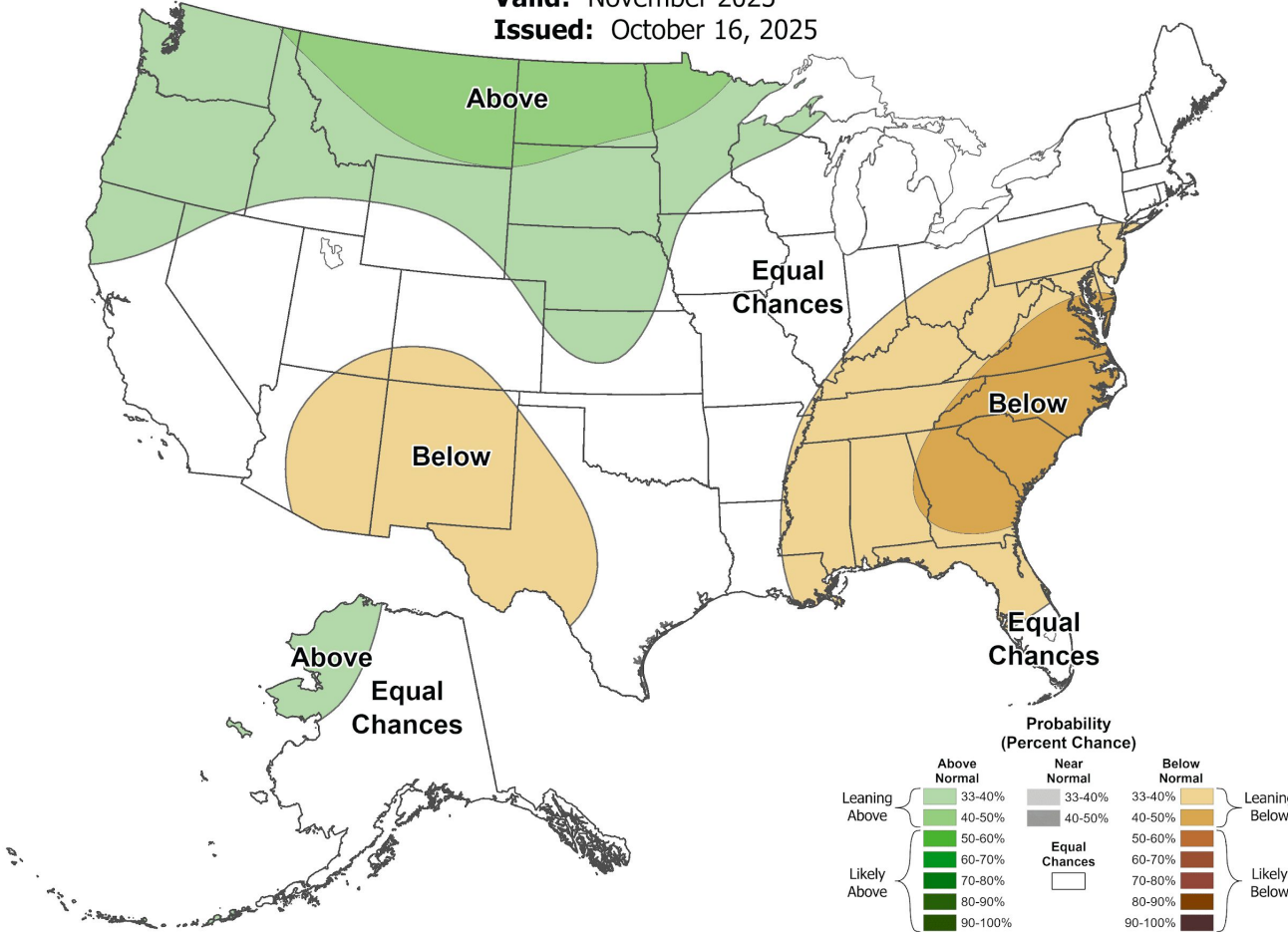
## Monthly Temperature Outlook

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## Monthly Precipitation Outlook

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### Main Takeaways

- The signal slightly favors above normal temperatures and equal chances of above/below normal precipitation for the month of November.





# Seasonal Outlooks

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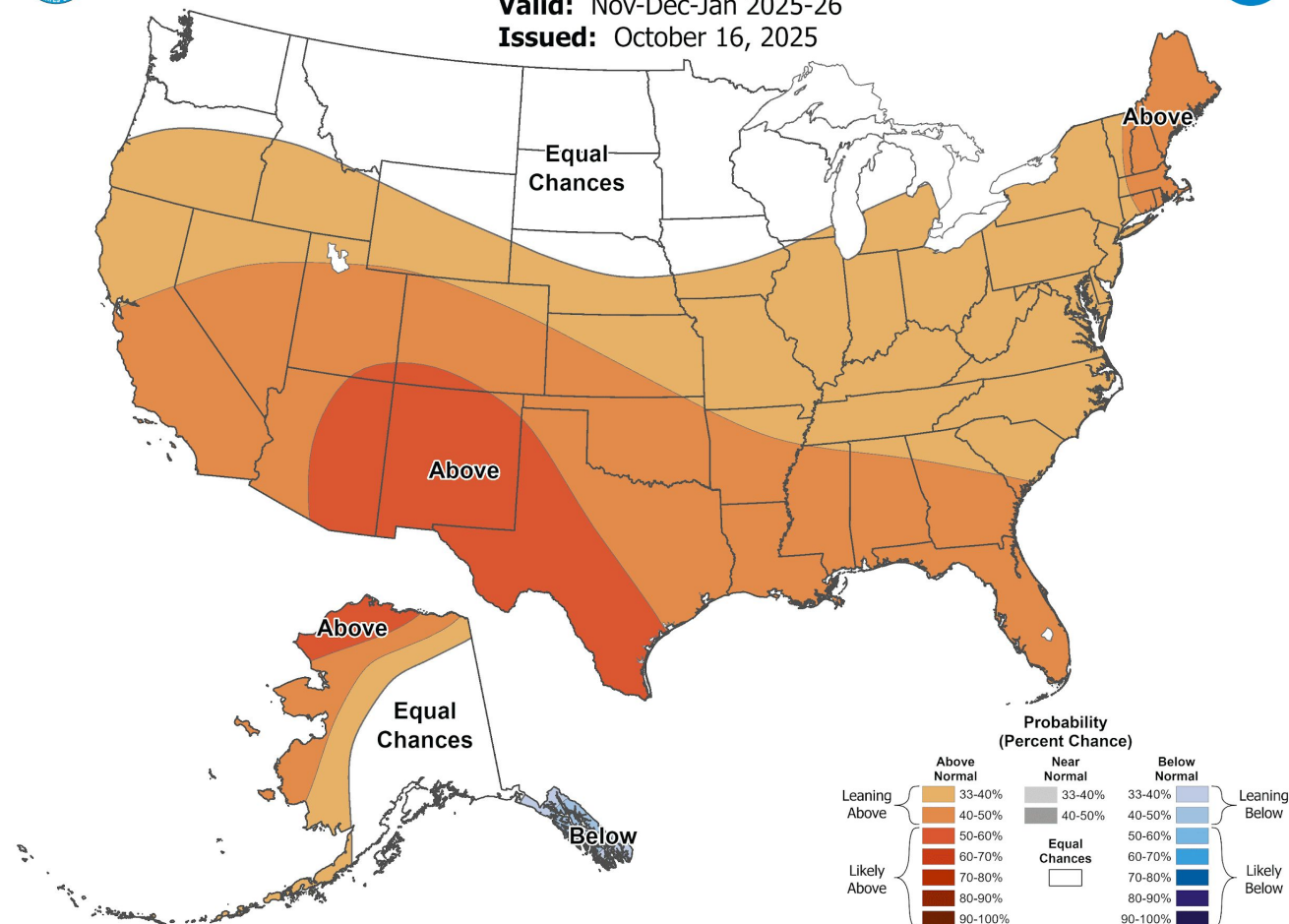
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## Seasonal Temperature Outlook

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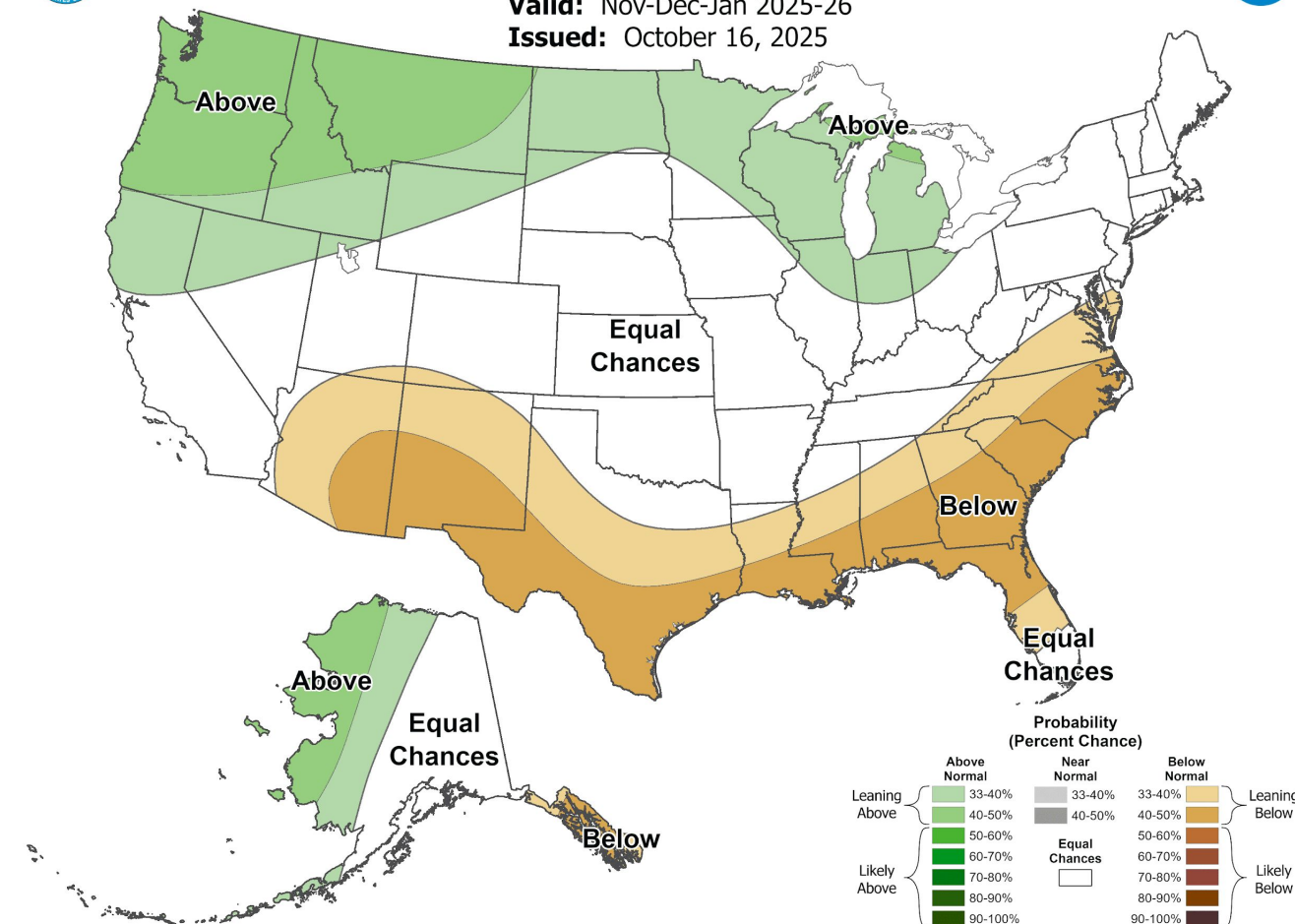
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## Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

Valid: Nov-Dec-Jan 2025-26

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## Main Takeaways

- The signal slightly favors above normal temperatures and equal chances of above/below normal precipitation for the period of Nov through Jan.



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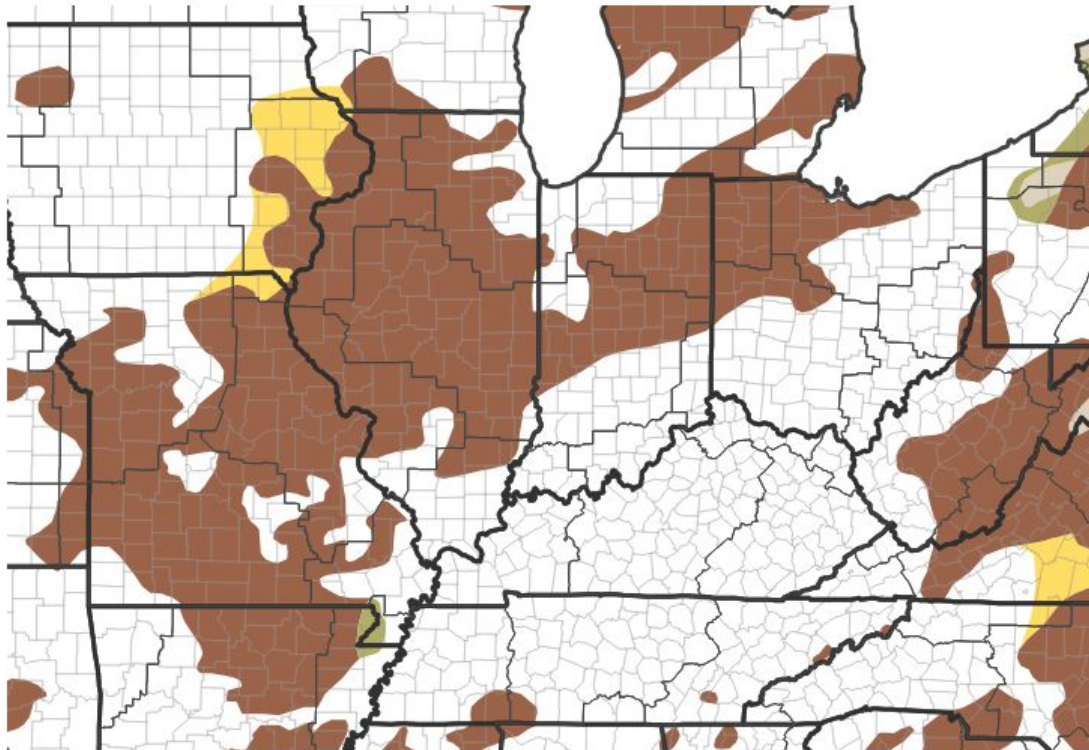


# Drought Outlook

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1-Month Drought Outlook for November 1,  
2025–November 30, 2025



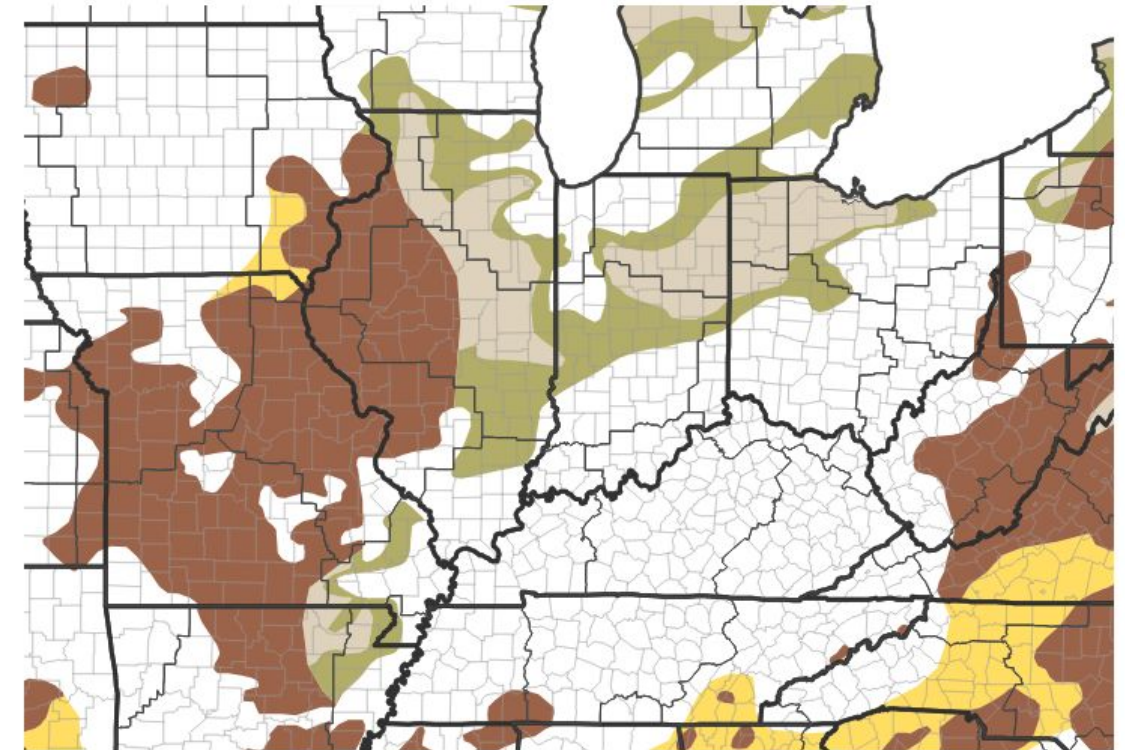
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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 31,  
2025–January 31, 2026



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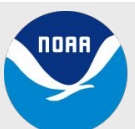


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## Main Takeaways

- Drought likely to persist through January.



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- [Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)
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## Drought Impacts



### Agriculture

Farms, ranches, and grazing lands suffer, and increases the cost of their products



### Public Health

A decrease of water can lead to an increase of illness, disease, mortality rates, and adverse mental health



### Ecosystems

Harms fish, wildlife, and plants, as well as the benefits these ecosystems provide



### Wildfire Management

Dry, hot, and windy weather combined with dried out vegetation can lead to more large-scale wildfires



### Manufacturing

Interruptions in the water supply can result in a reduction of productivity or closure of facilities



### Energy

Production of all types of energy requires water, and drought can severely impact energy systems and prices



## During a Drought be Vigilant

Conserve Water

Practice Fire Prevention

Follow Directions from Local Officials

Trinity Lake, CA, dry lakebed during California Drought, 2014. Photo: USGS



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