



Drought Information Statement for Eastern/Central VA, NE NC and Lower MD Eastern Shore

Valid October 23, 2025

Issued By: NWS Wakefield, VA

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated November 20, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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- SEVERE DROUGHT FOR PORTIONS OF NORTHEAST NORTH CAROLINA
 - MODERATE DROUGHT FOR THE EASTERN VIRGINIA PIEDMONT AND SOUTH-CENTRAL VIRGINIA INTO NORTHEAST NORTH CAROLINA
 - ABNORMALLY DRY FOR THE VIRGINIA NORTHERN NECK, MIDDLE PENINSULA AND THE LOWER MD EASTERN SHORE



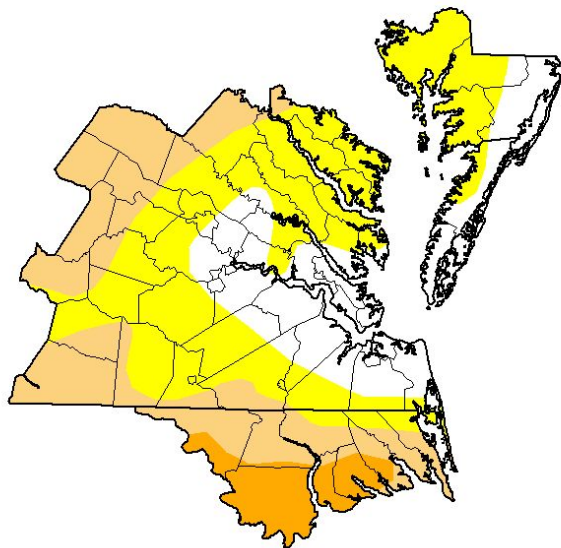


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of northeast NC from southern Northampton County through Bertie County and along the north side of the Albemarle Sound.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: The eastern VA Piedmont, south-central VA and much of the rest of northeast NC.
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: The VA Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula and much of the rest of eastern VA outside of Hampton Roads. Also includes the lower MD Eastern Shore.

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October 21, 2025

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	21.46	78.54	36.18	7.28	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-14-2025	56.47	43.53	20.97	0.50	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-22-2025	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-07-2025	0.00	100.00	67.60	13.41	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	59.67	40.33	16.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-22-2024	56.05	43.95	5.24	0.09	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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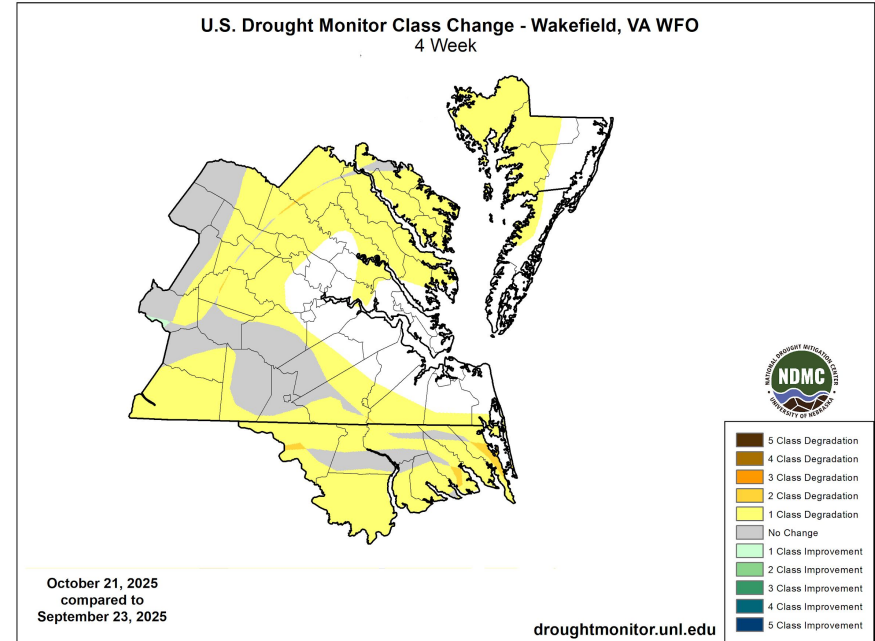
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to Latest [4-week change map](#)

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change
 - A 1-class degradation in drought status has occurred across much of the area during the past 4 weeks.

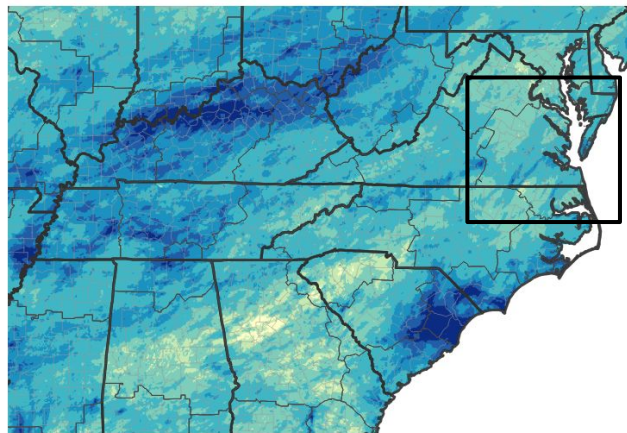




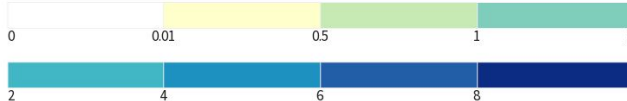
Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation has been observed during the past 30 days for much of the area. The driest conditions (25-50% of normal precip) have been observed across the eastern Piedmont of VA and southside VA into northeast NC.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



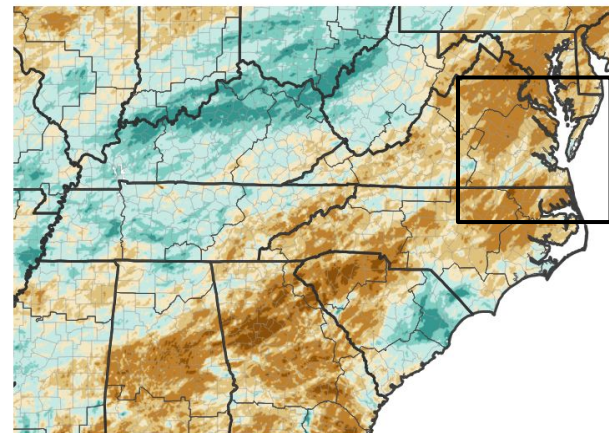
Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System;
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Below normal 7-day streamflows are currently observed across much of the James, Appomattox and Roanoke River basins.
- Below normal 7-day streamflows are also currently observed across the York and lower Potomac River basins.
- In Maryland, the Nanticoke River basin is experiencing below normal to much-below-normal 7-day streamflows.

Mitigation Actions

- State of Virginia continues the drought watch for Mecklenburg County in south-central Virginia.
- A drought advisory is in effect for all of northeast North Carolina.

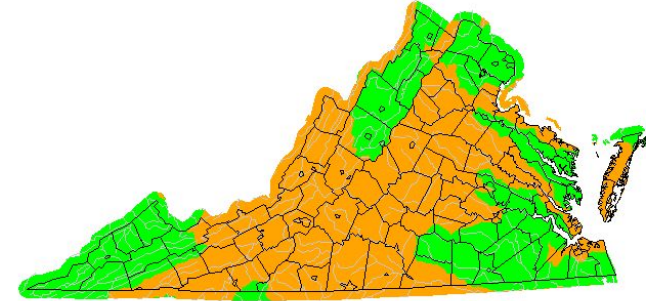




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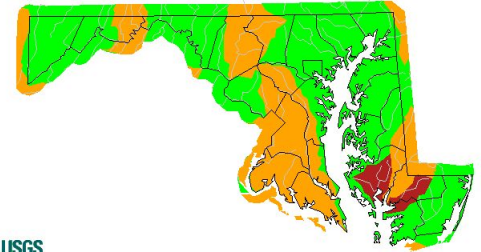
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Virginia

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 10/22/2025

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		

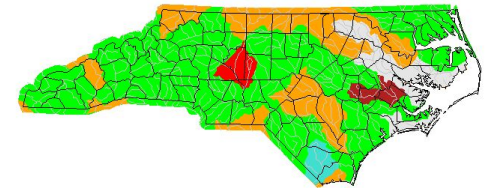
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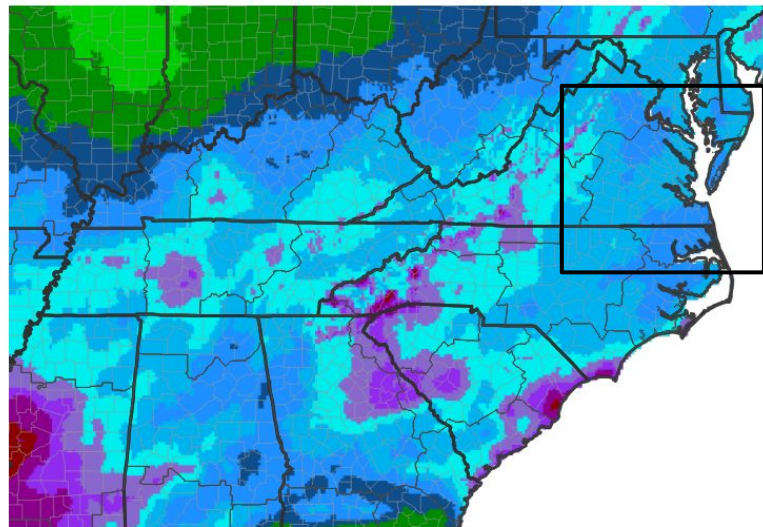




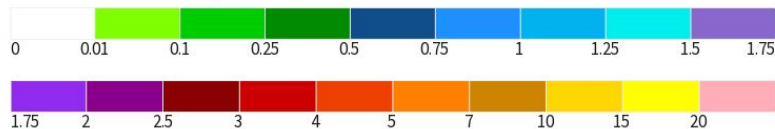
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Between 0.75-1.25 inches of precipitation is expected over the next 7 days, ending October 30th.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 23, 2025–October 30, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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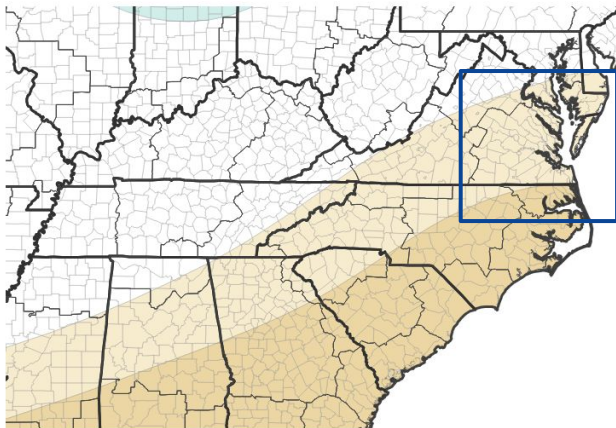


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Below normal precipitation is favored from November 1, 2025 through the end of January 2026.
- Above normal temperatures are favored from November 1, 2025 through the end of January 2026.

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for November 1, 2025–January 31, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

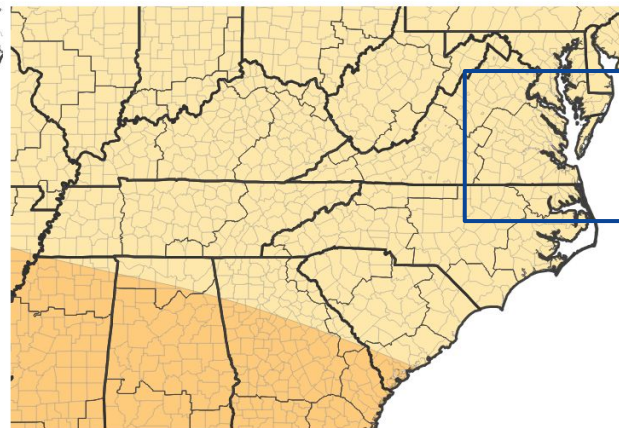


Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2025–January 31, 2026



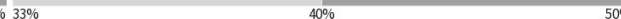
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



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Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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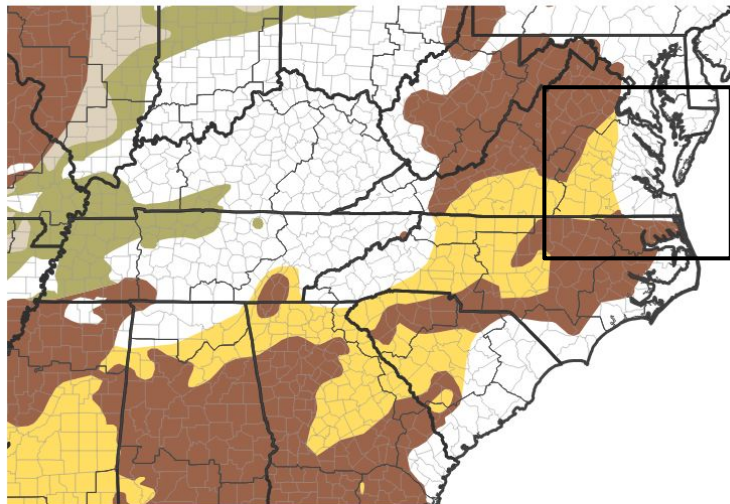


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- Drought conditions are expected to persist or develop through the end of January 2026 across the eastern Piedmont of VA, south-central VA and northeast NC.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 16, 2025–January 31, 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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