



Drought Information Statement for Central Alabama

Valid February 12, 2026

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- This product will be updated only if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/bmx/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.



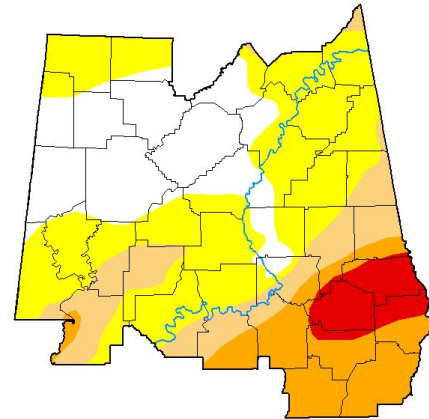


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - D4 Exceptional Drought: None.
 - D3 Extreme Drought: A small but growing area in the east central part of the state..
 - D2 and D1 Severe/Moderate Drought: Mainly in the southeast corner of the area but also includes locations around Demopolis.
 - D0 Abnormally Dry: Most of central Alabama is either considered abnormally dry or completely free of drought conditions.

U.S. Drought Monitor Birmingham, AL WFO



February 10, 2026
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	25.80	40.26	13.88	14.12	5.94	0.00
Last Week 02-03-2026	25.80	45.69	8.44	17.07	2.99	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-11-2025	5.25	19.95	33.44	37.40	3.95	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2026	0.00	2.87	61.33	31.85	3.95	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	0.24	48.37	31.68	17.41	2.30	0.00
One Year Ago 02-11-2025	16.33	24.06	39.29	20.31	0.00	0.00

Intensity

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor valid February 10, 2026



Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for central Alabama

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Mainly in southeast locations of the area.
 - No Change and Drought Improvement: Most of the area either experienced no change or a one category drought improvement.

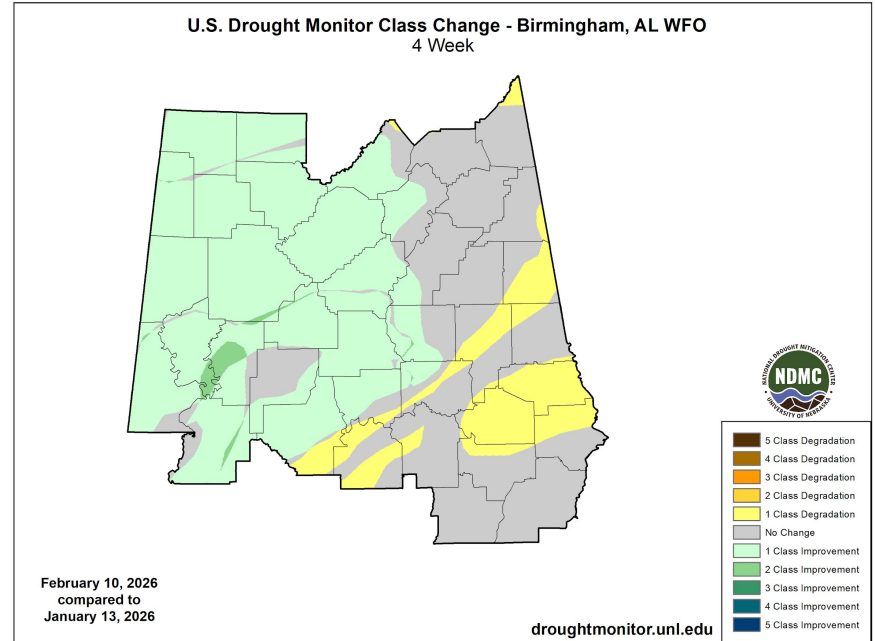


Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor 4-week change map valid February 10, 2026



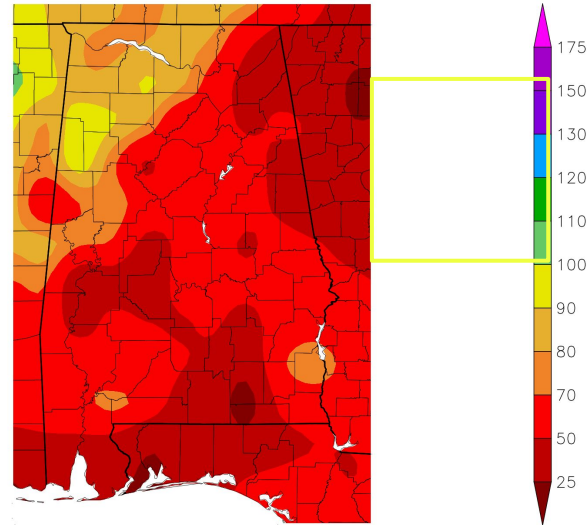


Precipitation

Last 30 days

- Drier than average conditions continued across much of the deep south over the past 30 days.
- February's average weekly rainfall should be around 1.25 inches with monthly totals averaging around 5 inches.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
1/13/2026 – 2/11/2026



/12/2026 using provisional data.

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Image Captions:

Map - [Departure from normal map for Alabama](#)
Data over the past 30 days ending Feb 11, 2026





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows have declined recently due to the lack of regular rainfall events. Most locations within central Alabama are in the below normal range and are within the 25th percentile or less for this time of the year.

Agricultural Impacts

- No updates from the USDA have been reported.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no fire weather impacts at this time.

Other Impacts

- None

Drought Mitigation Actions

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





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Scattered rainfall is expected through February 19th. This is not enough to improve the drought conditions in place and will be near or less than historical averages for this time of the year.

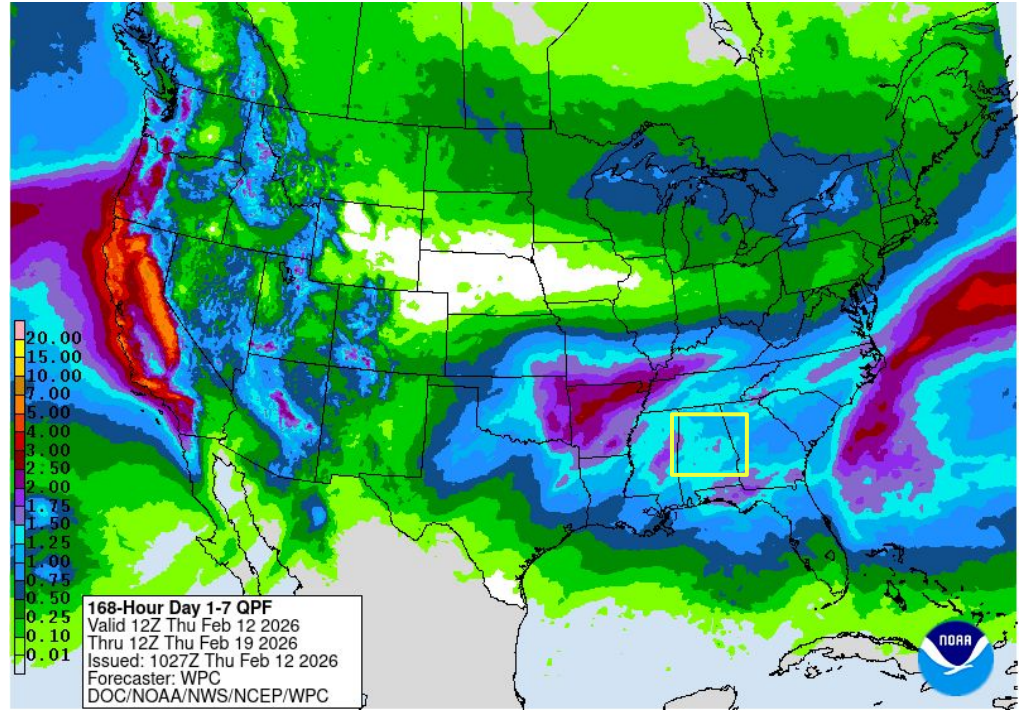


Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center [7-day precipitation forecast](#) valid through February 19th.



Medium-Range Outlooks

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

- The seasonal outlook from now through April is calling for a higher chance of above average temperatures.
- Rainfall probabilities during this same time-frame lead to a near average to slightly below average pattern.
- If this pattern verifies, it would lead towards potential improvement across the north and persistent or worsening drought conditions in the south.

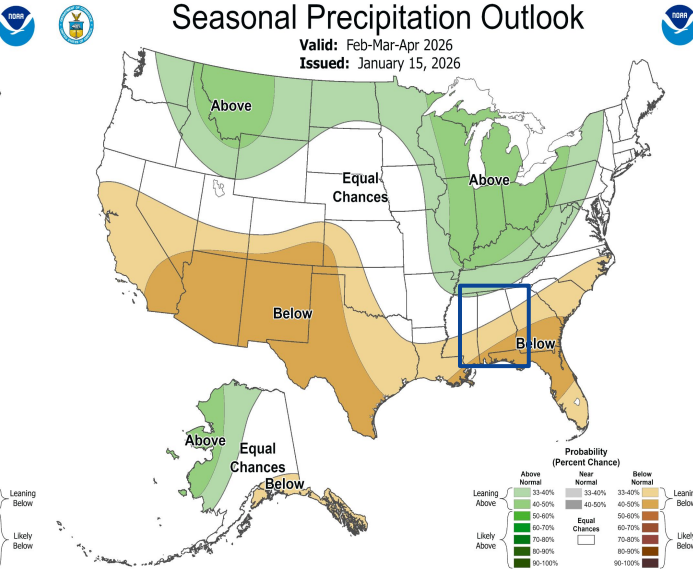
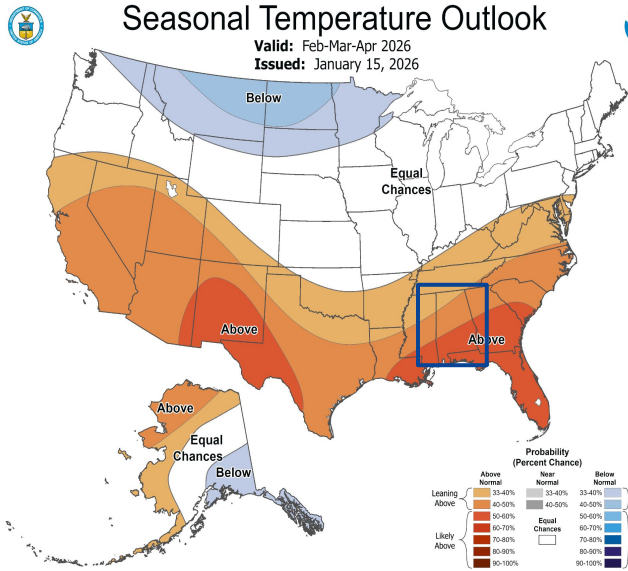


Image Captions:
Left - Seasonal temperature outlook ending May 1
Right - Seasonal precipitation outlook ending May 1

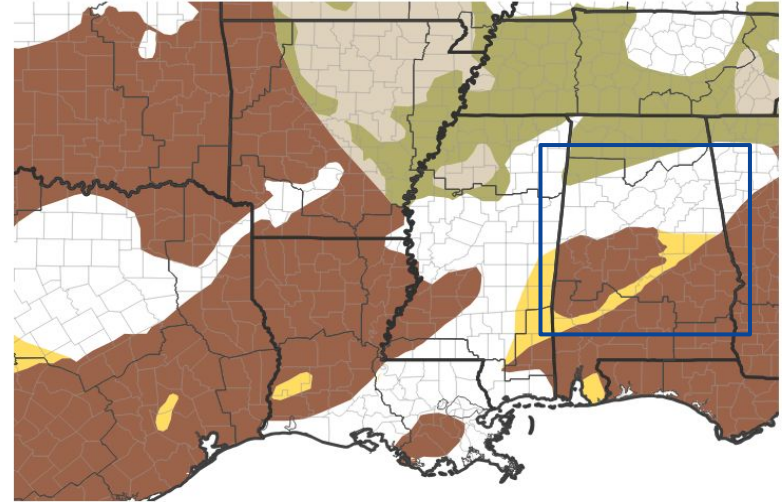


Drought Outlook

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- The latest seasonal outlook released by the CPC on January 15th shows no areas of improvement across our southern counties with some potential improvement across the north. This map is valid through the end of April.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 15, 2026–April 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Last Updated: 01/15/26

Image Caption:

CPC Seasonal Drought Outlook Released January, 2026 and valid now through April 2026.

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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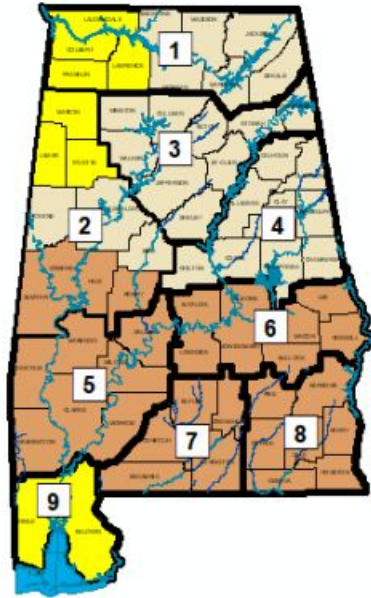
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State Drought Declaration

The latest information on the state declaration can be found [HERE](#)

- The latest Alabama drought declaration map has all of Alabama in either an advisory, watch or warning status. Click the link at the bottom of the page for more information.



Legend
No Drought Declaration
Advisory
Watch
Warning
Emergency

Precipitation deficits have led to expanding drought conditions across the state, nearly every drought region has experienced a degradation of drought conditions. OWR will continue monitoring our water resources and update this Declaration as needed.

Water managers and public water system customers are encouraged to follow their local water system's recommendations regarding water use. All water users should make prudent decisions on their water use to protect available resources.

For further information, please visit our web site at water.alabama.gov and follow the links for Drought Planning and Management. You may also reach our office at (334) 242-5499, fax at (334) 242-0776, or e-mail at water@adeca.alabama.gov.

Image caption: [Alabama drought declaration map image](#)

