



Drought Information Statement for Southeast Georgia and Southeast South Carolina

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- This product will be updated by January 23, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
 - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/chs/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- Very little rainfall over the last 30 days for southeast Georgia and southeast South Carolina
 - Widespread significant rainfall is not expected over the next 7 days
 - The long-term outlook into the spring continues to feature drought persisting or developing across the region



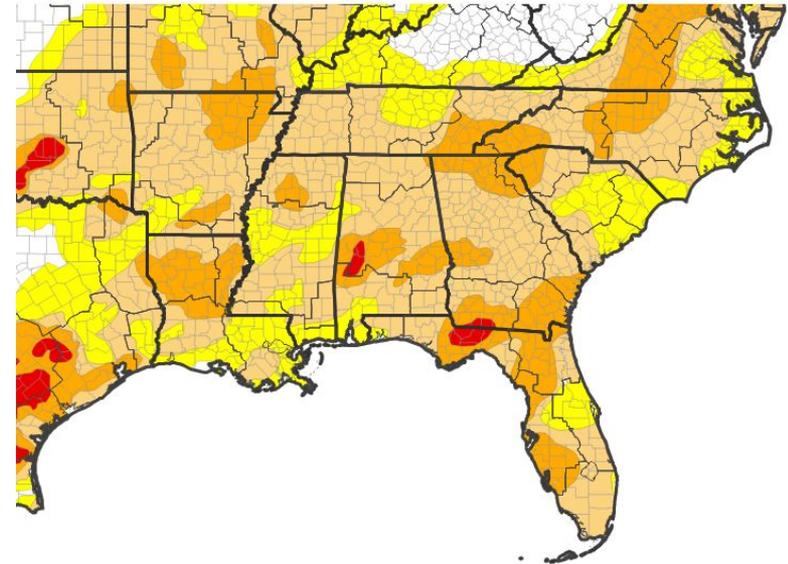


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):**
 - None
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):**
 - None
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):**
 - GA: Bryan, Chatham, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Tattnall
 - SC: None
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):**
 - GA: Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Jenkins, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Screven, Tattnall
 - SC: Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):**
 - GA: Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Jenkins, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Screven, Tattnall
 - SC: Allendale, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper

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

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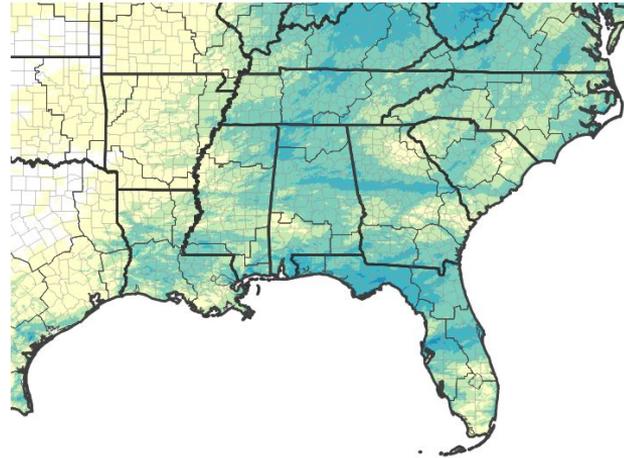




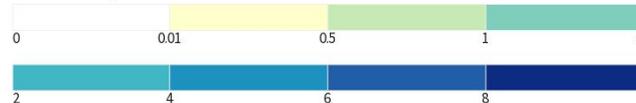
Precipitation

- Observed rainfall remains well below normal across southeast GA and southeast SC over the last 30 days
- Most of the area has received less than an inch of rain over the last 30 days

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

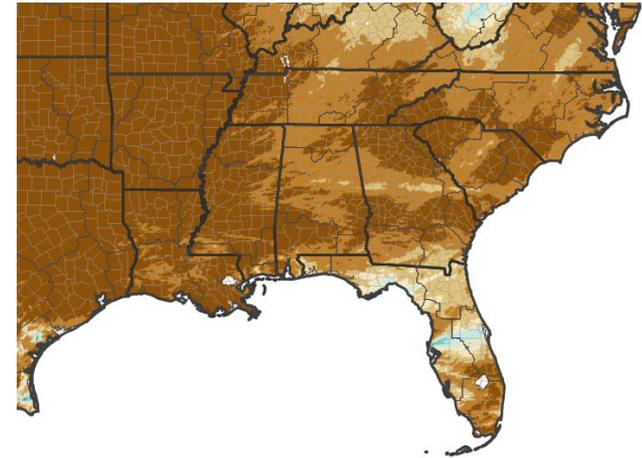


Inches of Precipitation

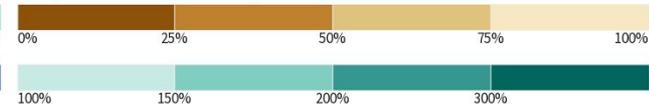


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; Last Updated: 01/08/26
image courtesy of Drought.gov

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

- The USGS reports that average streamflow is currently below normal to much below normal for all main stem river basins across southeast GA and southeast SC

Agricultural Impacts

- No recent new impacts reported

Fire Hazard Impacts

- No known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

- No known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your county or municipality regarding any ongoing mitigation efforts

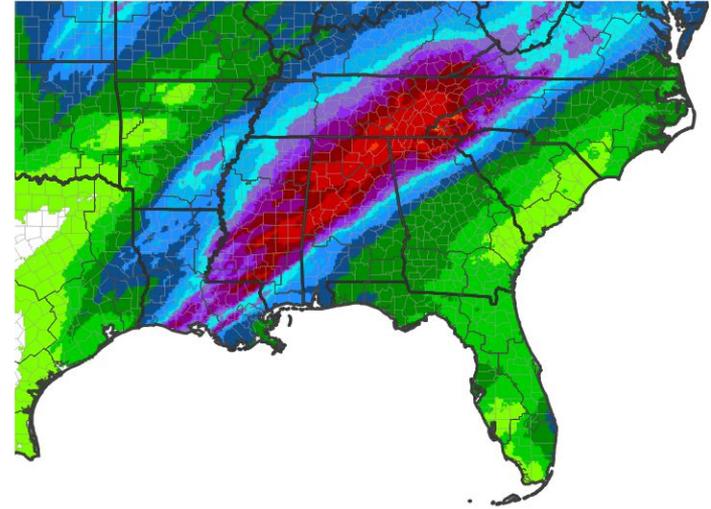




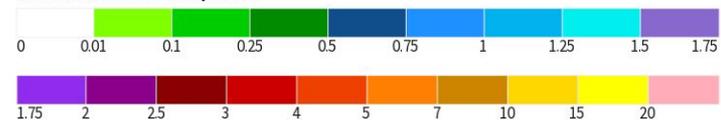
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Widespread significant rainfall is not expected over the next 7 days
- A cold front will move through Saturday night into Sunday (1/10-1/11) and could produce isolated to scattered showers
- Total rainfall amounts are expected to be no more than a tenth of an inch, if any rainfall occurs at all

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for January 8, 2026–January 15, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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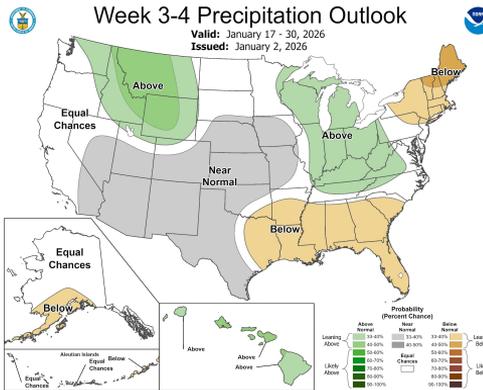
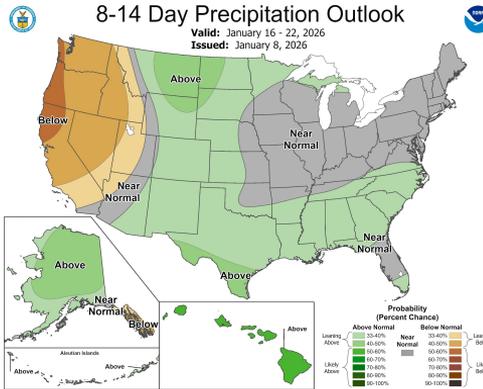




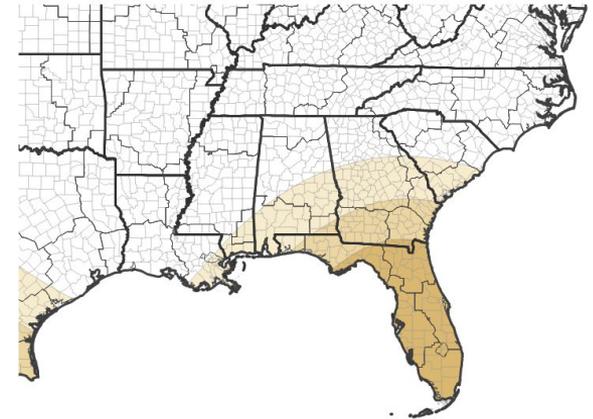
Long-Range Outlooks

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

- There is an increased chance for above normal rainfall through the middle part of January
- However, the overall outlook for the latter part of January is an increased chance for below normal rainfall



Monthly Precipitation Outlook for January 1, 2026–January 31, 2026



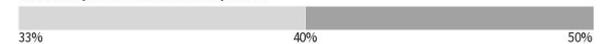
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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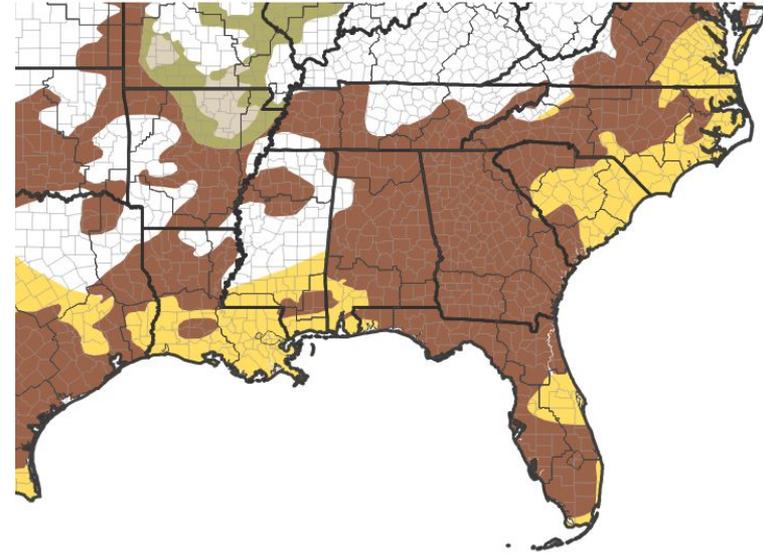


Drought Outlook

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- The seasonal drought outlook through the end of March highlights the southeast GA and southeast SC area in persistent or developing drought

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for December 31, 2025–March 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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