



Drought Information Statement for Southeast Georgia and Southeast South Carolina

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- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/chs/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- Recent rainfall continues to be well below normal and drought conditions have worsened across southeast GA and southeast SC
- Some precipitation is expected over the next 7 days, but likely not enough to provide significant improvement to ongoing dry conditions
- Due to an increased probability of below normal precipitation in the coming weeks and months, drought conditions are expected to persist through the spring



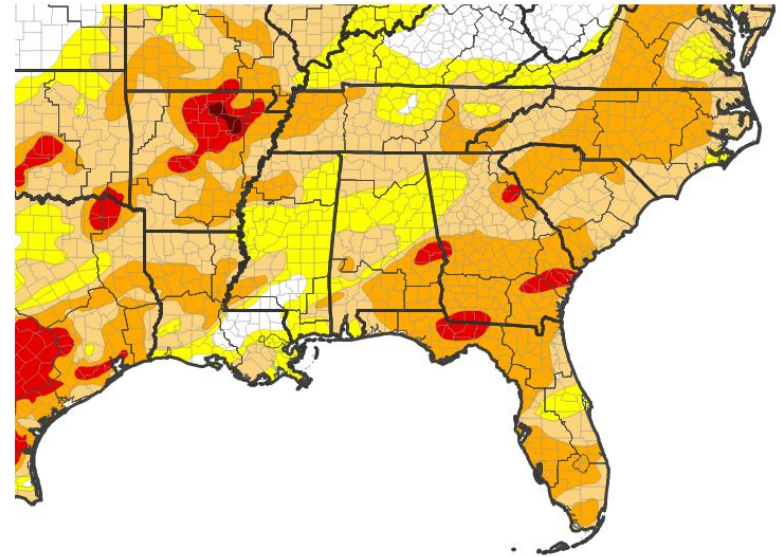


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

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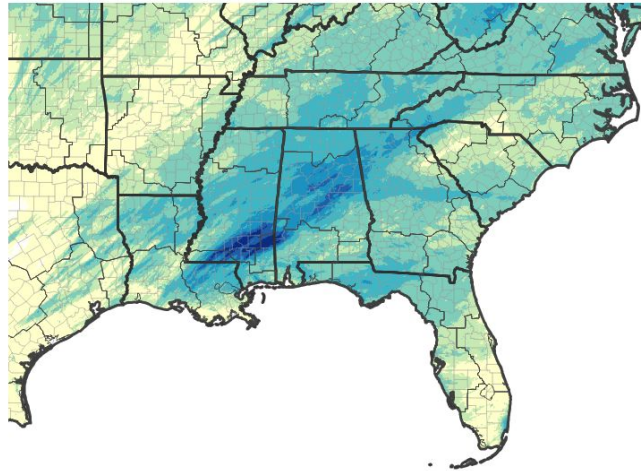




Precipitation

- Very dry conditions have impacted southeast GA and southeast SC over the last 30 days
- Rainfall amounts have generally been 1-2 inches, with some areas along coastal southeast GA receiving less than an inch over this period

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



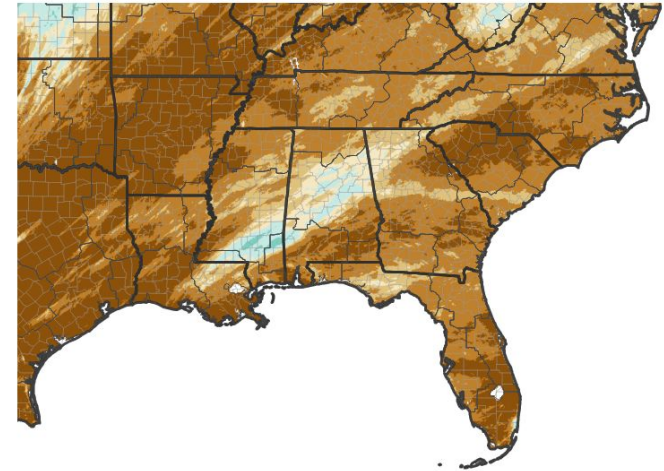
Inches of Precipitation



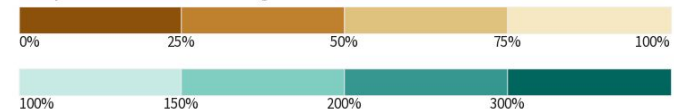
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- USGS average streamflow data over the last 28 days indicates below normal to much below normal streamflow across all of southeast GA and southeast SC

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

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

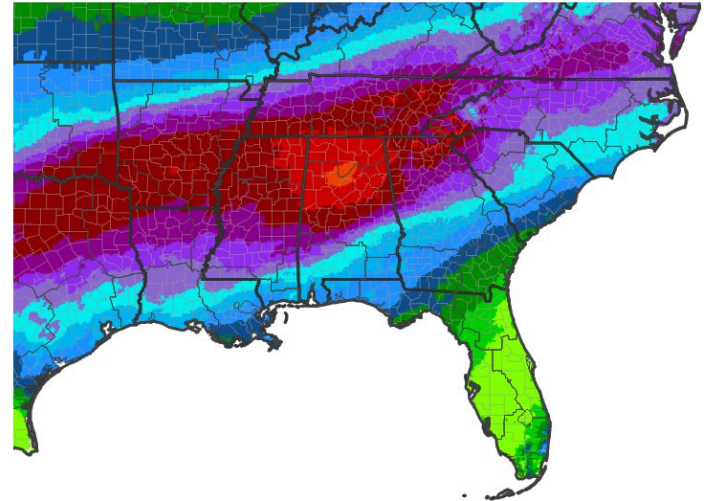




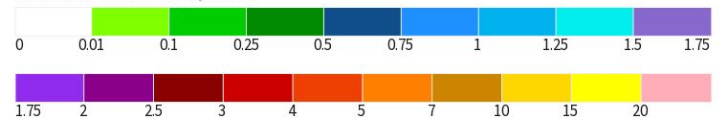
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- A strong storm system will produce widespread precipitation across the Southeast region January 24-25
- Rainfall amounts for southeast GA and southeast SC are forecast to range between 0.25-1.00” for the entire event

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for January 22, 2026–January 29, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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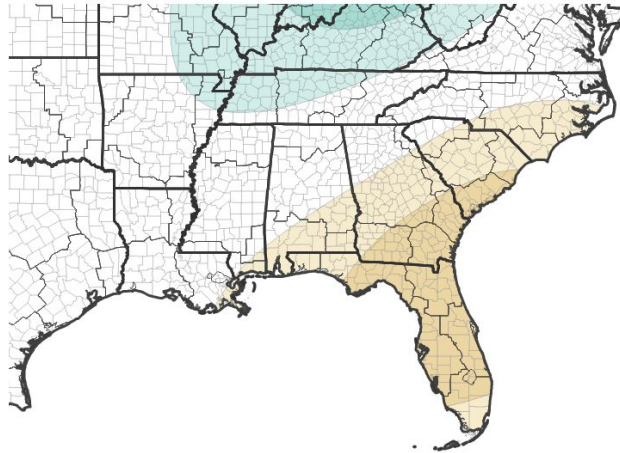


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The monthly outlook for February is for increased chances of below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



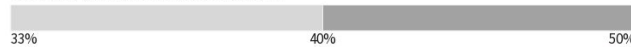
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

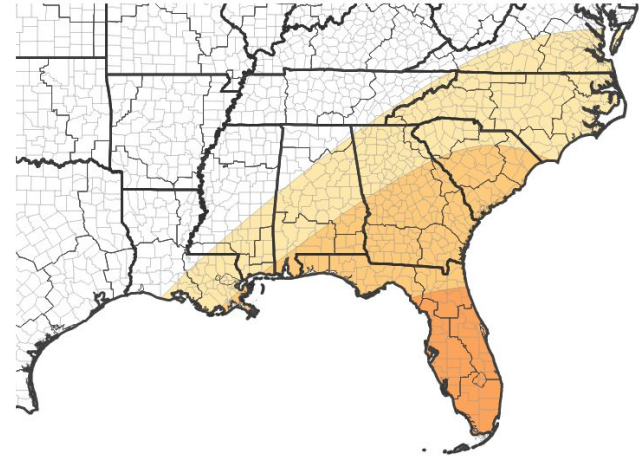


Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



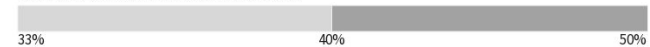
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



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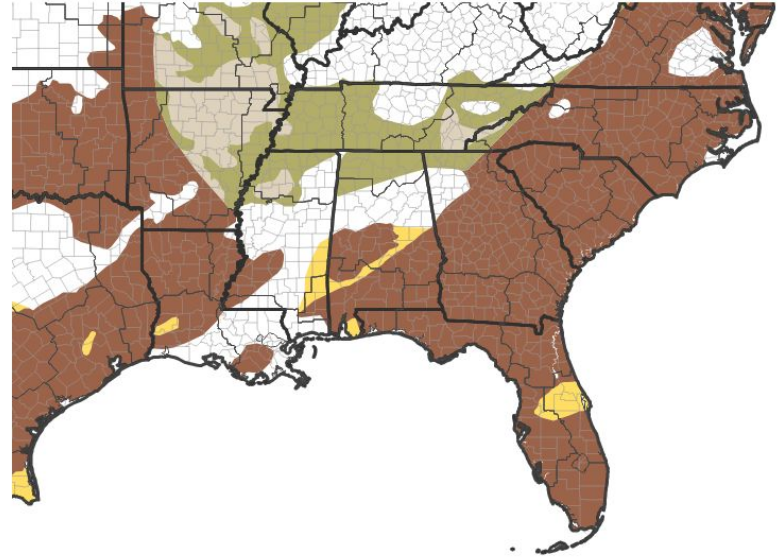


Drought Outlook

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- Due to long range forecasts of below normal rainfall, drought conditions are expected to persist across southeast GA and southeast SC through April

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