



# Drought Information Statement for Southeast Georgia and Southeast South Carolina

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- This product will be updated March 6, 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.
  - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- Recent rainfall continues to be well below normal and drought conditions remain moderate to severe for all of southeast GA and southeast SC
  - A widespread significant rainfall event is expected to occur through Sunday (2/22)
  - The long term outlook through March is for below normal rainfall
  - Drought conditions are expected to persist through the spring



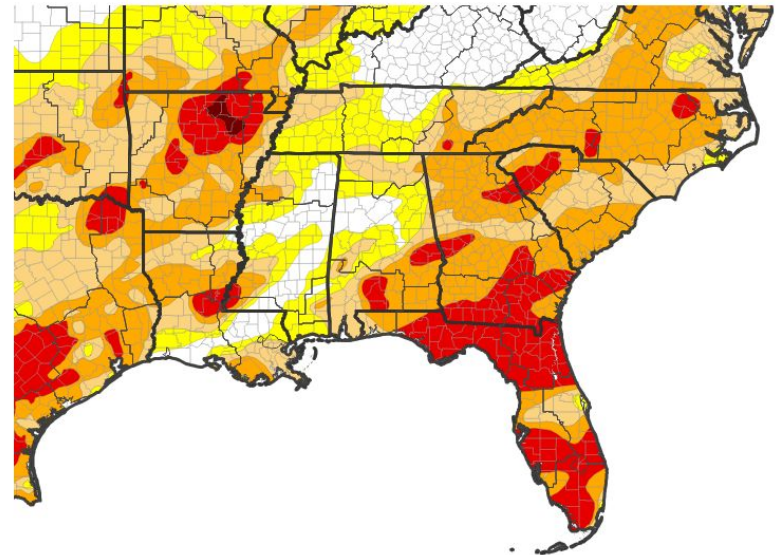


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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
    - SC: None
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):**
    - None

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

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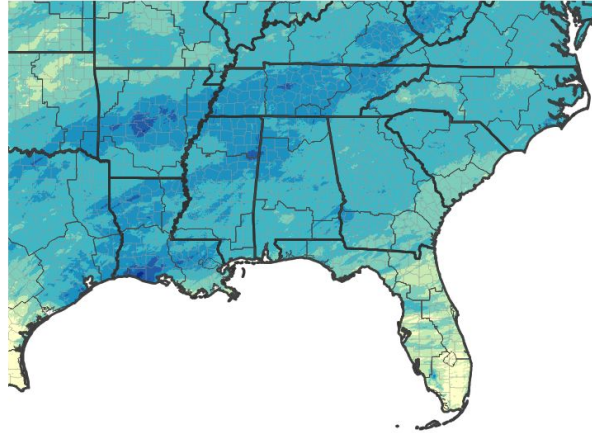




# Precipitation

- Very dry conditions have continued across southeast GA and southeast SC over the last 30 days
- Rainfall amounts have generally been 1-2 inches
- Most of this area has only received 25-50% of normal rainfall for this time period

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

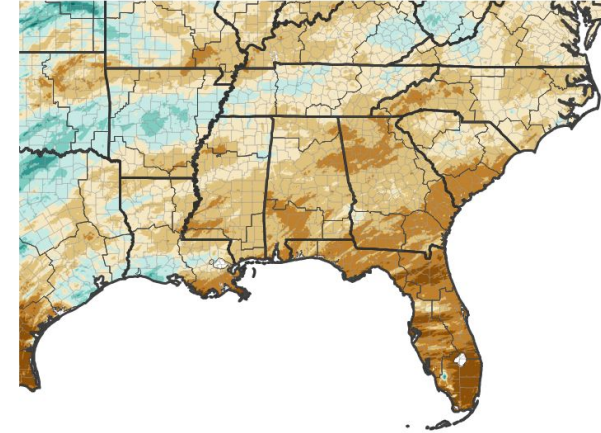


Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; Last Updated: 02/20/26  
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

- USGS average streamflow data over the last 28 days indicates that most main stem rivers are experiencing much below normal streamflow across all of southeast GA and southeast SC

## Agricultural Impacts

- No impacts recently reported

## 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

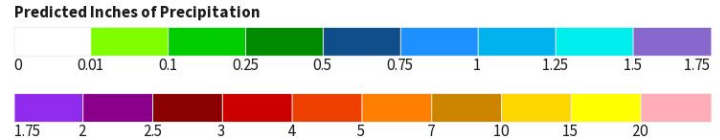
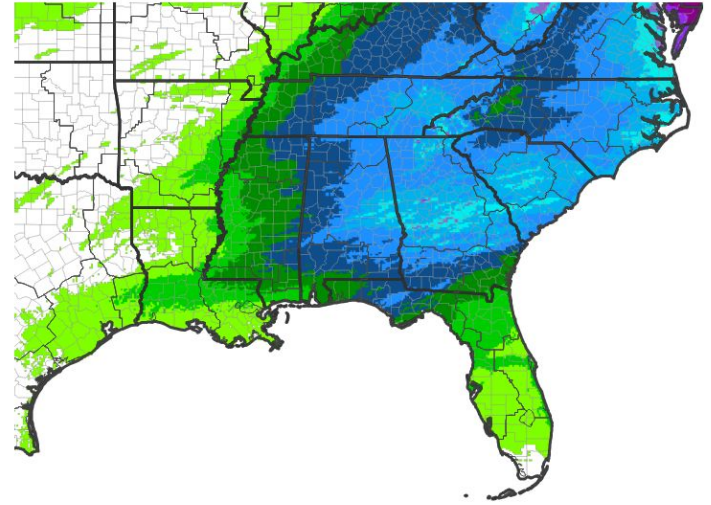




# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Showers, and possibly a few thunderstorms, are expected to produce widespread significant rainfall across southeast South Carolina and southeast Georgia into Sunday morning (2/22)
- Rainfall amounts across the area are forecast to be in the 0.5-1.25" range for the event, with locally higher amounts possible

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for February 20, 2026–February 27, 2026



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 02/20/26



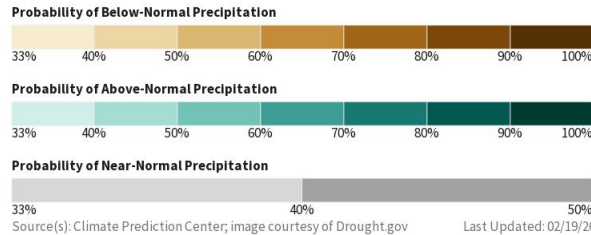
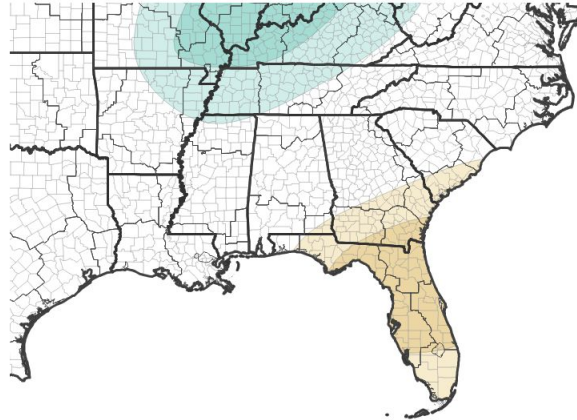


# Long-Range Outlooks

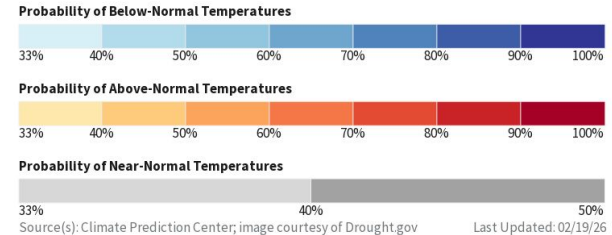
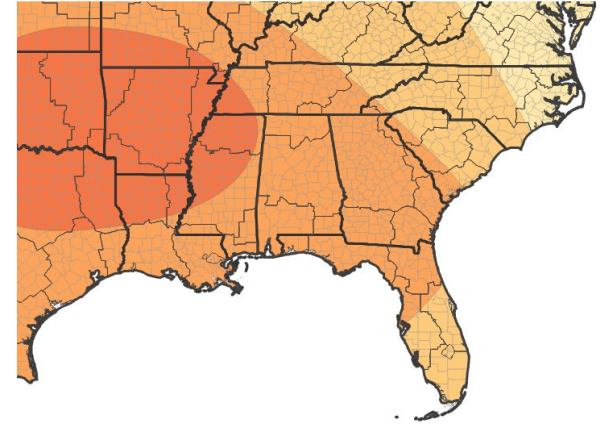
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- The monthly outlook for March is for an increased chance of above normal temperatures and an increased chance of below normal rainfall

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



Monthly Temperature Outlook for March 1, 2026–March 31, 2026



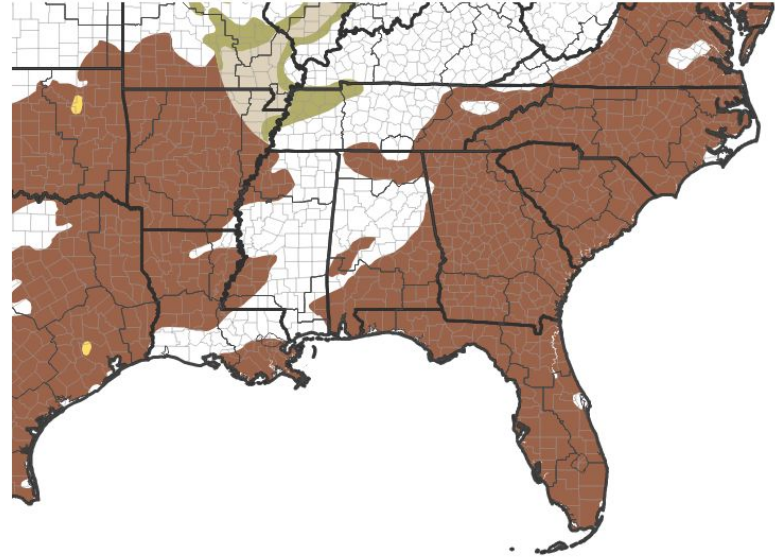


# Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are expected to persist across southeast GA and southeast SC through May

**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for February 19, 2026–May 31, 2026**



**Drought Is Predicted To...**



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

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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