



# Drought Information Statement for Southeast Georgia and Southeast South Carolina

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- This product will be updated April 17, 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, with a near record lack of rainfall dating back to September 2025
  - Drought conditions continue to worsen, with the highest coverage of Extreme Drought (D3) across the area since 5/22/2012
  - Widespread significant rainfall is not expected over the next 7 days
  - Though the rest of April is expected to bring below normal rainfall, there is potential for above normal rainfall for May and June



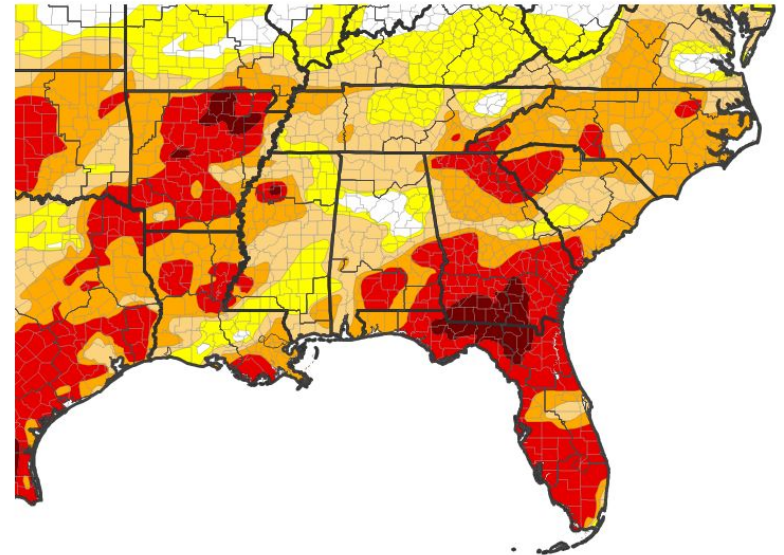


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

U.S. Drought Monitor



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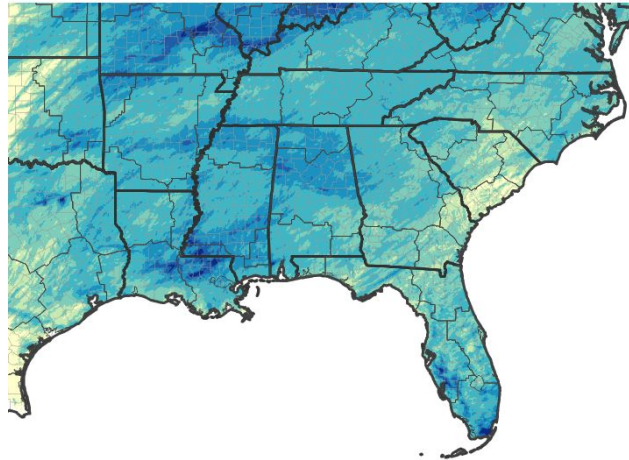




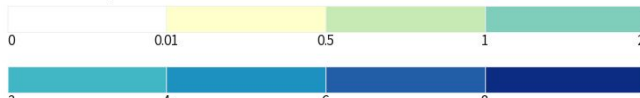
# Precipitation

- Very dry conditions over the last 30 days
- The lack of rain extends back to September
- Charleston International Airport (CHS)
  - Below normal rainfall every month September 2025 through March 2026
  - 2nd driest September-March on record
  - 49% of normal rainfall, 13.31" below normal
- Savannah International Airport (SAV)
  - Below normal rainfall every month September 2025 through March 2026
  - 3rd driest September-March on record
  - 42% of normal rainfall, 13.41" below normal

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



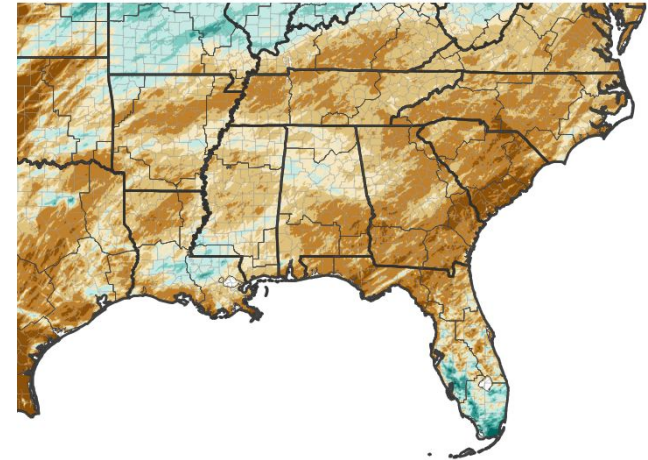
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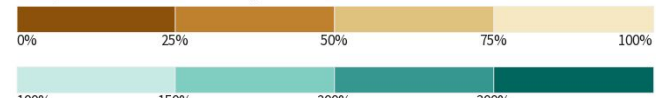
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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

- No impacts recently reported

## Agricultural Impacts

- On 4/1, a farmer in Allendale County reported severely dry conditions with significant impacts to crops and irrigation ponds.
- On 4/2, there was a public report in Berkeley County of very low water levels in area swamps and visual stress in red maple trees.

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- During the last week of March, the US Forest Service reported 2 wildfires in Berkeley County. The Bullhead wildfire grew to 420 acres and the Candlestick wildfire grew to 87 acres. Both wildfires are now reported as contained.
- The South Carolina Forestry Commission (SCFC) issued a burning ban for the entire state effective at 4pm on 3/27. The ban was then lifted on 3/30.
- As of 4/3, SCFC reported 11 wildfires in southeast SC that were 100% contained.
- As of 4/3, the Georgia Forestry Commission reported 4 wildfires in southeast GA that were 100% contained.

## Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

## Mitigation Actions

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

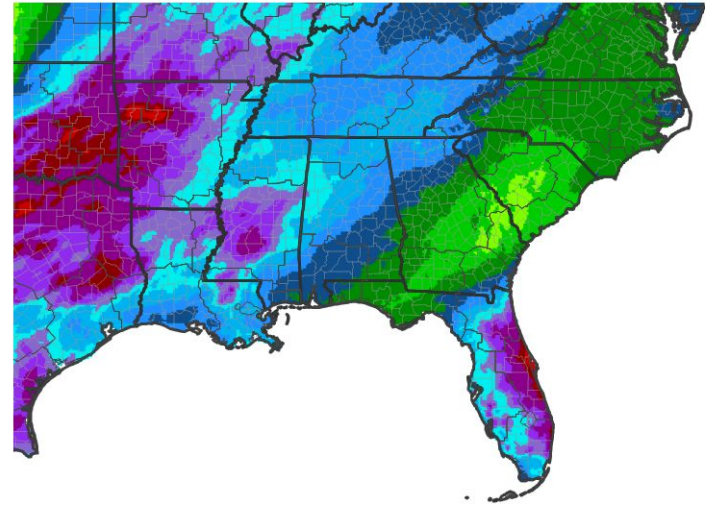




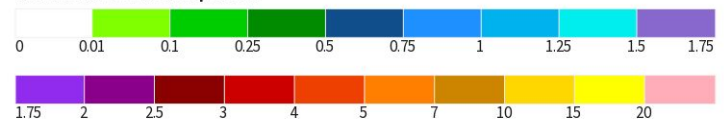
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Widespread significant rainfall is not expected to impact southeast GA and southeast SC over the next 7 days
- Some localized rainfall will be possible today (4/3) with scattered showers and thunderstorms
- The next chance of rain will come later Sunday (4/5) and early Monday (4/6) as a cold front moves through

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for April 2, 2026–April 9, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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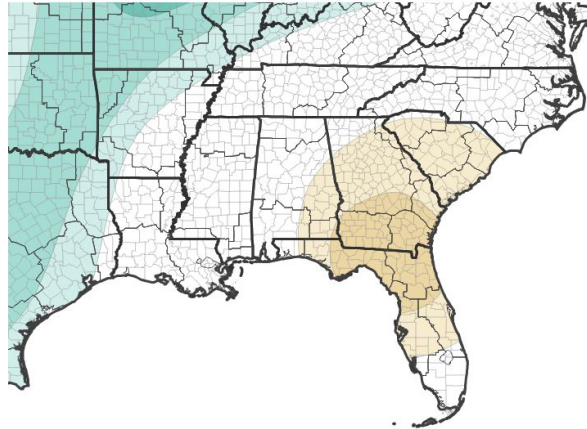


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- For the rest of April, there is an increased chance for below normal rainfall
- For the April-June period there is an increased chance of above normal rainfall

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for April 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



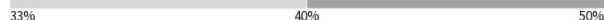
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



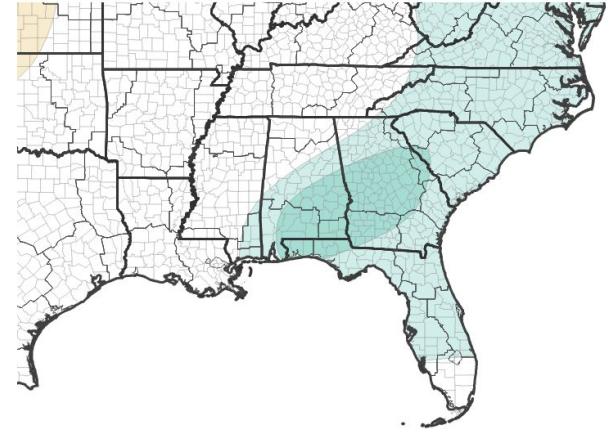
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for April 1, 2026–June 30, 2026



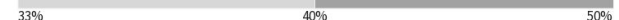
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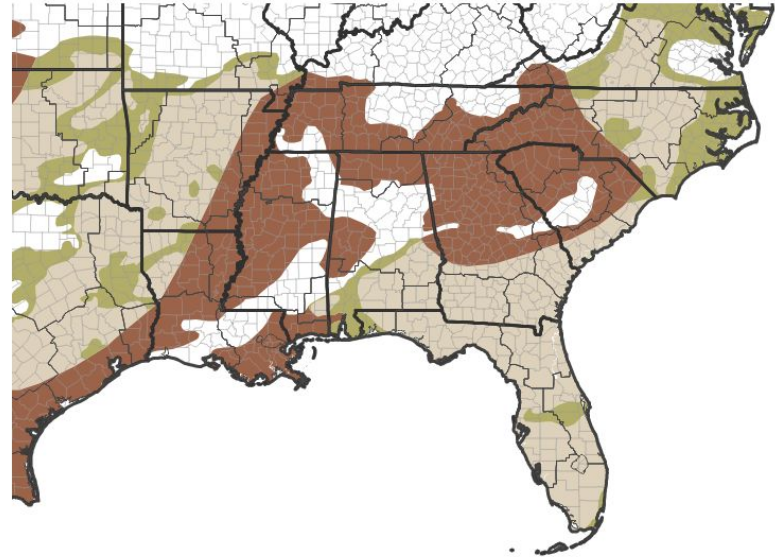


# Drought Outlook

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- There is potential for drought conditions to improve over the next 3 months
- This is primarily due to an increased chance of above normal rainfall across the April-June time period

**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 31, 2026–June 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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