



Drought Information Statement for Southeast Georgia and Southeast South Carolina

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- Significant drought improvement has occurred across southeast GA since May
 - Severe to Extreme drought conditions persist across all of southeast SC
 - Increased thunderstorm activity over the next week could provide beneficial rainfall
 - Seasonal drought outlook features improvement for southeast GA and deterioration for southeast SC



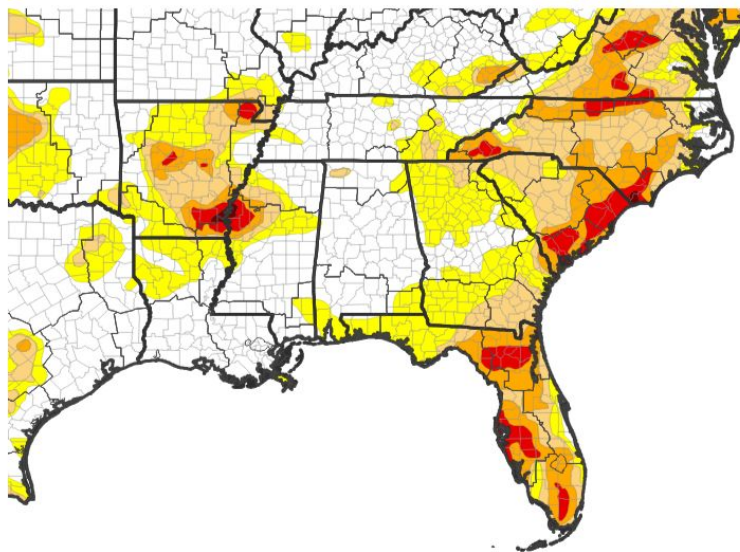


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

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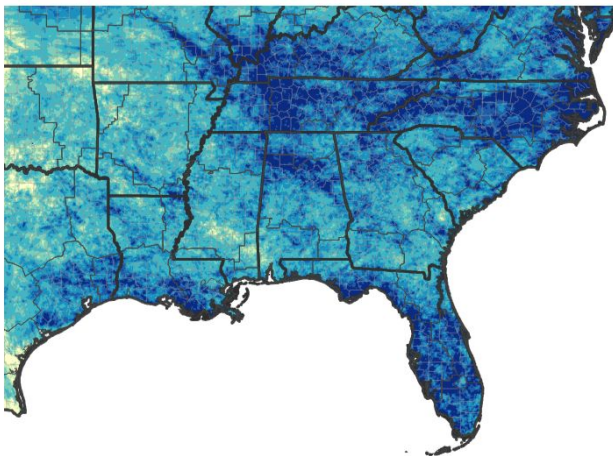
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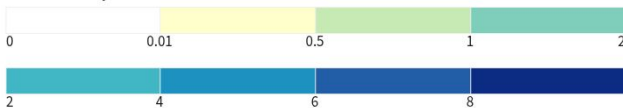
Precipitation

- The last 30 days brought a mixture of above normal and below normal rainfall to southeast GA and southeast SC
- Some areas were well below normal while others were well above normal, typical with summertime thunderstorms

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

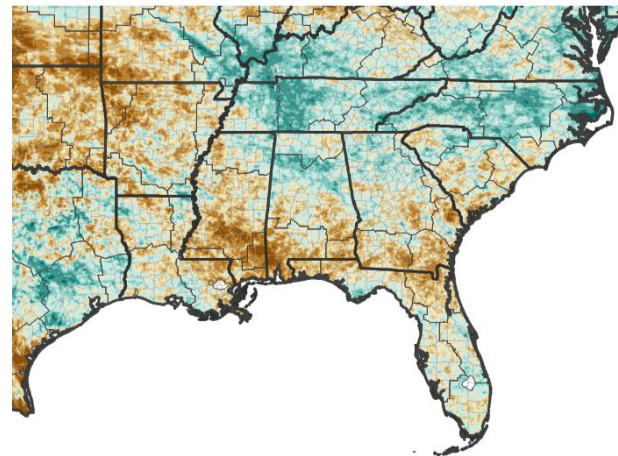


Inches of Precipitation

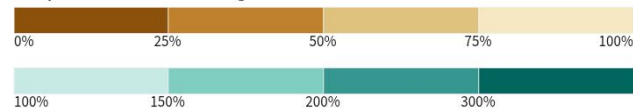


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 07/30/26

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

- On July 10th, Hampton County Emergency Management announced that they had received reports of 48 wells in the county that had to be deepened or replaced in the southern portion of the county.

Agricultural Impacts

- On July 5th, a farmer in Allendale County reported that their 35 acre pond is dry and not able to provide water for irrigation. Then on July 12th, the same farmer reported that the Coosawhatchie River was nearly dry, hardwood trees are dying, and dryland crops are a complete failure.
- On July 10th, a farmer in Hampton County reported severely dry conditions and that their irrigation is working at maximum capacity.
- On July 20th, a farmer in Allendale County reported that 2.5 inches of rain fell over the last 7 days providing some benefit to their irrigation pond. However, they are still in need of rain. They have re-planted soybeans twice due to lack of soil moisture but lost the re-planted beans as well.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- In the afternoon of July 18th, the Horse Island wildfire was discovered in the Francis Marion National Forest in Berkeley County. As of 7/28, the fire grew to 1,012 acres according to the US Forest Service. The fire has not damaged any structures but has caused several roads in the area to be closed to traffic. The fire is currently considered to be 75% contained.
- As of 7/30, the Buie Driggers Road fire in Bulloch County has burned 415 acres and is 75% contained according to the Georgia Forestry Commission. The fire was determined to have started by a lightning strike. While the fire had threatened 5 to 15 homes in the area, no homes were lost or damaged. The fire is considered to be 75% contained. On 7/31, the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners will hold an emergency meeting to approve a temporary burn ban due to extremely dry conditions in the county.
- As of 7/30, the US Fish and Wildlife Service reported a 200 acre wildfire (Loggerhead Wildfire) on Wassaw Island in Chatham County. The fire was determined to have started by lightning and continues to slowly burn on the north end of the island. The fire is no threat to roads, structures, or communities.

Other Impacts

- On July 3rd, the public reported severely dry conditions in Charleston County wilting flowers, dry lawn conditions, and dusty/cracked soil.
- On July 13th, the public reported moderately dry condition in Berkeley County as well as a significant decrease in toad frog population.

Mitigation Actions

- Around July 9th, the Town of Scotia in southern Hampton County issued an advisory asking residents to conserve water.

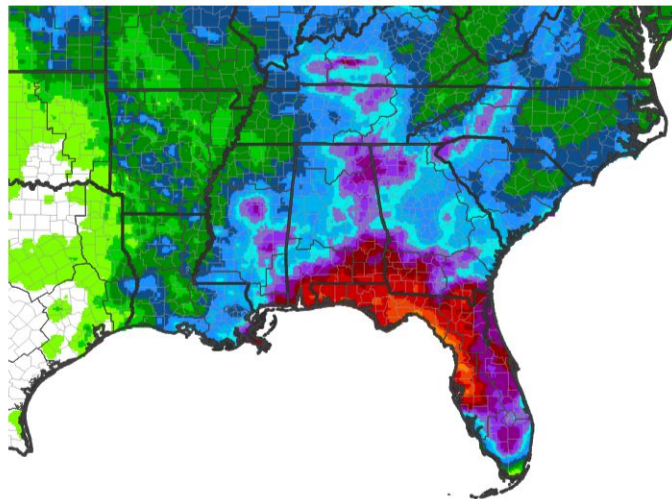




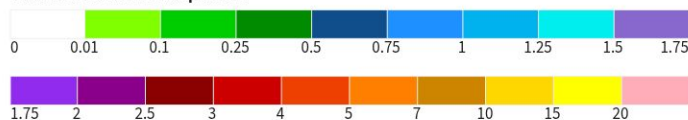
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Daily thunderstorm activity is expected to increase over the weekend (8/1-8/2) and continue into next week
- Over the next 7 days, thunderstorm activity will likely bring beneficial rains to dry areas across southeast GA and southeast SC

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for July 29, 2026–August 5, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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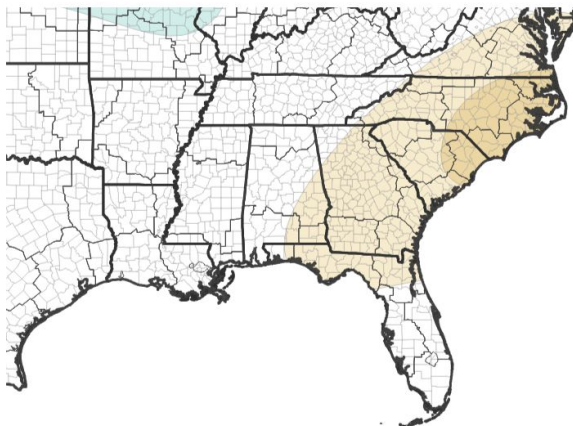


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- For the month of July there is an increased chance of below normal rainfall
- Through September there is equal chances of above normal, near normal, or below normal rainfall

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



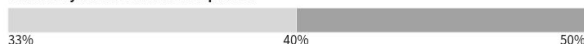
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



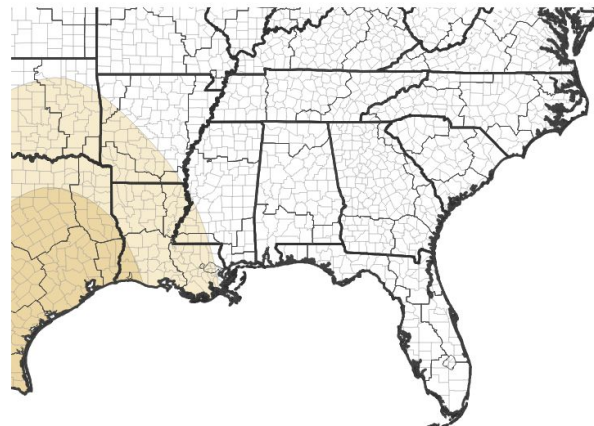
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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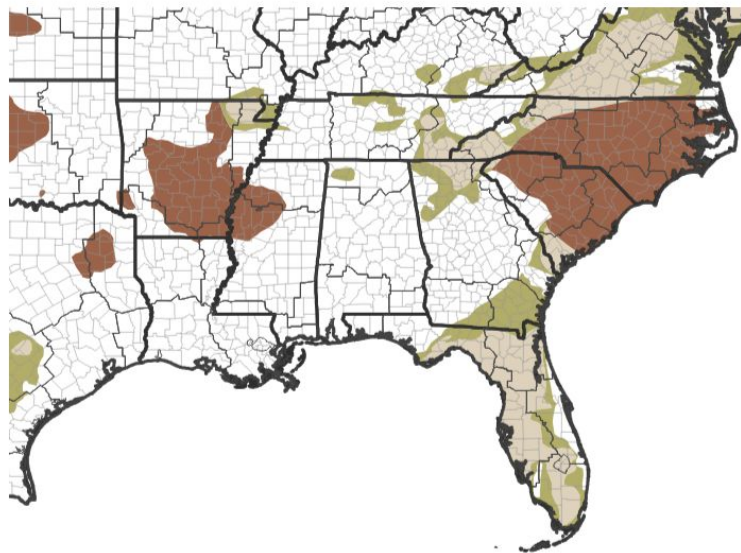


Drought Outlook

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- There is potential for drought conditions to continue improving across southeast GA while worsening across southeast SC

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for July 16, 2026–October 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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