



Drought Information Statement for North and Central Georgia

Valid November 13, 2025

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- This product will be updated early on November 25, 2025 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ffc/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS PERSIST IN GEORGIA

- Despite a more active pattern in the last two weeks, nearly status quo drought conditions continue over north and central Georgia.
- Without additional, meaningful rainfall, drought expansion will continue in the coming weeks.





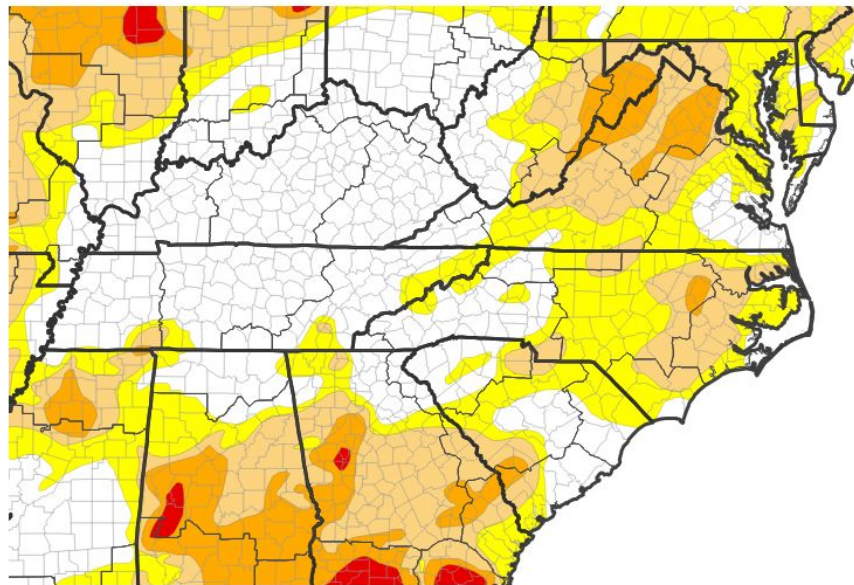
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

Drought intensity and extent for north and central Georgia:

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None.
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Clayton, Coweta, Fayette, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Carroll, Chattahoochee, Cobb, Crisp, DeKalb, Dooly, Douglas, Emanuel, Fulton, Gwinnett, Harris, Heard, Henry, Jefferson, Johnson, Marion, Muscogee, Rockdale, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Upson, Wilcox
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Baldwin, Bartow, Bibb, Bleckley, Butts, Cherokee, Crawford, Dodge, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Gilmer, Glascock, Greene, Hancock, Haralson, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Laurens, Macon, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Murray, Newton, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Peach, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Schley, Taliaferro, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Twiggs, Walton, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wheeler, Wilkes, Wilkinson
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Catoosa, Chattooga, Clarke, Dade, Gordon, Hall, Oconee, Pickens, Walker, Whitfield

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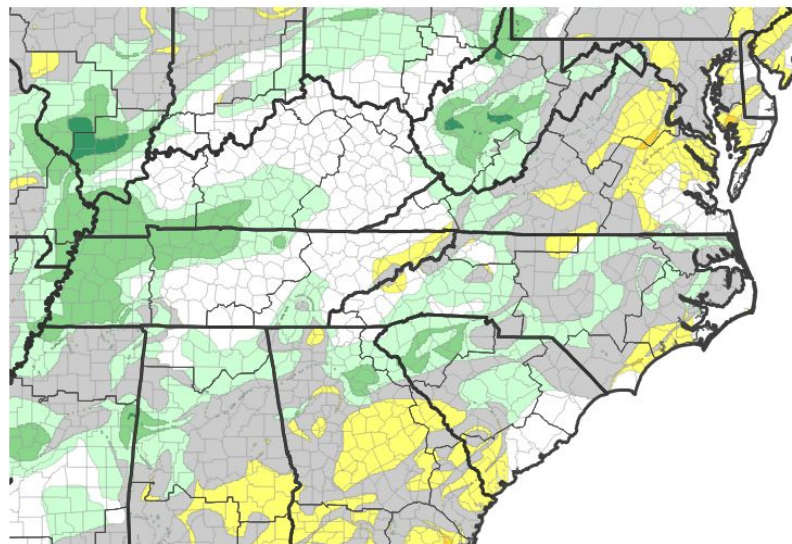


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [2-week](#) and [4-week](#) change map for Georgia.

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change
 - **Drought Worsened:** Baldwin, Bibb, Bleckley, Butts, Chattahoochee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Crawford, Crisp, DeKalb, Dooly, Emanuel, Fannin, Fayette, Fulton, Gilmer, Glascock, Greene, Gwinnett, Hancock, Heard, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Laurens, Meriwether, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Murray, Newton, Oglethorpe, Peach, Pike, Putnam, Rockdale, Spalding, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor, Toombs, Treutlen, Troup, Twiggs, Warren, Washington, Wheeler, Wilcox, Wilkes, Wilkinson
 - **No Change:** Dodge, Haralson, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Schley, Talbot, Telfair, Towns, Union, Upson, Webster
 - **Drought Improved:** Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Dade, Dawson, Douglas, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Hall, Heard, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Newton, Oconee, Pickens, Rockdale, Walter, Walton, White, Whitfield

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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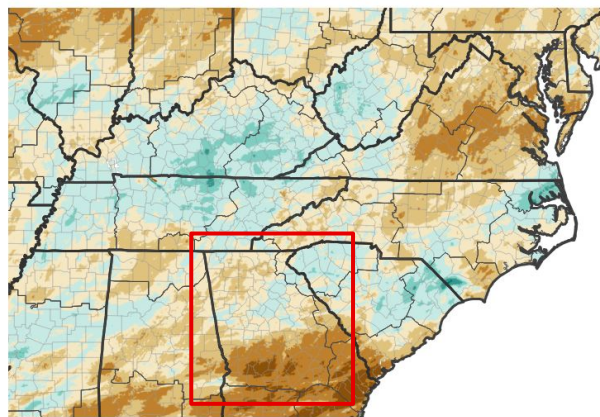
Precipitation - Past 30 Days

	Last 30 Days		Last 60 Days	
	Rainfall	% Normal	Rainfall	% Normal
Rome (KRMG)	2.71"	73%	7.07"	97%
Athens (KAHN)	3.37"	102%	4.61"	64%
Peachtree-DeKalb (KPDK)	3.31"	94%	3.95"	53%
Fulton County (KFTY)	3.32"	95%	4.34"	61%
Atlanta (KATL)	3.80"	107%	3.99"	57%
Peachtree City (KFFC)	2.77"	82%	3.04"	44%
Macon (KMCN)	0.98"	36%	1.79"	30%
Columbus (KCSG)	1.25"	42%	4.37"	71%

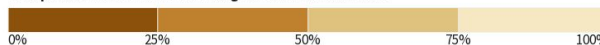
Over the last 30 days, rainfall over north Georgia (north of the fall line) generally ranged from 2.5 to 5 inches, or 70 to 130 percent of normal.

In this same time period, rainfall south of the fall line has ranged from 0.4 to 1.7 inches, or 15 to 70 percent of normal.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



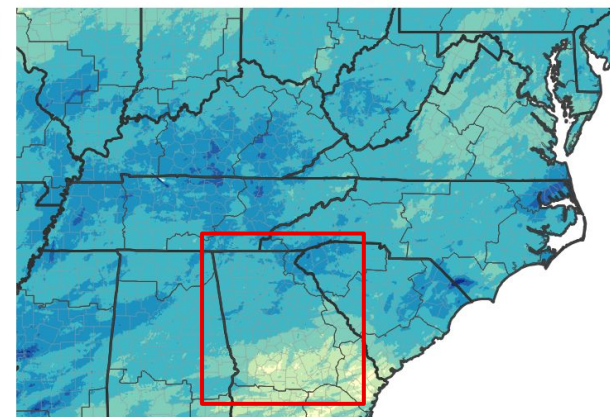
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



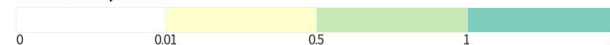
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30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation



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The Additional Rainfall Information [product](https://www.weather.gov/ffc) (MISATL) is available online at [weather.gov/ffc](https://www.weather.gov/ffc).



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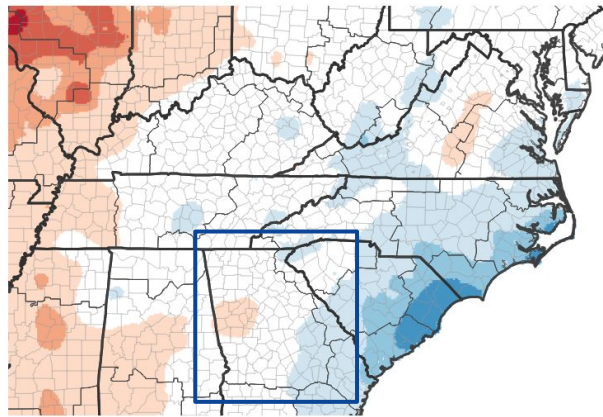
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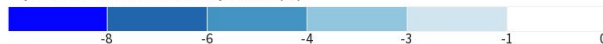
Temperatures - Past 30 Days

	Last 30 Days	
	Average High (Departure)	Average Low (Departure)
Rome (KRMG)	73.9° (+2.0°)	48.1° (+2.2°)
Athens (KAHN)	70.6° (-1.4°)	47.2° (-0.9°)
Peachtree-DeKalb (KPDK)	72.5° (+1.9°)	47.1° (-1.1°)
Fulton County (KFTY)	71.0° (-0.6°)	45.8° (-2.0°)
Atlanta (KATL)	72.0° (+1.5°)	51.0° (+0.3°)
Peachtree City (KFFC)	71.2° (-1.1°)	45.0° (-0.8°)
Macon (KMCN)	74.3° (-0.3°)	49.6° (-2.6°)
Columbus (KCSG)	74.4° (-0.5°)	45.1° (-3.6°)

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



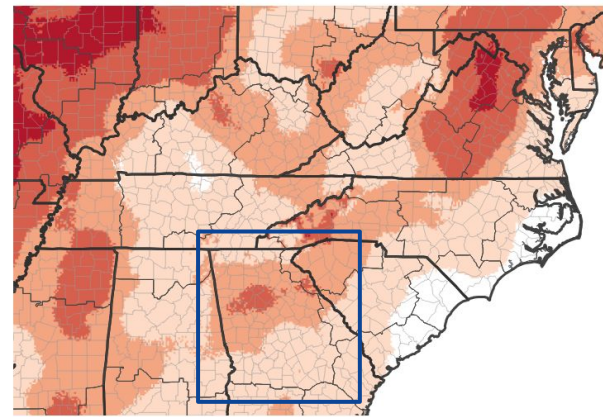
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



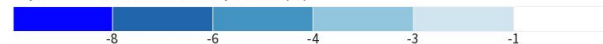
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7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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Over 30 day period ending November 9 (left image), high temperatures over north and central Georgia were generally normal to above normal over much of the area. For the 7 days ending November 9 (right image) high temperatures were above normal.

Overnight lows for the same 30-day period are normal to below normal for the area (see table above).





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Overall, 7-day streamflow averages span from below normal to normal due to the recent rainfall received. Among the mainstem rivers, the basins in central and south Georgia have the lowest streamflows.

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil Moistures still remain dry, particularly over central Georgia where rainfall amounts were not sufficient for improvement. Reports still indicate drying water sources, delayed harvesting or planting of [seasonal crops](#), and poor grazing conditions. The Crop Progress & Condition graphs show the largest impact to cotton, pasture and range conditions, and overall forecast yields are lower than expected. Farmers are also reporting dry creeks and sloughs.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Wildfire risk continues to be high, even despite the recent rainfall. The outlook is for above normal wildland fire activity through November. Leaf and yard waste burning is being discouraged across north Georgia due to the dry conditions. See slide 9 for more details.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

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





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Main Takeaways

- Recent rainfall has improved hydrologic conditions in the last seven days.
- Normal streamflows are present across much of north and central Georgia, including the Coosa, Tennessee, upper Chattahoochee, Flint, Ocmulgee, Oconee, Ogeechee and Savannah River basins.
- Below normal streamflows are present in the Tallapoosa, middle Chattahoochee, lower Flint, Ochlockonee, Suwannee, Satilla, and Altamaha River basins.
- [Lake and Reservoir](#) levels are largely at or slightly below guides for the fall drawdown period, with latest levels on track with recent forecasts.

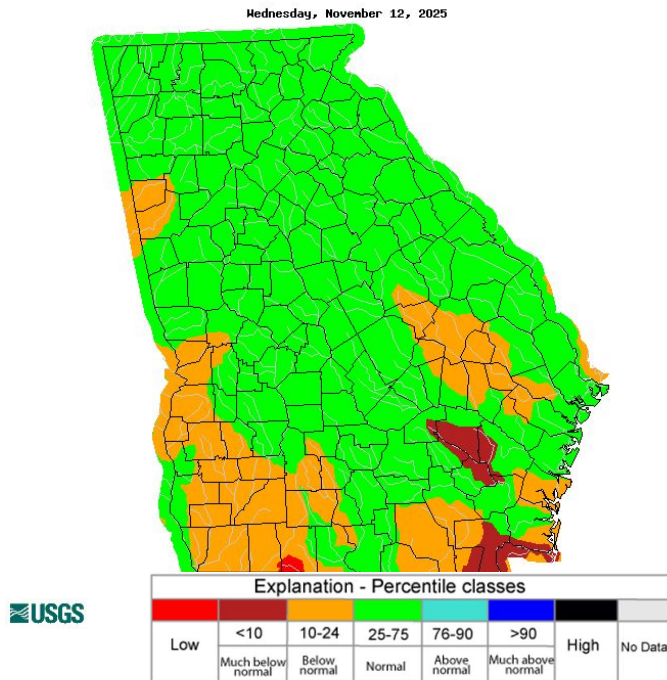


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid November 12, 2025.

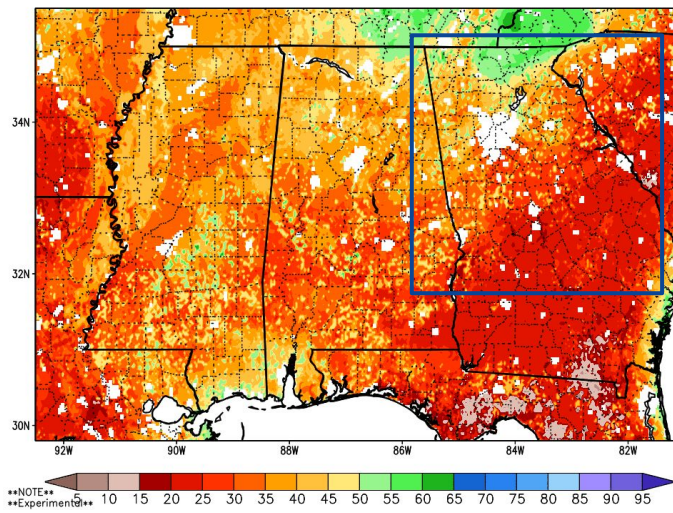




Agricultural Impacts

- Soils remain quite dry across the area, particularly south of the fall line where values are very dry.
- Recent rainfall resulted in moistening of the near-surface soil layer in the last seven days, particularly along the I-20 corridor and in the Macon area. However, dry, sunny conditions have allowed for quick evaporation.

Column-Integrated Relative Soil Moisture (available water; %) valid 12z 13 Nov 2025
Precipitation in previous hour (1,2,5,10,15,20,25 mm contours)



1-Week Difference in Column Relative Soil Moisture (%) valid 12z 13 Nov 2025

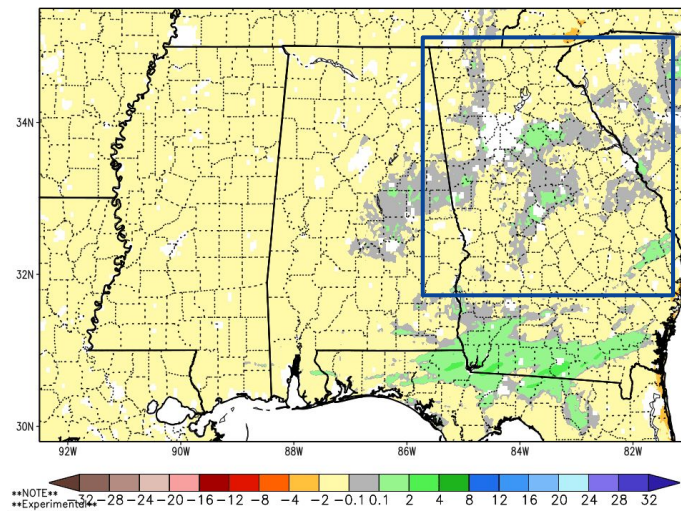


Image Captions:

Left: 0-200cm Relative Soil Moisture from [NASA SPoRT](#) valid November 13, 2025

Right: 0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture 2-week Change from [NASA SPoRT](#) valid through November 13, 2025



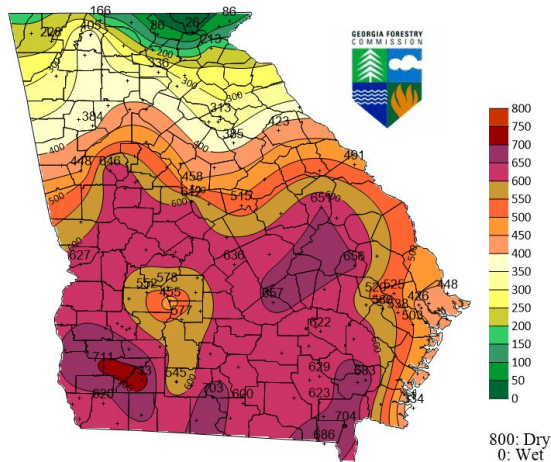


Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index values](#) are above 400 across much of Georgia, and are as high as 700+ in portions of central and south Georgia.
- At this time, above normal wildland fire potential is expected for November 2025, as indicated in the Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook (far right).
- The [Wildfire Potential Outlook](#) for next week indicates Low Risk (level 2 of 3) for Georgia, with multiple counties are discouraging burning of leaf and yard waste.

Map of KBDI
at November 12, 2025 1300 EST



Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network provided 75% of the stations in the map

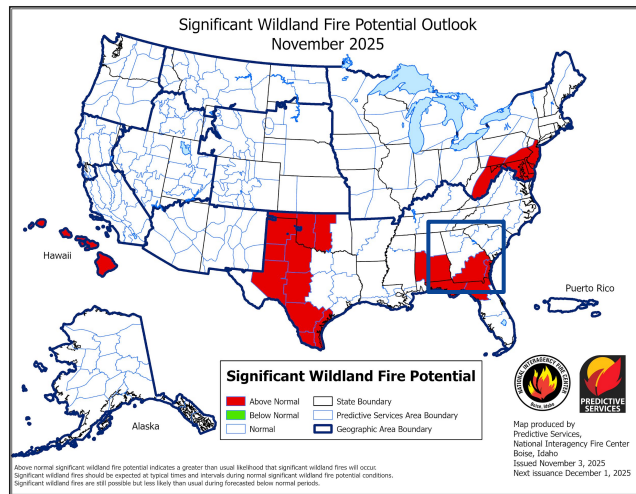


Image Captions:

Above: [Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook](#) for November 2025
Left: [Keetch Byram Drought Index](#) for November 12, 2025.



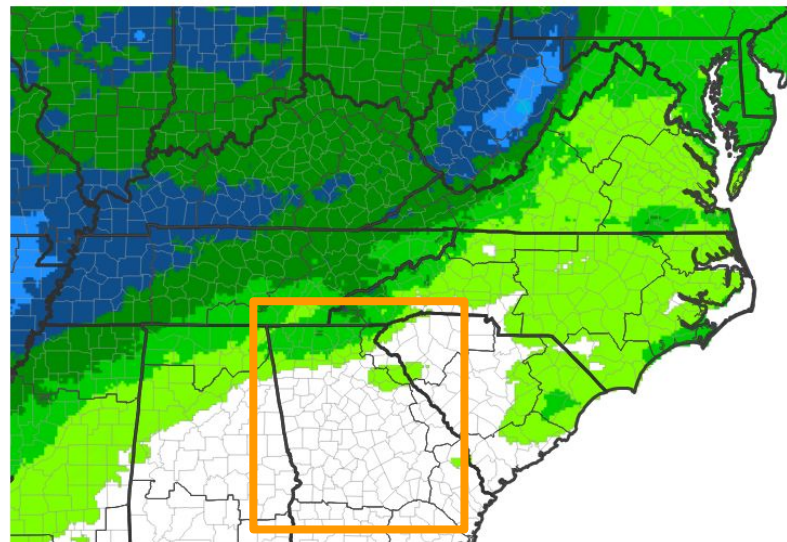


Seven-Day Precipitation Forecast

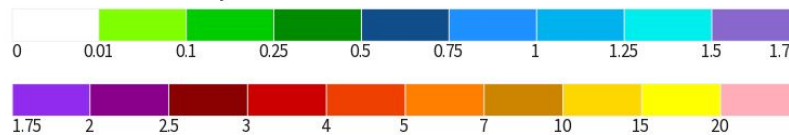
The 7-day outlook (through 7am Fri, November 20):

- Dry conditions persist through the next week, with one real opportunity for rainfall forecast for Tuesday.
 - Low rain chances are expected over the next 7 days.
 - Rainfall amounts will be 0.01-0.25 inches across far north Georgia only.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for November 13, 2025–November 20, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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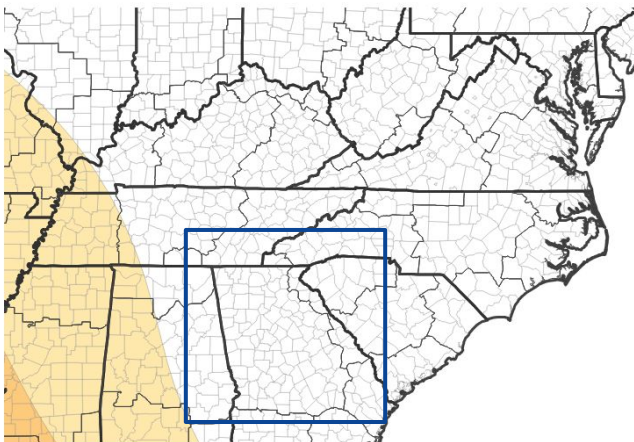
Long-Range Outlooks

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

For November:

- There is an equal chance of above or below normal temperatures for north and central Georgia (right).
- Below-normal precipitation is expected to continue in November (far right).

Monthly Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2025–November 30, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



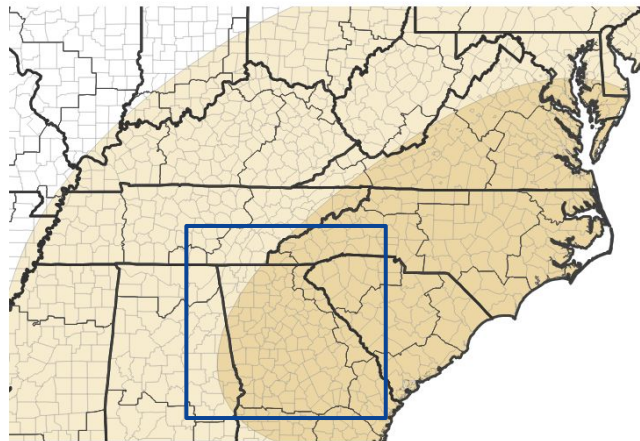
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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Monthly Precipitation Outlook for November 1, 2025–November 30, 2025



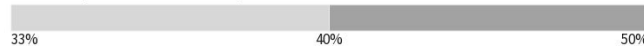
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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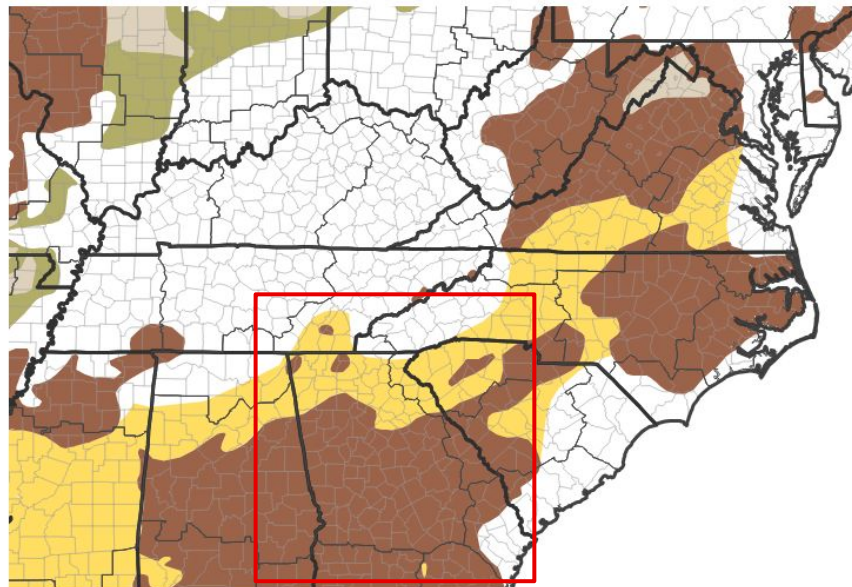


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to persist or expand in coverage over north and central Georgia through January.
- Drought Information Statements will be updated every two weeks while D2 Severe Drought (or worse) continues in north and central Georgia.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 31, 2025–January 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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