



Drought Information Statement for North and Central Georgia

Valid December 11, 2025

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RECENT RAINFALL YIELDS SMALL IMPROVEMENTS OVER NORTH & CENTRAL GA

- Severe Drought persists over portions of north and central Georgia.
- Extreme Drought ends over metro Atlanta counties.
- Additional improvements are expected through the winter months.





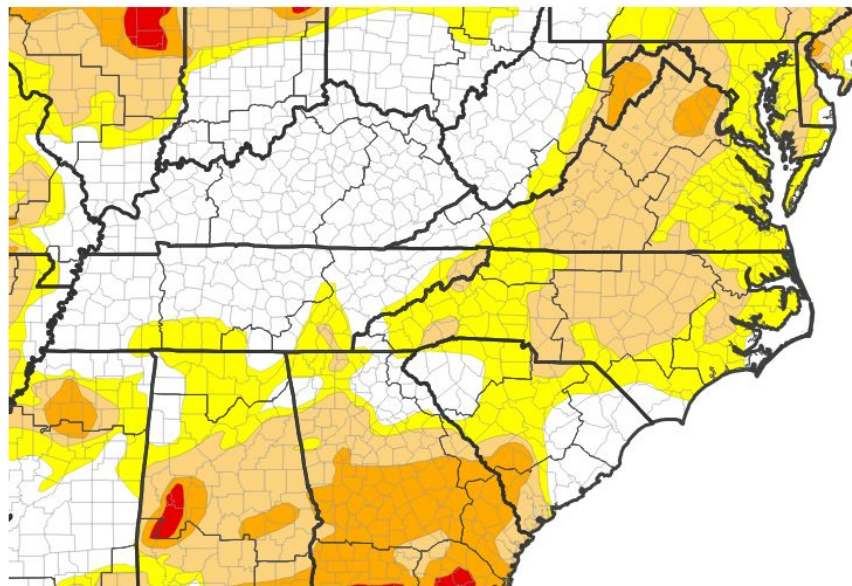
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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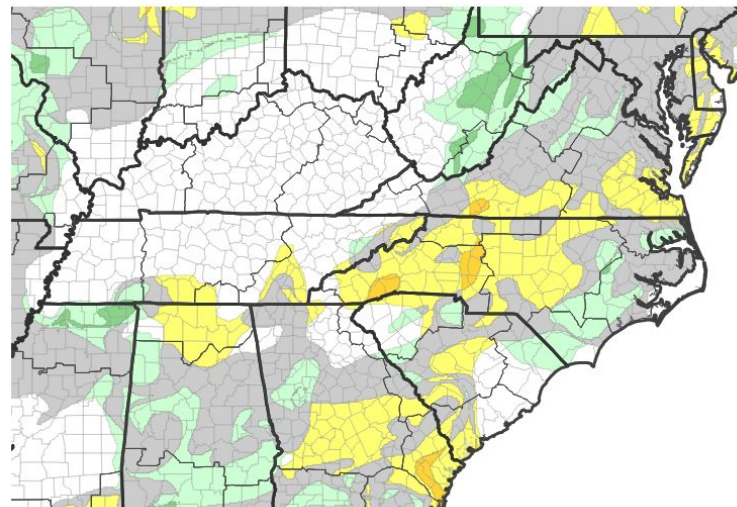
Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- **Drought Worsened:** Baldwin, Bibb, Bleckley, Crawford, Crisp, Dodge, Dooly, Emanuel, Fannin, Gilmer, Glascock, Hancock, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Lamar, Laurens, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Murray, Peach, Pulaski, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Taylor, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Twiggs
- **No Change:** Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Dade, Dawson, Floyd, Forsyth, Gordon, Greene, Hall, Haralson, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Morgan, Muscogee, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Putnam
- **Drought Improved:** Carroll, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Harris, Henry, Meriwether, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, Stewart, Troup

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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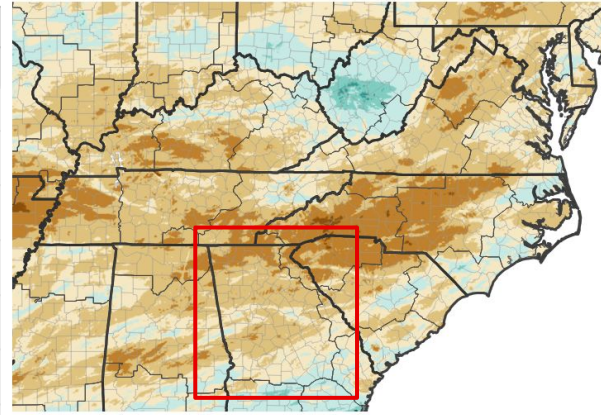


Precipitation - Past 30 Days

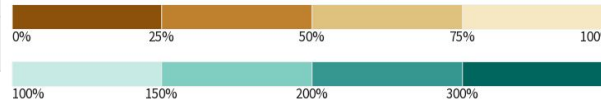
Through Thursday, December 11, at 8 AM:

	Last 30 Days		Last 60 Days	
	Rainfall	% Normal	Rainfall	% Normal
Rome (KRMG)	2.48"	55%	5.19"	64%
Athens (KAHN)	2.03"	53%	5.4"	76%
Peachtree-DeKalb (KPDK)	2.45"	60%	5.76"	76%
Fulton County (KFTY)	2.24"	60%	5.56"	77%
Atlanta (KATL)	2.99"	74%	6.79"	90%
Peachtree City (KFFC)	3.08"	79%	5.85"	81%
Macon (KMCN)	1.67"	46%	2.65"	42%
Columbus (KCSG)	2.42"	57%	3.67"	52%

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



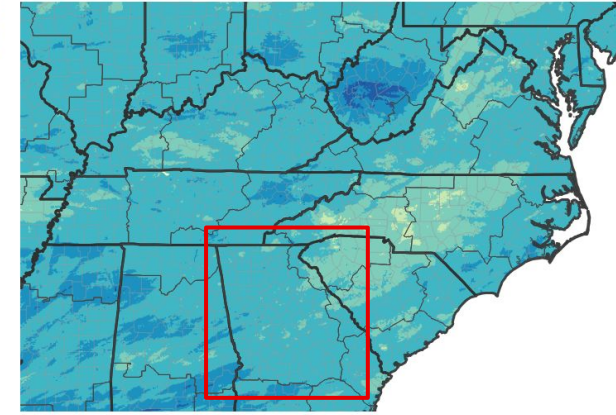
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



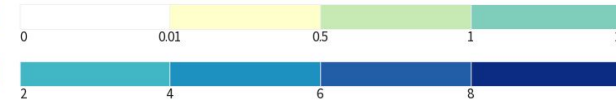
Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation



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Over the last 30 days, rainfall over Georgia has generally ranged from 1.5 to 4 inches (30 to 80 percent of normal), with isolated areas of western Georgia receiving 4 to 5 inches (100 to 120 percent of normal). Rain has generally occurred over 1-2 days, with large dry periods in between events.

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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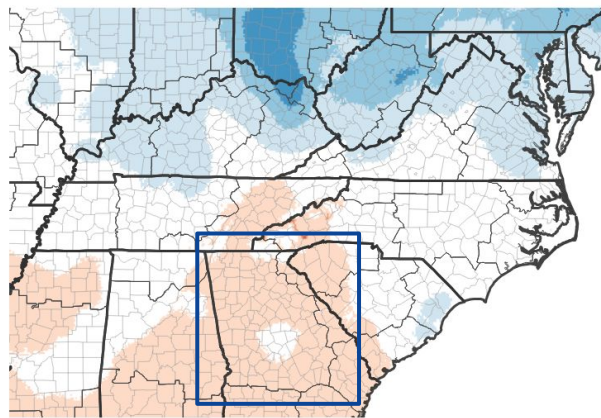
Temperatures - Past 30 Days

Through Wednesday, December 10:

	Last 30 Days	
	Average High (Departure)	Average Low (Departure)
Rome (KRMG)	64.3° (+3.5°)	41.3° (+4.4°)
Athens (KAHN)	61.9° (+0.5°)	40.4° (+1.1°)
Peachtree-DeKalb (KPDK)	62.2° (+2.3°)	39.9° (+1.3°)
Fulton County (KFTY)	61.0° (0.0°)	38.4° (0.0°)
Atlanta (KATL)	62.0° (+1.0°)	43.3° (+1.6°)
Peachtree City (KFFC)	61.3° (-0.7°)	38.5° (+1.6°)
Macon (KMCN)	65.8° (0.0°)	39.7° (-0.2°)
Columbus (KCSG)	64.4° (-0.7°)	43.2° (-0.1°)

**Note, the table values are for the period November 11-December 10, 2025. The images have a latency and are valid for November 8-December 7, 2025 (30 days), and December 1-7, 2025 (7 days).*

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



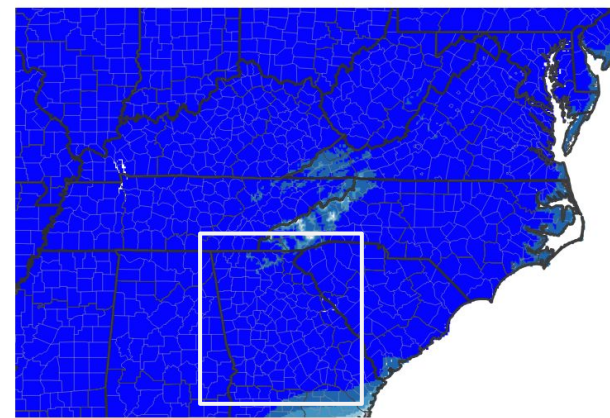
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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Data Valid: 12/07/25

Over the 30 day period ending December 7 (left image), high temperatures over north and central Georgia were 1 to 3 degrees above normal, with pockets of near normal high temperatures over far north Georgia and the greater Macon area. For the 7 days ending December 7 (right image) high temperatures were more than 8 degrees below normal.



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Overall, 7-day streamflow averages have improved since last update, with the majority of the mainstem rivers within normal range. Within north and central Georgia, the lowest 7-day average streamflows are in the Coosa basin in north Georgia.

Agricultural Impacts

- Recent rainfall and improved soil moisture have helped facilitate winter planting, where occurring. Farmers continue to report supplemental feeding of livestock due to the lack of grazing. Holding ponds have seen some improvements with recent rainfall.
- The [Crop Progress & Condition](#) graph is available through November.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Wildfire risk continues to be high enough that leaf and yard waste burning continues to be discouraged, despite the improvements in soil moisture and recent rainfall. 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

- Streamflows have improved since the last Drought Information Statement, with the majority of streamflows in the mainstem river basins now considered *normal*.
- Below normal 7-day average streamflow is still present in the Coosa River Basin in northwest Georgia.
- [Lake and Reservoir](#) levels are beginning to reflect a combination of the fall drawdown period and the persistent dry conditions. The available [elevation curves](#) for USACE projects in the NWS Peachtree City area show Carters in Action Zone 1, Lake Lanier and West Point in Action Zone 2, while Allatoona remains at the top of the conservation pool.

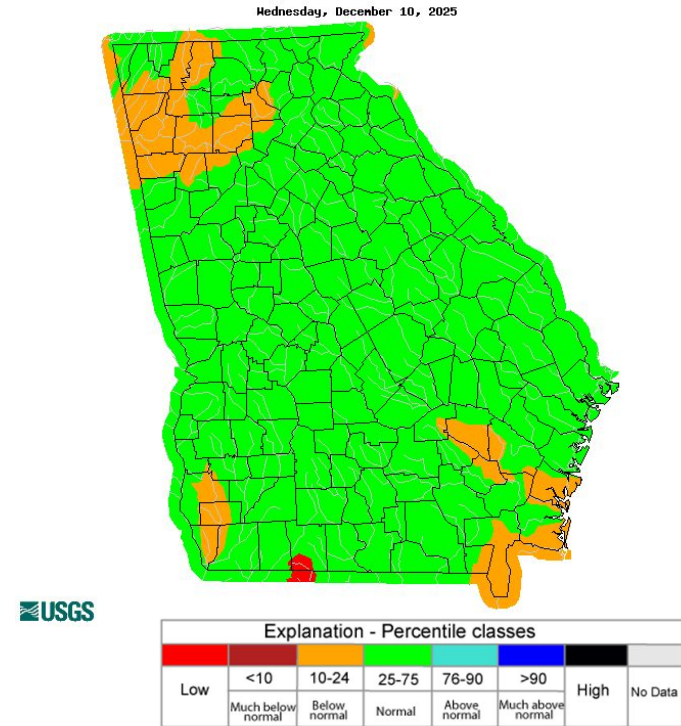


Image Caption: USGS 7-day average streamflow HUC map valid December 10, 2025.

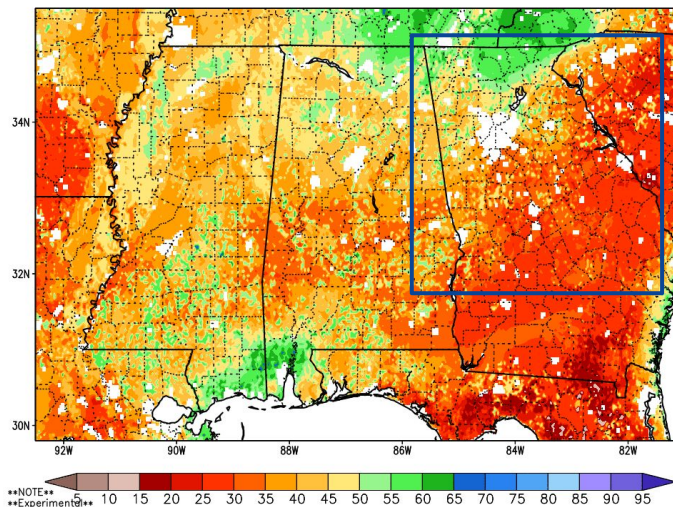




Agricultural Impacts

- Though soil moisture has recovered over north Georgia, soils remain quite dry across the central and eastern Georgia (image right).
- A more active weather pattern in the last week provided sufficient rainfall over central Georgia to show large improvement in soil moisture (image far right).

Column-Integrated Relative Soil Moisture (available water; %) valid 12z 11 Dec 2025
Precipitation in previous hour (1,2,5,10,15,20,25 mm contours)



1-Week Difference in Column Relative Soil Moisture (%) valid 12z 11 Dec 2025

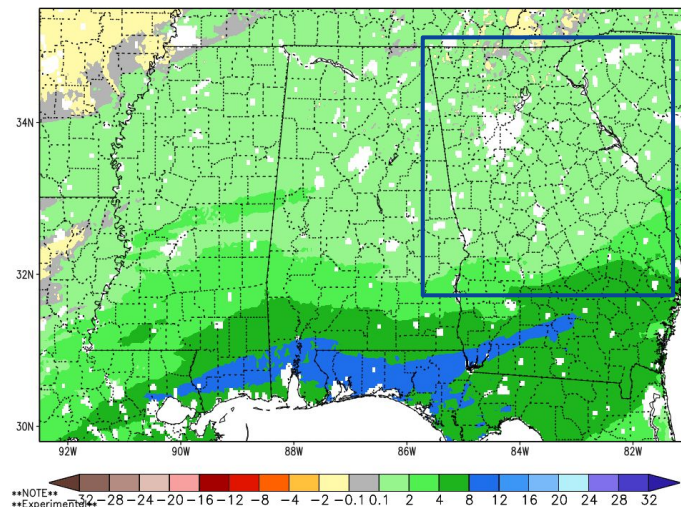


Image Captions:

Left: 0-200cm Relative Soil Moisture from [NASA SPoRT](#) valid December 11, 2025.

Right: 0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture 2-week Change from [NASA SPoRT](#) valid through December 11, 2025

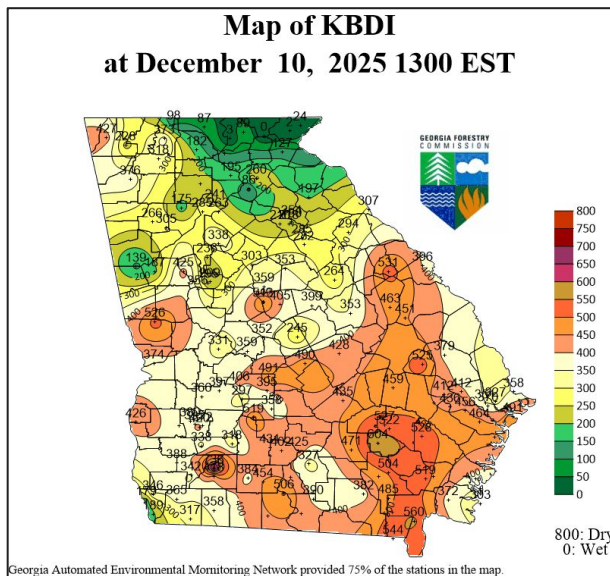




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index values](#) are significantly lower across north and central Georgia. Over north Georgia, improved values range from 0 to 300, and even in the driest areas of central Georgia, values are generally under 500.
- At this time, normal wildland fire potential is expected for the northwestern two-thirds of Georgia for January 2026, as indicated in the Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook (far right). South and east central Georgia have an above normal wildland fire potential.



- The [Wildfire Potential Outlook](#) for next week indicates Little or No Risk for Georgia.

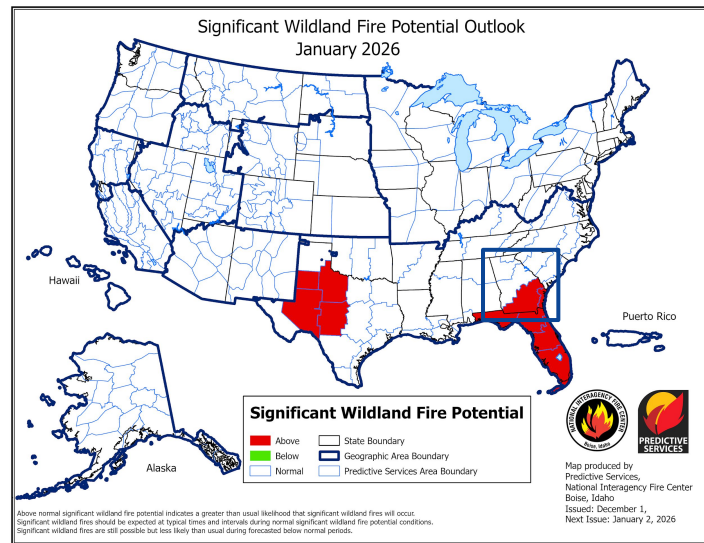


Image Captions:

Above: [Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook](#) for January 2026.

Left: [Keetch Byram Drought Index](#) for December 11, 2025.



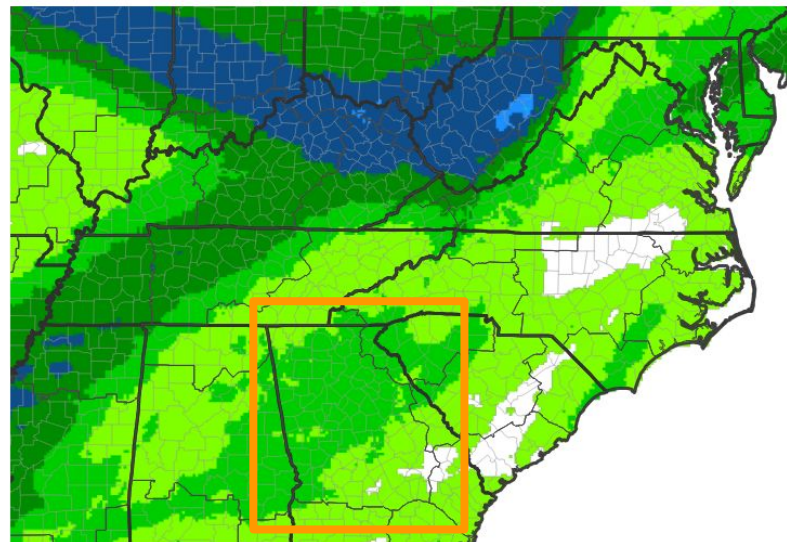


Seven-Day Precipitation Forecast

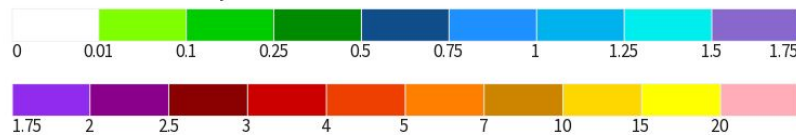
The 7-day outlook (through Thursday, December 18):

- The forecast indicates two potential events with the potential to produce light rain over the state: Saturday night and Sunday, Wednesday through Thursday morning.
- For the 7-days, rainfall amounts are forecast to be under 0.5 inches.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for December 11, 2025–December 18, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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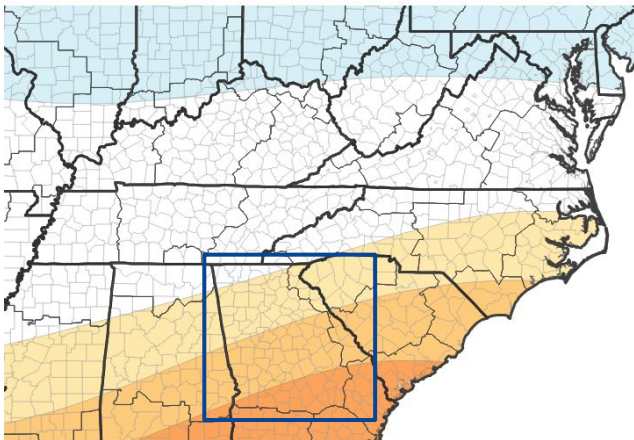
Long-Range Outlooks

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

For the rest of **December**:

- Above normal temperatures are expected for north and central Georgia (right).
- Above normal precipitation is expected, with the highest potential confined between I-20 and a line generally from Columbus, to Macon, to Louisville (far right).

Monthly Temperature Outlook for December 1,
2025–December 31, 2025



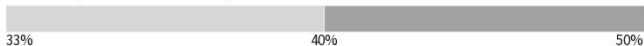
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



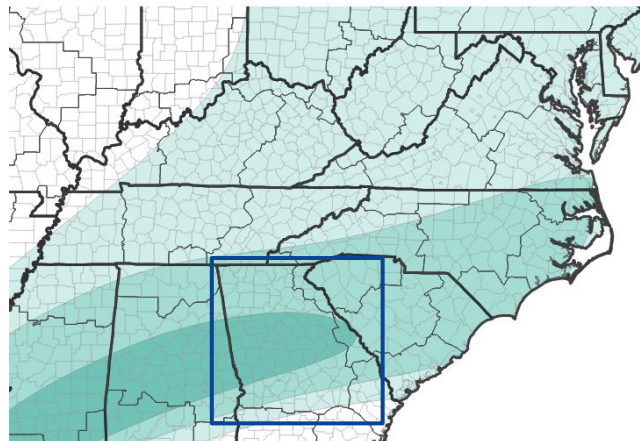
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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Monthly Precipitation Outlook for December 1,
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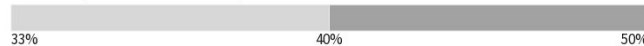
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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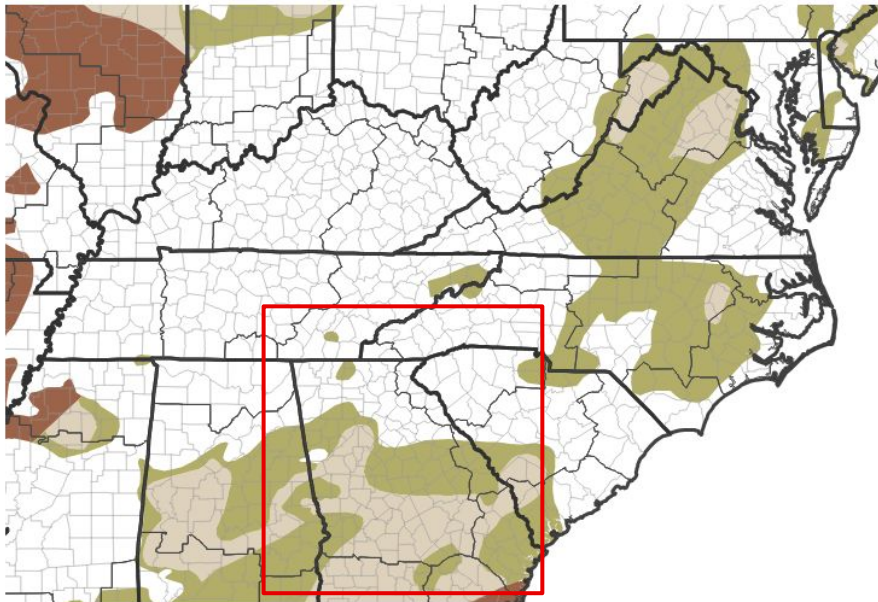


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to improve or end through the rest of December.
- Drought Information Statements will be updated every two weeks while D2 Severe Drought (or worse) continues in north and central Georgia.

1-Month Drought Outlook for December 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



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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