Drought Information Statement for Portions of Northern AL and Southern Middle TN Valid June 5, 2026

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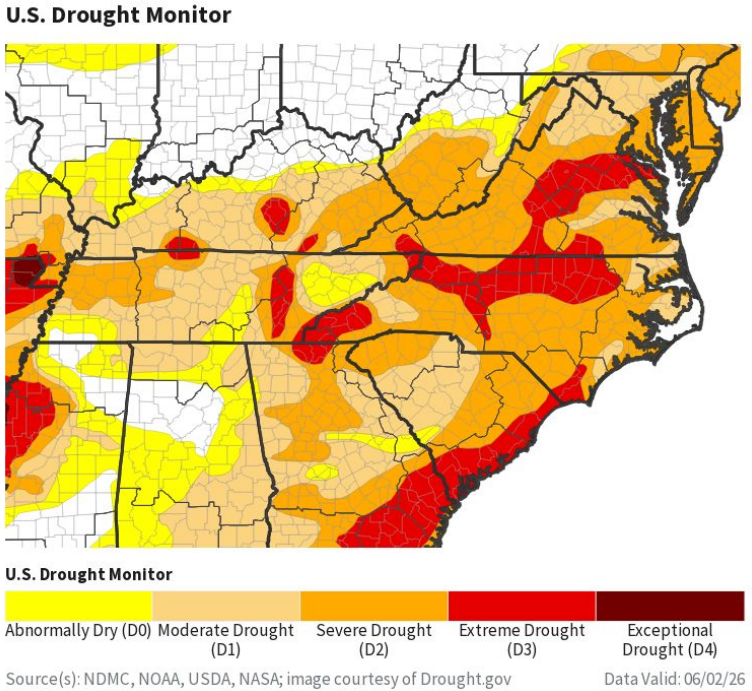
- This product will be updated by July 3, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/hun/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
- Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates for regional drought status updates.

- Significant Improvement in Drought Conditions in Recent Weeks

U.S. Drought Monitor - June 5, 2026

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for Portions of Northern AL and Southern Middle TN

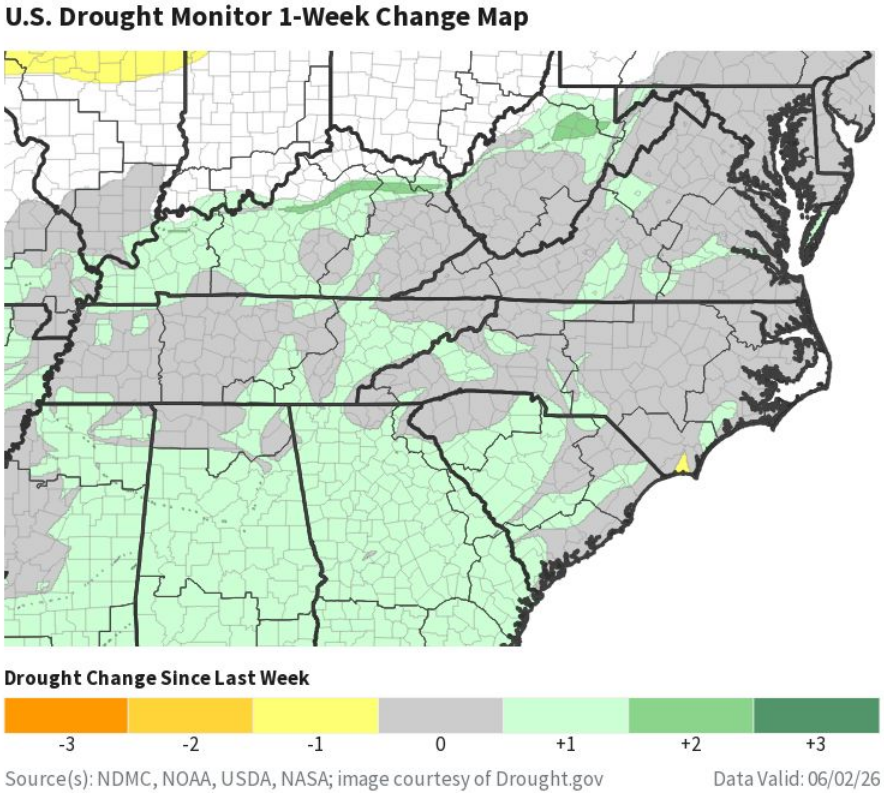
- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: In northwest and north central Alabama, and in southern Middle Tennessee, all areas generally north and west of a line from near Red Bay in Franklin County (AL) eastward to Moulton, Hartselle, Huntsville and Fayetteville. Also, much of DeKalb County, eastern Jackson County and a small area of Marshall County
  - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: The remainder of the area not in D1 drought is under a D0 designation, with the exception of much of Cullman County, which is under no drought status.



Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for Portions of Northern AL and Southern Middle TN

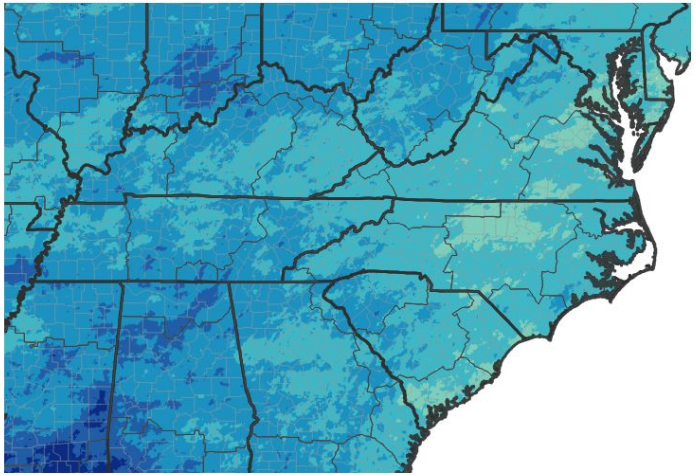
- **One Week** Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - **Drought Improved:** Much of Cullman County experienced a one-category improvement in drought status over the last week, along with portions of NE Alabama, from northeast Morgan and Marshall Counties northeastward through western Jackson County and into southern Middle Tennessee.
  - **No Change:** The remainder of the area experienced no change in drought status over the prior week.



Precipitation

- Over the past 90-days, precipitation has totaled around 11-22 inches. The heaviest rainfall generally occurred across much of Cullman County northeastward through much of Marshall and Jackson Counties.
- 90-Day Percent of Normal rainfall is lowest in DeKalb County and in portions of NW Alabama and in Lincoln County, TN.

90-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation

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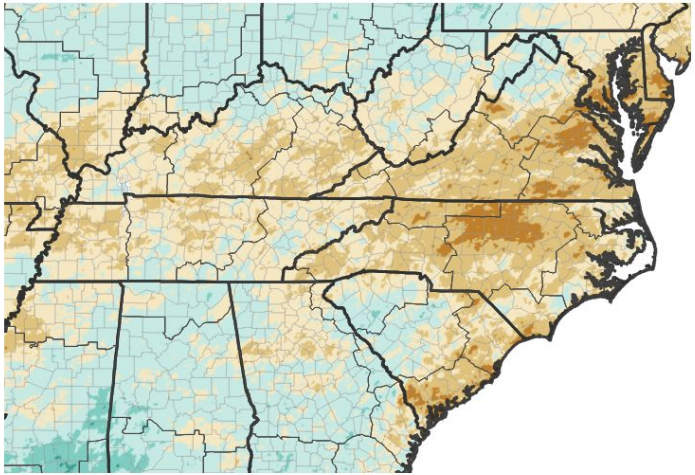
90-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

100% 150% 200% 300%

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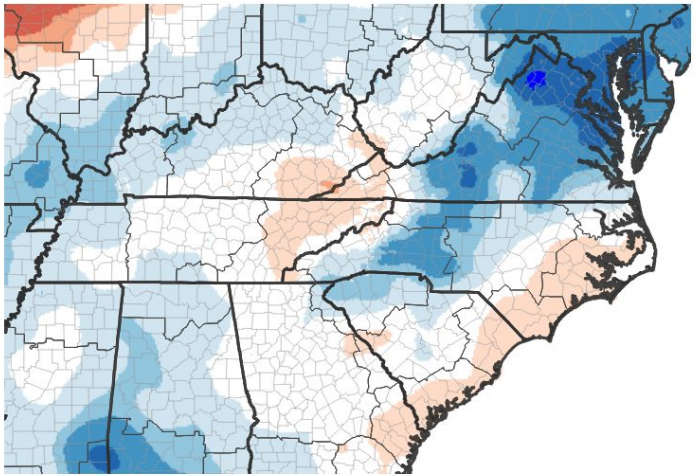
Temperature

- Temperatures for 7-Day and 30-Day timescales ending in early June were largely below normal for much of the area.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)

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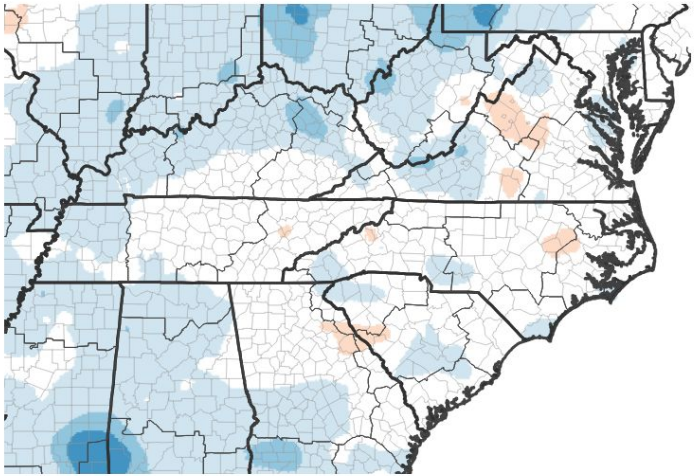
30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Low water availability in creeks, ponds, and cisterns was reported during earlier periods in the spring

Agricultural Impacts

- Earlier in the spring, supplemental feeding and early purchasing of hay has been required for livestock; planted crops struggled to sprout and dry soils have impacted the ability to plant

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Approximately 532 acres have burned across northern AL since early March, including a 123 acre fire in Lauderdale County during April 3rd to 8th.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

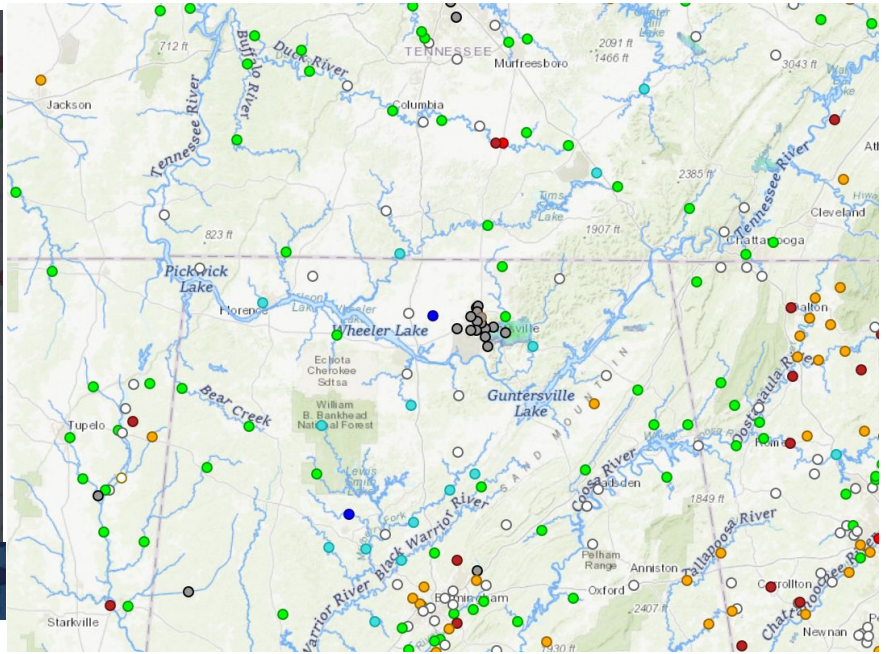
Mitigation Actions

- On May 18th, the Alabama ADECA Office of Water Resources placed all northern Alabama counties in a Drought Watch. Northern Counties had previously been in a Drought Warning. See more information here: https://adeca.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/DroughtDeclaration.pdf

Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

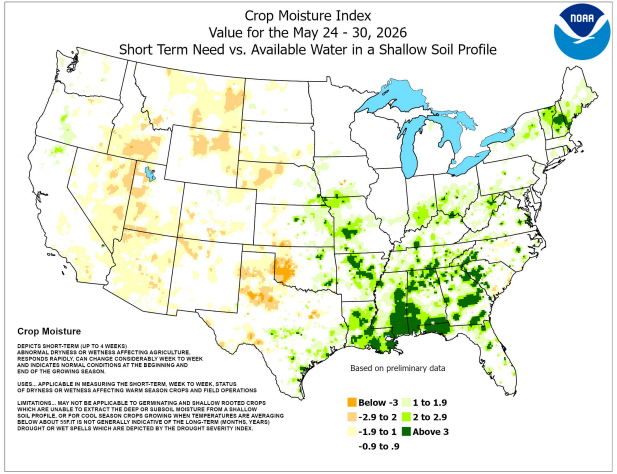
Link: USGS National Water Dashboard

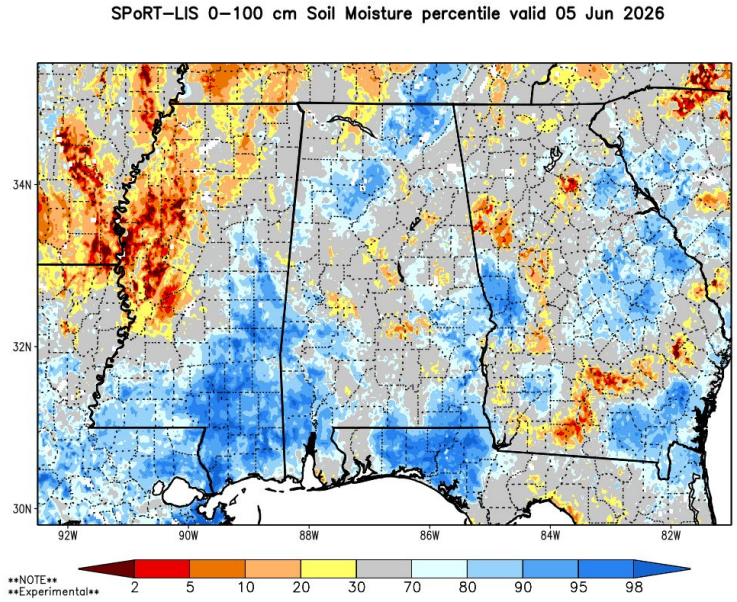
- Most stream gauges indicate that flows are much below normal or at an all-time low for this time of year. This includes the primary TN River tributaries, such as the Paint Rock, Flint, Big Nance, and Elk.



Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture conditions have improved markedly across much of the region, with 0-100 cm soil moisture ranking percentiles largely in the 70th to 90th percentiles across portions of north central and northeastern AL. However, some areas remain below the 50th percentile in portions of Northwest AL, centered over Limestone County.

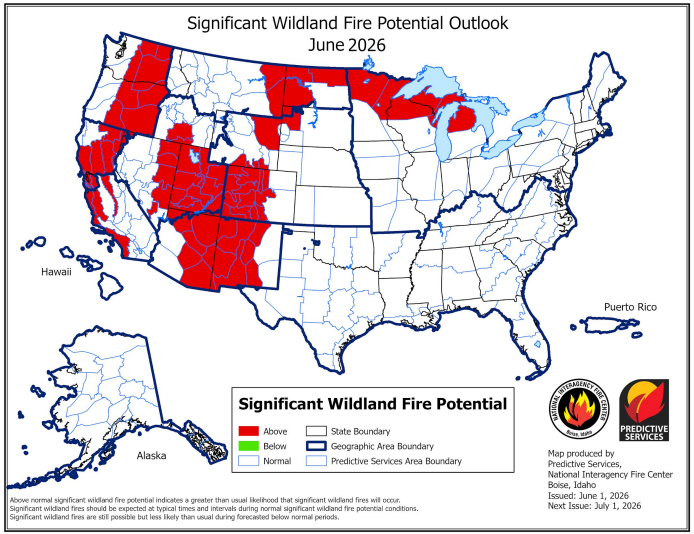


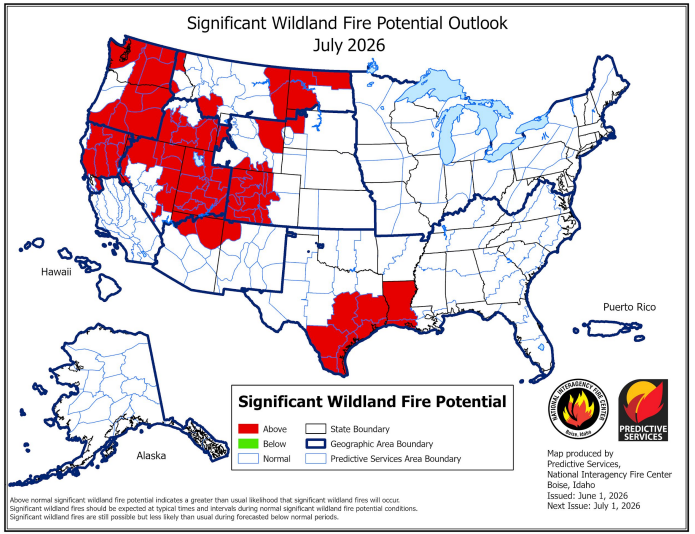


Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center]

- The National Interagency Fire Center has placed northern Alabama in the Normal category for Significant Wildland Fire Potential for June.

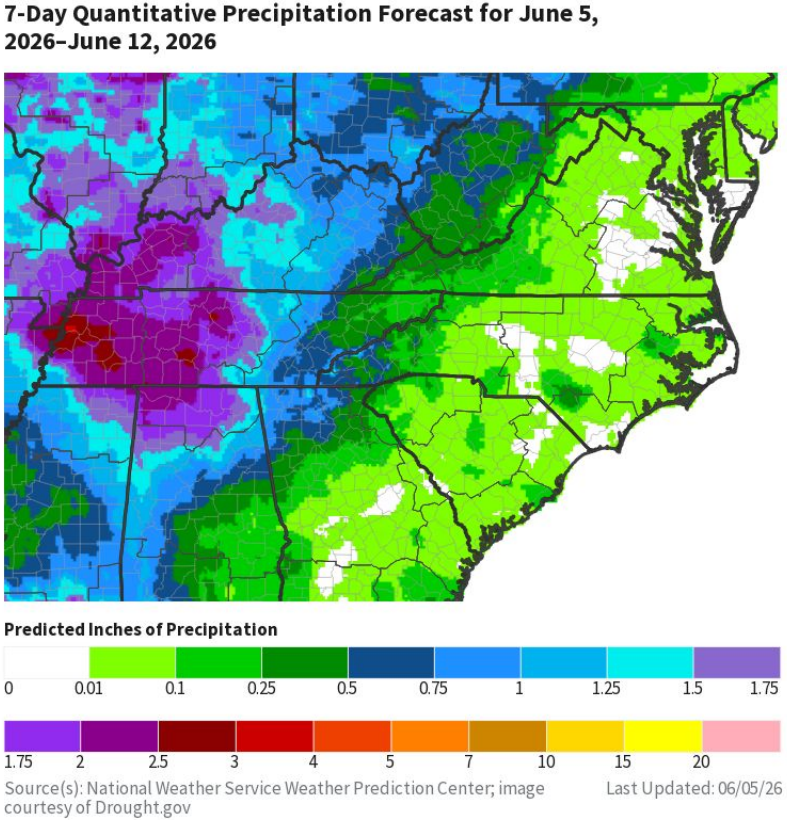




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

Link to [Weather Prediction Center forecast precipitation]

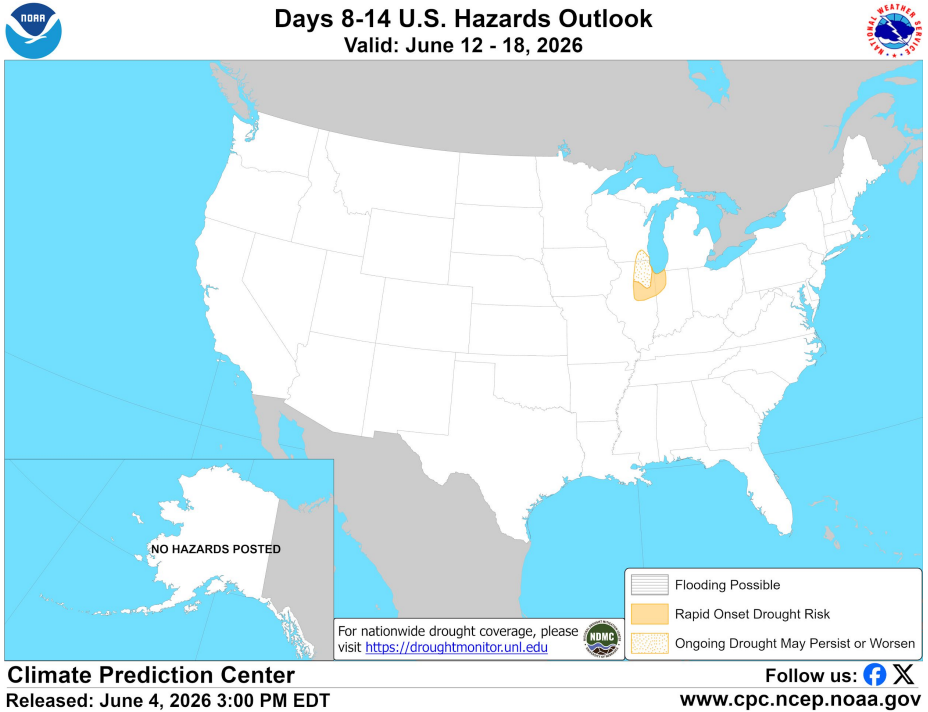
- Precipitation is forecast to be around 1.25 to 2.50 inches across northern Alabama and southern Middle Tennessee for the week ending June 12th. Normal precipitation for the period is around 1.00-1.25 inches.



Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day Temperature Outlook and Precipitation Outlook.

- Rapid Onset Drought is not Forecast for the area at this time.

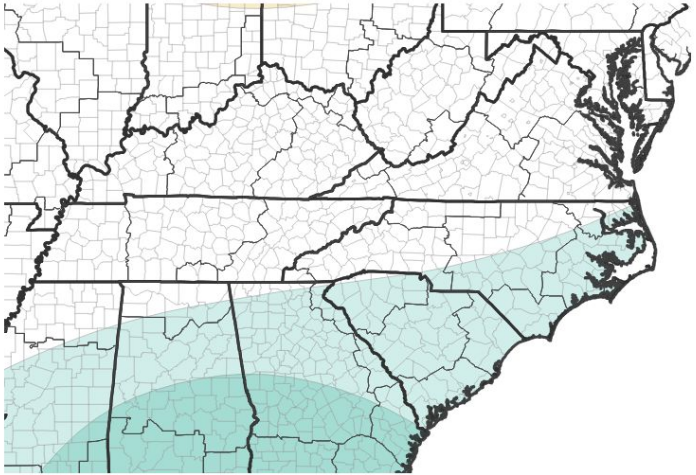


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the CPC homepage

- Southern portions of the area are slightly favored for Above Normal Precipitation for June.
- The area is included in Equal Chances for Below, Near, or Above Normal for Temperatures for June.

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



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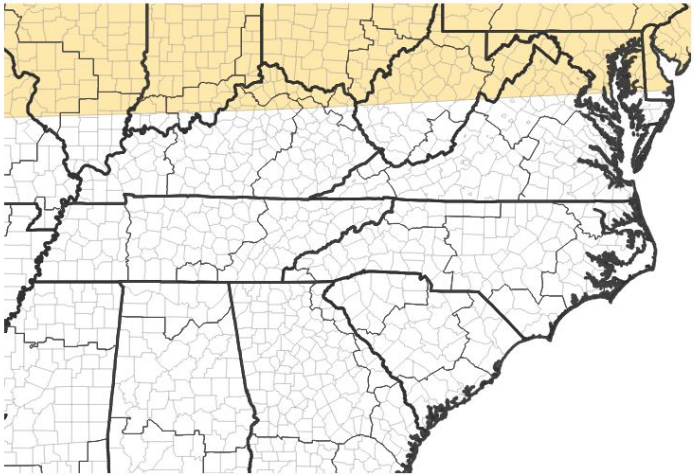

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Drought Outlook

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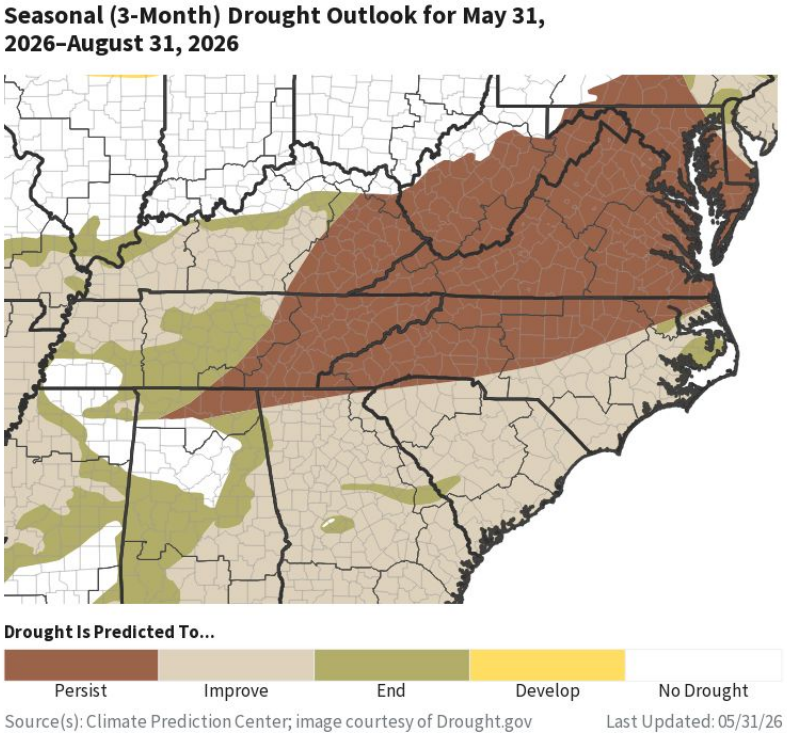
- According to the latest seasonal Drought Outlook from the Climate Prediction Center, drought conditions are predicted to persist mainly in north-central and northeastern portions of the area through the end of August. However, drought is expected to end or improve in the remaining areas.



Links to the latest:
Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook