



Drought Information Statement for Portions of Northern AL and Southern Middle TN

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- No product update is planned at this time. This product will be updated if and when drought conditions deteriorate significantly.
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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/hun/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- Significant Improvement in Drought Conditions in Recent Weeks



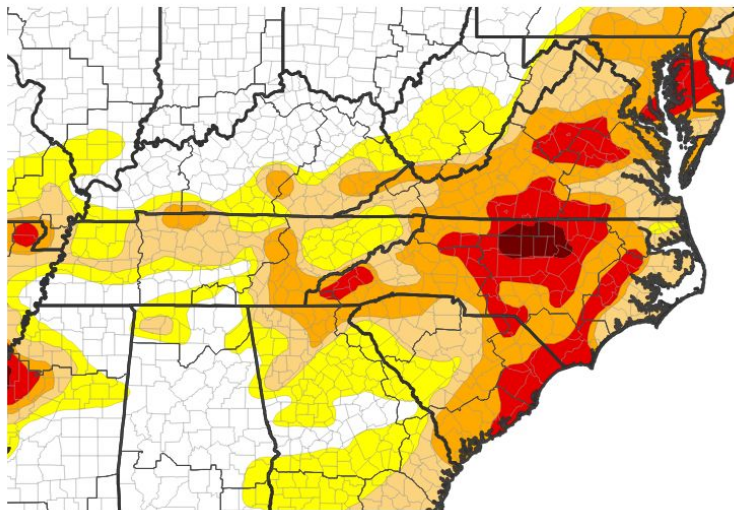


U.S. Drought Monitor - June 30, 2026

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 Alabama, generally in central and eastern Colbert County, a small area of southern Lauderdale County west of Florence, northwestern Lawrence County, and northeastern portions of Franklin County.
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Much of northwestern Alabama not in D1 drought is included in the D0 designation; Also, nearly all of DeKalb County and eastern portions of Jackson County, and mainly northern portions of Lincoln, Moore, and Franklin Counties in Tennessee

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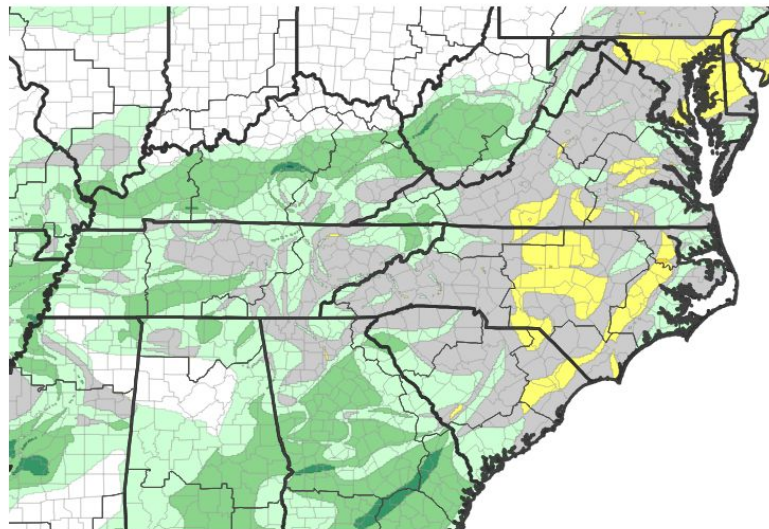


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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 the area has experienced improvement in the past month, with the most significant improvements (2 category) occurred in Limestone and Madison Counties and in eastern portions of Jackson County.
 - **No Change:** Much of Cullman County has experienced no change in the past four weeks as conditions had improved there markedly by early June.

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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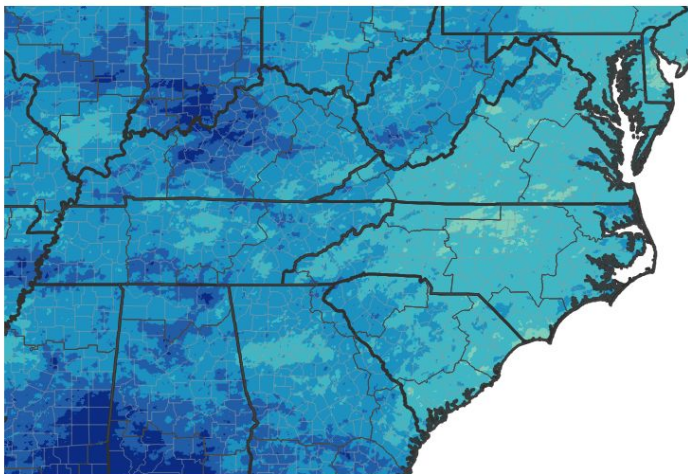
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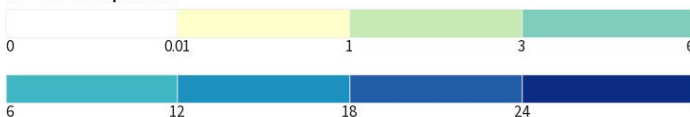
Precipitation

- Over the past 90-days, precipitation has totaled around 11-24 inches. The heaviest rainfall generally occurred in Cullman County, northern Madison and western Jackson Counties.
- 90-Day Percent of Normal rainfall is lowest in DeKalb County and in portions of Lawrence, Colbert, and Franklin Counties (AL).

90-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



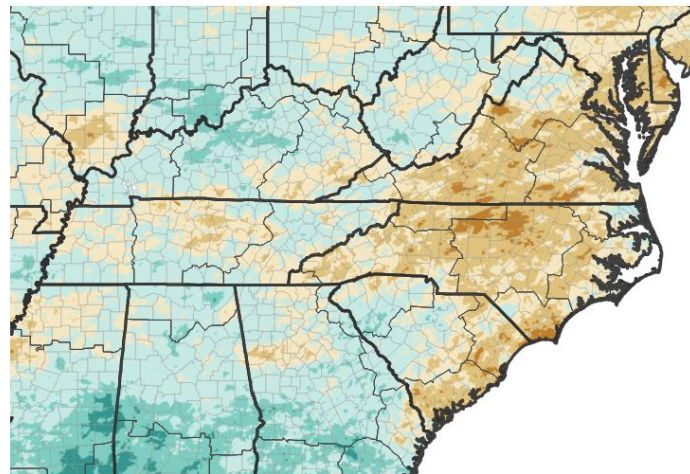
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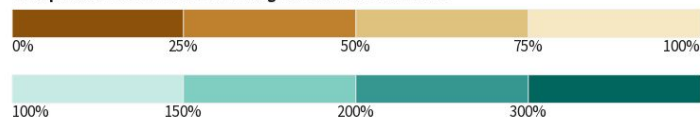
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90-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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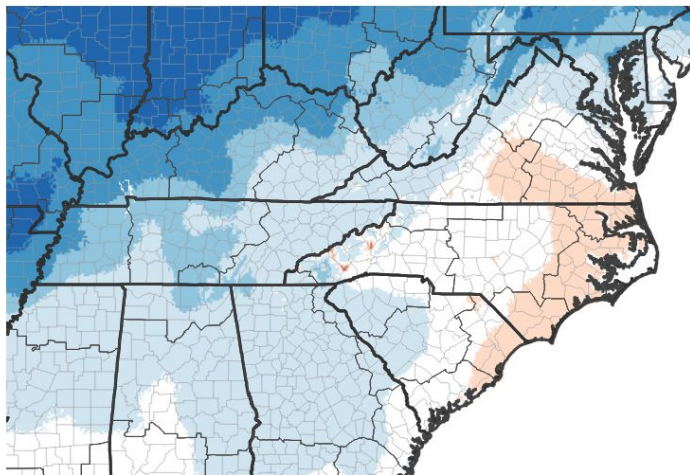




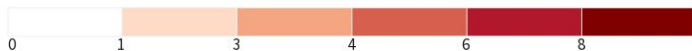
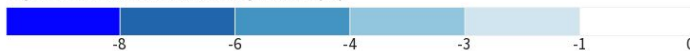
Temperature

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

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



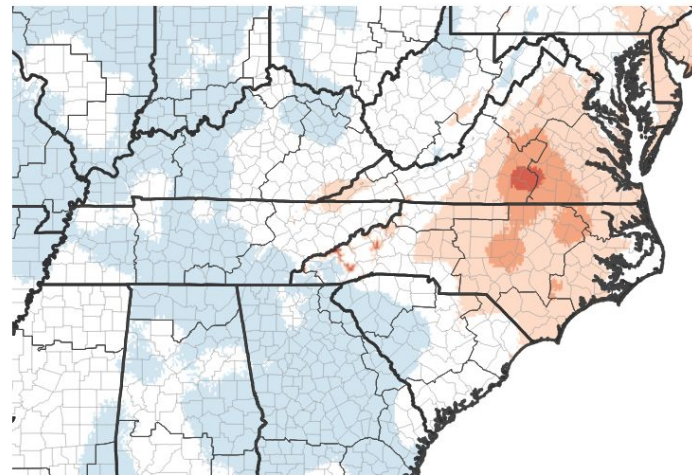
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



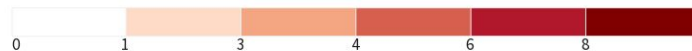
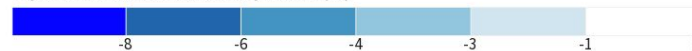
Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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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 dry periods in the late winter and early spring

Agricultural Impacts

- Earlier in the spring, supplemental feeding and early purchasing of hay was required for livestock; planted crops struggled to sprout, and dry soils impacted the ability to plant. Recent dryness in mid to late June due to spotty rainfall has allowed for the drying of top layer soils and reduced foraging for livestock in some areas.

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 June 10th, the Alabama ADECA Office of Water Resources removed all of our northern Alabama Counties from the Drought Watch. All counties are now in a No Drought Declaration status. See more information here: <https://adeca.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/DroughtDeclaration.pdf>

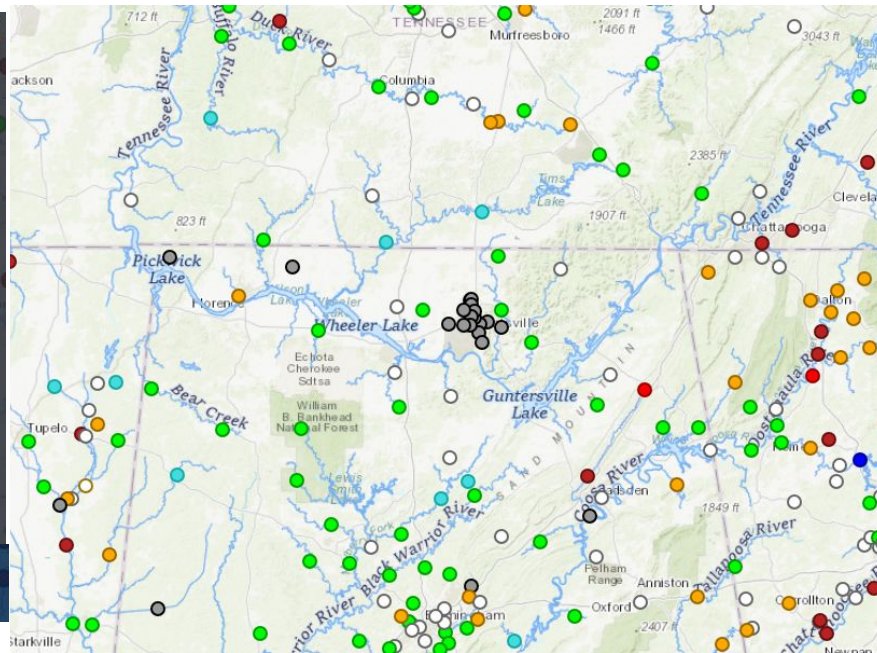




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Link: USGS [National Water Dashboard](#)

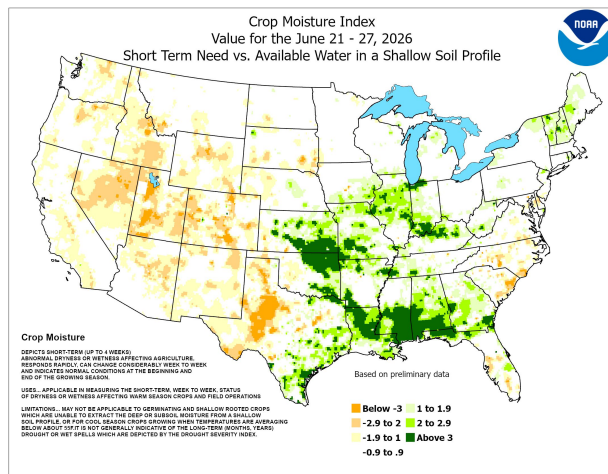
- Most stream gauges indicate that flows are near normal for this time of year, with the exception of below normal flow at Cypress Creek and very low flow at Big Wills Creek in Fort Payne, AL.



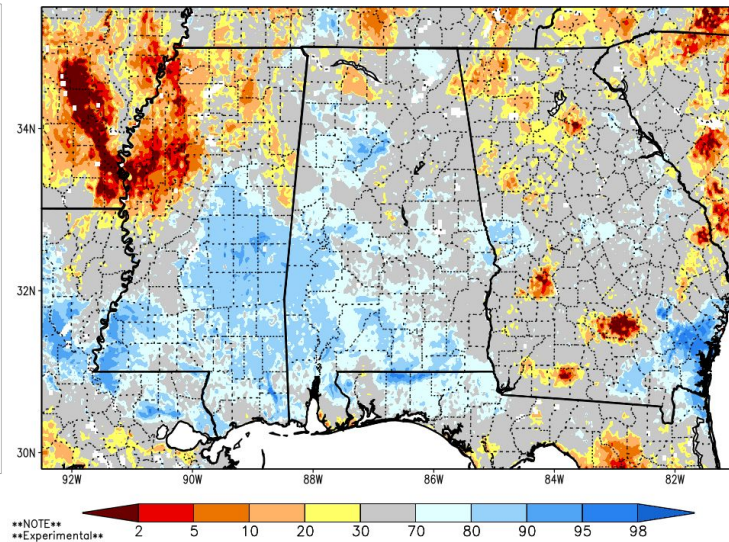


Agricultural Impacts

- Per the latest Crop Moisture Index, soil moisture availability shows seasonal above average conditions across much of the area. While soil moisture percentiles remain elevated to near normal across much of Alabama, soil moisture values have tended to decrease over the past month. Soil moisture values are lowest generally in portions of NW Alabama.



SPoRT-LIS 0-100 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 02 Jul 2026

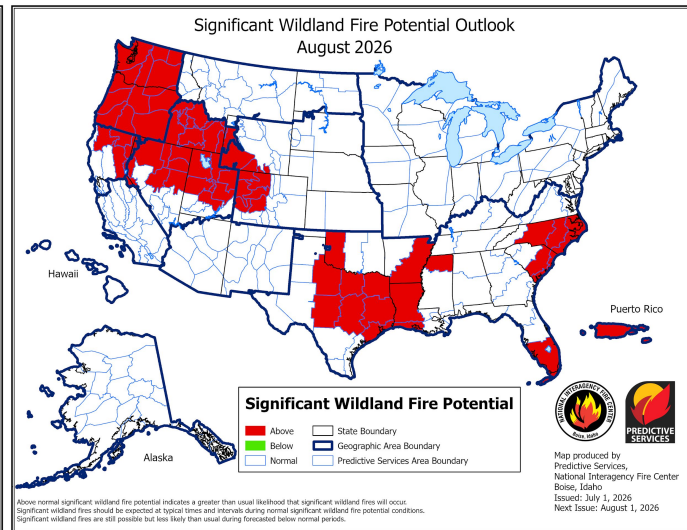
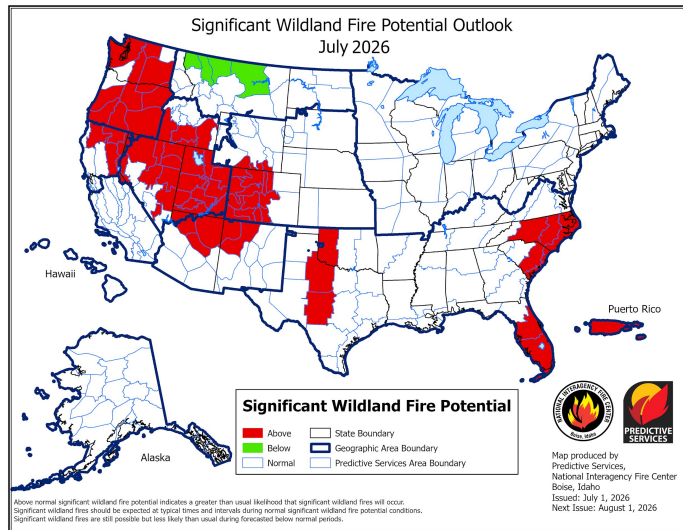




Fire Hazard Impacts

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 July and August.



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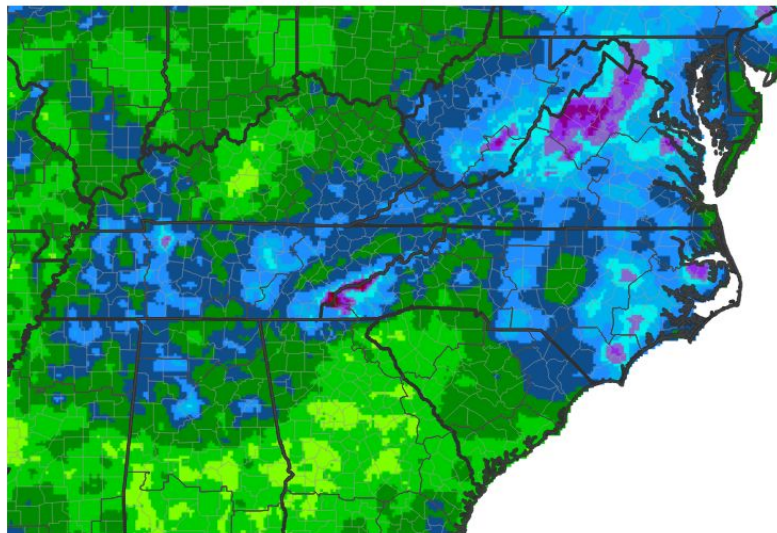


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

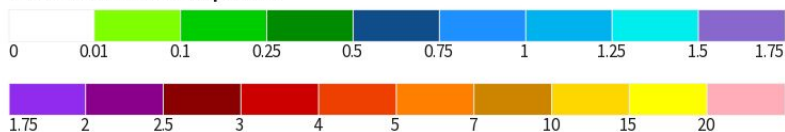
Link to [Weather Prediction Center forecast precipitation](#)

- Precipitation is forecast to be around 0.5 to 0.75 inch across northern Alabama and southern Middle Tennessee for the week ending July 9th. Although, due to the often spotty nature of precipitation in the summer, amounts may vary significantly. Normal precipitation for the period is around 1.00-1.20 inches.

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



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

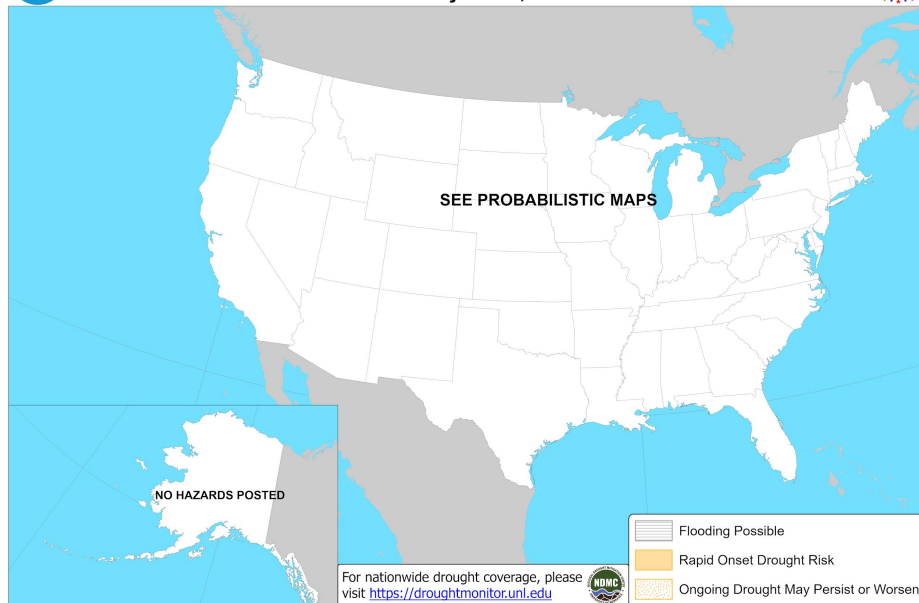
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

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



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

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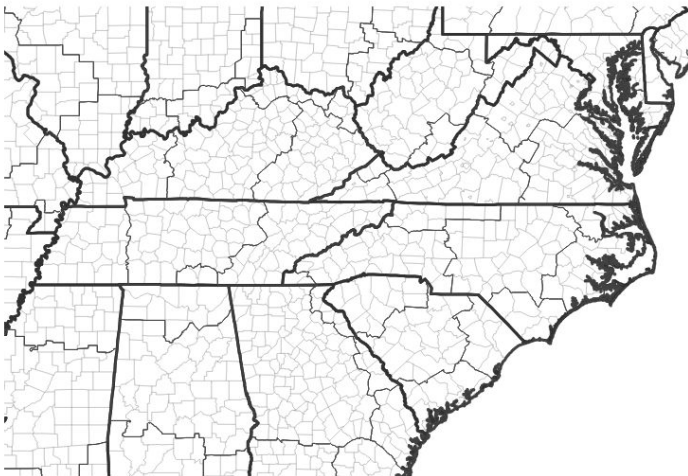


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The area is included in Equal Chances for Below, Near, or Above Normal for Temperatures for July.
- Above Normal temperatures are moderately (40-50%) favored for about the southeast half of the area, while Above Normal temperatures are slightly (33-40%) favored elsewhere.

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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



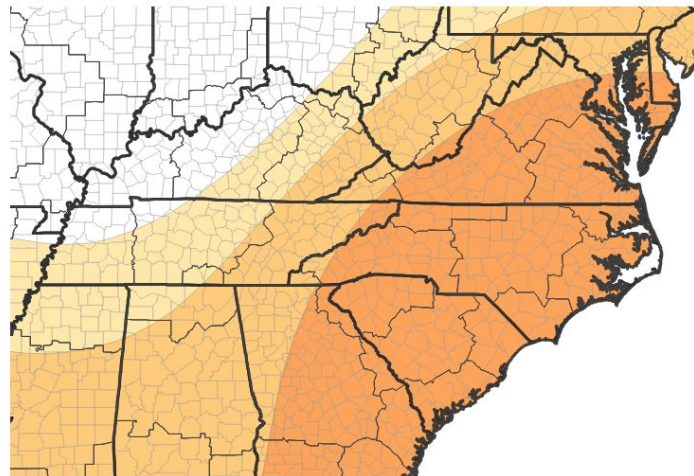
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



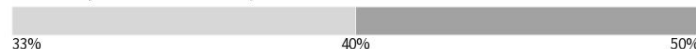
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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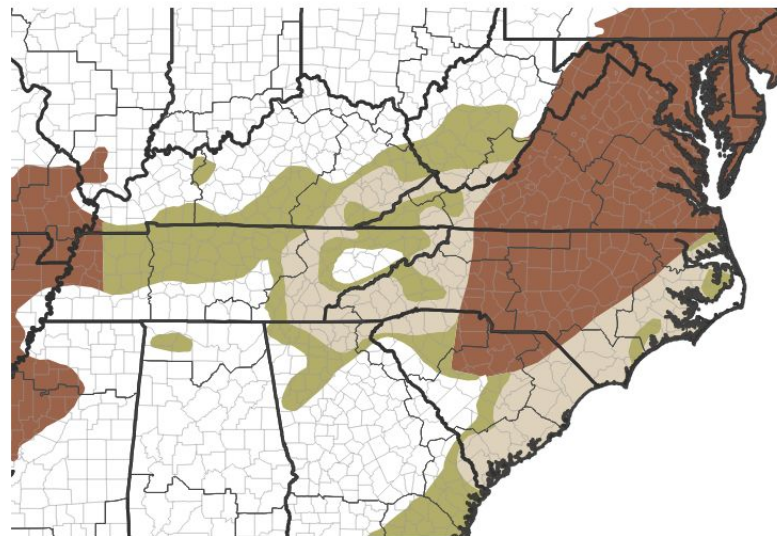


Drought Outlook

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- According to the latest Drought Outlook from the Climate Prediction Center, drought conditions are predicted to end in the current area of Moderate Drought (D1) in northwest Alabama by the end of July.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 30, 2026–September 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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