



Drought Information Statement for Southeast Arkansas, Northeast Louisiana and Central Mississippi

Valid January 30, 2026

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- Drought conditions have worsened for Northeast Louisiana and Southwest Mississippi, Severe(D2) conditions have persisted for a few weeks
 - Abnormally dry (D0) to Moderate drought (D1) conditions continue for much of the region





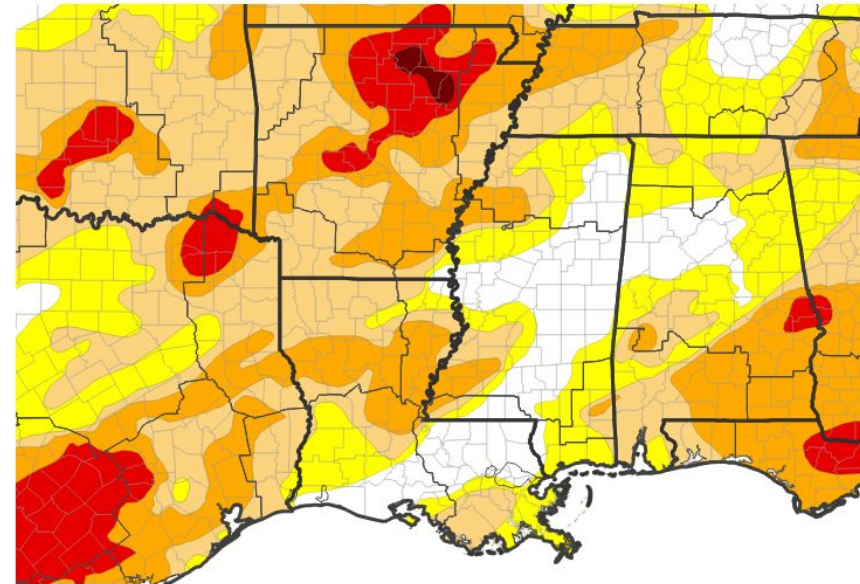
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Drought intensity and Extent

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** None
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Lower Mississippi River Delta including northwest Mississippi and southeast Arkansas, much of northeast Louisiana and an small area of southwest Mississippi
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** southwest Mississippi and northeast Louisiana
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Lower Mississippi Delta, central and southeast Mississippi

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

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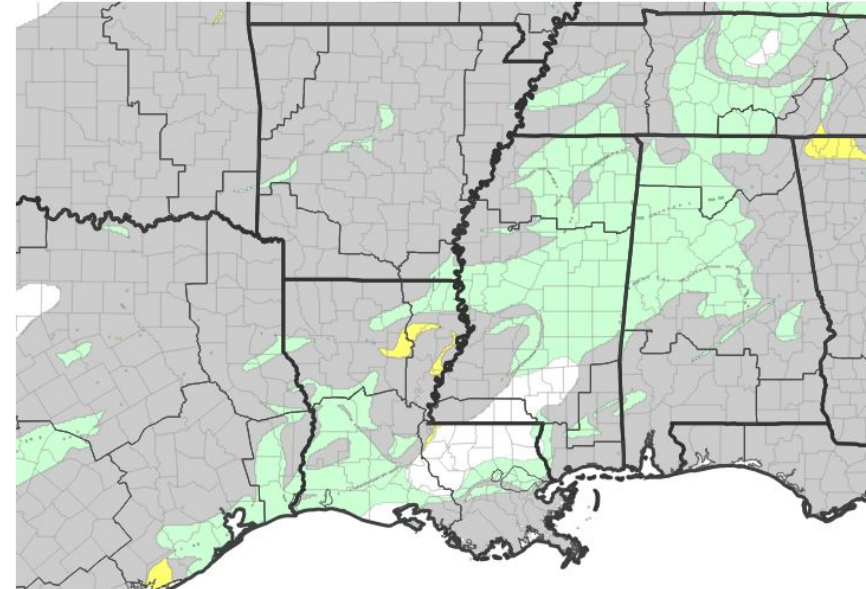
Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

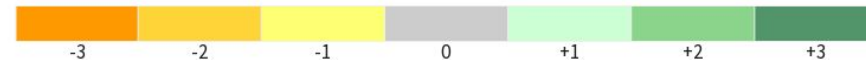
- Drought Worsened: Small area in northeast Louisiana
- No Change: Much of the western half of the area
- Drought Improved: Most of central and east Mississippi

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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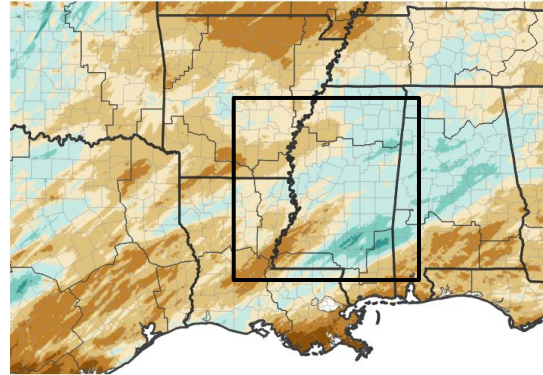


Precipitation

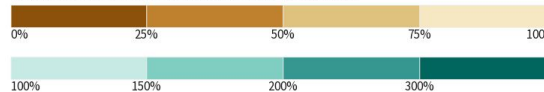
Monthly Values

- The western half of the area remains nearly 50% below normal or greater for the past month
- Several precipitation events have brought short term improvements
- Seasonal forecasts continue to show normal to below normal rainfall

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

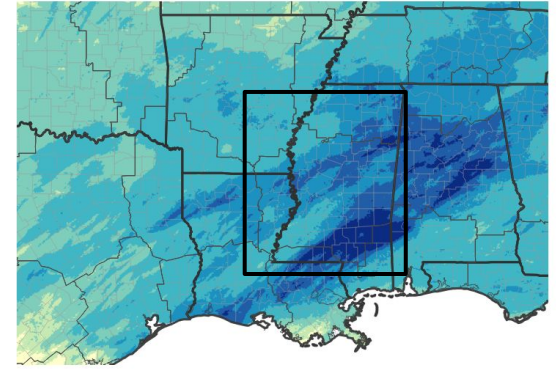


Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

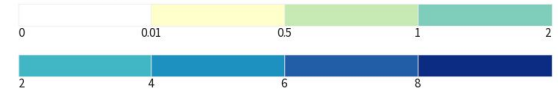


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30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation



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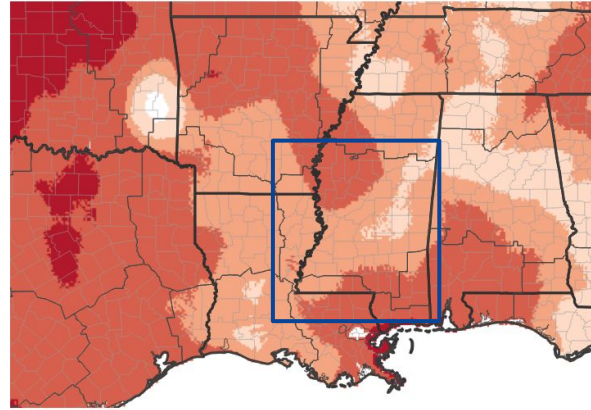


Temperature

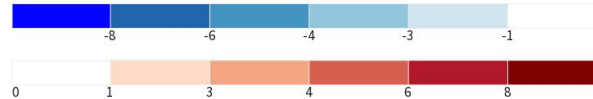
Departure from normal

- Temperatures this week will be below normal to well below normal
- Over the past month, temperatures have been above normal

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



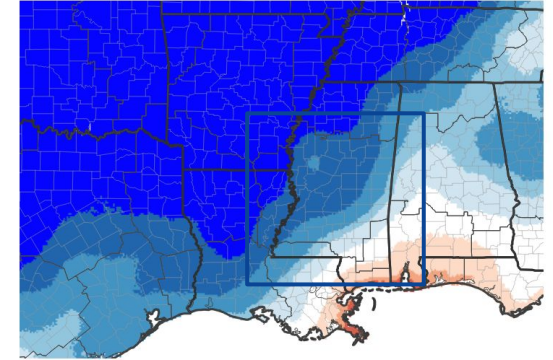
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



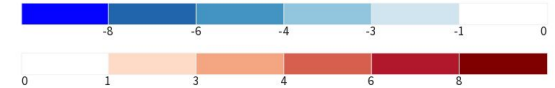
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7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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[Link to Southern Regional Climate Center](#)





Summary of Impacts

Hydrologic Impacts

- Broadcasts to Mariners were issued to outline issue related to low water and frozen conditions on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture remains below normal. However, there were no known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- No burn bans were in effect for the NWS Jackson county warning area

Other Impacts

- There were no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality for mitigation information.

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





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Streamflow

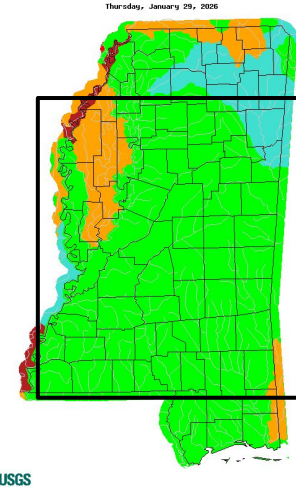
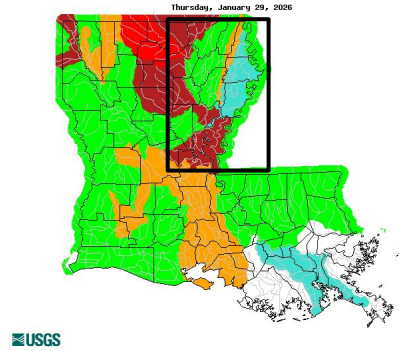
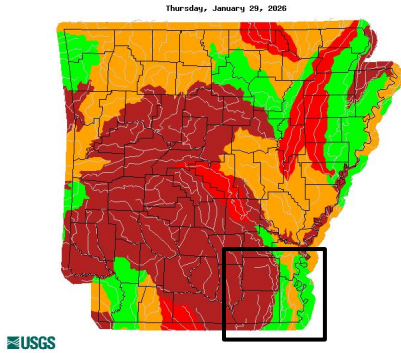


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 1/29/2026

- Southeast Arkansas - Much Below Normal to Normal
- Northeast Louisiana - Normal to Above Normal
- Northwest Mississippi - Below Normal to Normal
- Central and south Mississippi - Normal

Explanation - Percentile classes								
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data	
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal			



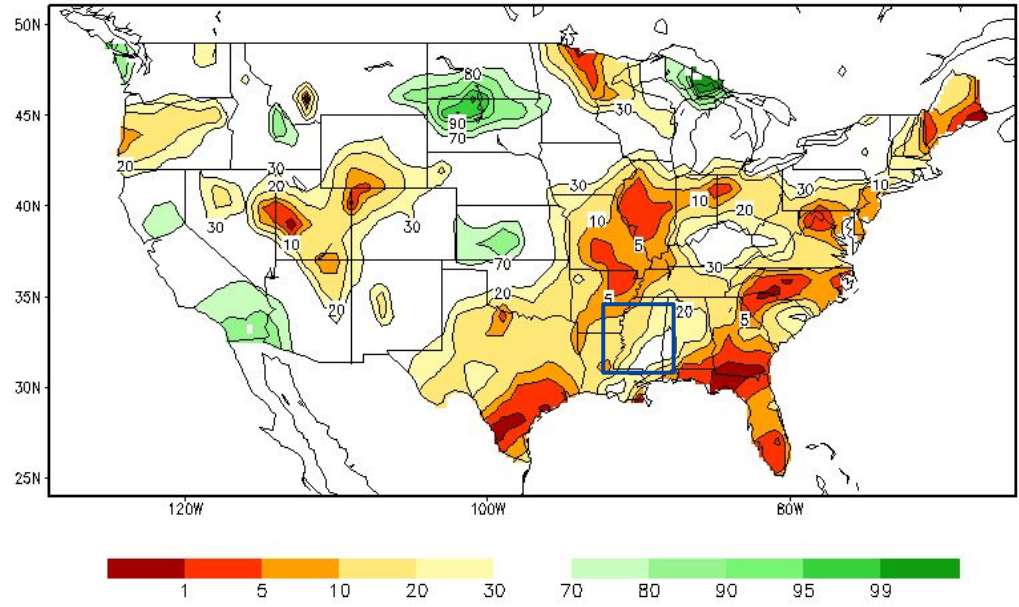


Agricultural Impacts

Soil Moisture

- Soil moisture remains below normal
- Several recent events brought precipitation to the region, helping with short-term improvements to soil conditions
- Seasonal forecasts show normal to below normal rainfall will continue

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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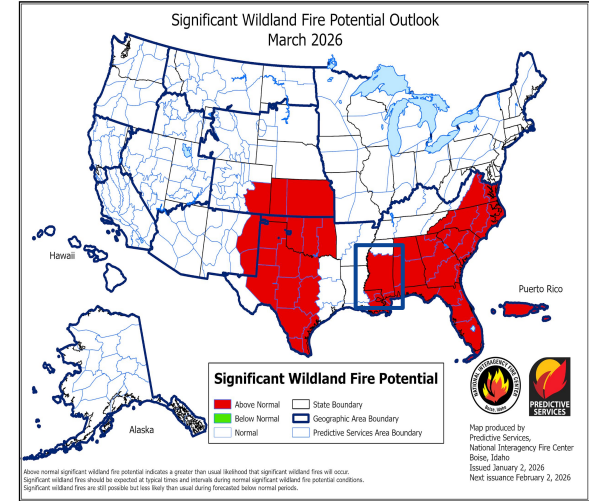
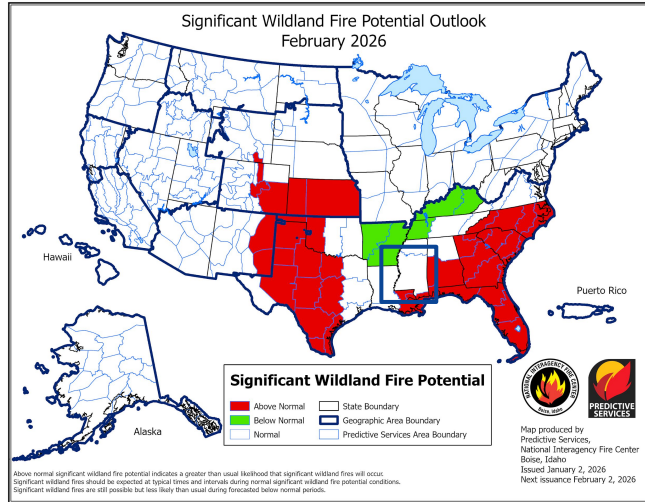




Fire Hazard Impacts

Monthly Fire Potential

- Fire potential is expected to be normal through February and increase to above normal in March for central and south Mississippi
- [Arkansas Burn Bans](#)
- [Louisiana Burn Bans](#)
- [Mississippi Burn Bans](#)



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

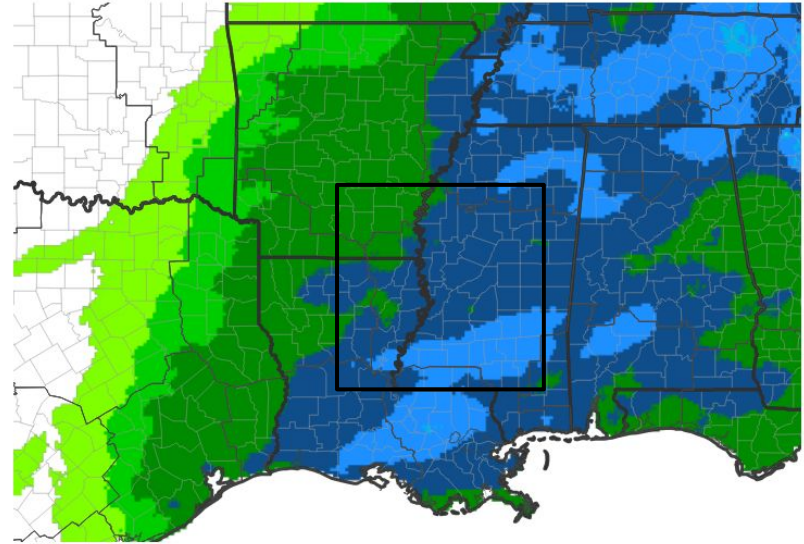




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Rainfall for the next week is forecast to be a inch or less
- Generally 0.50-1.0 inches

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for January 30, 2026–February 6, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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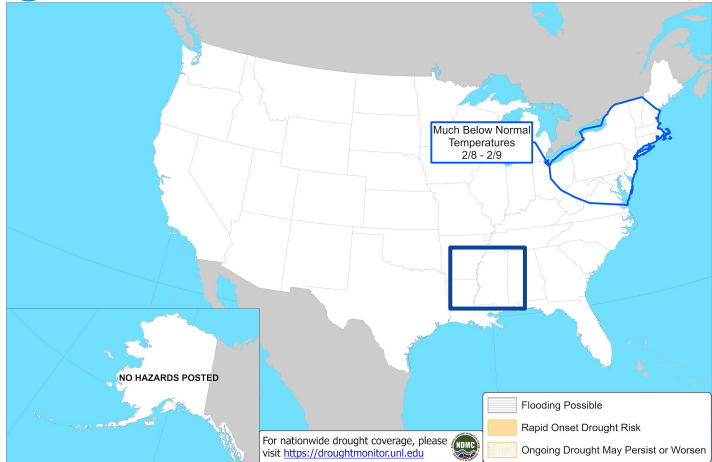
Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

Hazard Outlook

- The rapid onset drought risk is low for the Gulf States for the next 8-14 days



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook
Valid: February 6 - 12, 2026



Climate Prediction Center

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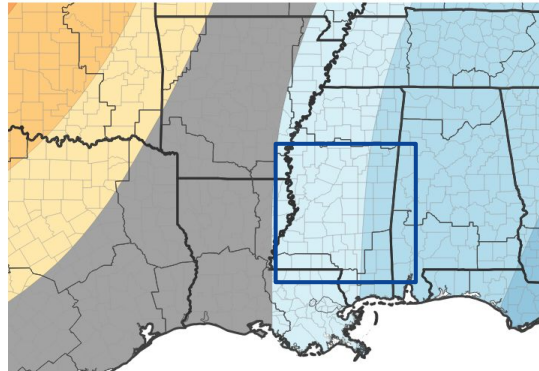
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8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for February 4, 2026-February 10, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Near-Normal Conditions

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8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for February 4, 2026-February 10, 2026



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Normal to slightly below normal temperatures

Normal to slightly below normal rainfall



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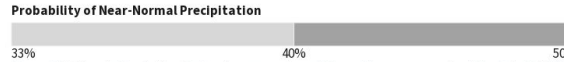
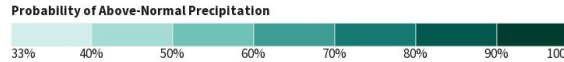
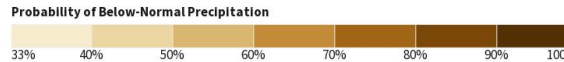
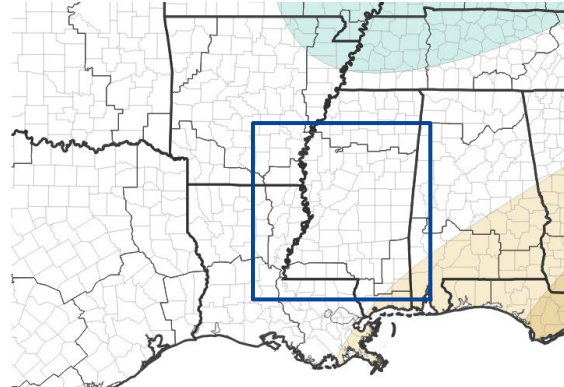


Long-Range Outlooks

Monthly Temperature and Rainfall

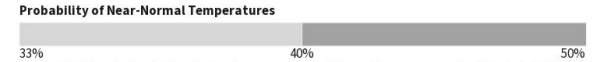
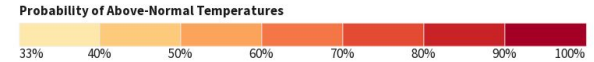
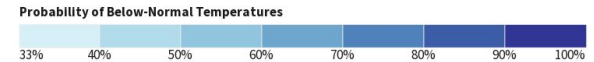
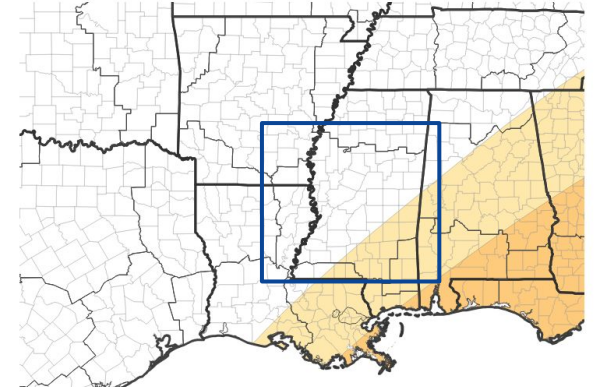
- For February, temperatures will generally be normal to slightly above normal
- Rainfall will generally be normal

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



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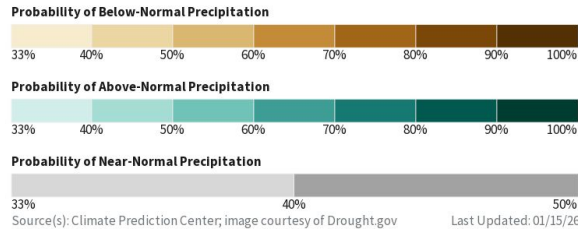
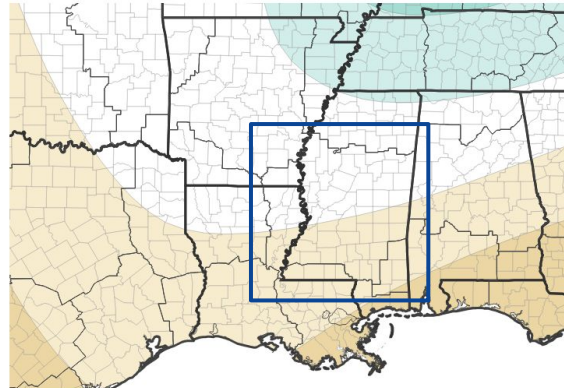


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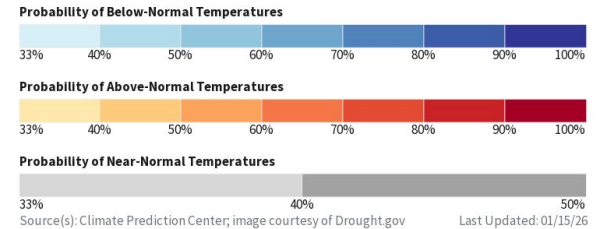
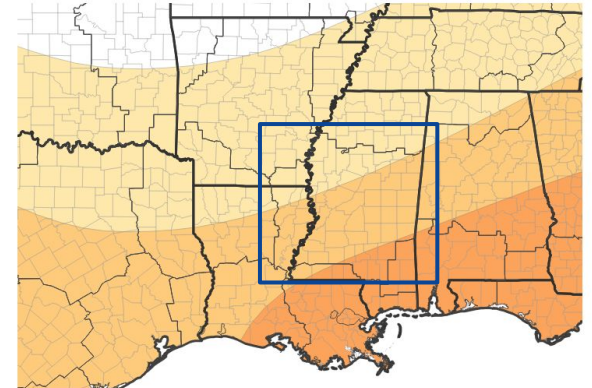
Seasonal Temperature and Rainfall

- The temperature will generally be above normal
- The rainfall will generally be normal to slightly below

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for February 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



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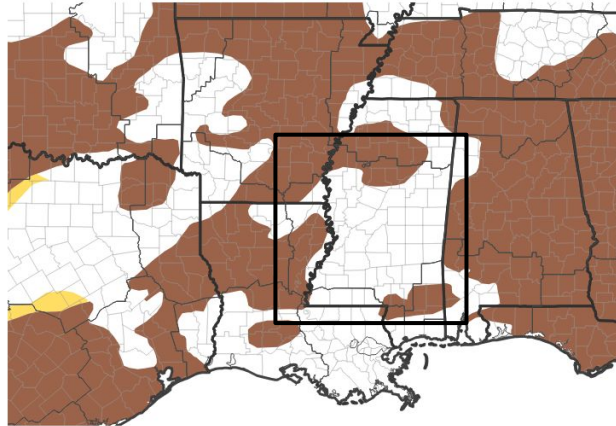


Drought Outlook

Monthly and Seasonal Drought

- Monthly drought forecasts show drought conditions persisting for for the lower Mississippi River Delta and northeast Louisiana
- Seasonal drought forecasts show drought conditions persisting for the same areas through the spring

1-Month Drought Outlook for January 1, 2026–January 31, 2026

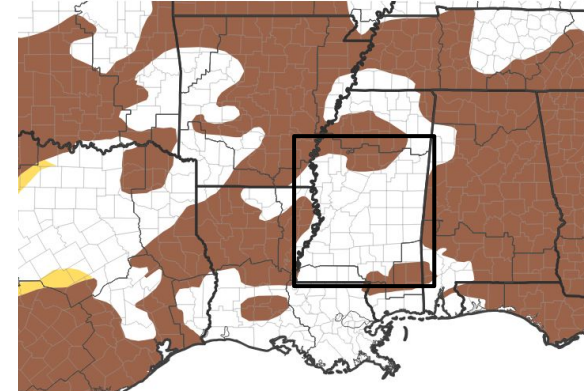


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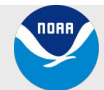


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