



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

Valid February 19, 2026

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- This product will be updated February 27, 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/JAN/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.

- Drought conditions have returned to Central Mississippi
- Extreme (D3) conditions continue for parts of Northeast Louisiana and Southwest Mississippi
- Severe (D2) conditions persist for much of Northeast Louisiana, parts of Southwest Mississippi, Northwest Mississippi and Southeast Arkansas
- Abnormally dry (D0) to Moderate drought (D1) conditions continue for parts of Southeast Mississippi, Northeast Louisiana and Central Mississippi





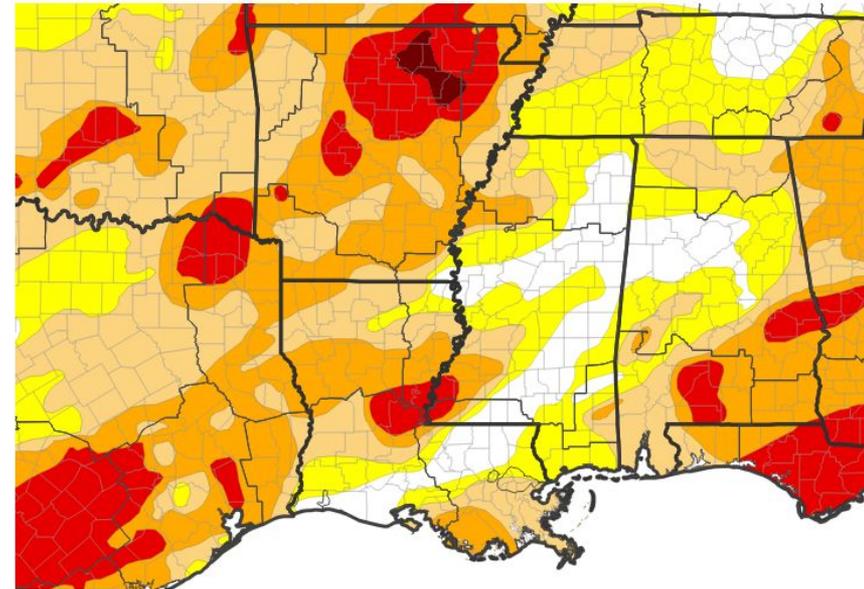
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Drought intensity and Extent

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** A small area of northeast Louisiana and southwest Mississippi
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Portions of northwest Mississippi, southeast Arkansas, southwest Mississippi and much of northeast Louisiana
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Southwest Mississippi and northeast Louisiana
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** a small area of Northeast Louisiana, portions of northwest Mississippi, much of central Mississippi and southeast Mississippi

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

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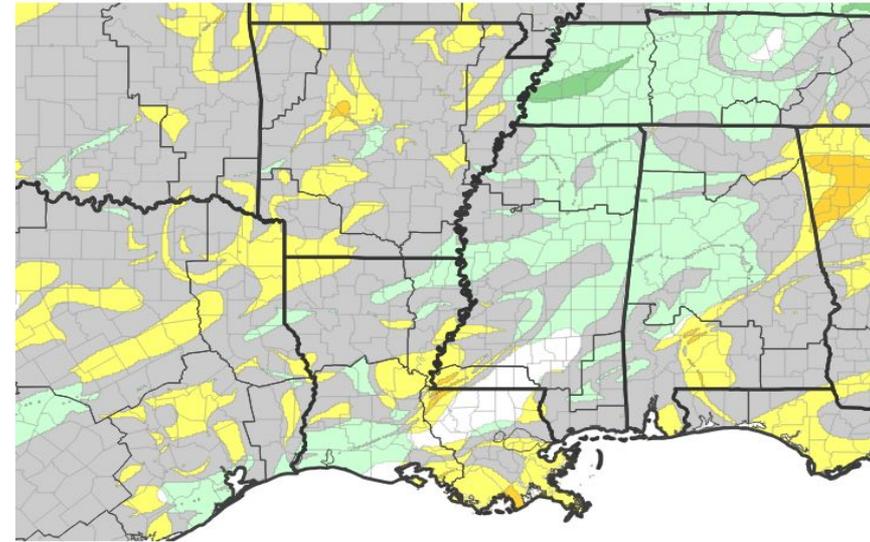
Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- Drought Worsened: Northeast Louisiana, southwest Mississippi and northwest Mississippi
- No Change: Areas of west central Mississippi and northeast Louisiana
- Drought Improved: North and east Mississippi

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

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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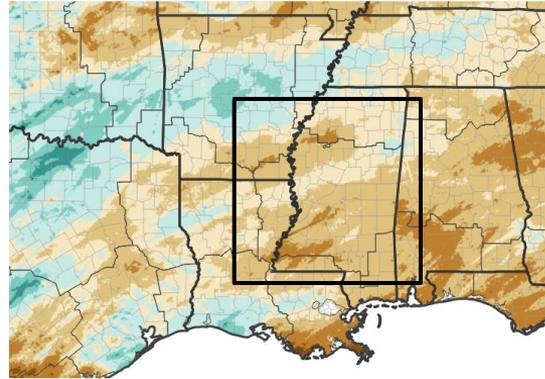


Precipitation

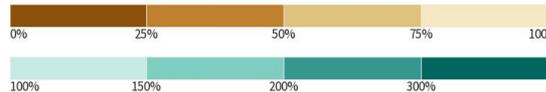
Monthly Values

- Most of the area remains below normal for rainfall
- Portions of the south and west remain nearly 25-50% below normal or greater for the past month
- The area has received 2-6 inches over the past 30 days, which is below normal for the region

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

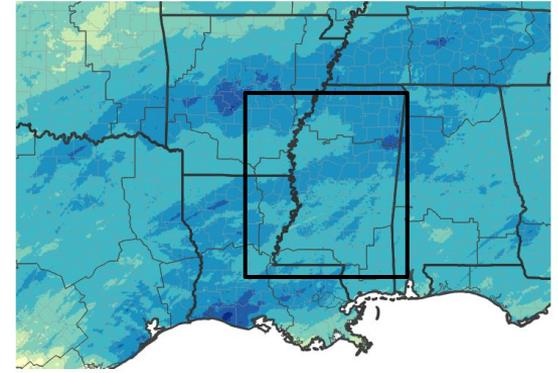


Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; Last Updated: 02/19/26
image courtesy of Drought.gov

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation



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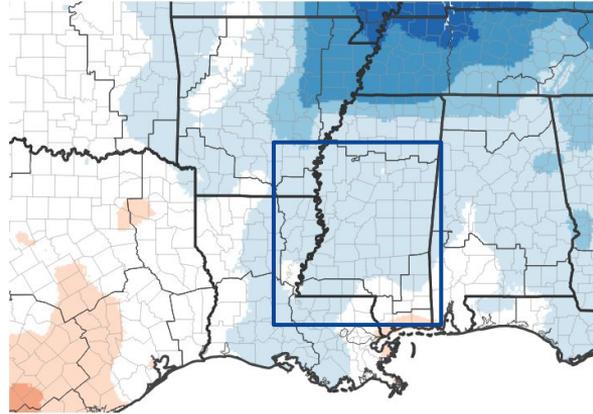


Temperature

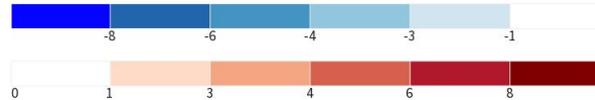
Departure from normal

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

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



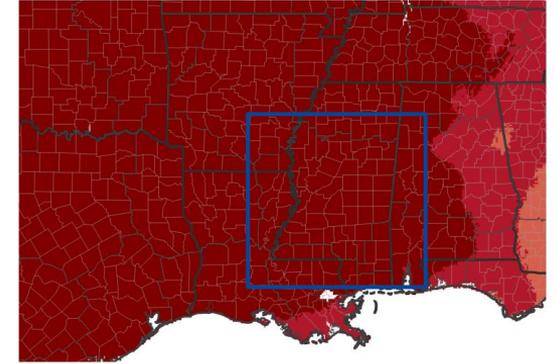
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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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[Link to Southern Regional Climate Center](#)





Summary of Impacts

Hydrologic Impacts

- Broadcasts to Mariners were issued to outline safety restrictions on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture remains below normal. Poor pasture conditions were reported and potential loss of crops if conditions do not improve

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

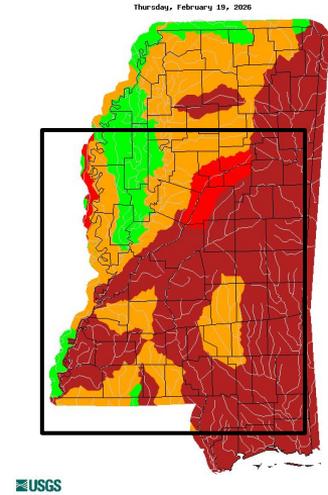
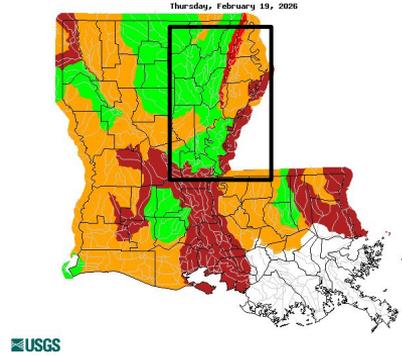
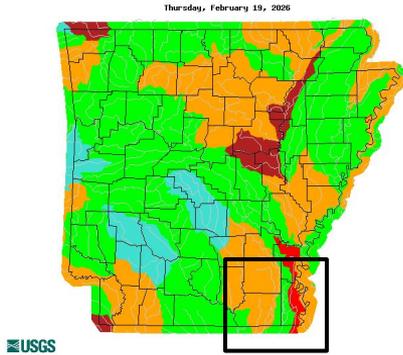


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 2/19/2026

- Southeast Arkansas - Below Normal
- Northeast Louisiana - Below Normal to Normal
- West Mississippi - Much Below Normal to Below Normal
- East Mississippi - Much Below 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		



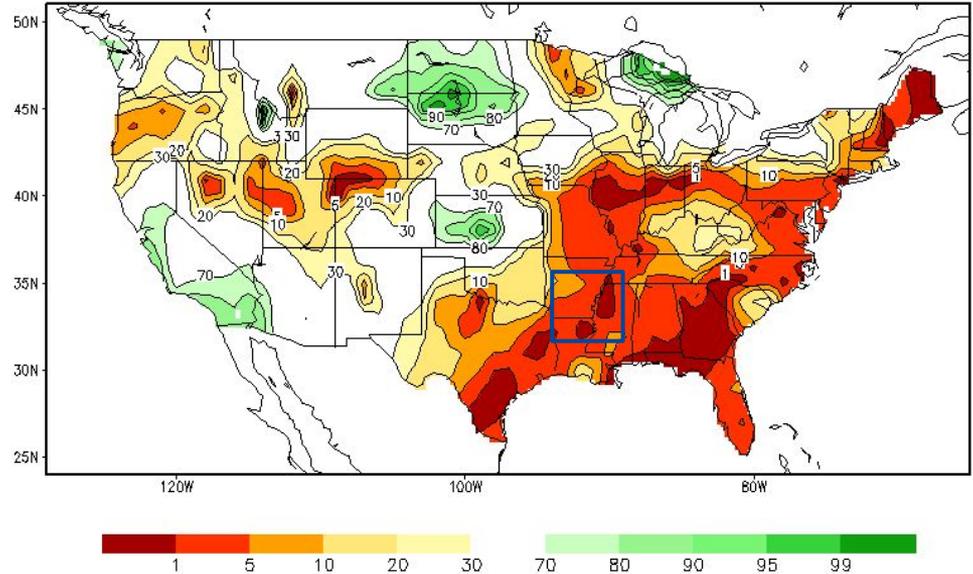


Agricultural Impacts

Soil Moisture

- Soil moisture remains well below normal across the region
- Conditions are not forecast to improve in the short term

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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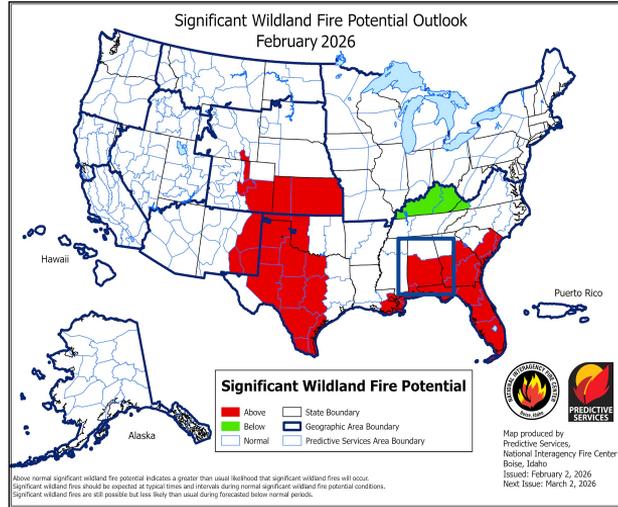




Fire Hazard Impacts

Monthly Fire Potential

- Fire potential is expected to be normal through February and increase to above normal in March
- No burn bans are in effect for the area at this time
- [Arkansas Burn Bans](#)
- [Louisiana Burn Bans](#)
- [Mississippi Burn Bans](#)



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

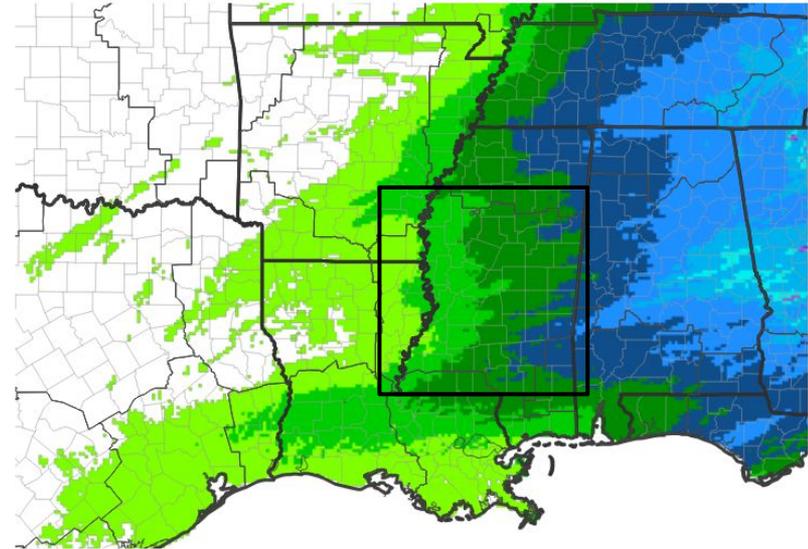




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- 1" or less rainfall amounts are forecast this week
- Isolated higher amounts will be possible with thunderstorms

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for February 20, 2026–February 27, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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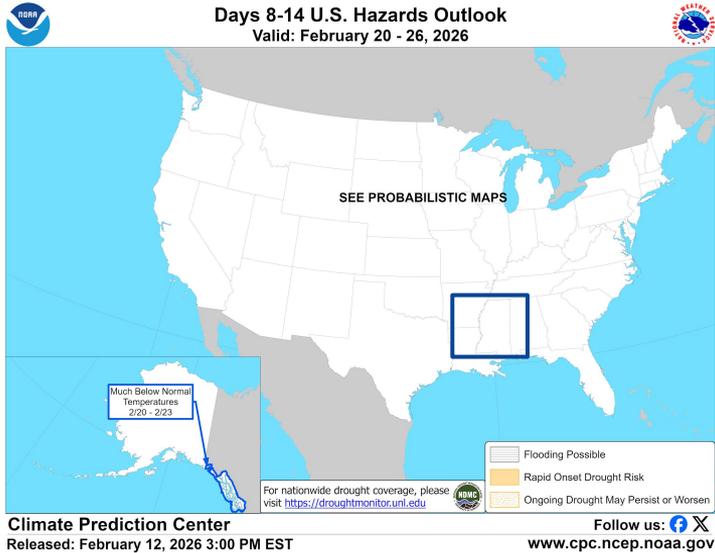




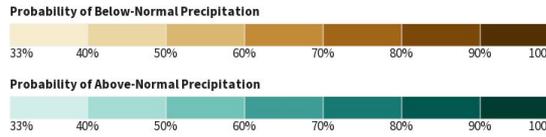
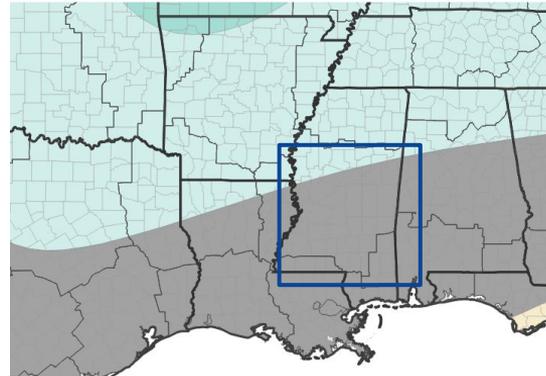
Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

Hazard Outlook

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

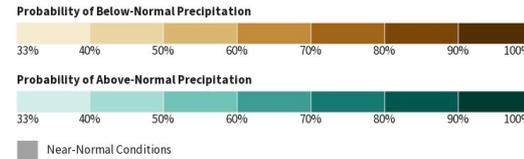
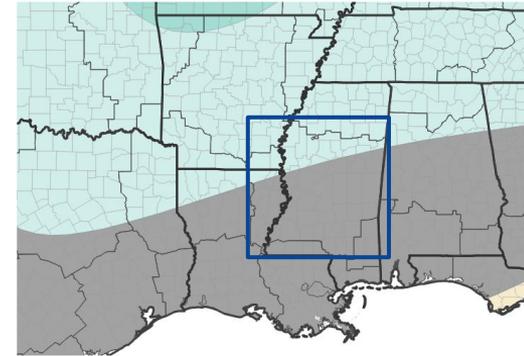


8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for February 19, 2026-February 25, 2026



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8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for February 19, 2026-February 25, 2026



Near normal temperatures

Near normal rainfall

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center 8-14 day Rainfall Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center 8-14 day Temperature Outlook](#)



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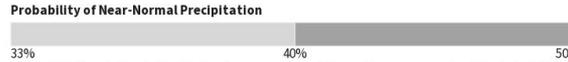
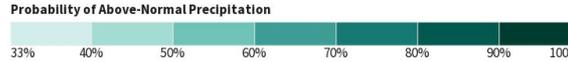
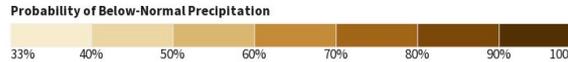
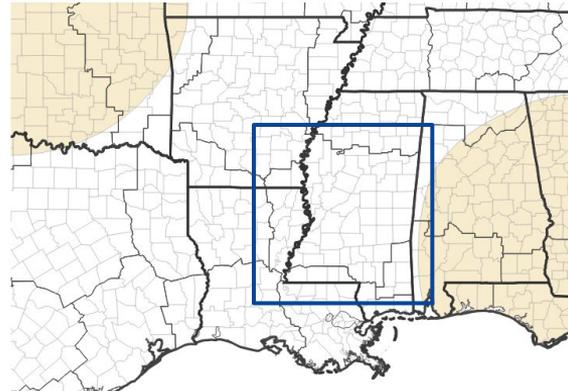


Long-Range Outlooks

Monthly Temperature and Rainfall

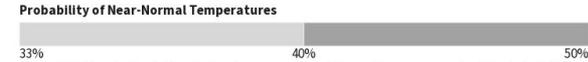
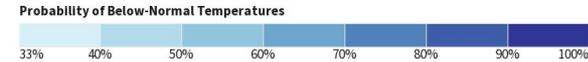
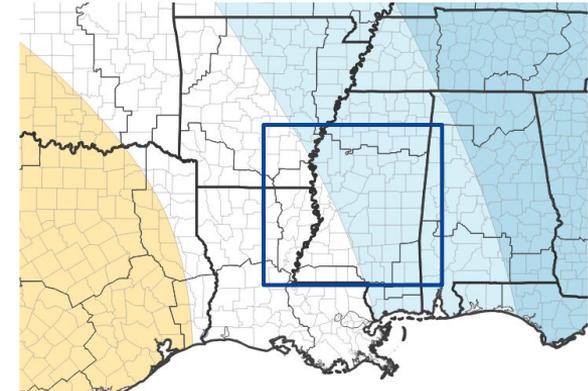
- For February, temperatures will generally be normal to slightly below normal
- Rainfall will generally be normal

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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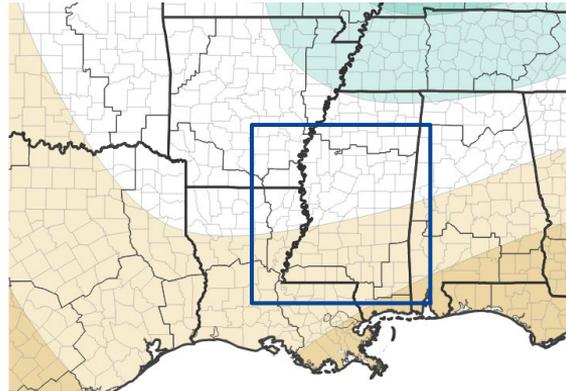


Long-Range Outlooks

Seasonal Temperature and Rainfall

- Seasonal forecasts show temperatures generally above normal
- Rainfall will generally be normal to slightly below

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



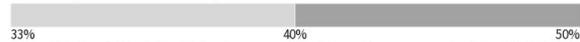
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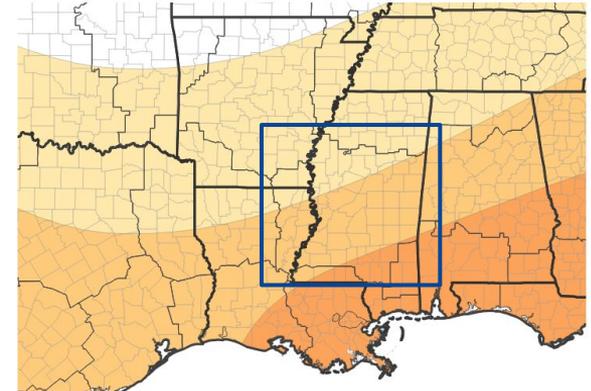
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



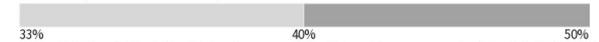
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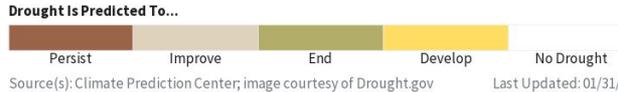
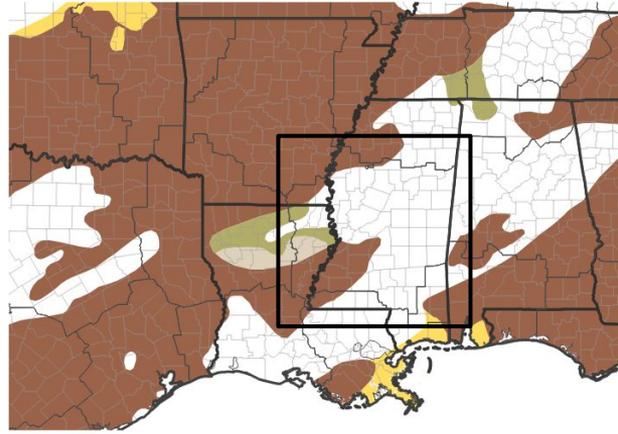


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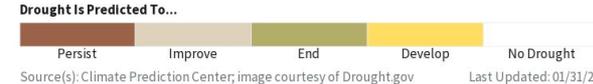
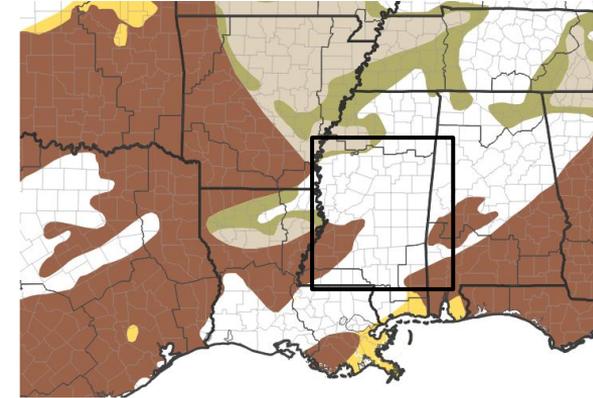
Monthly and Seasonal Drought

- Monthly drought forecasts generally show drought conditions persisting for the Mississippi Delta, northeast Louisiana and southwest Arkansas
- Seasonal drought forecasts generally show drought conditions persisting for the same areas through the spring

1-Month Drought Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 31, 2026–April 30, 2026



Links to the latest:

- [Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

