



Drought Information Statement for Southeast TX and Southwest LA

Valid January, 23, 2026

Issued By: WFO Lake Charles, LA

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated January, 30, 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/LCH/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- DROUGHT CONDITIONS OVER MOST OF THE AREA CONTINUE TO WORSEN
- SOME IMPROVEMENT WITH RECENT RAINFALL HAS BEEN NOTED ACROSS ACADIANA.

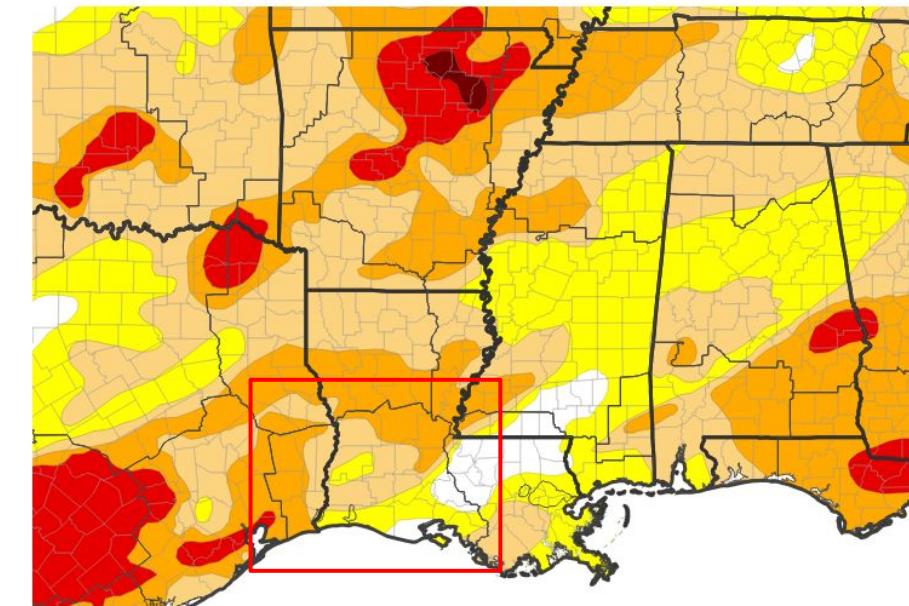


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of Southeast Texas and Central Louisiana.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Much of the region north of I-10
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Parts of central and coastal Louisiana.

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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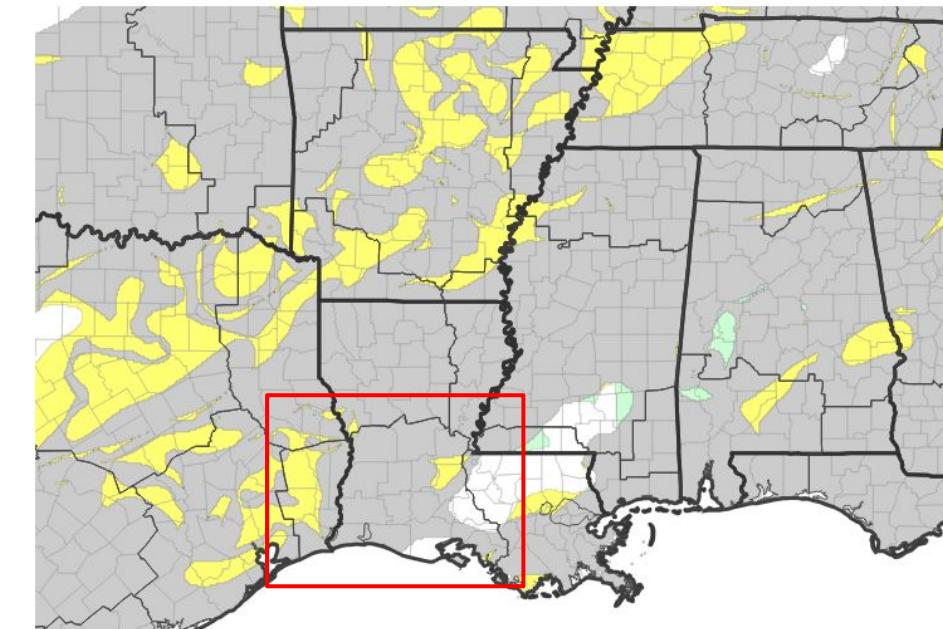


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

[Link to the latest 1-week change map](#)

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: [State each county or region within WFO region where a class degradation occurred. If nowhere is under a class degradation, remove subheading.]
 - No Change: [State each county or region within WFO region where no class change occurred. If nowhere is under no change, remove subheading.]
 - Drought Improved: [State each county or region within WFO region where a class improvement occurred. If nowhere is under a class improvement, remove subheading.]

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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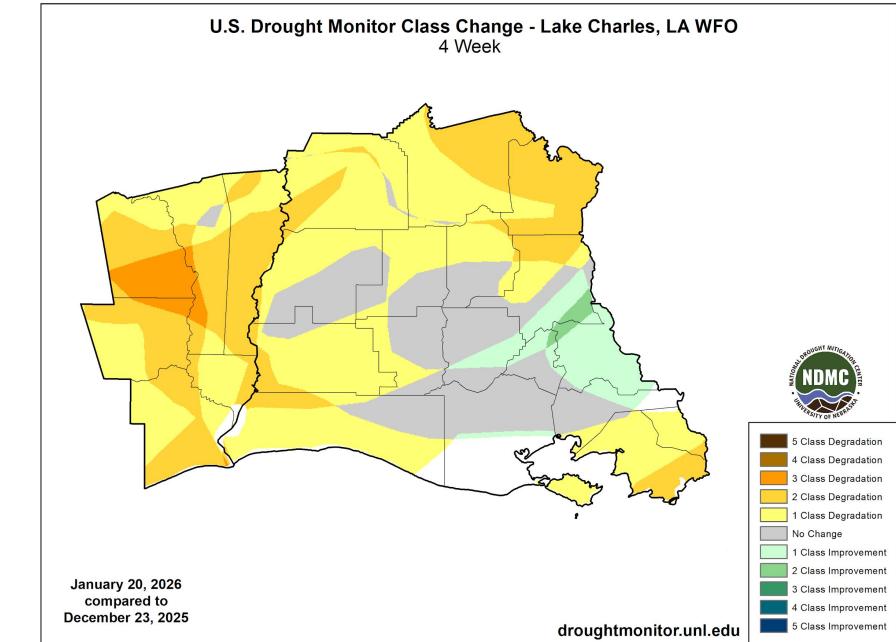
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: 1 to 3 category class changes have been noted across much of the area, especially Southeast Texas.
 - Drought Improved: 1 to 2 category improvement has occurred across a small portion of Acadiana due to recent rainfall events.



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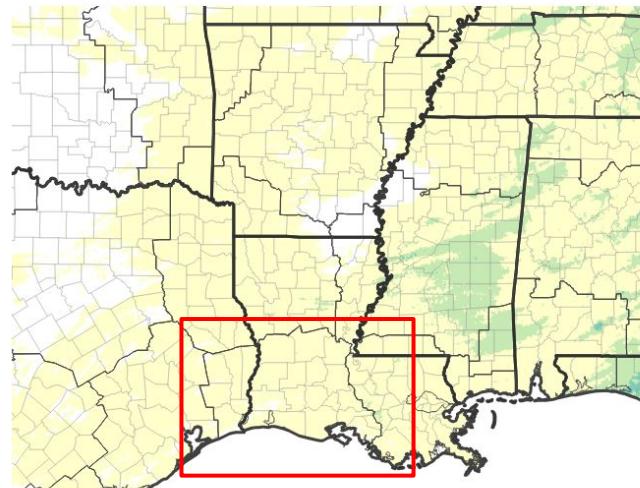


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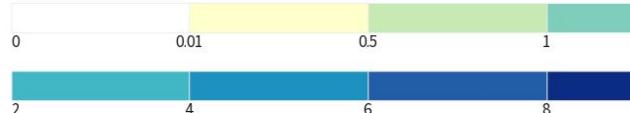
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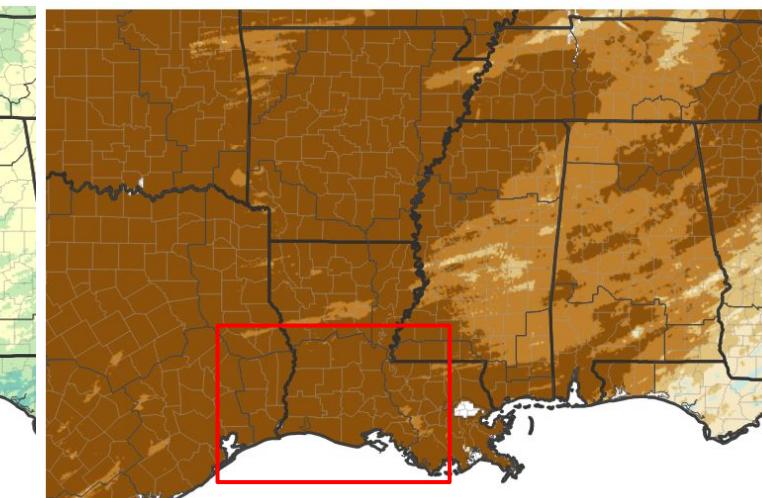


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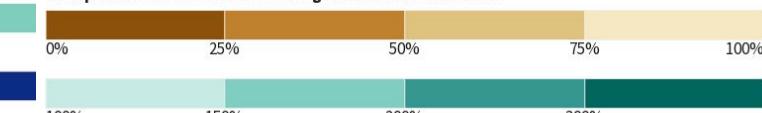


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7-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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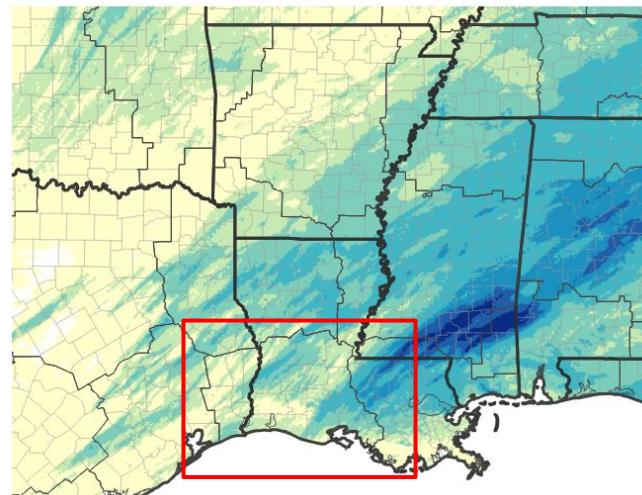


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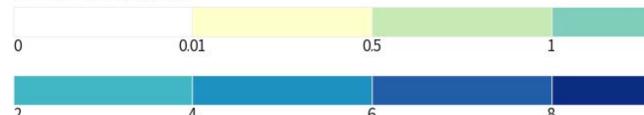
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30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

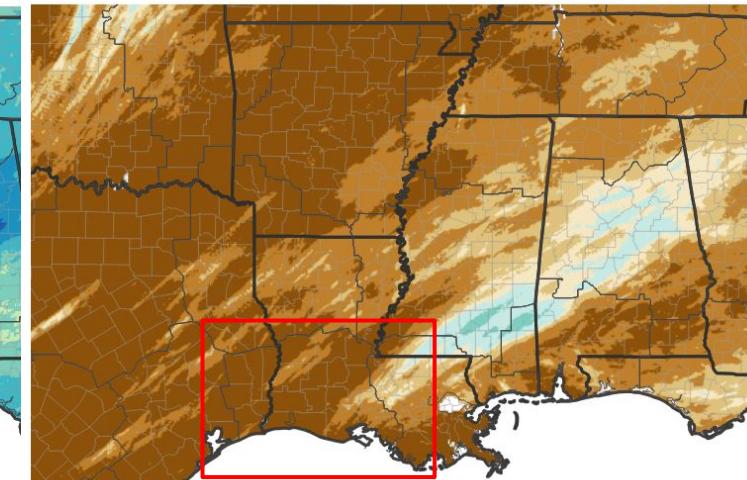


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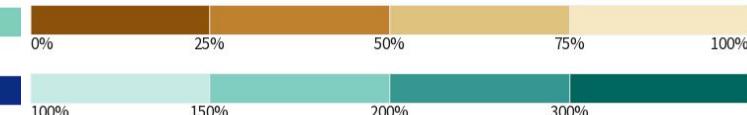


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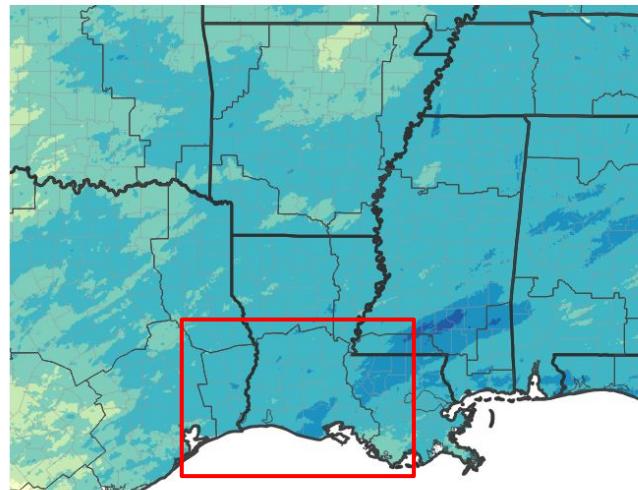


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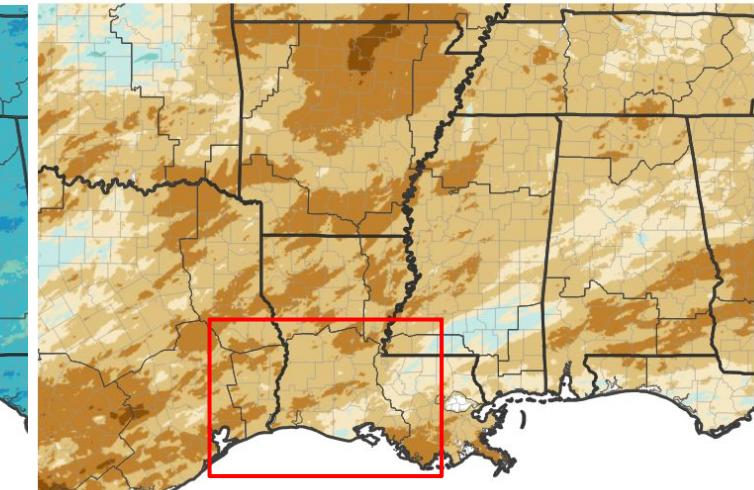
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Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

100% 150% 200% 300%

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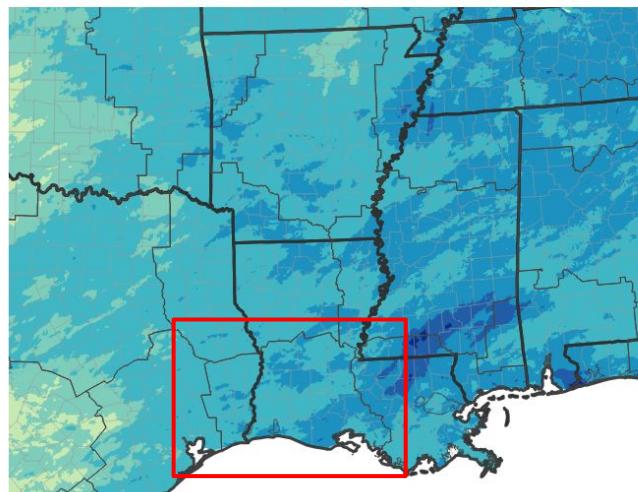


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120-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

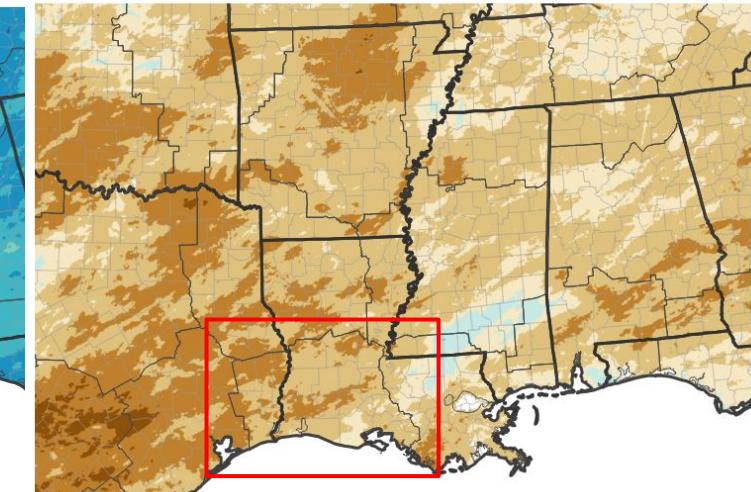


Inches of Precipitation



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120-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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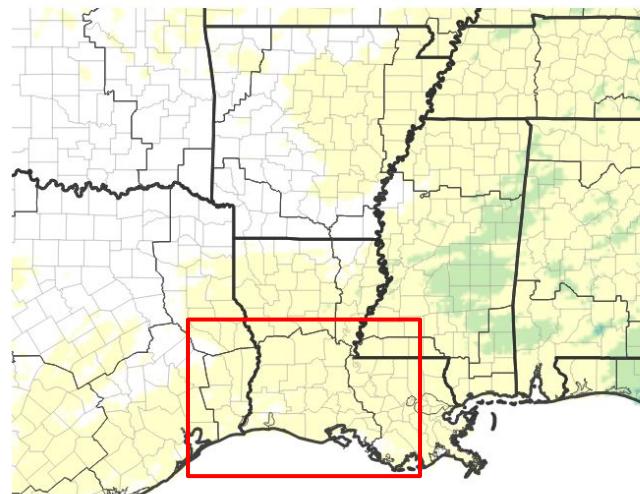


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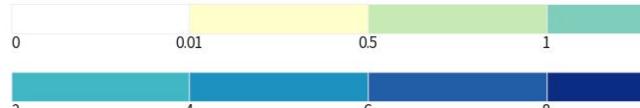
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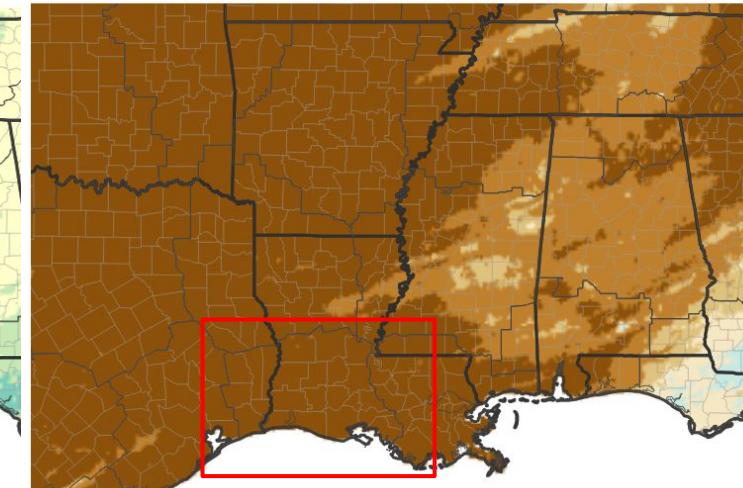


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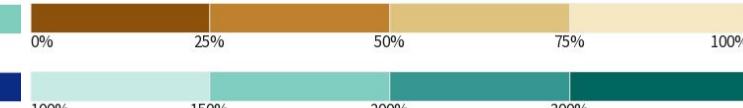


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7-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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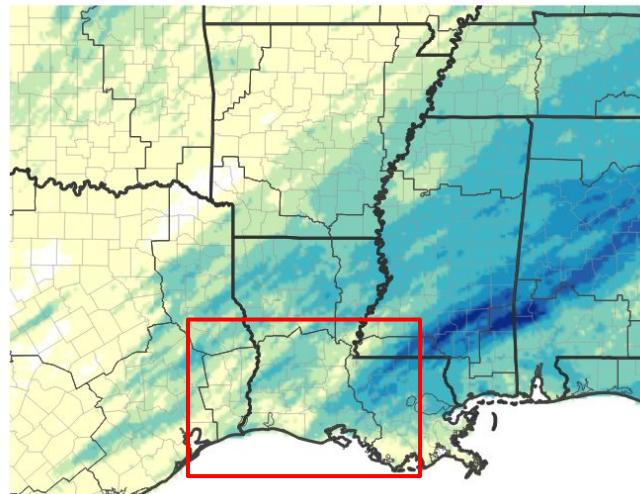


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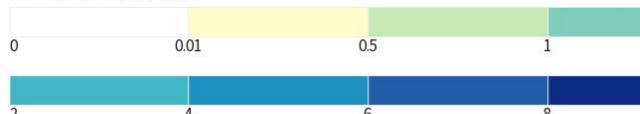
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NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)

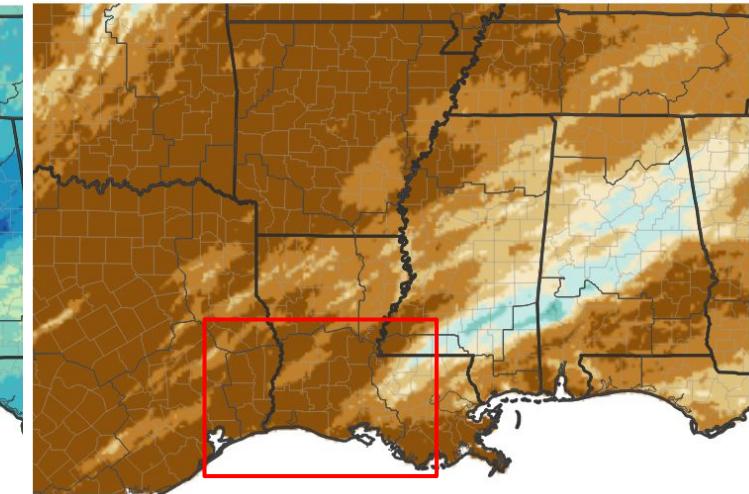


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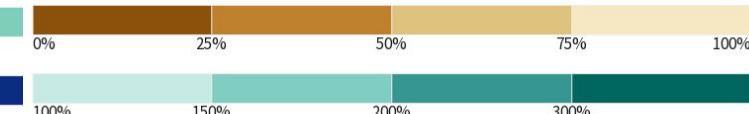


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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



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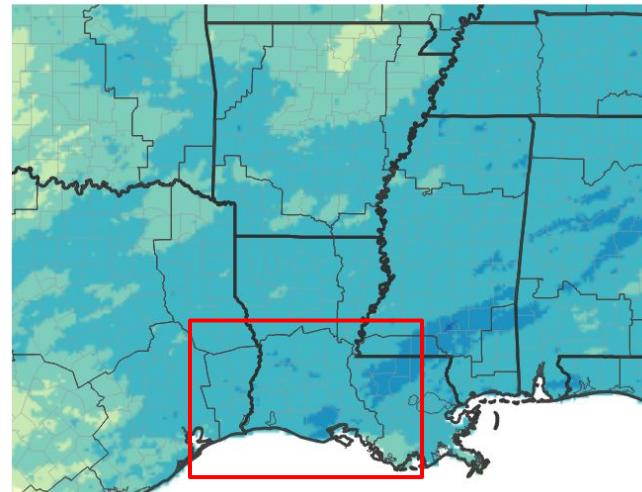


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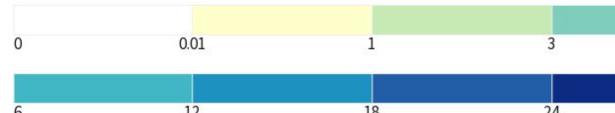
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- With the exception of Vermilion Parish precipitation continues to below normal over the past 90 days.

NWPS 90-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)

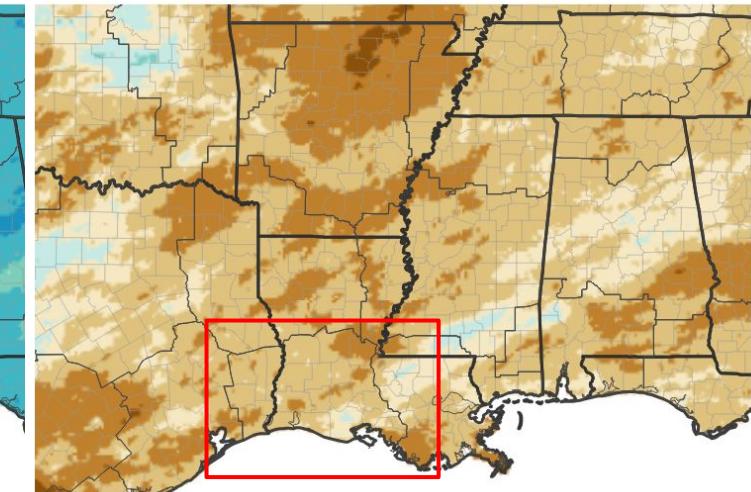


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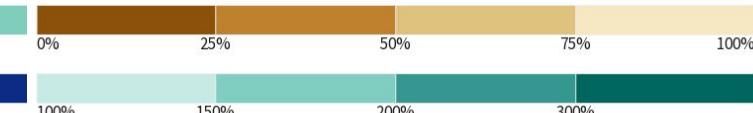


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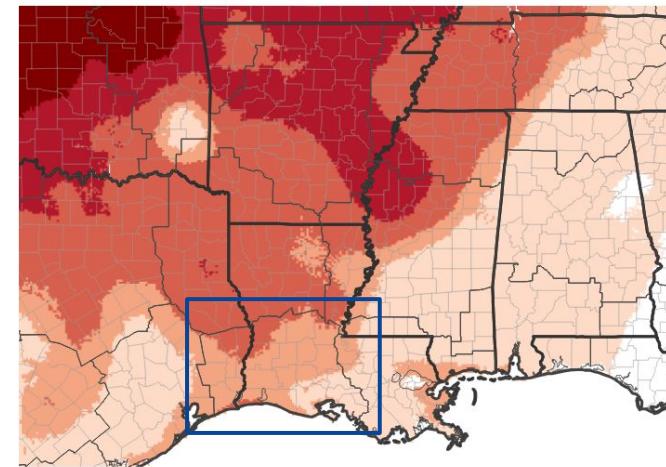


Temperature

Link to [Southern Regional Climate Center](#)

- Temperatures continue to be well above normal this winter season.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly

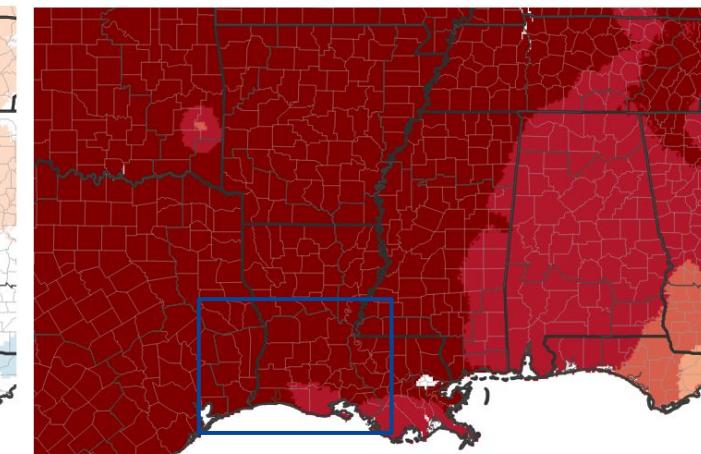


Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)

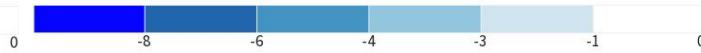


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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Much below normal flows are observed on most river basins.

Agricultural Impacts

- Severely Dry Crop Soil Moisture Index

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Increased wildfire risk has been noted when coupled with low humidity and elevated winds.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





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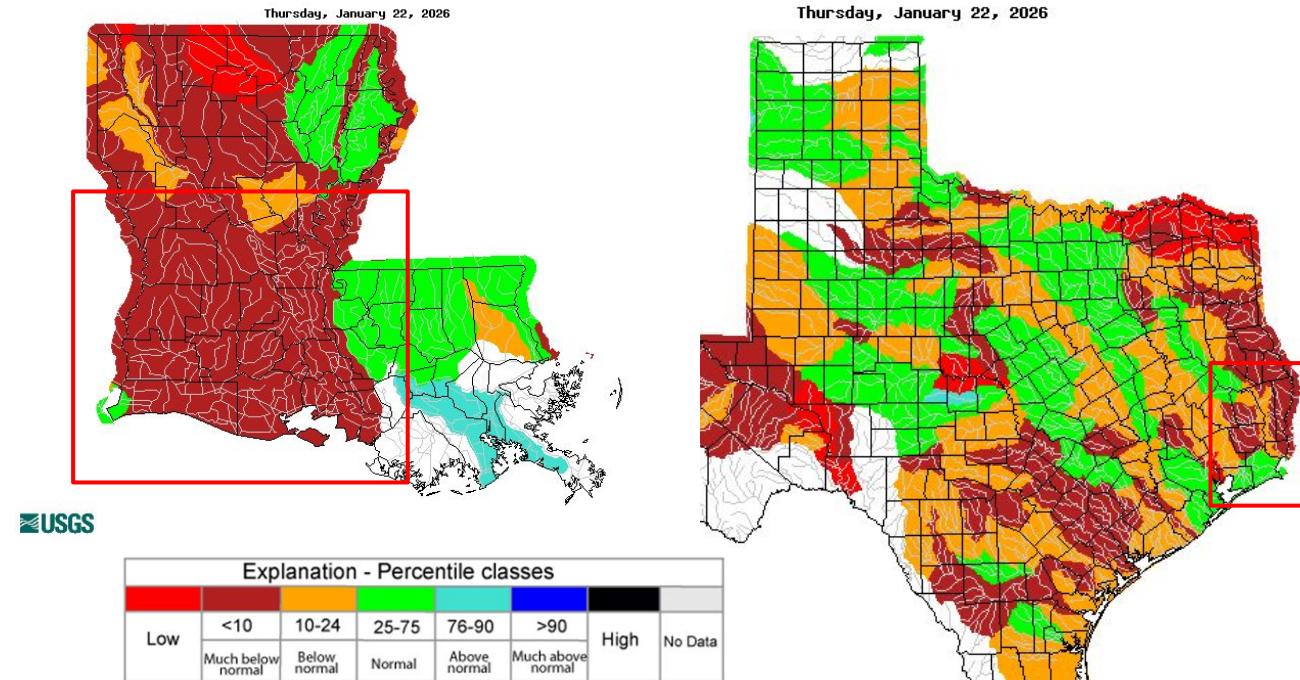


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 01 14 2026



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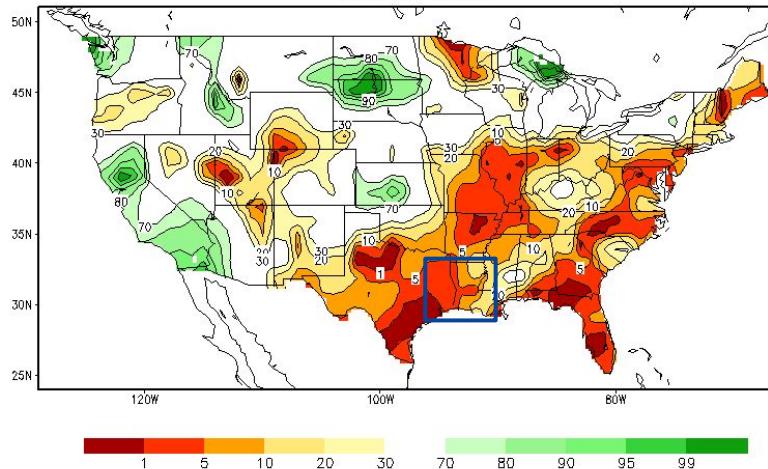
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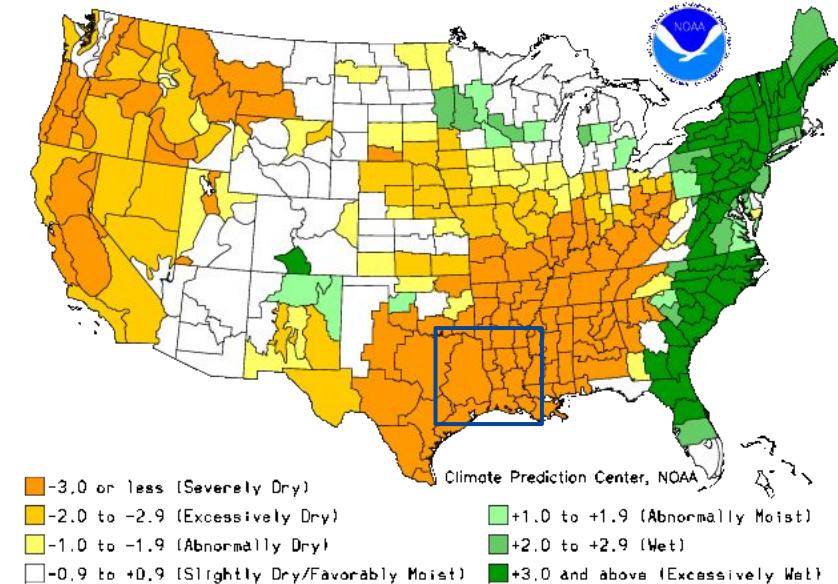
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Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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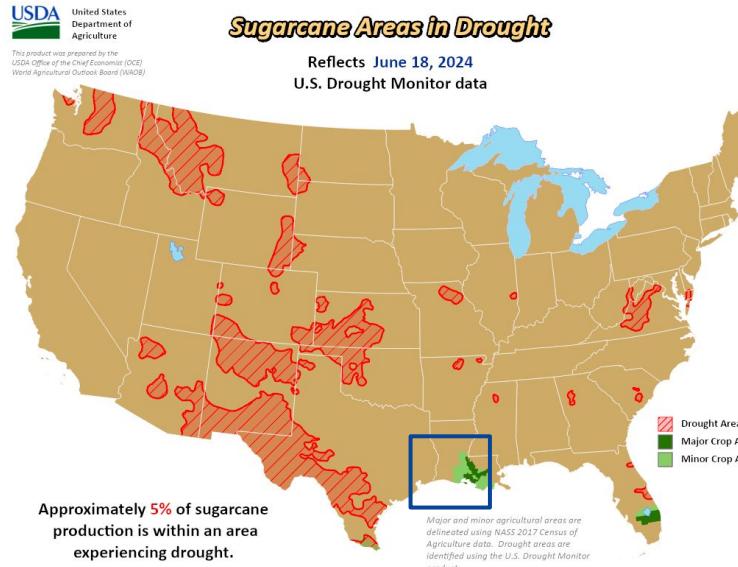
Crop Moisture Index by Division
Weekly Value for Period Ending OCT 26, 2024
Short Term Need vs. Available Water in a Shallow Soil Profile





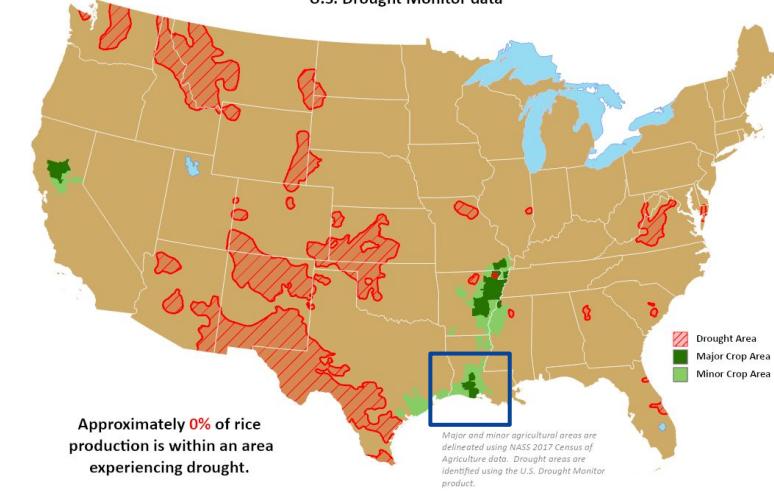
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Rice Areas in Drought

Reflects June 18, 2024
U.S. Drought Monitor data



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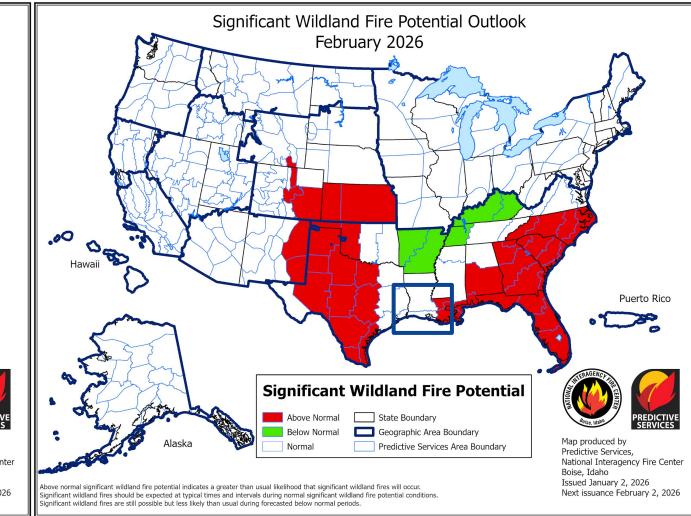
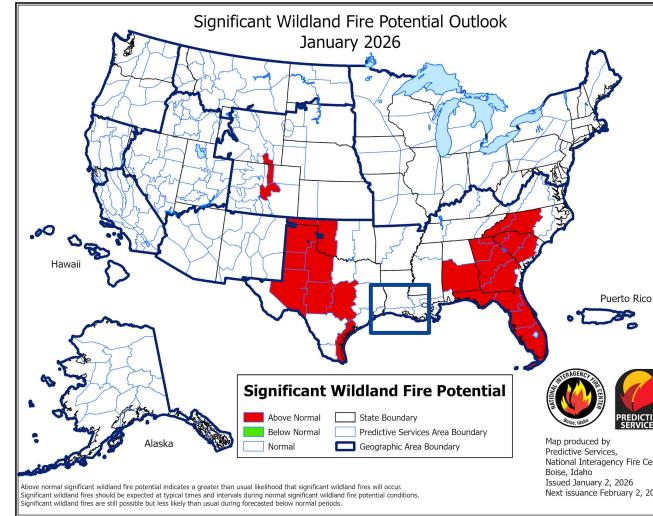




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

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Latest TX Burn Ban map available [here](#).

Latest LA Burn Ban map available [here](#).



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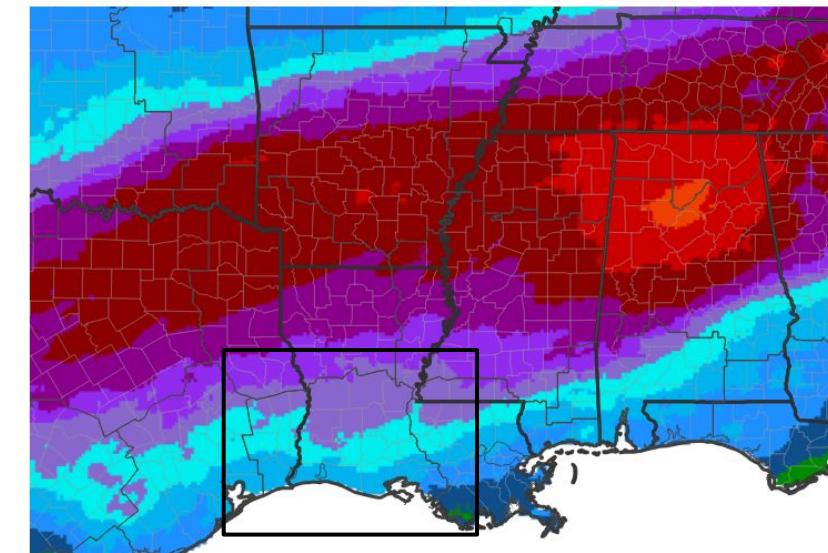
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Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Three quarters to two inches of rainfall is forecast over the next week.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for January 22, 2026–January 29, 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.

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Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook
Valid: January 30 - February 5, 2026



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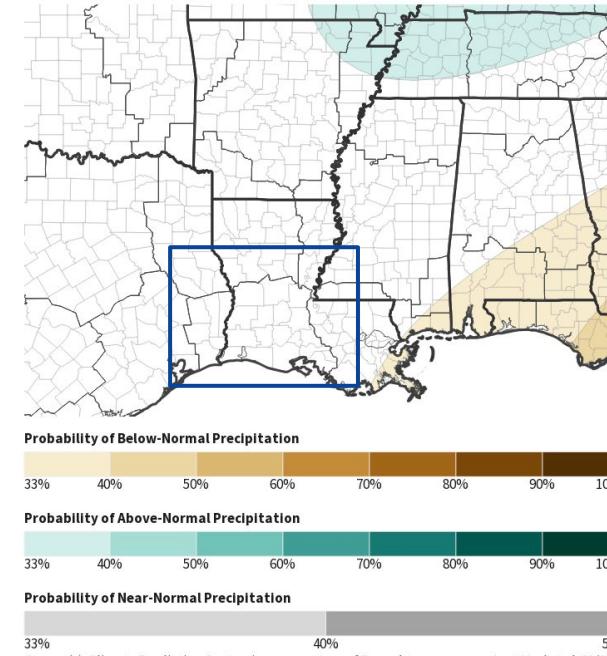


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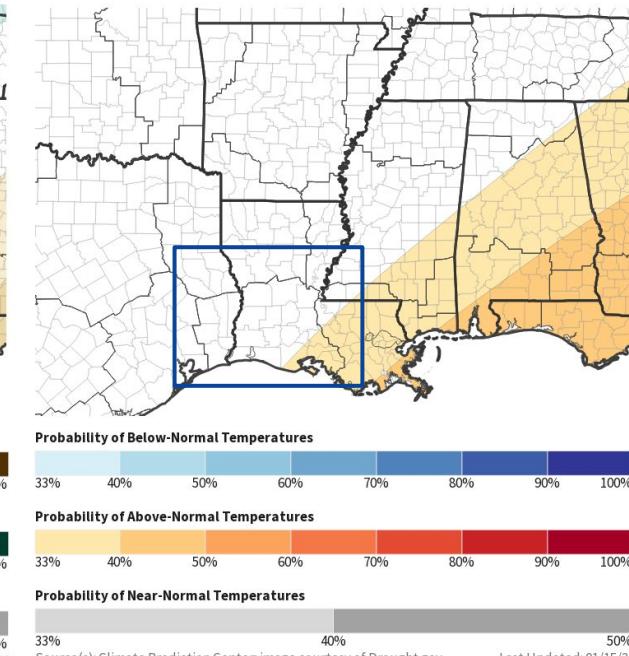
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Monthly Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



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



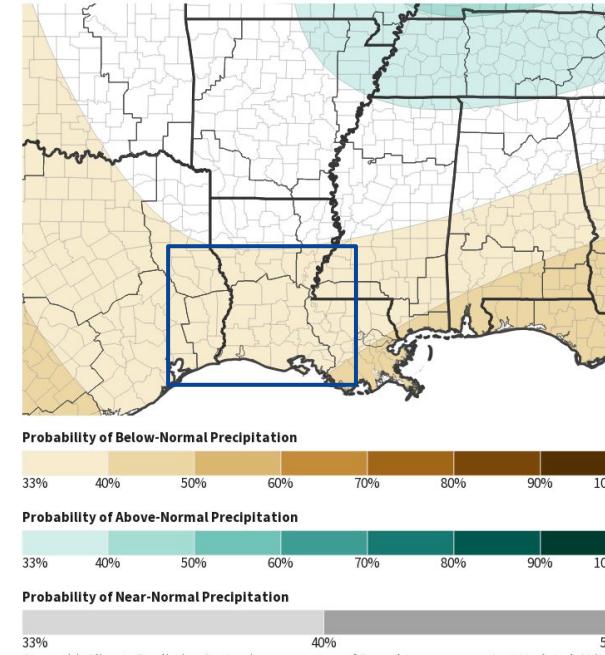


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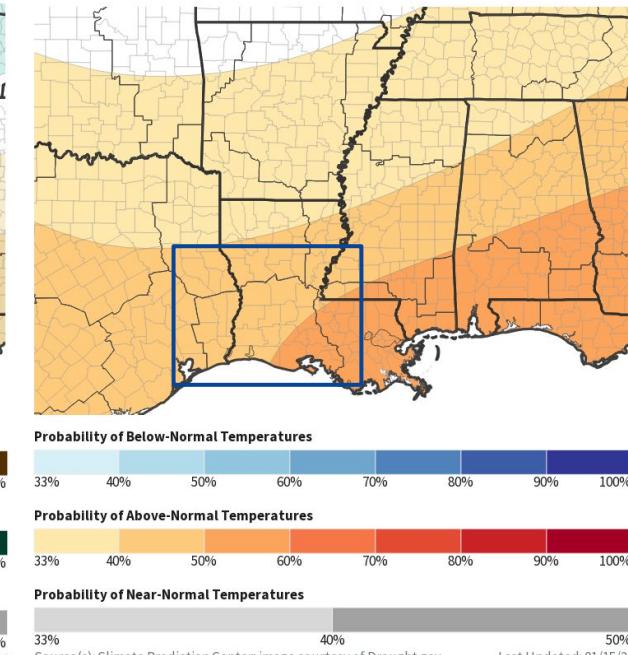
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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



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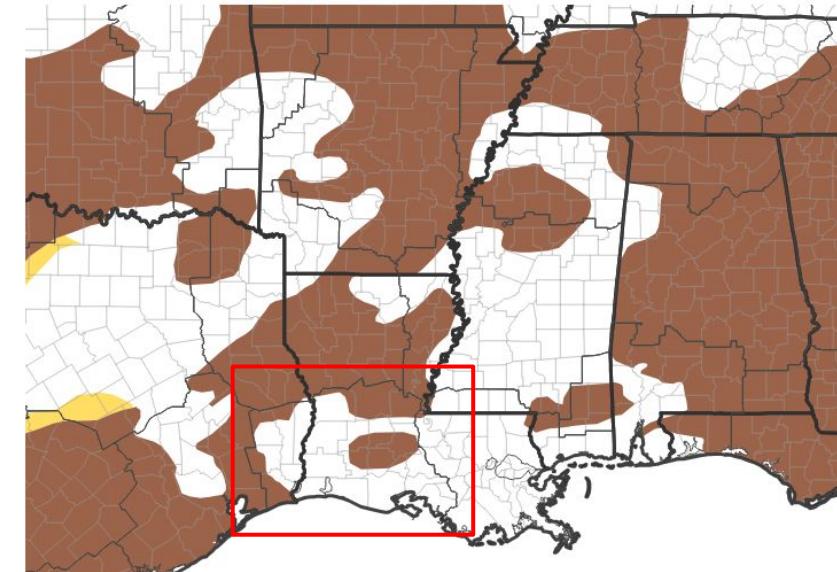


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1-Month Drought Outlook for January 1, 2026–January 31, 2026



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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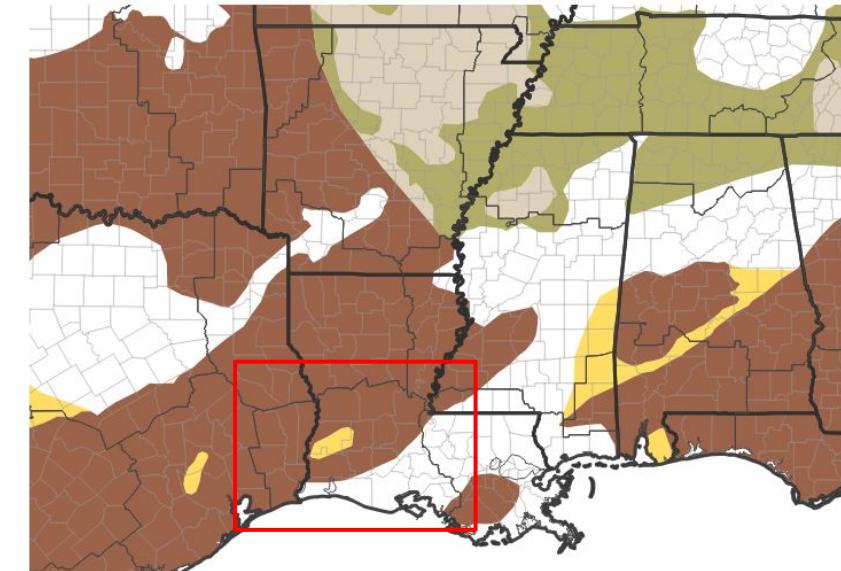


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- Drought conditions are expected to persist across most of the area.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 15, 2026-April 30, 2026



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