



Drought Information Statement for Southeast TX and Southwest LA

Valid October 15, 2026

Issued By: WFO Lake Charles, LA

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated October 22, 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.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- Most of the region remains in a moderate (D1) or severe (D2) drought
 - Little to no additional rainfall is expected over the next seven days
 - The combination of ongoing drought, dry air and strong winds will increase the wildfire risk Friday and Saturday



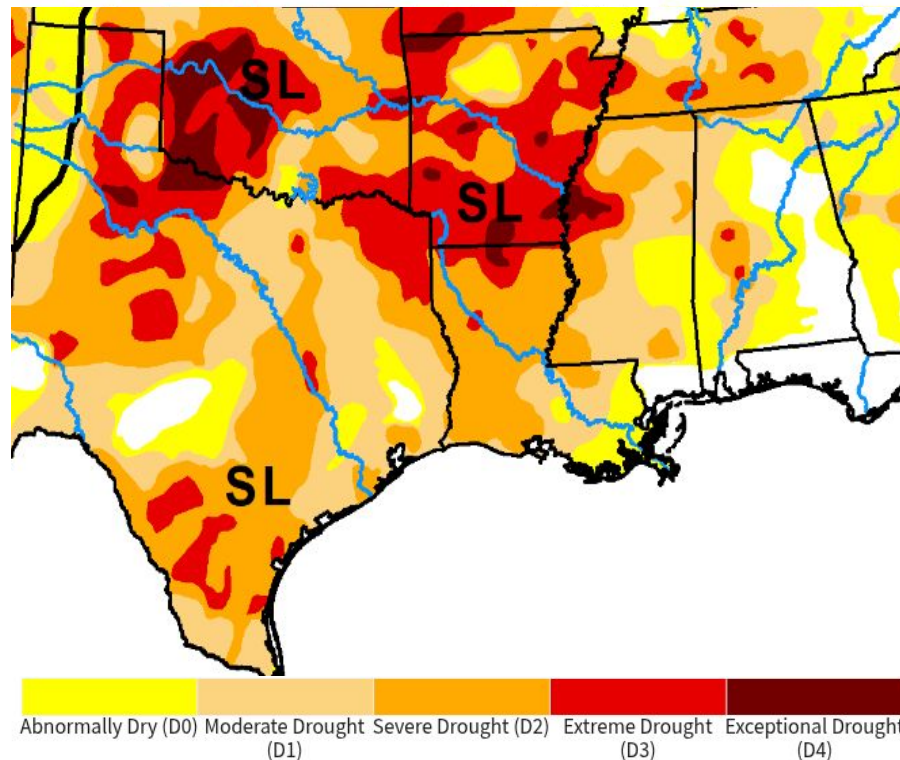


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: None
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Cameron, Calcasieu, Vernon, Vermilion, Jeff Davis, Acadia, Allen, Evangeline, Rapides, Avoyelles, and Lafayette parishes in southwest, south central and central Louisiana.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Jefferson, Orange, Tyler, Jasper and Newton counties in Southeast Texas as well as St Landry and Iberia parishes in South Central Louisiana.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Upper St Martin, St Mary parishes in south central Louisiana

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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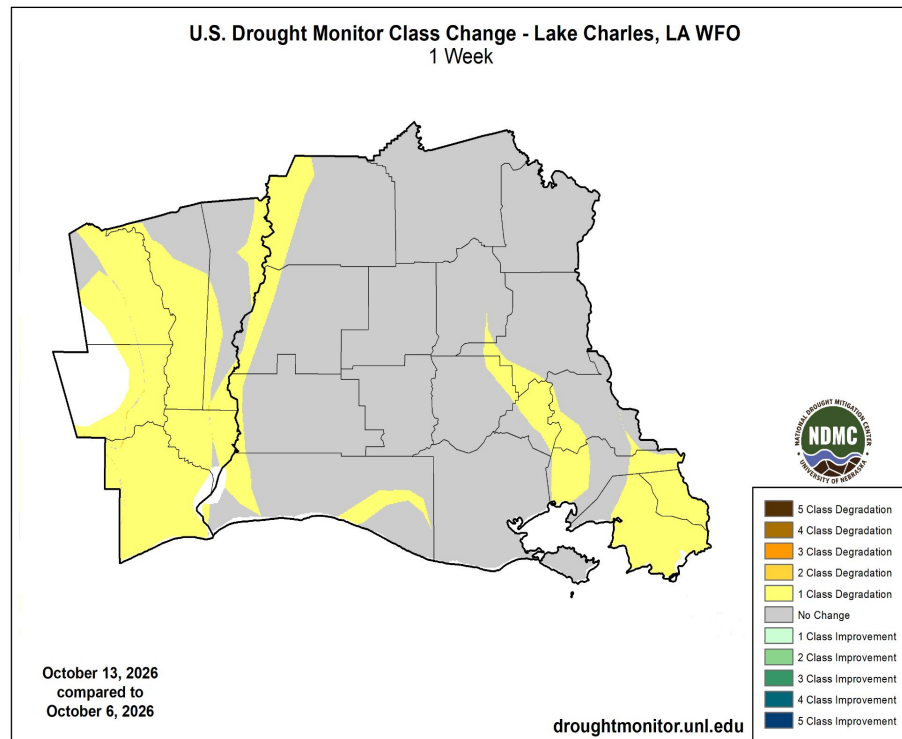
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Portions of Tyler, Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Jefferson and Orange counties in southeast Texas and Cameron, Beauregard, Vernon, Lafayette, Acadia, St Martin and St Mary parishes in Southwest and south central Louisiana.
 - No Change: Calcasieu, Jeff Davis, Vermilion, Rapides, Avoyelles, Allen, Evangeline and St Landry parishes in southwest and south central Louisiana.

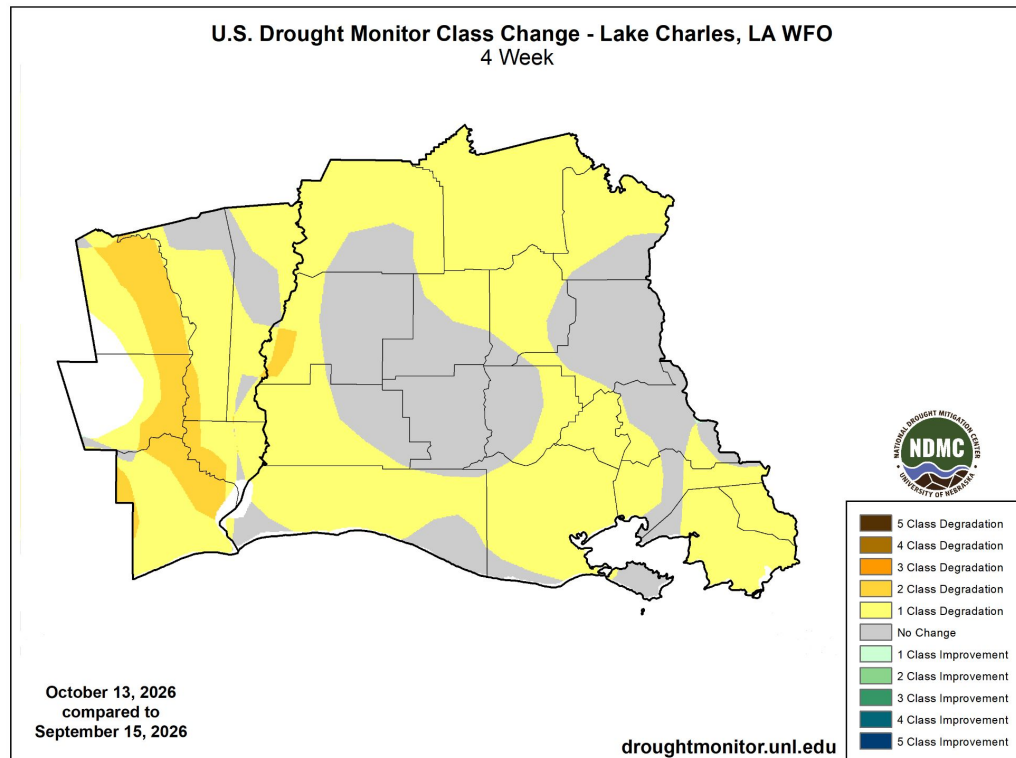




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Tyler, Hardin, Jefferson, Jasper, Newton, Orange counties in southeast Texas as well as Cameron, Calcasieu, Beauregard, Vernon, Rapides, Avoyelles, Allen, Evangeline, Vermilion, Acadia, Lafayette, St Martin and St Mary parishes in southwest and south central Louisiana.
 - No Change: Jeff Davis and St Landry parishes in southwest Louisiana.



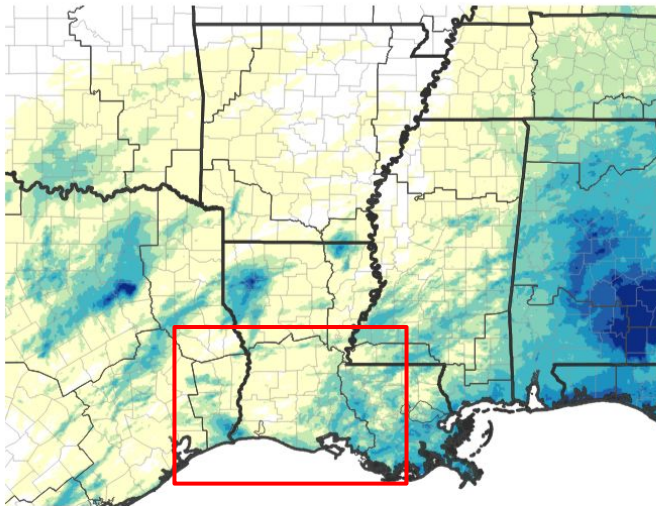


Precipitation

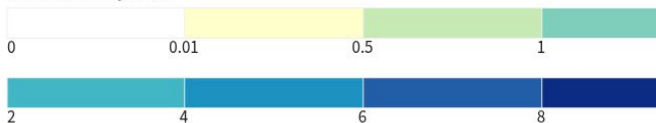
For the past 7 days

- Little rain occurred over the last week with most of the region seeing increases in rainfall deficit year to date.

7-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



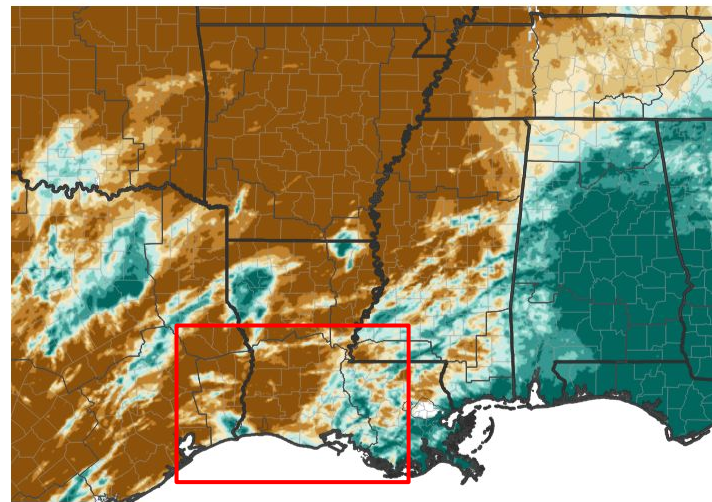
Inches of Precipitation



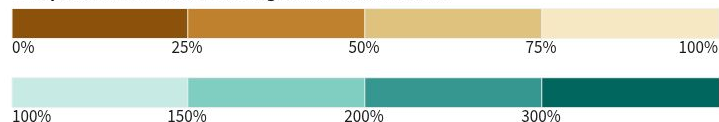
Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System;
image courtesy of Drought.gov

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7-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- A majority of the stream flows are below normal across the area.

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are burn bans in effect for Vernon, Rapides and Beauregard Parishes, as well as Newton County.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

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

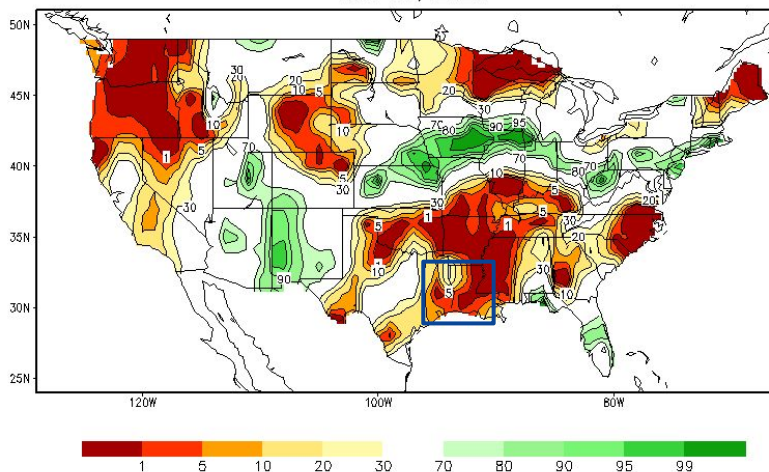




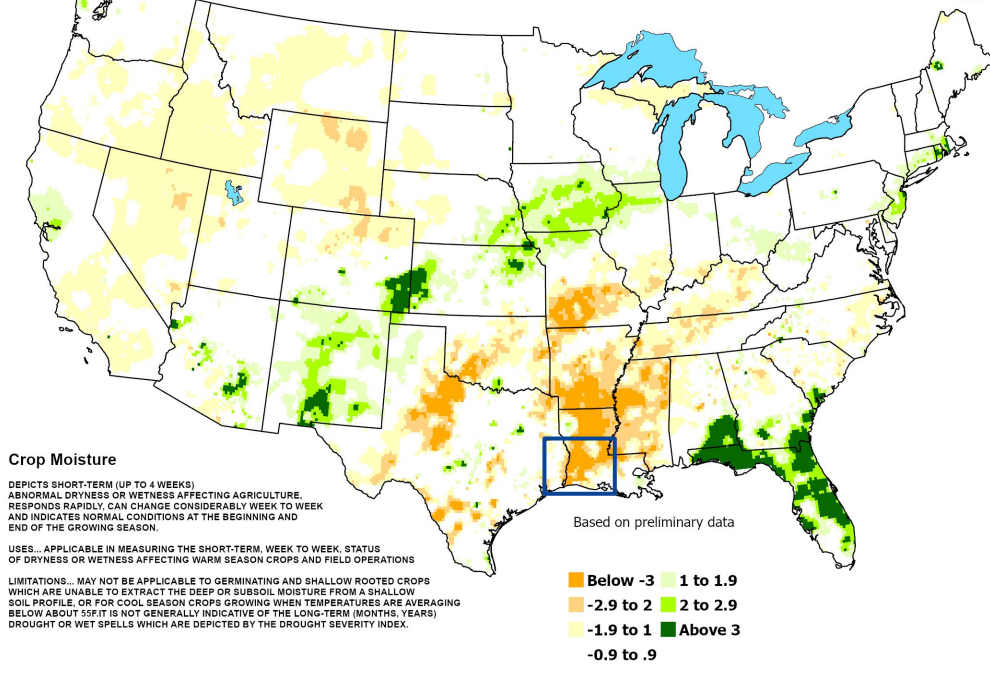
Agricultural Impacts

- No direct impacts have been reported across the region over the last week

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
OCT 14, 2026



Crop Moisture Index
Value for the October 4 - 10, 2026
Short Term Need vs. Available Water in a Shallow Soil Profile





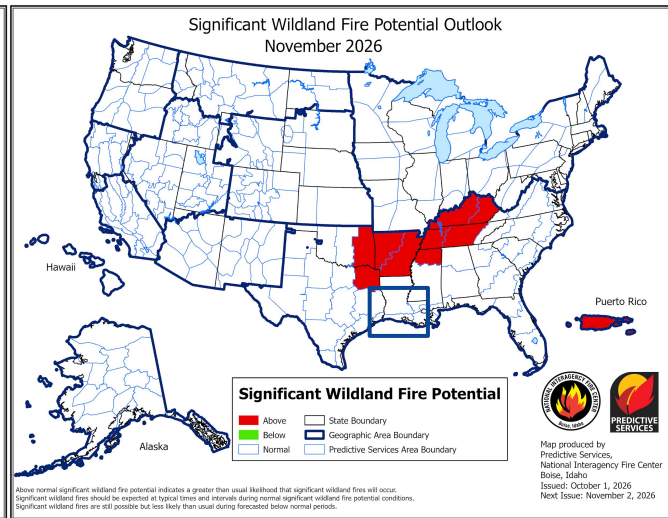
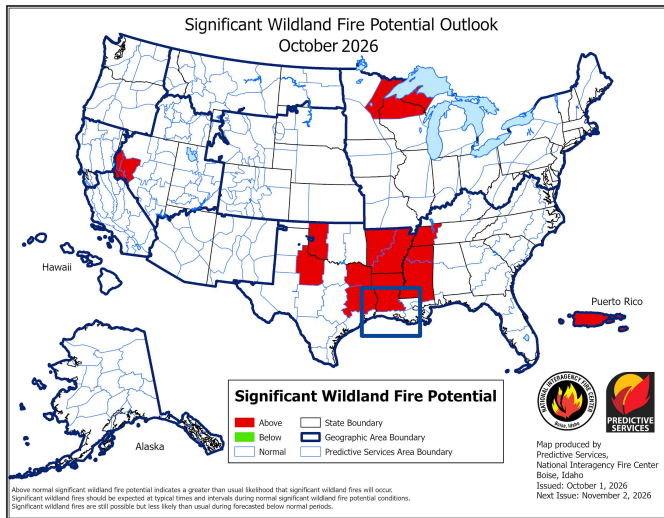
Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- The combination of ongoing drought across the region and forecast low humidity and strong, gusty winds will produce an elevated wildfire potential this weekend.

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

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



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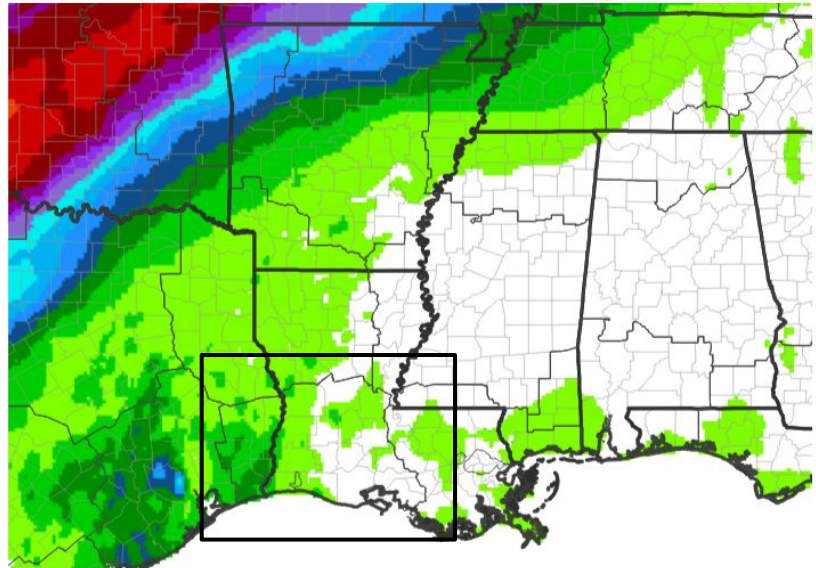
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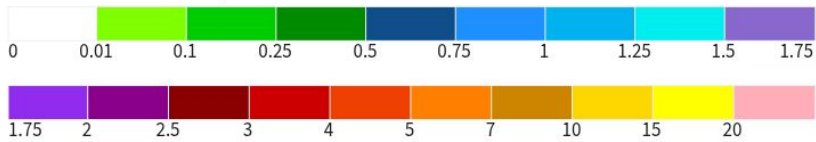
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Forecast rainfall totals across the region over the next seven days are minimal with the only low chance of rain coming Friday along and ahead of a cold front.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 12, 2026–October 19, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image Last Updated: 10/12/26



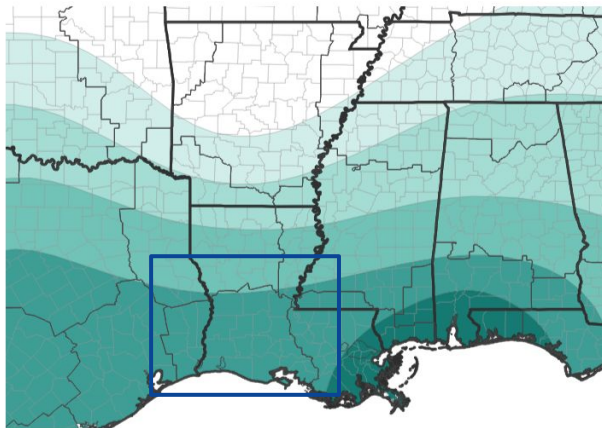


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The long range outlook supports a higher probability of above normal rainfall through the end of October.

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



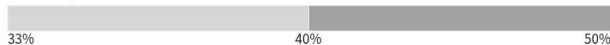
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



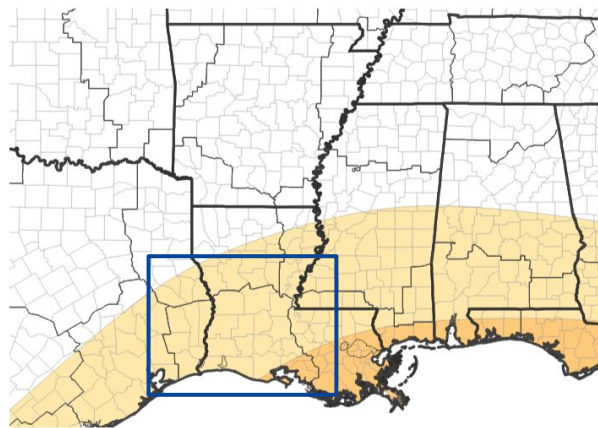
Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



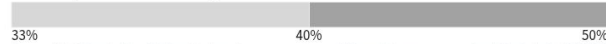
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



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Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



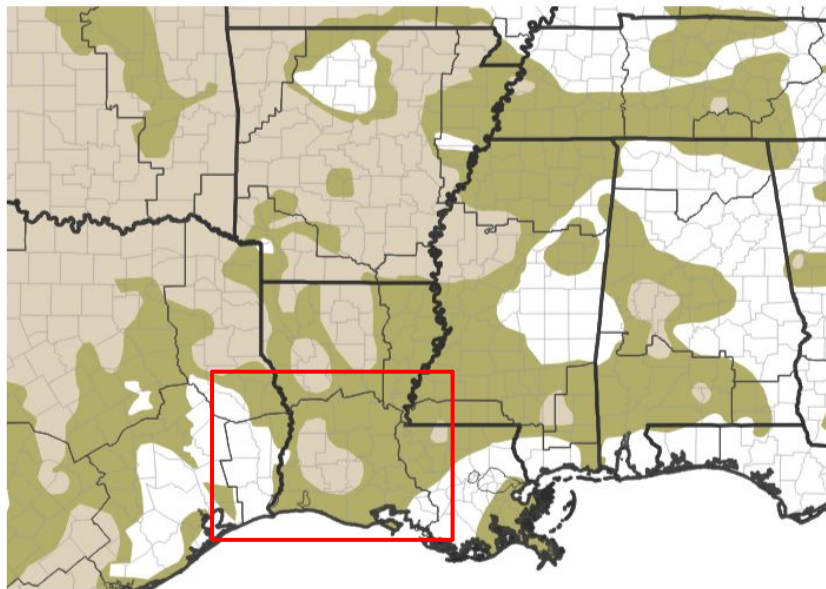


Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are forecast to improve or end across a large majority of the region by the end of the year as the winter effects of the El Nino pattern become more pronounced.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 30, 2026–December 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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