

Drought Information Statement for Southeast TX and Southwest LA

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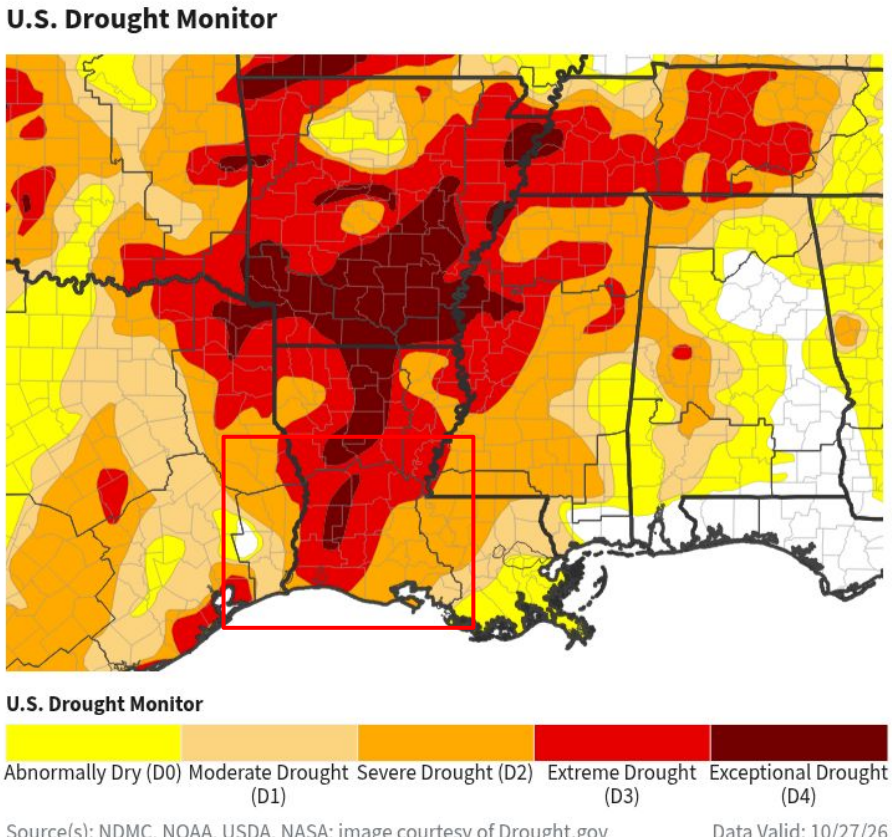
- This product will be updated November 5, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/LCH/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
- Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/ for regional drought status updates.

- Drought conditions have persisted or worsened again after another week of little to no rainfall. Exceptional (D4) drought has developed in parts of central and southwest Louisiana.
- Measurable rainfall is possible this weekend and again early next week as a series of weak systems move through.

U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor

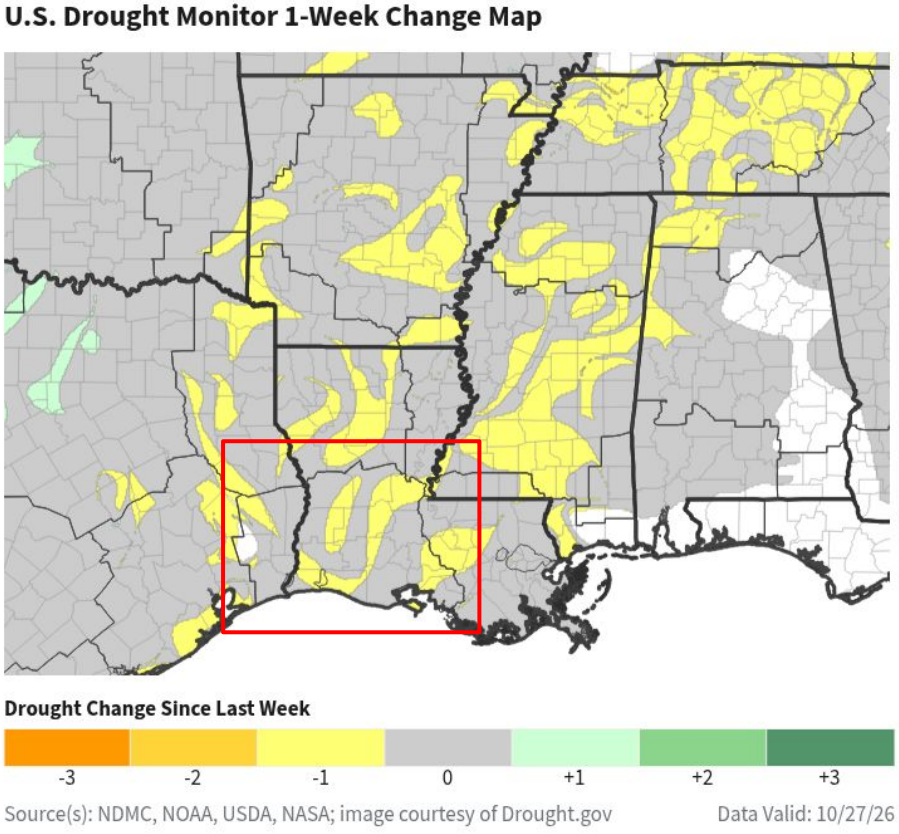
- Drought Intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Portions of the following: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Rapides, and Vernon Parishes
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Allen, Acadia, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, Parishes; Newton County
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Avoyelles, Evangeline, St. Landry, Acadia, Lafayette, St. Martin, Cameron, Vermilion, and Iberia Parishes; Jasper, Newton, Orange, Tyler Counties
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: St. Mary Parish and Lower St. Martin Parish; Tyler, Hardin, and Jefferson Counties



Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 1-week change map

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Worsened: Rapides, Vernon, Beauregard, Allen, Calcasieu, Avoyelles, Evangeline, Acadia, Cameron, St. Martin, Iberia, St. Mary Parishes; Tyler County
  - No Change: Jasper, Newton, Hardin, Orange, Jefferson Counties; Vermilion, Lafayette, St. Landry Parishes

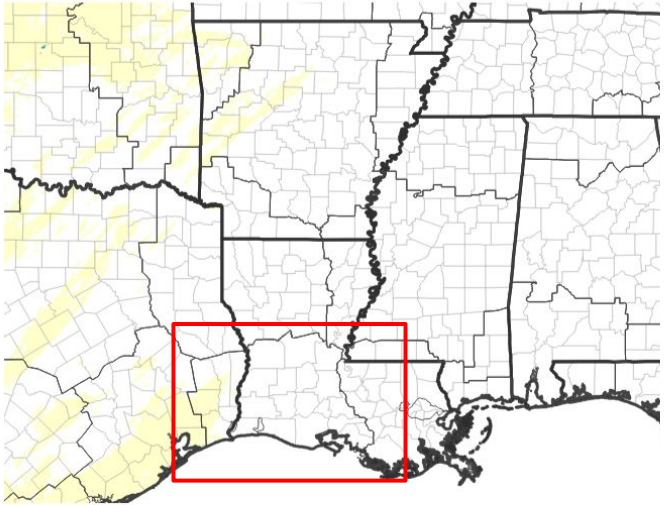


Precipitation

For the past 7 days

- Only portions of interior southeast Texas received trace amounts of rainfall in the past week.
- All other locations received no rainfall.

7-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation

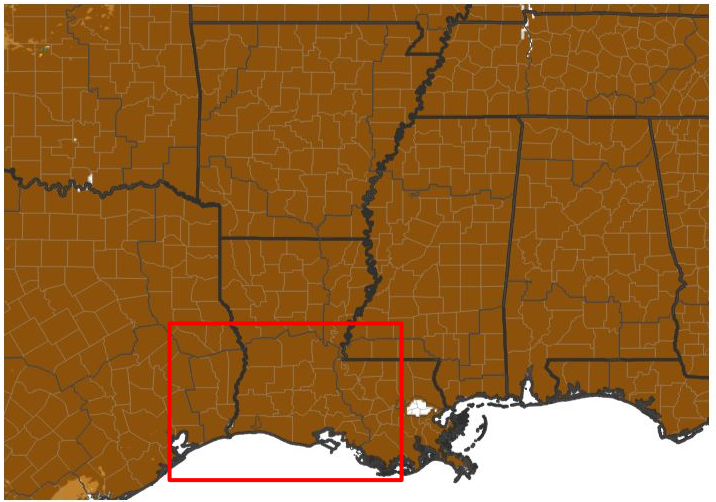
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Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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7-Day Percent of NClimGrid Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

100% 150% 200% 300%

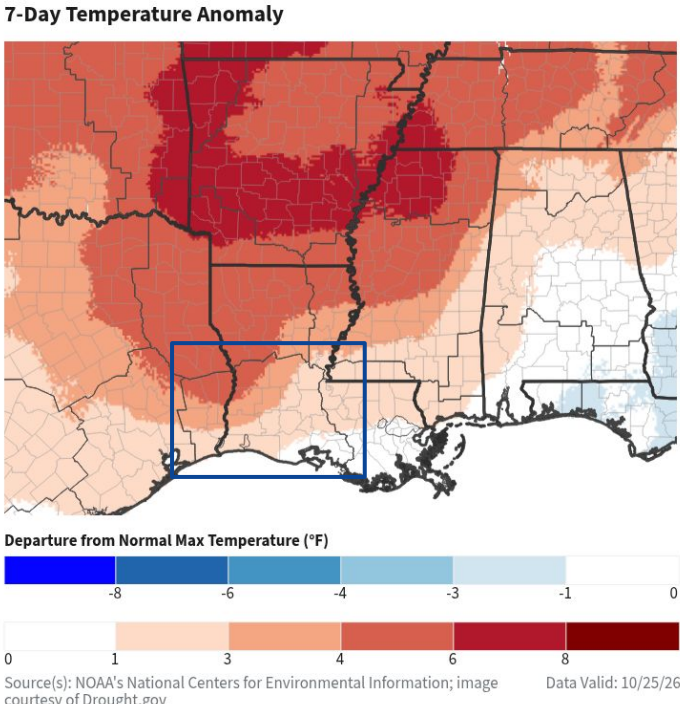
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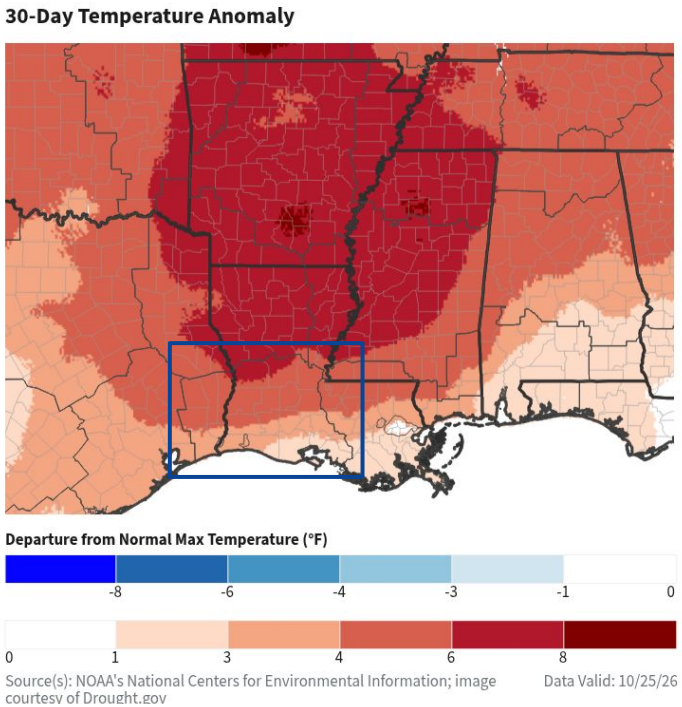
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Temperature

Link to Southern Regional Climate Center

- While temperatures in the last 7 days have been cooler, they have remained largely above-normal. This has allowed for increased evaporation and further worsening of drought conditions.





Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR)

Hydrologic Impacts

- A majority of streamflows are below normal across the area.

Agricultural Impacts

- Hay productions are down or have altogether.
- Stock ponds are running critically low.
- No new agricultural impact reports have been received.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Burn bans are in effect for Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, St. Landry, Rapides, Vermilion, Vernon, Parishes in Louisiana, and Tyler, Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson Counties in Texas.

Other Impacts

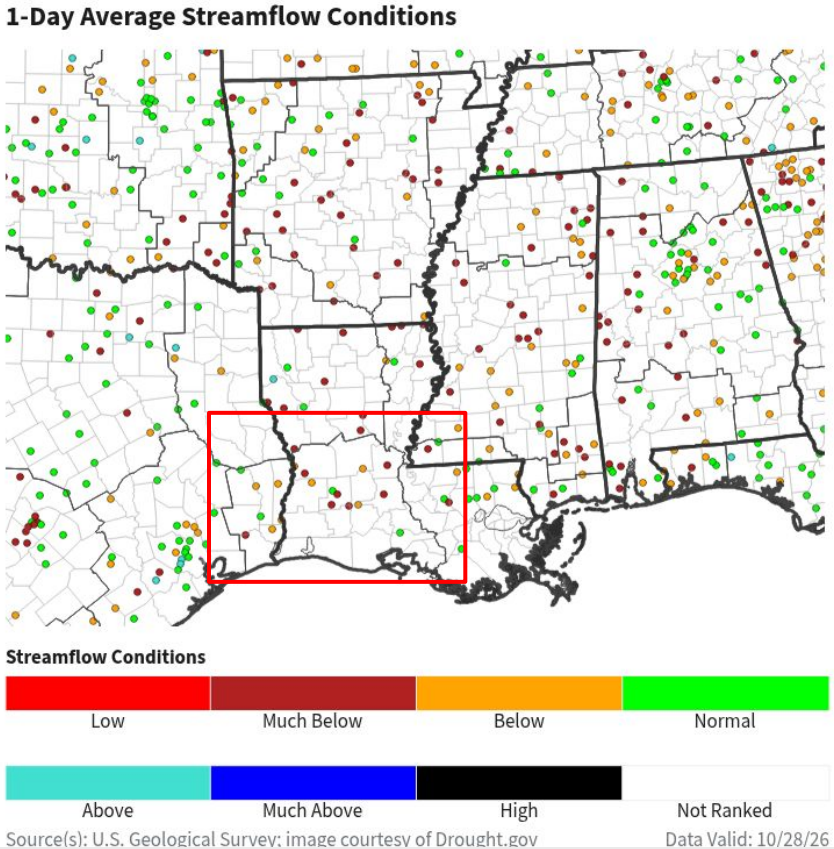
- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

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

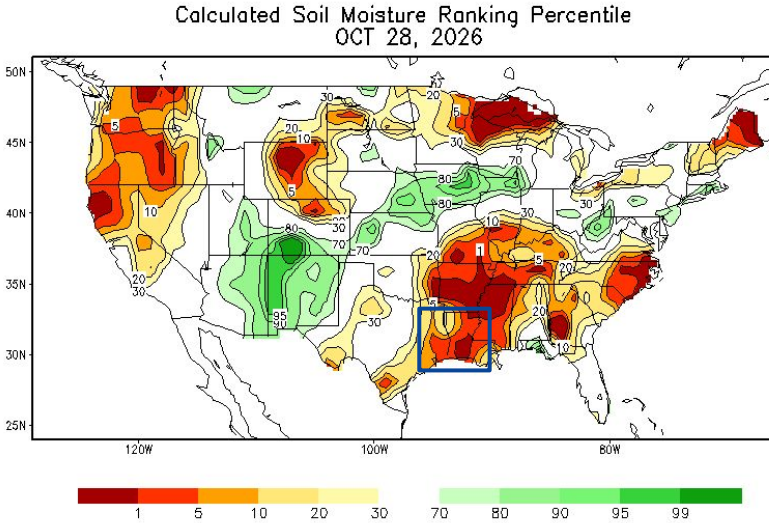
Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

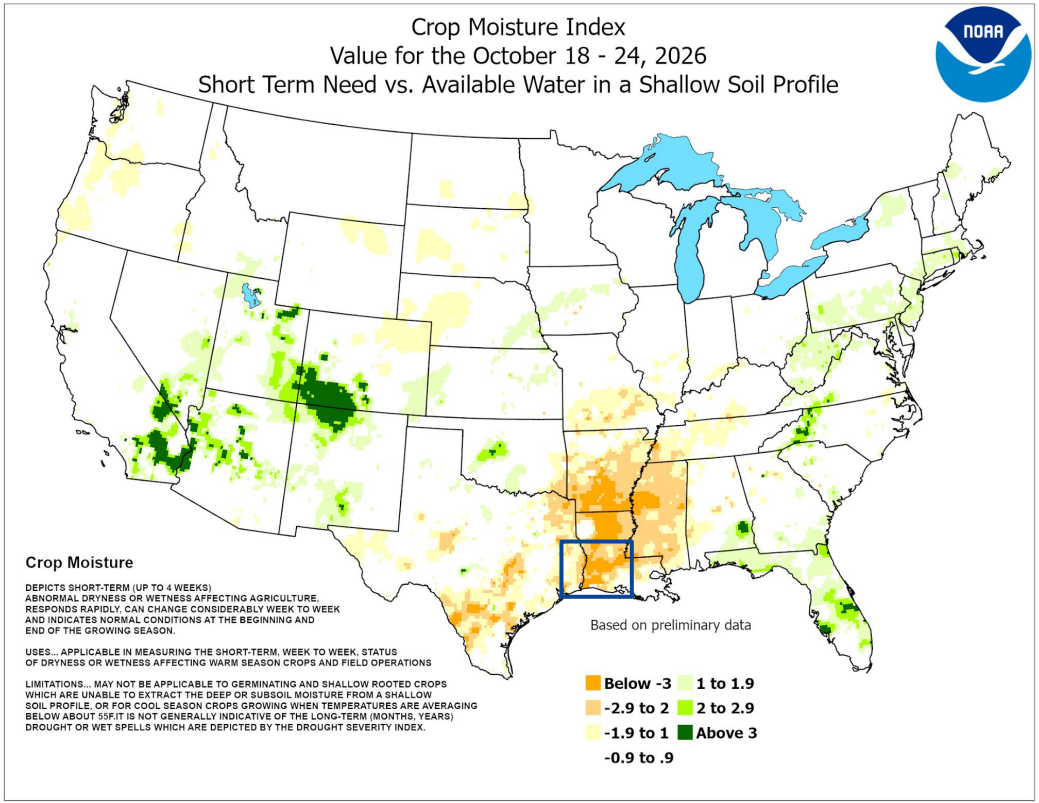
- Below normal streamflows are noted across much of the area.
- Flows across the Neches Basin have started to decrease as well.



Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is well below normal across the area.

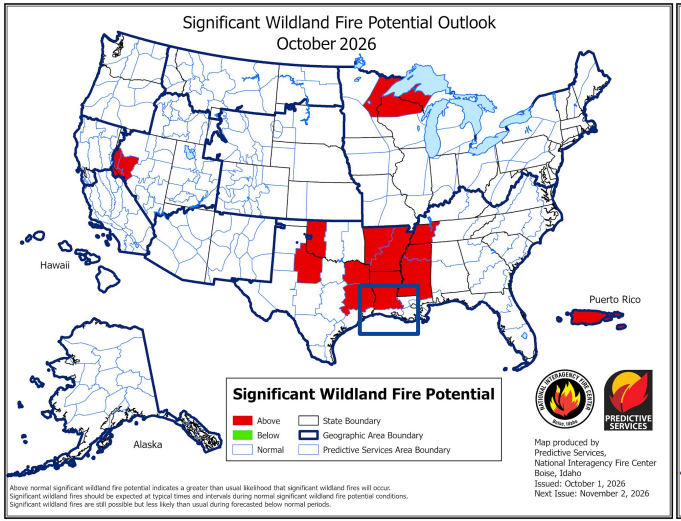


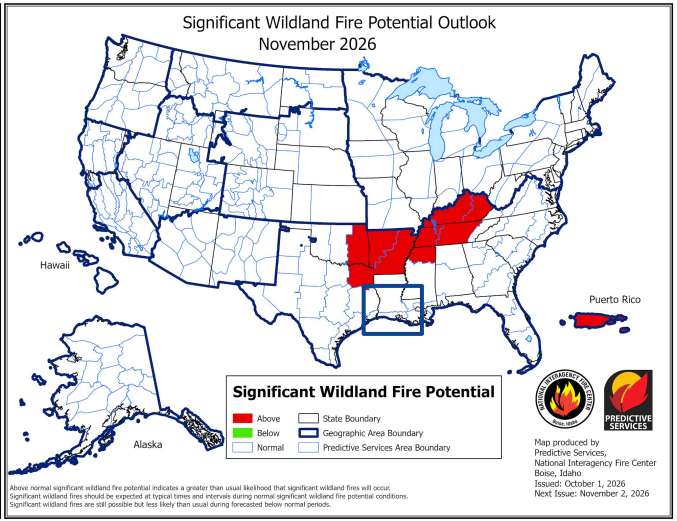


Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Most of central and southwest Louisiana and southeast Texas are outlooked for above-normal significant wildland fire potential through October.



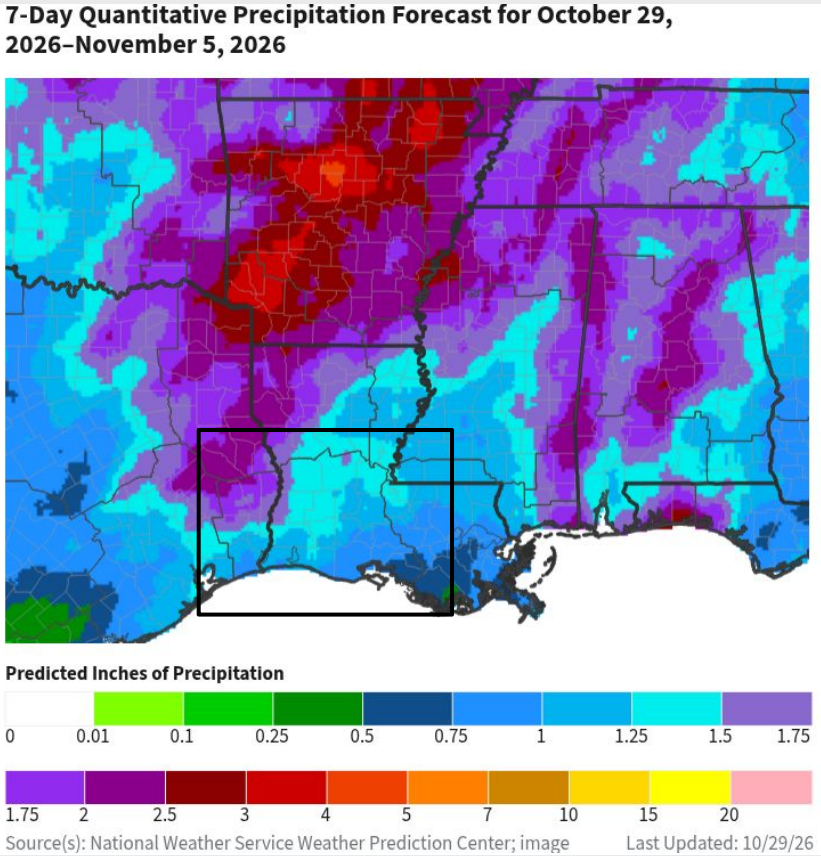


Latest TX Burn Ban map available here.

Latest LA Burn Ban map available here.

Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Measurable rainfall is possible this weekend and again early next week as a series of weak systems move through.
- Most areas could see up to 1.5 inches in the next 7 days.
- Areas across interior southeast Texas may see up to 2 inches.

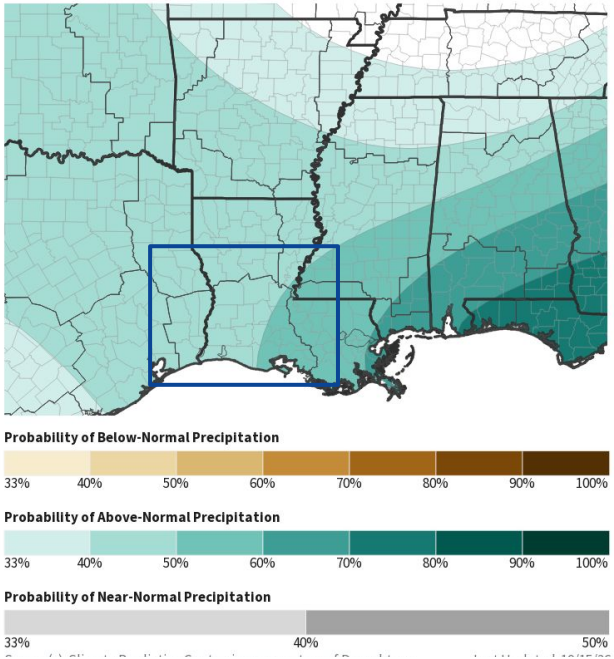


Long-Range Outlooks

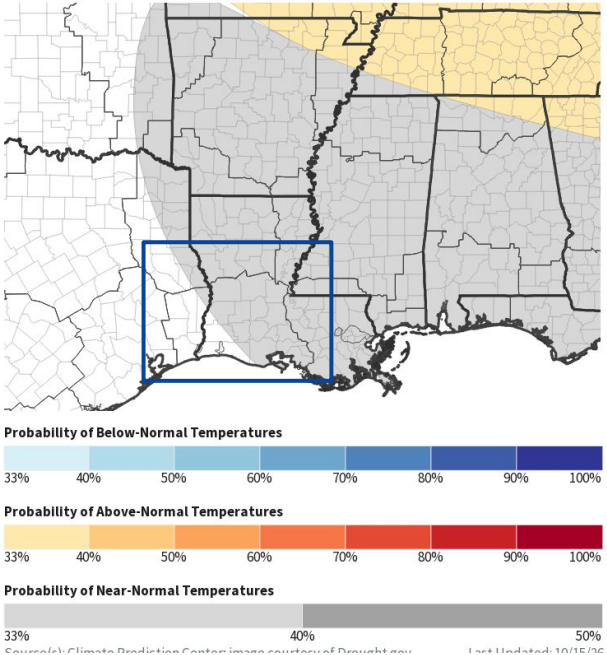
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the CPC homepage

- The long-range outlook has higher probabilities of above-normal precipitation (40-60% chance) over the next 3 months. Near-normal temperatures are expected during this period.

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for November 1, 2026–January 31, 2027



Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2026–January 31, 2027

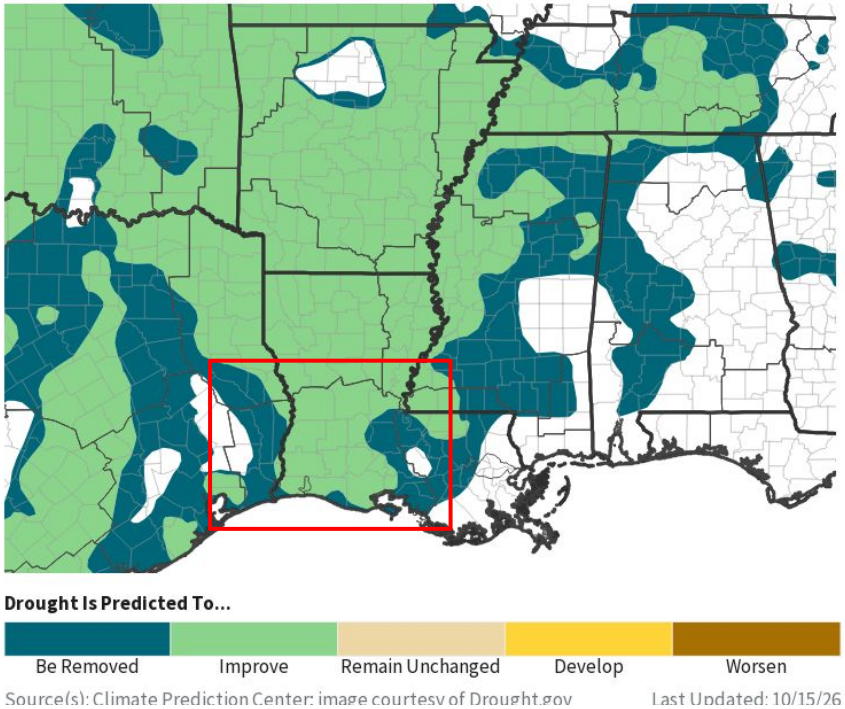


Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are expected to improve across the area over the next three months, with full drought removal expected for portions of southeast Texas and south-central Louisiana.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 15, 2026–January 31, 2027



Links to the latest:
Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook