



# Drought Information Statement for Southeast TX and Southwest LA

Valid December, 04, 2025

Issued By: WFO Lake Charles, LA

## Contact Information:

- This product will be updated December, 11, 2025 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.

- Multiple rounds of widespread rain will lessen drought impacts
- Areas of D2 drought still persist

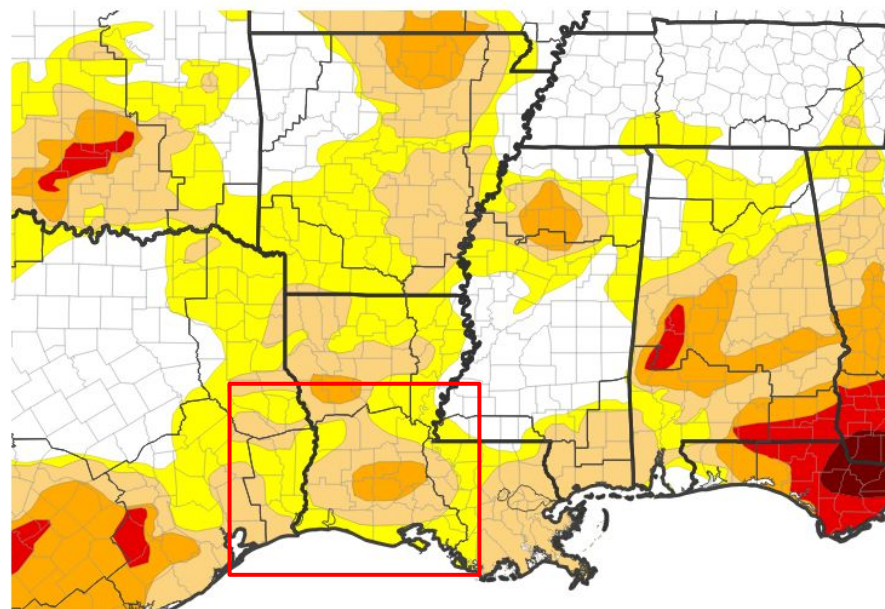


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** **Louisiana:** St. Landry, Evangeline, Allen, Jefferson Davis, and Acadia Parishes.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** **Louisiana:** Calcasieu, Cameron, Beauregard, Vernon, Rapides, Avoyelles, St. Martin, Lafayette, Iberia, and Vermilion Parishes. **Texas:** Jefferson and Hardin Counties. [State each county or region under D1 or remove subheading.]
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** **Louisiana:** St. Mary Parish. **Texas:** Newton, Jasper, Tyler, and Orange Counties.

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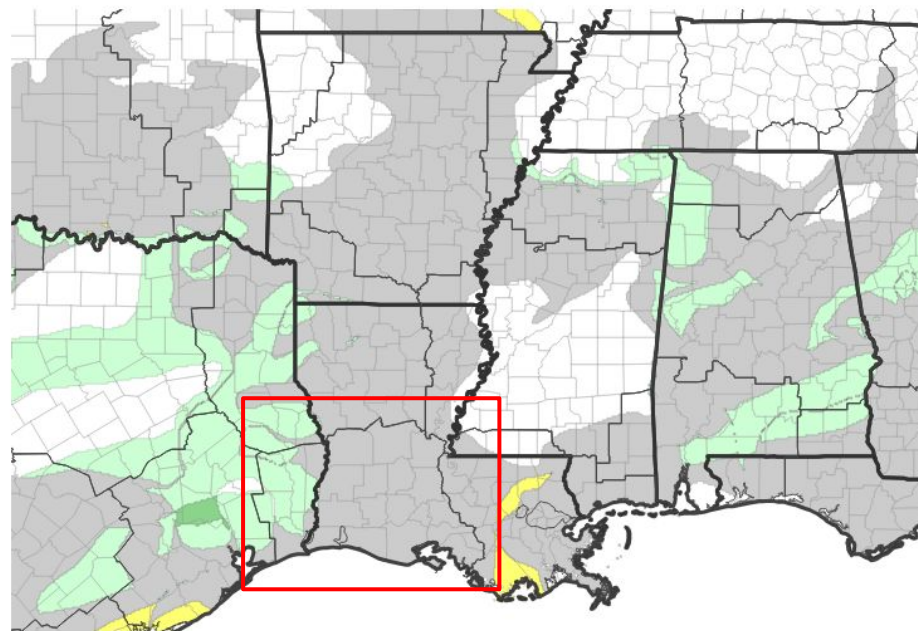


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

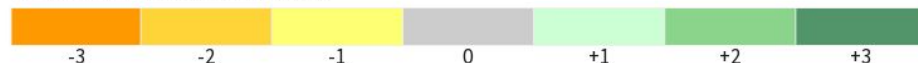
Link to the latest [1-week change map](#)

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Improved: The bulk of southeast Texas
  - No Change: Southwest and central Louisiana

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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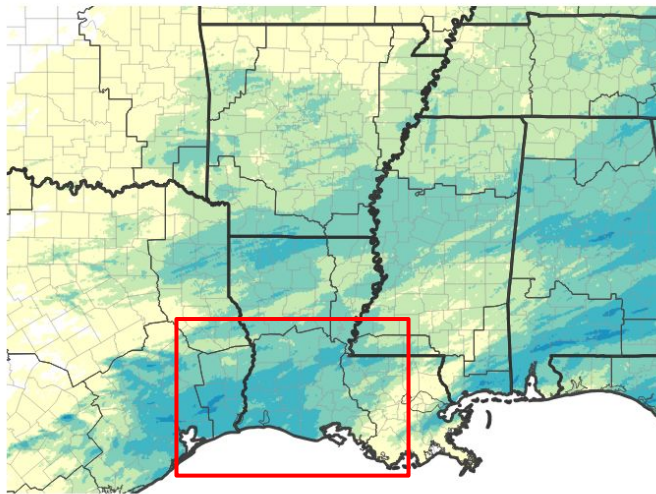


# Precipitation

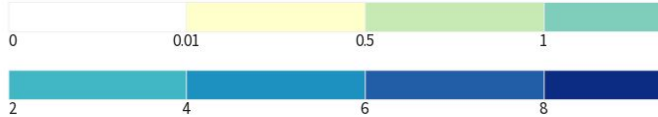
For the past 7 days

- Multiple rounds of heavy rain will help reduce drought impacts
- 7 day rainfall totals were well above normal for a bulk of the region

7-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



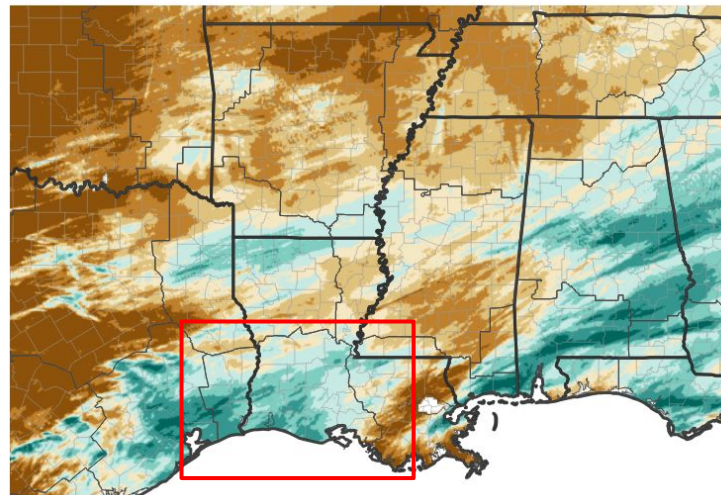
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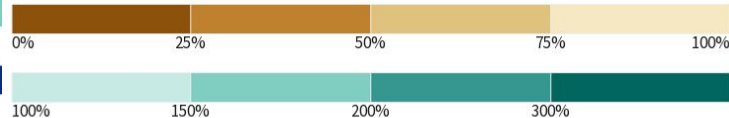
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image courtesy of Drought.gov

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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

- Reduced flows on area rivers, especially the Sabine and Neches River Basins in southeast Texas and Atchafalaya and Mermentau River Basins in south central Louisiana

## Agricultural Impacts

- Severely Dry Crop Soil Moisture Index
- Pastures are providing marginal feed; supplemental feeding required.
- Crawfish pond flooding is being delayed

## Fire Hazard Impacts

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

## Other Impacts

- Salt water intrusion into pumps

## Mitigation Actions

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





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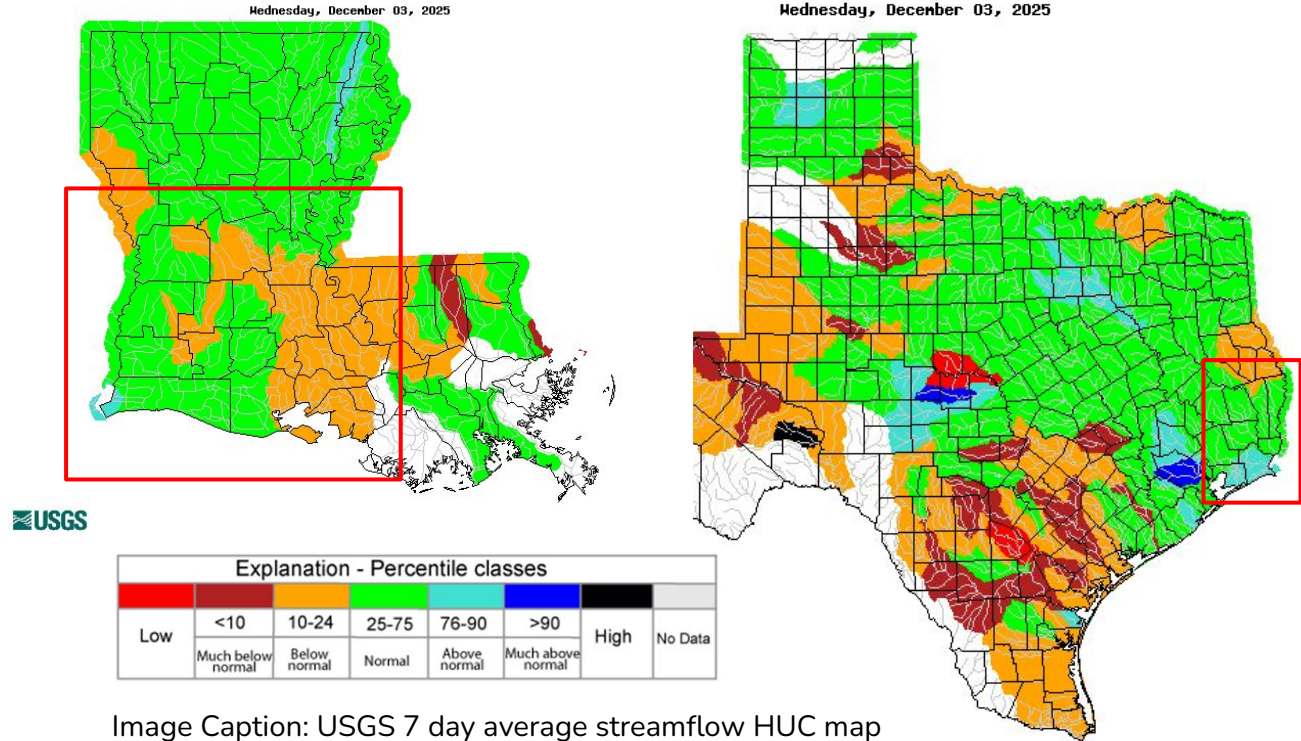


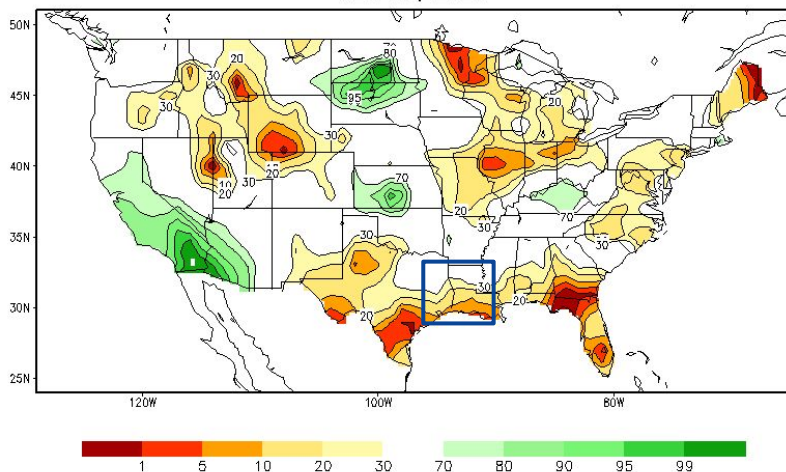
Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 12/03/2025



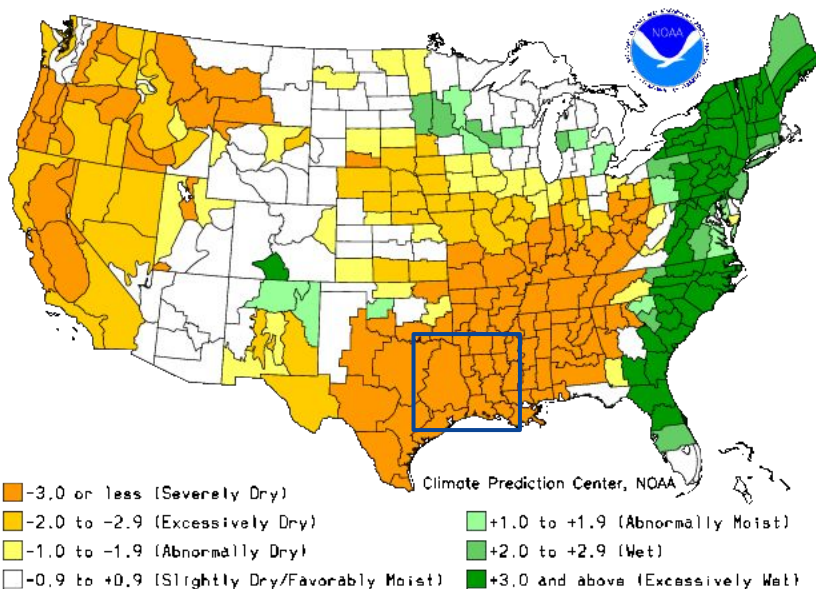
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- Severely dry crop moisture has reduced yields and required additional irrigation

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile  
DEC 03, 2025



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



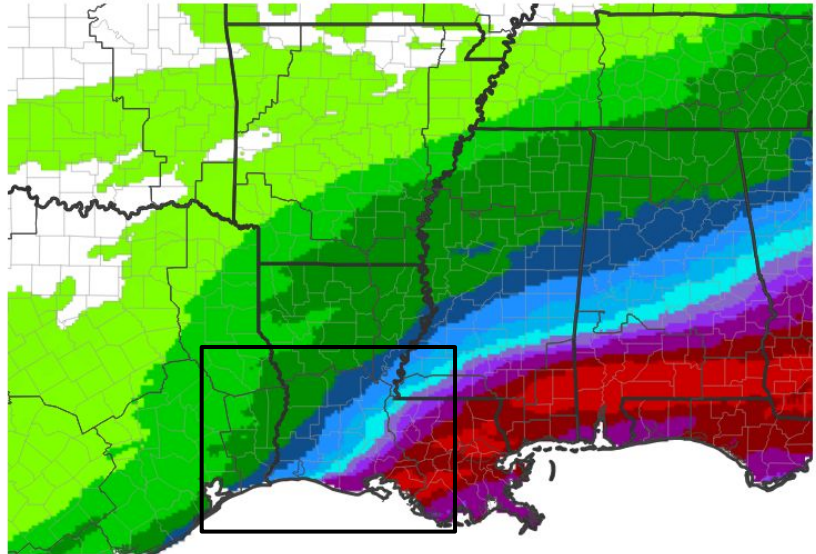




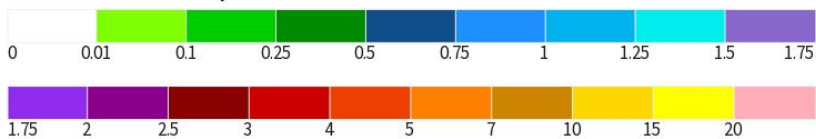
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- 24 hour rainfall totals from the Lafayette area were between 3 and 5 inches. Elsewhere rainfall totals were between 1 and 3 inches
- Additional rounds of rain are expected from this weekend
- Widespread 0.25-1 inches of rain is forecast from Friday through Saturday afternoon

**7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for December 4, 2025–December 11, 2025**



**Predicted Inches of Precipitation**



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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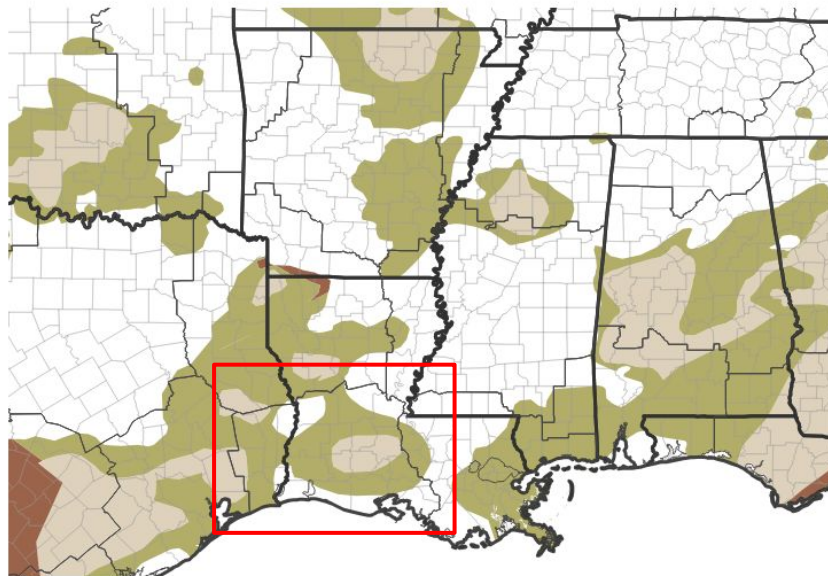


# Drought Outlook

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

- Drought improvement is expected across portions of Southeast Texas and southwest and central Louisiana

## Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for November 30, 2025–February 28, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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