



Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/LZK/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- Over 55% of Arkansas continues to experience drought conditions.
 - Nearly 14% of the state is in severe drought or greater (D2 or greater).



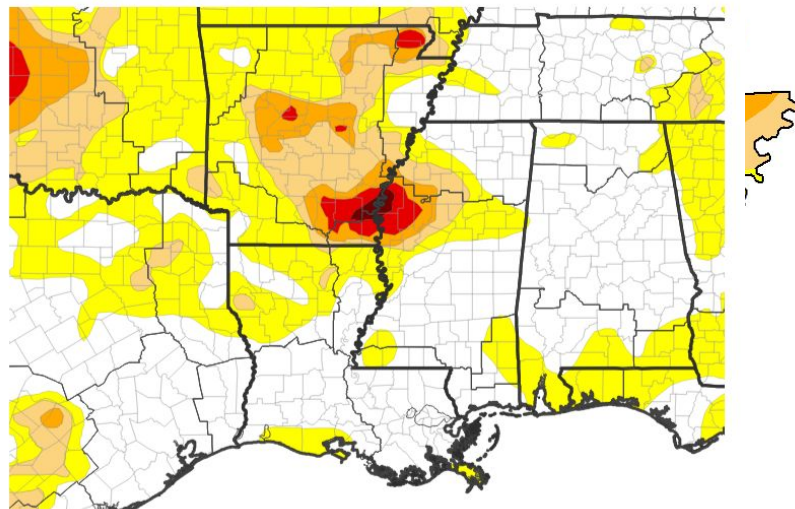


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and extent:
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Portions of southeast Arkansas.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of northeast, central, and southeast Arkansas.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of northeast, central, and southeast Arkansas.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Mainly across the southeast two thirds of the state.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Most of the state not in a drought category (D1 or greater).

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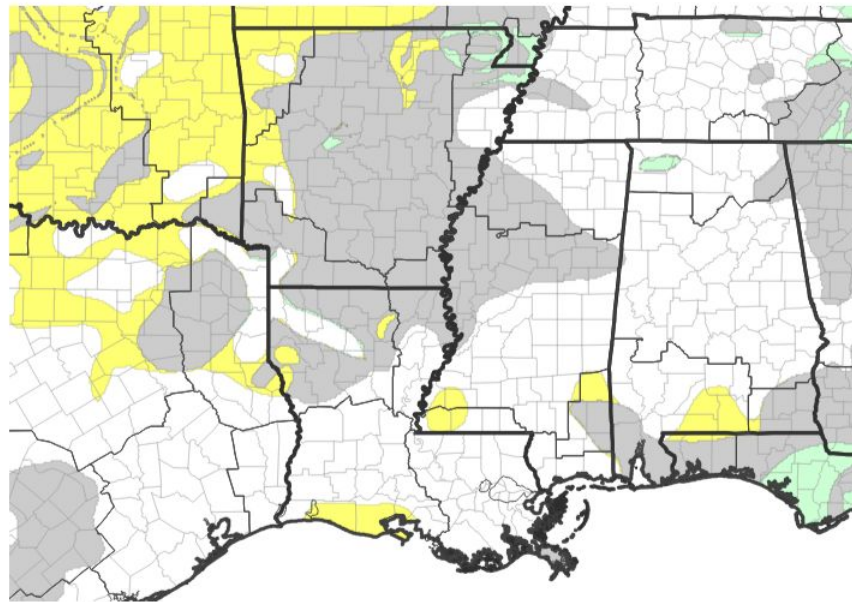


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

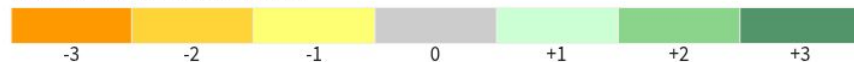
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Arkansas

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drier than normal conditions were experienced across extreme northwest and west central Arkansas.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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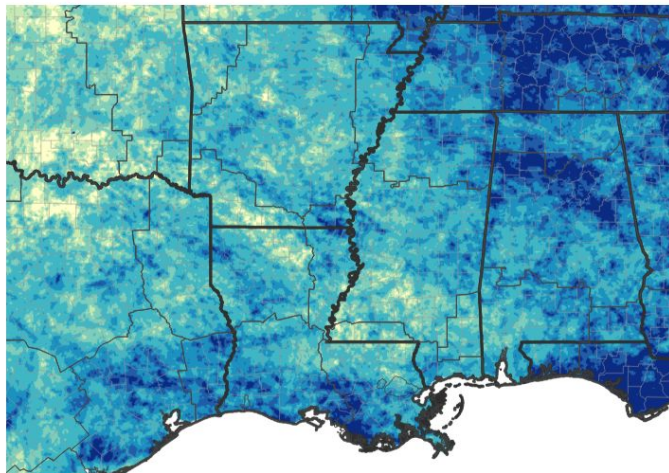




Precipitation

- Most areas of the state were below normal with precipitation during the past 30 days.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



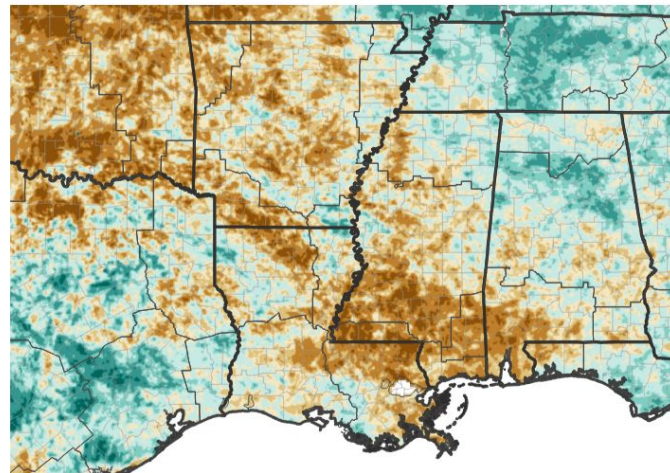
Inches of Precipitation



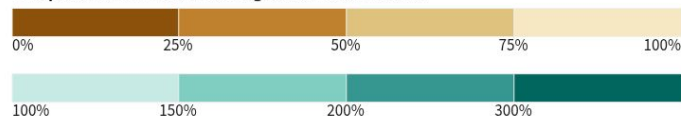
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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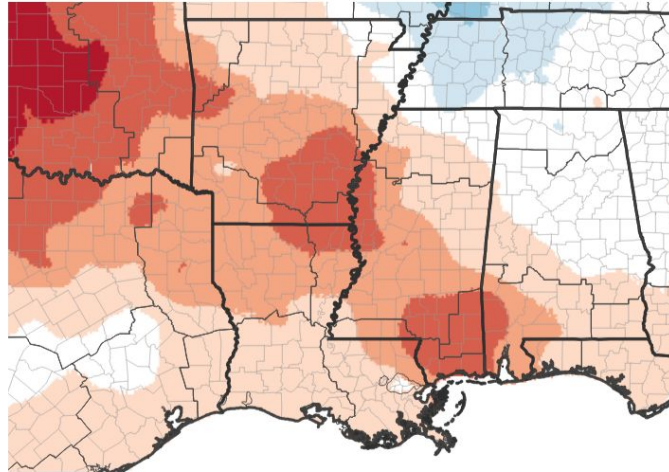




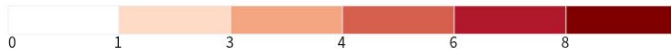
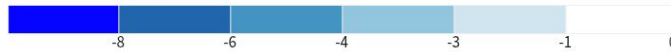
Temperature

- Most areas of the state had above normal temperatures during the past 7 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



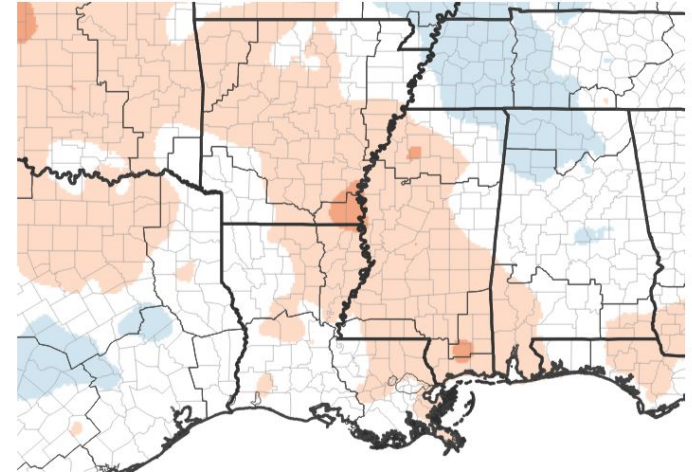
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Summary of Impacts

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

Agricultural and Wildlife Impacts

- Recent dry conditions have led to significant impacts to livestock and agriculture.
 - [Recent Agriculture and Livestock Impacts](#)

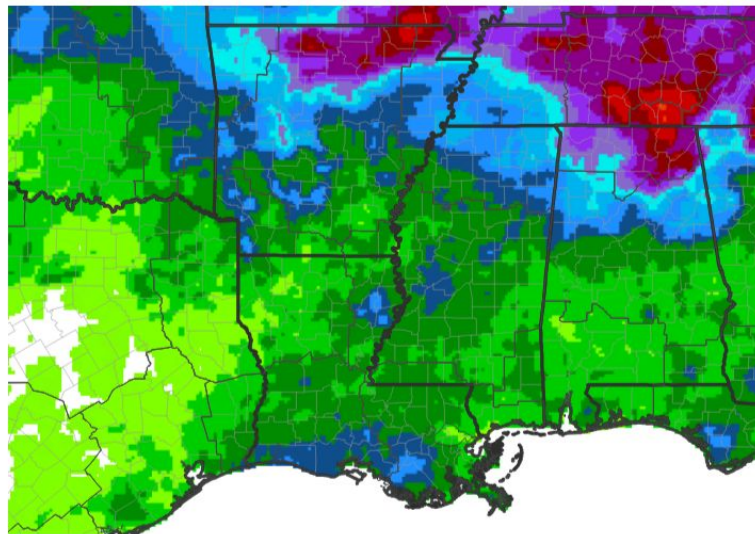




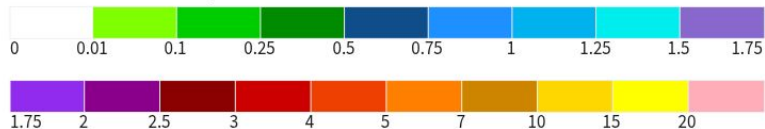
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The 7 day precipitation forecast calls for 1-4" across the northern third of the state. Up to one inch of rainfall is forecast for the rest of the state.

**7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for August 7,
2026–August 14, 2026**



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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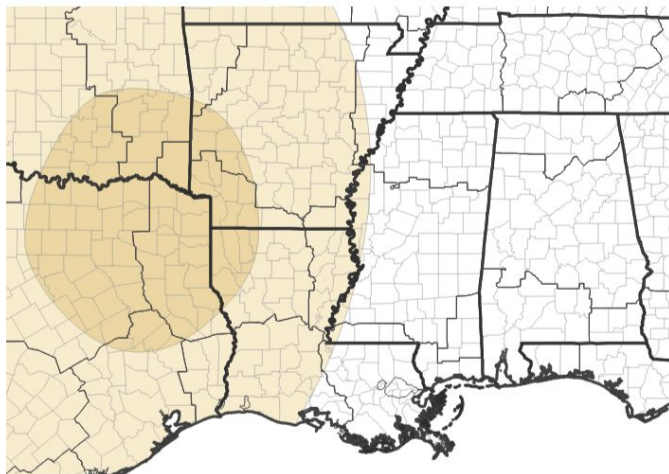


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Above normal temperatures, and below normal precipitation is forecast for state during the month of August.

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



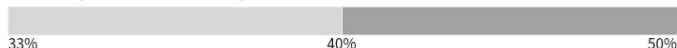
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



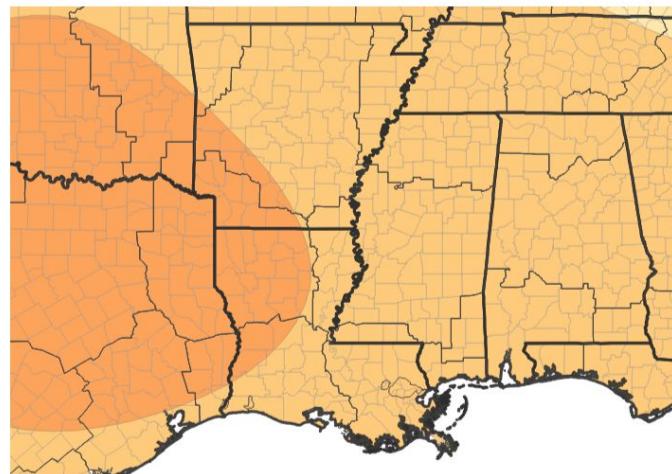
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



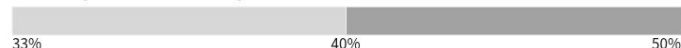
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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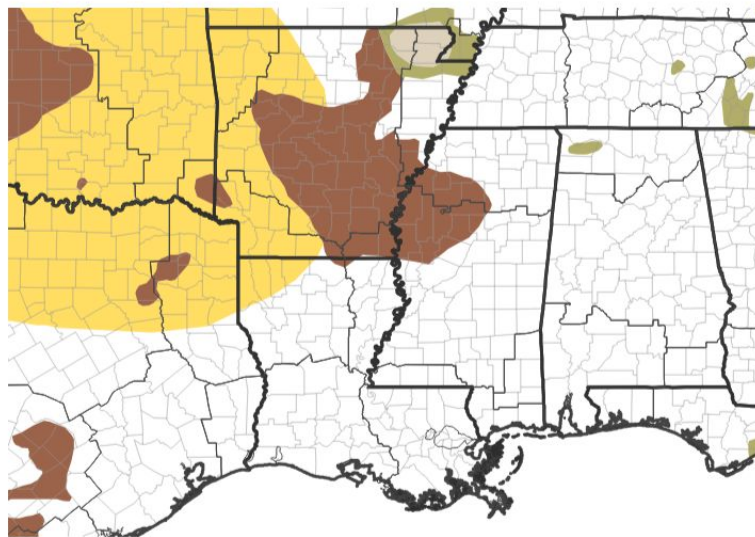


Drought Outlook

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- Through the late October, most areas of the state are expected to experience drought conditions.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for July 31, 2026–October 31, 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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