





Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

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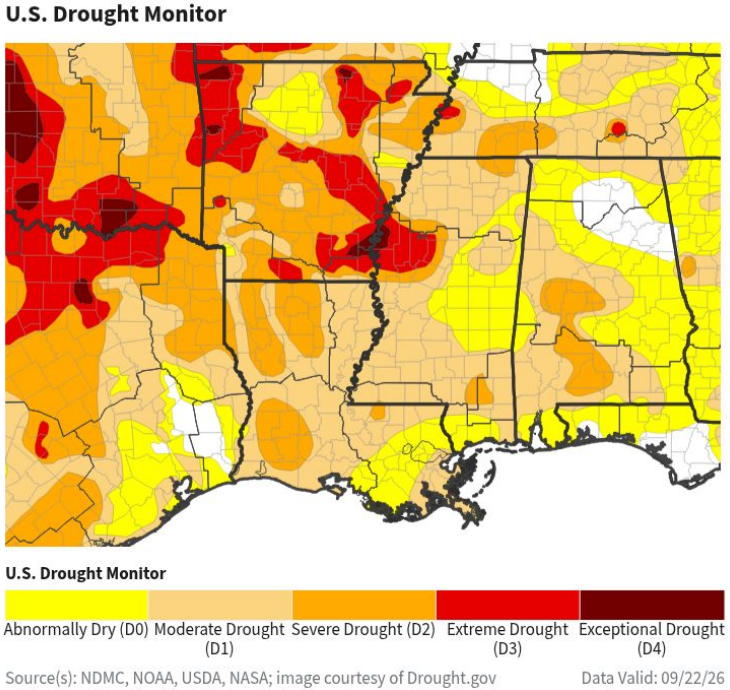


- Most of Arkansas continues to experience drought conditions.
- Nearly 74% of the state is categorized as at least severe drought (D2 or greater).

U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for Arkansas

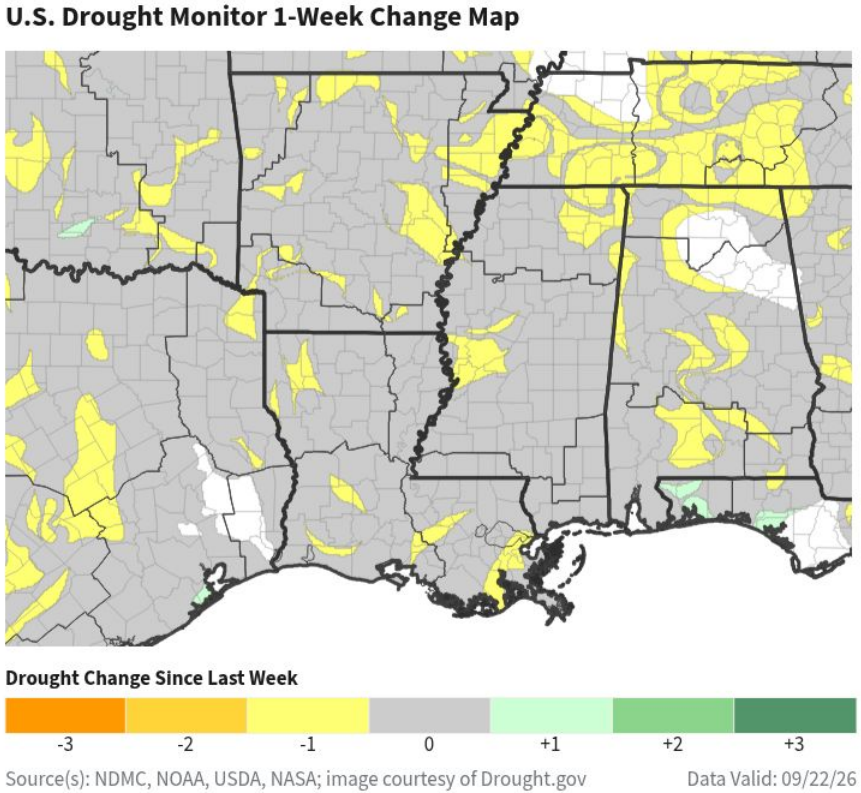
- Drought intensity and extent:
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Portions of northern and southeast Arkansas.
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Widely scattered areas of the state.
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Many areas of the state not classified as a higher category.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Patchy areas not classified as a higher category.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: The rest of the state not in a classification of drought (D1 or greater).



Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for Arkansas

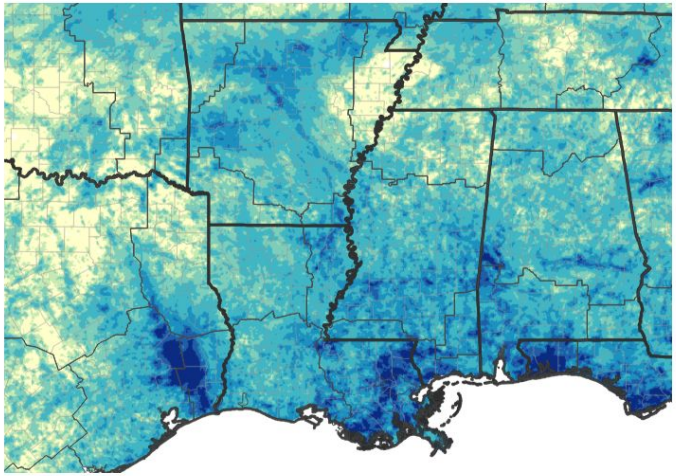
- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
    - Patchy areas of drought condition degradations were noted across Arkansas.



Precipitation

- A majority of Arkansas experienced below normal precipitation during the past 30 days.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation

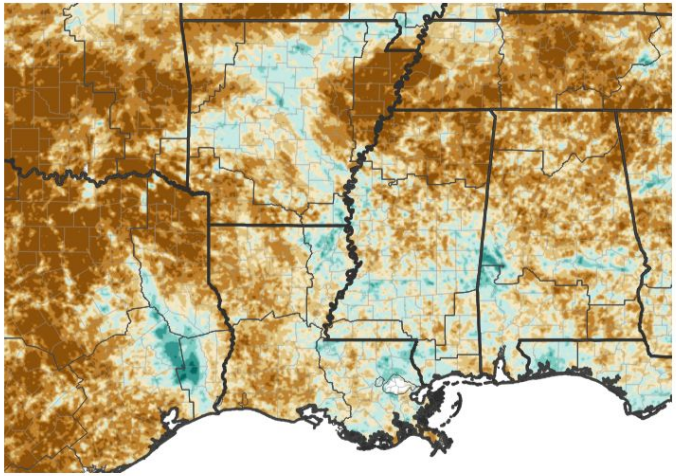
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2 | 4 | 6 | 8

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

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

0% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 100%

100% | 150% | 200% | 300%

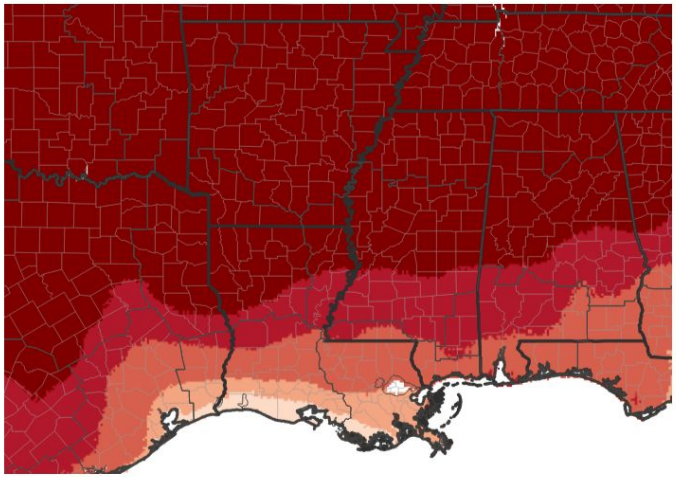
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Temperature

- Temperatures were well above normal during the past 7 and 30 day periods.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)

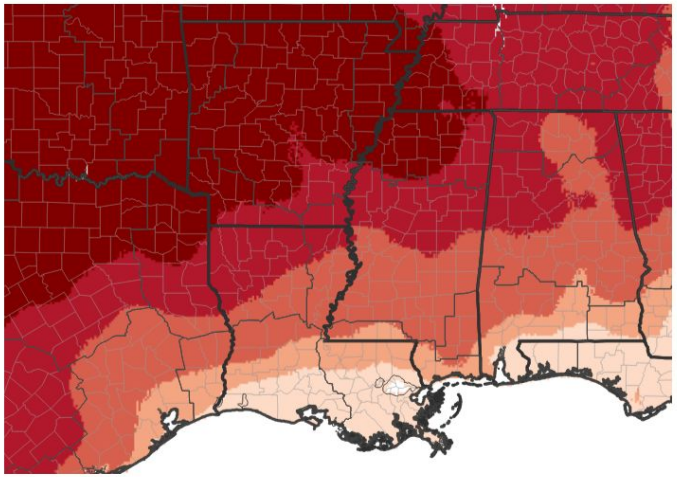
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Summary of Impacts

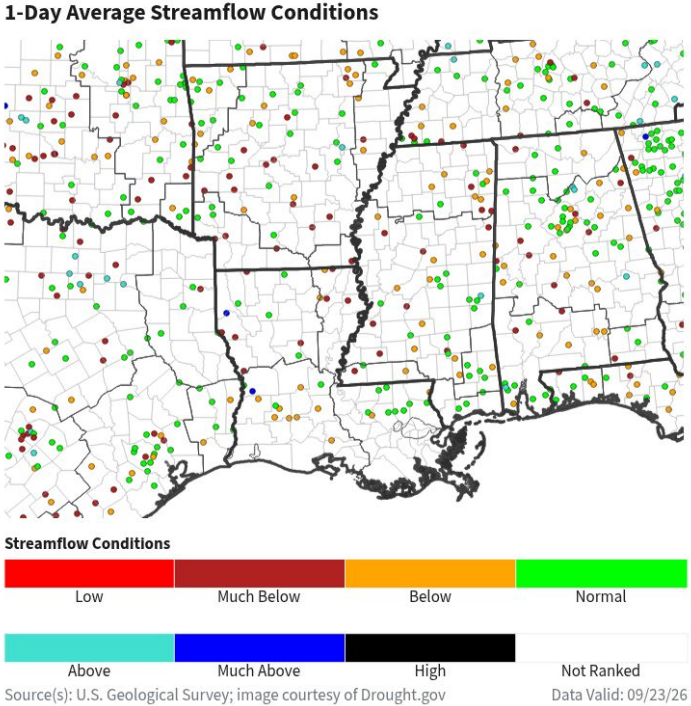
Links: See/submit Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR) and view the Drought Impacts Reporter

Agricultural and Wildlife Impacts

- Recent dry conditions have led to significant impacts to livestock and agriculture.
  - Recent Agriculture and Livestock Impacts

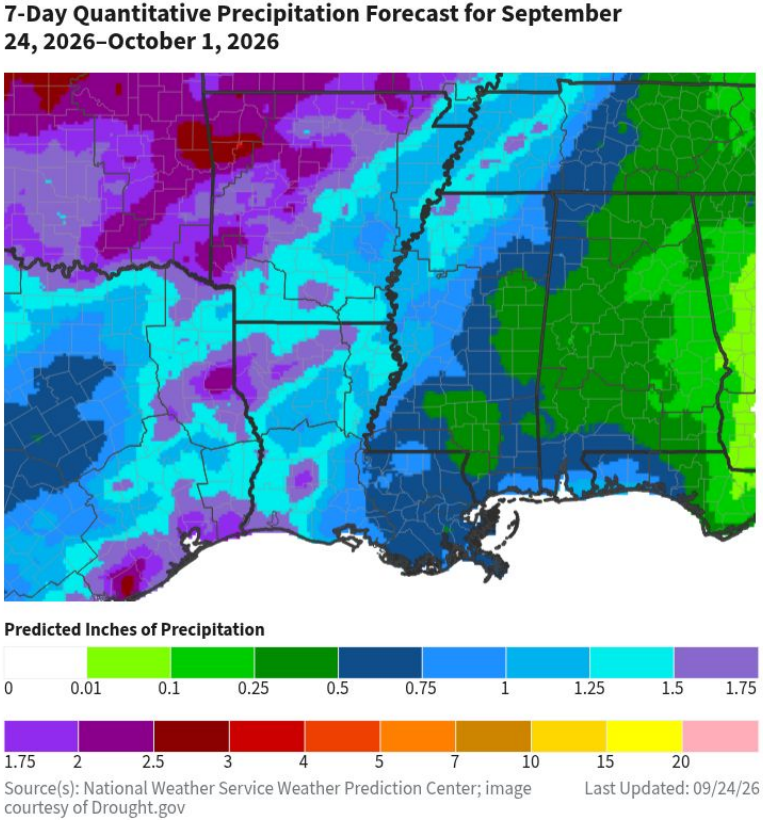
Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Below to much below normal streamflow conditions were noted at a number of rivers across the state.



Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- At this time, forecast confidence is low with regard to forecasts in the 4 to 7 day period. The seven day precipitation forecast calls for rainfall amounts between 1 to 2 inches with the highest rainfall totals expected across parts of northwest, western, and northern Arkansas. A few localized locations could see up to 3 inches.

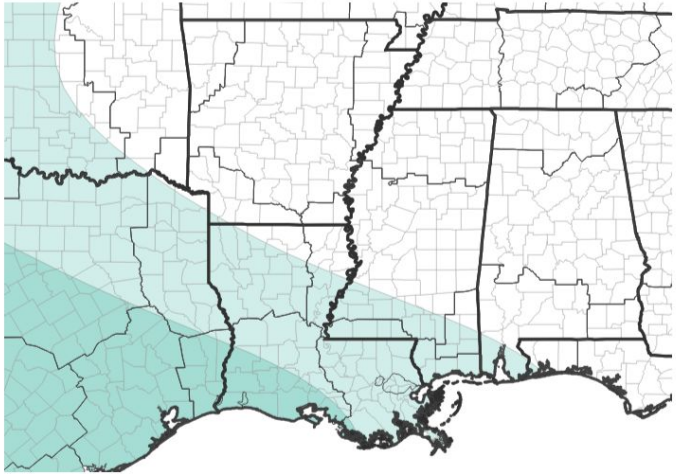


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Above normal temperatures, are forecast for October.

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



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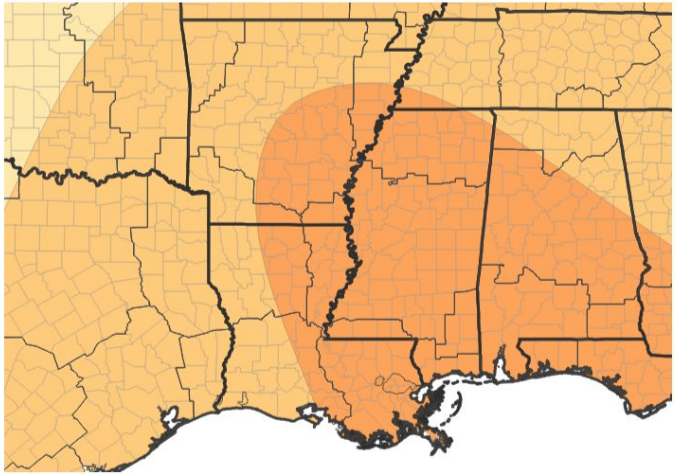
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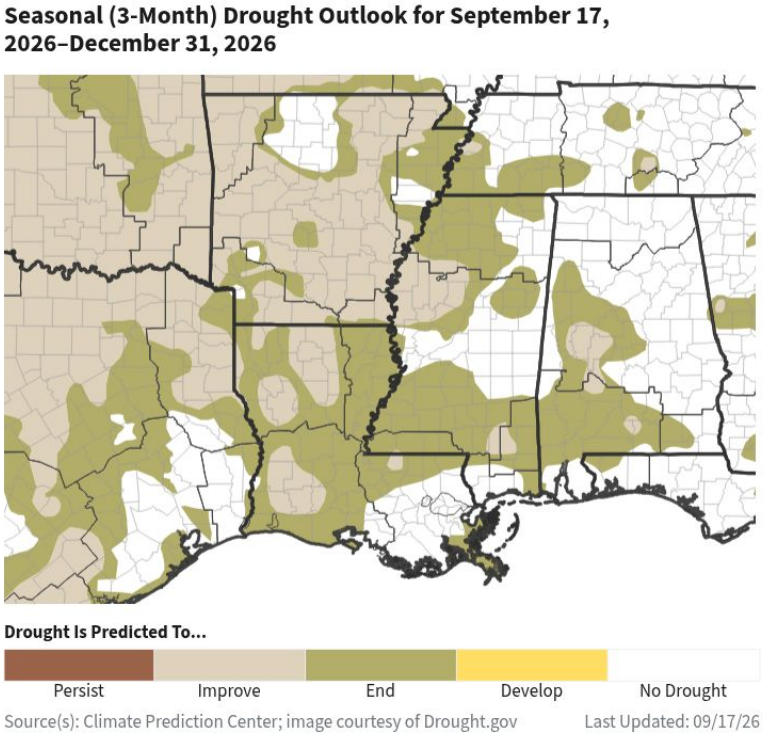
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- Through the end of the year, drought condition improvements are expected across much of the state.



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