



Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

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- This product will be updated Oct. 29, 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/LZK/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- Arkansas continues to reflect persistent drought conditions.
- Most of Arkansas is in severe drought or greater.



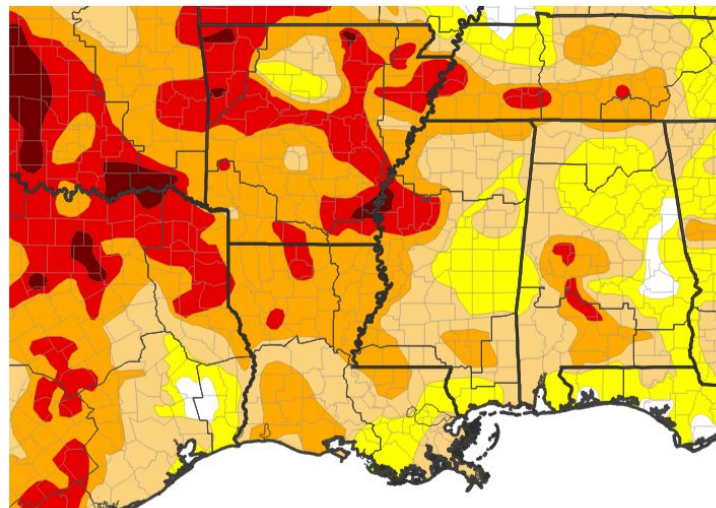


U.S. Drought Monitor

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)**: 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).

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

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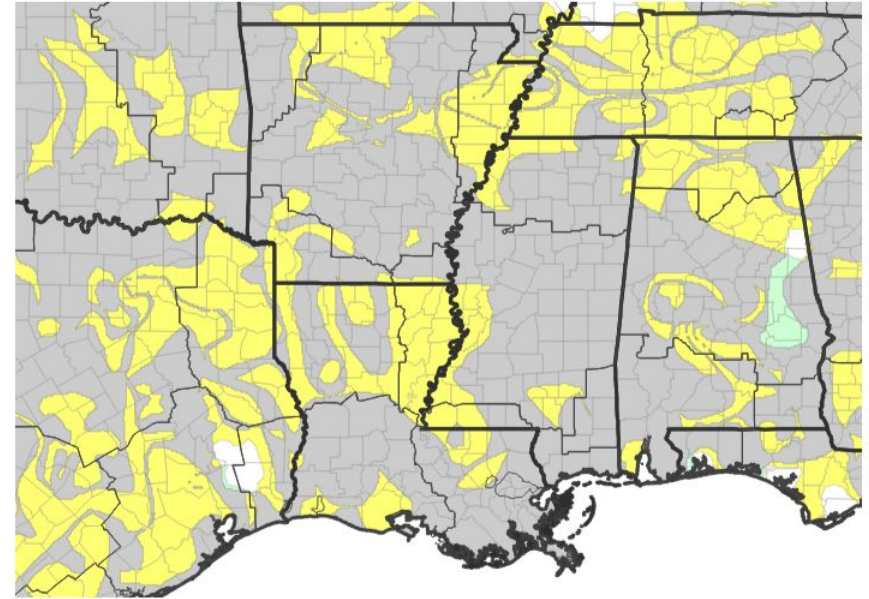


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

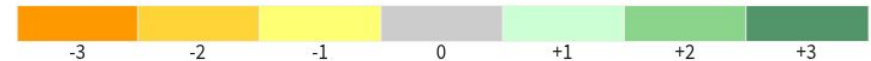
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Arkansas

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

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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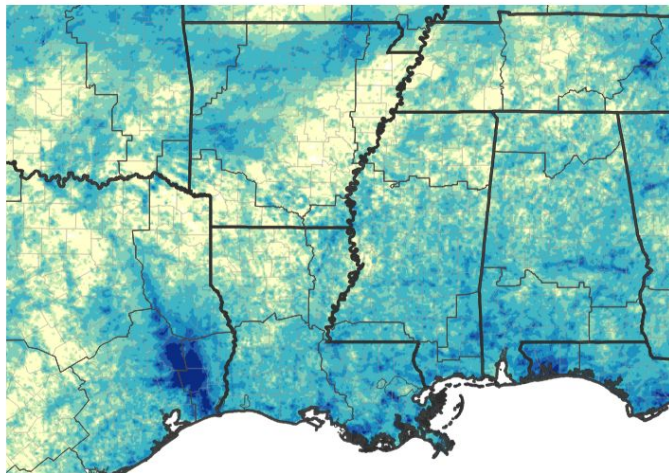




Precipitation

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

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



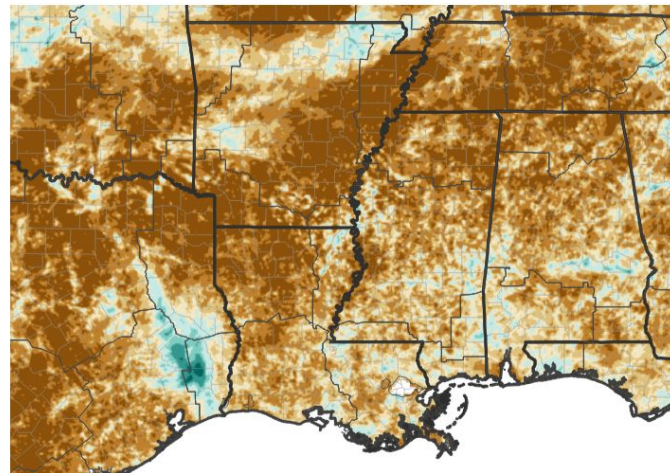
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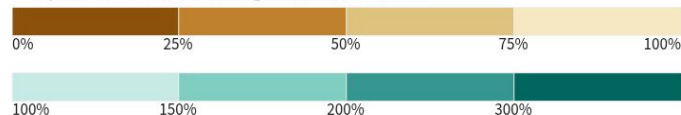
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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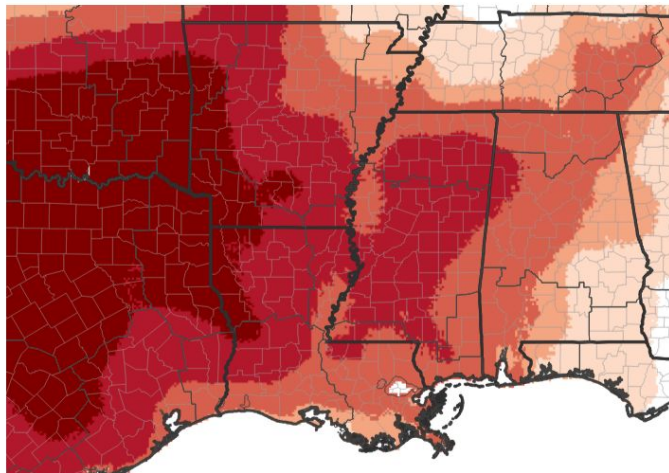




Temperature

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

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



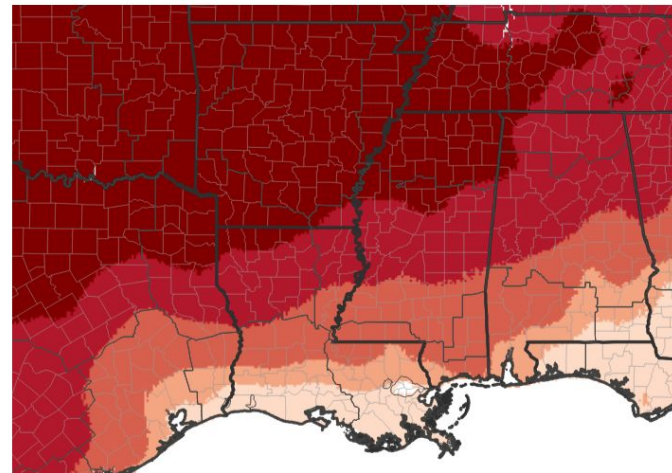
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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](#)

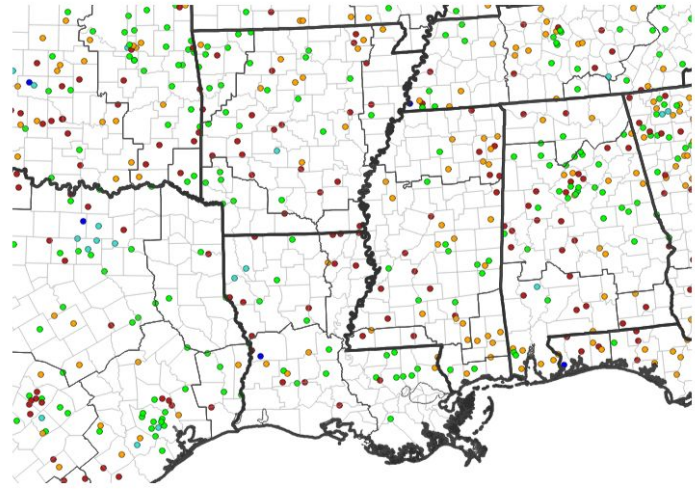




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

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

1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions



Streamflow Conditions



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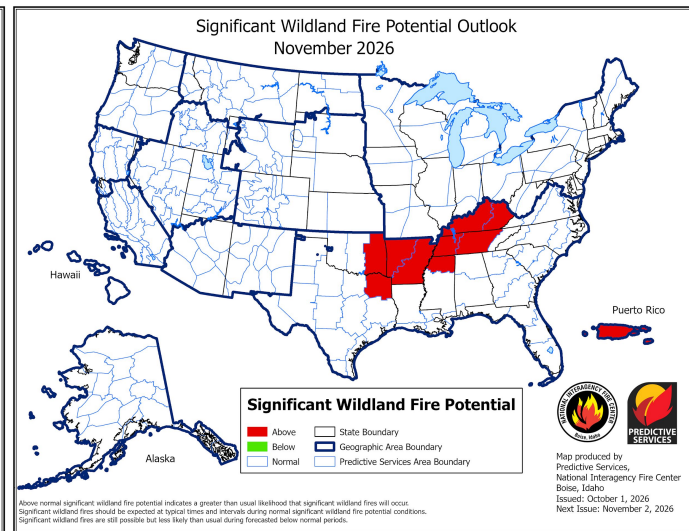
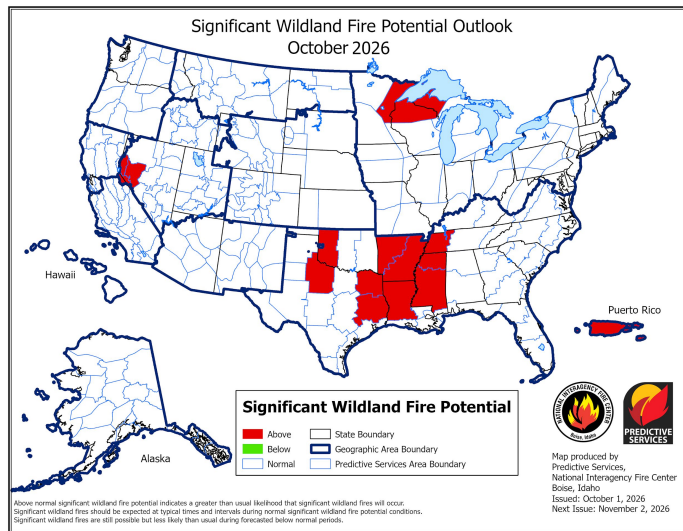




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- A high fire danger is forecast for the state through the end of November.



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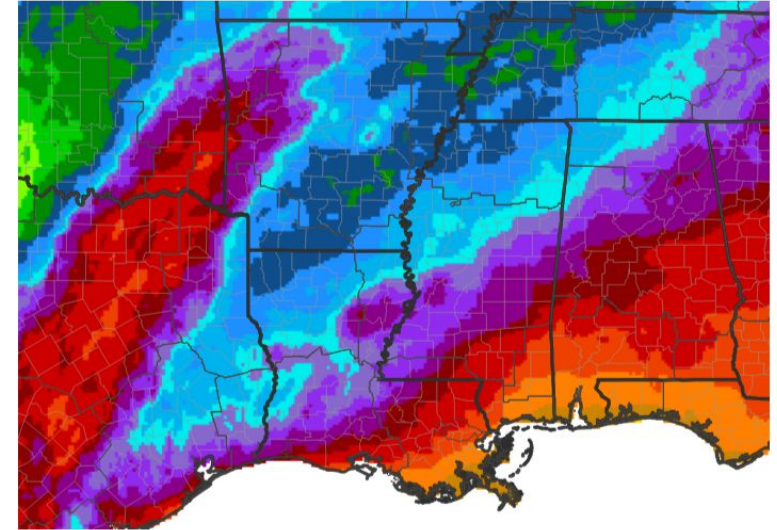
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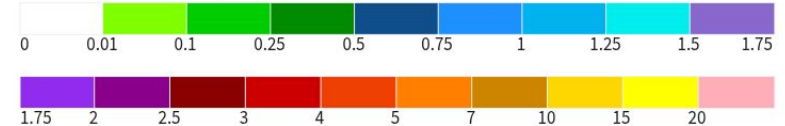
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Through the seven day period, several inches of rainfall forecast is forecast for western sections of the state.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 1, 2026–October 8, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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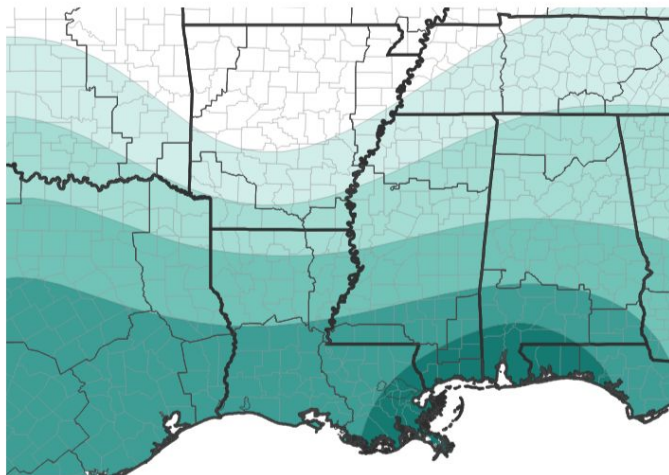


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- For October, above normal precipitation is indicated for southern sections of the state.

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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation

33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

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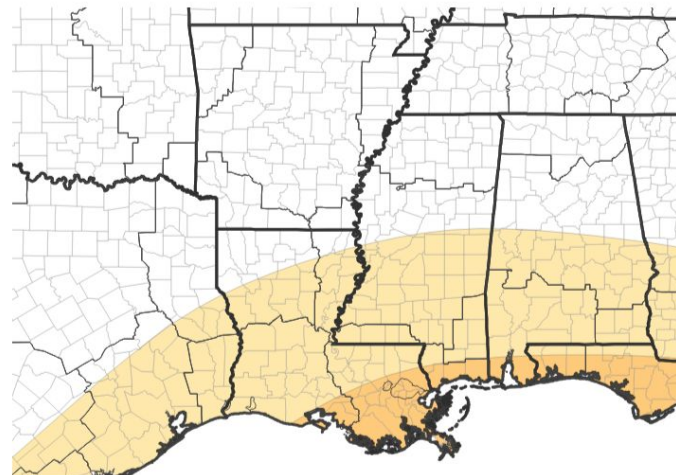
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation

33% 40% 50%

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



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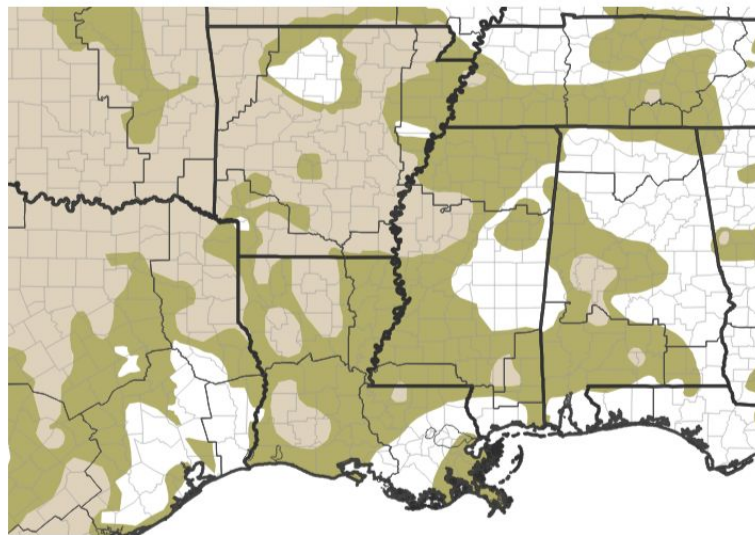


Drought Outlook

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

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