





Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

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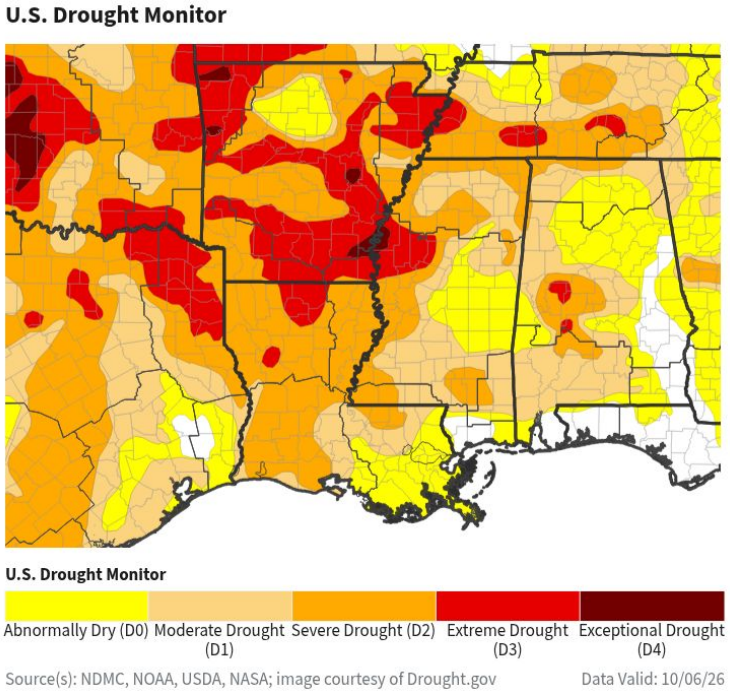


- Arkansas continues to reflect persistent drought conditions.
- Most of Arkansas is in severe drought or greater.

U.S. Drought Monitor

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

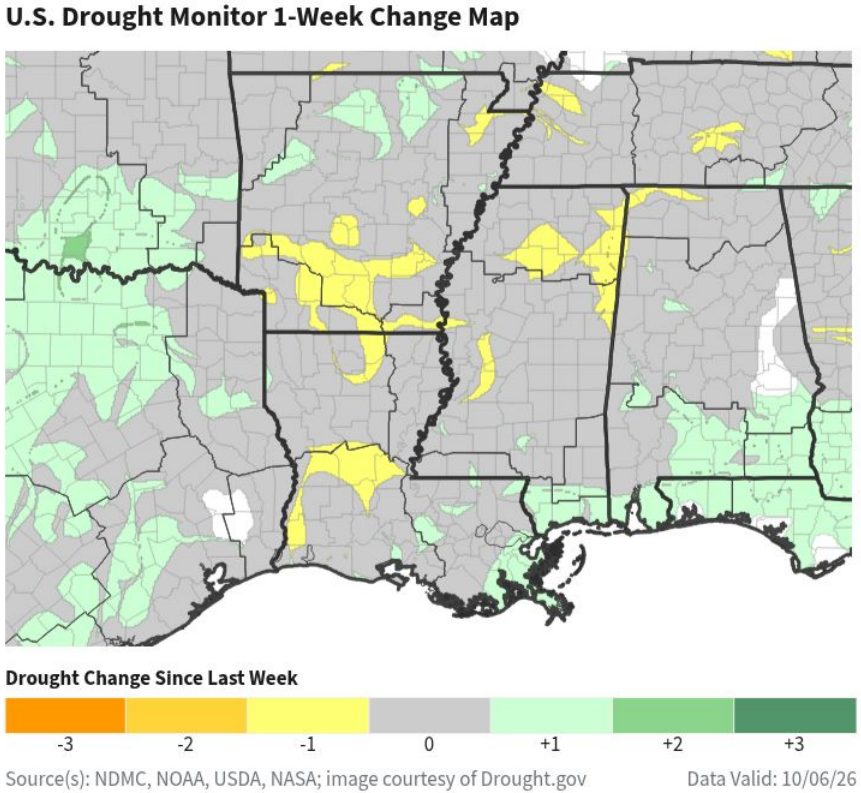
- Drought intensity and extent:
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Patchy areas exist across parts of northwest, east, and southeast Arkansas.
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Scattered areas of the state.
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Many areas of the state not classified as a higher category.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Areas not in category as D2 or higher across the state.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Areas not covered as category 1 or above within the state.



Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for Arkansas

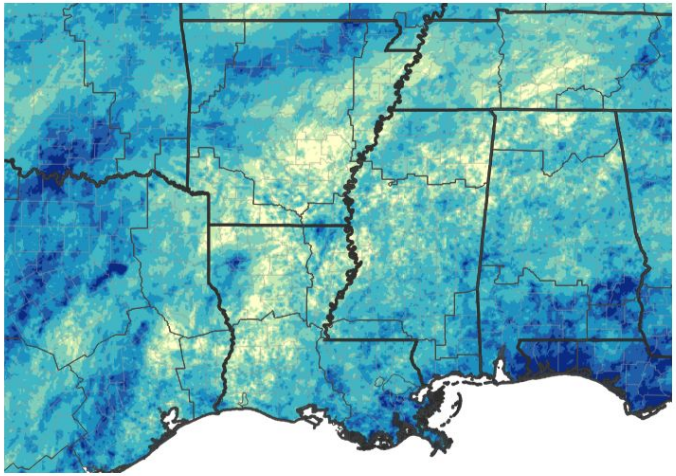
- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
    - Areas of drought condition degradations were noted mainly across the southern and eastern Arkansas.



Precipitation

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

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation

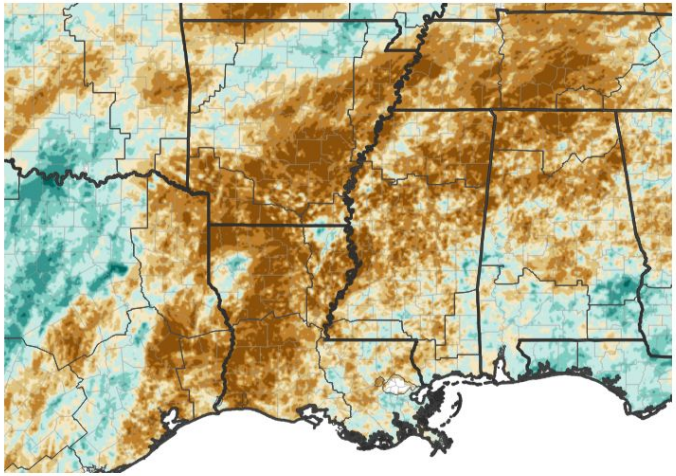
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2 | 4 | 6 | 8

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%

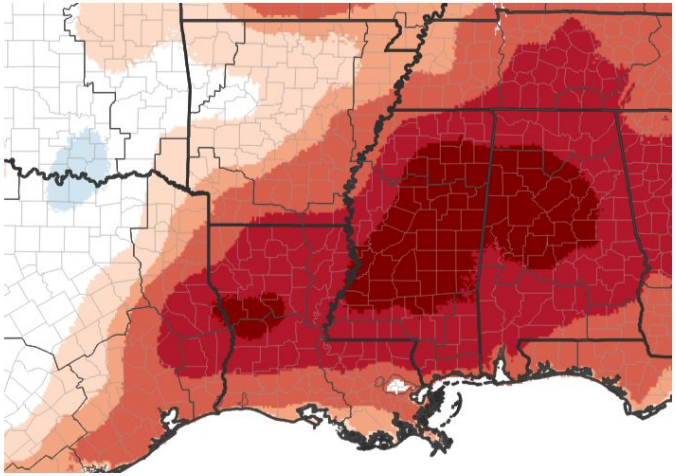
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Temperature

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

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)

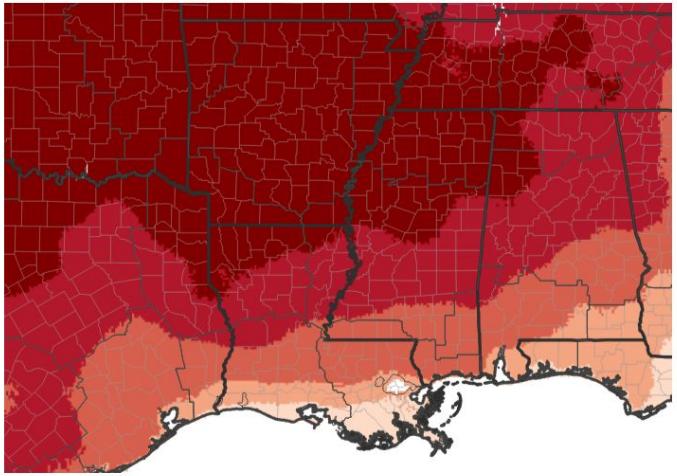
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Summary of Impacts

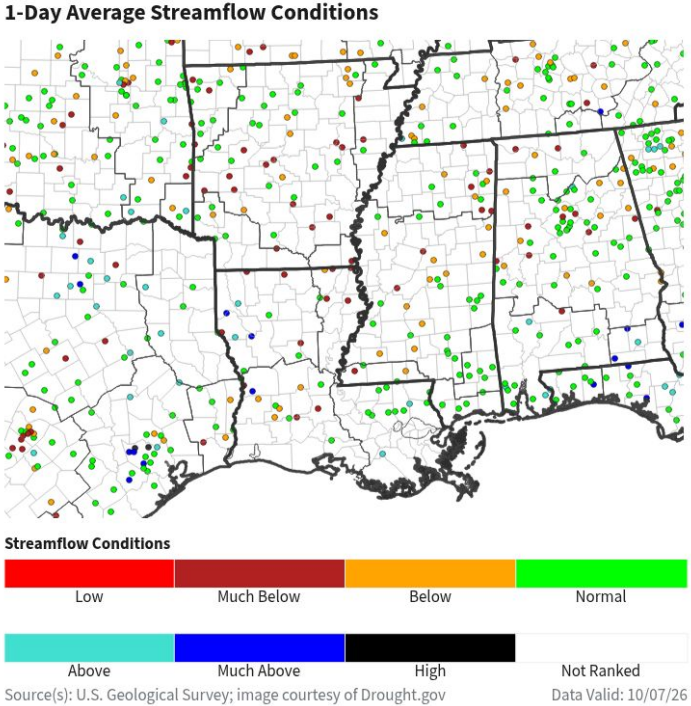
Links: See/submit Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR) and view the Drought Impacts Reporter

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

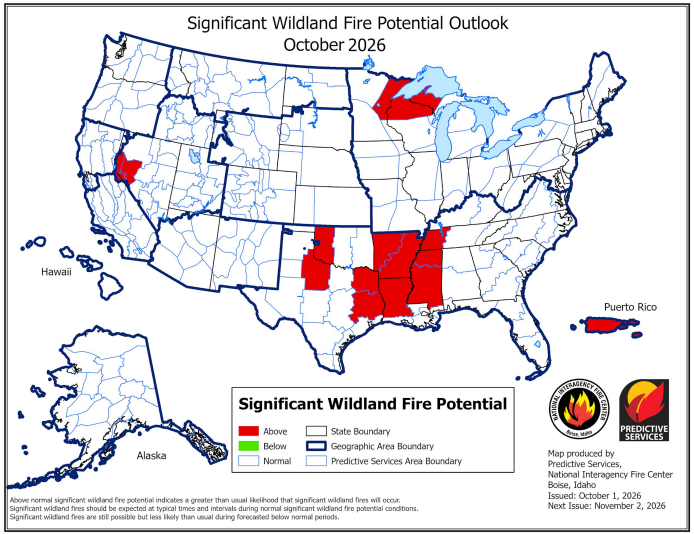
- Below to much below normal streamflow conditions were noted at a number of rivers across the state.

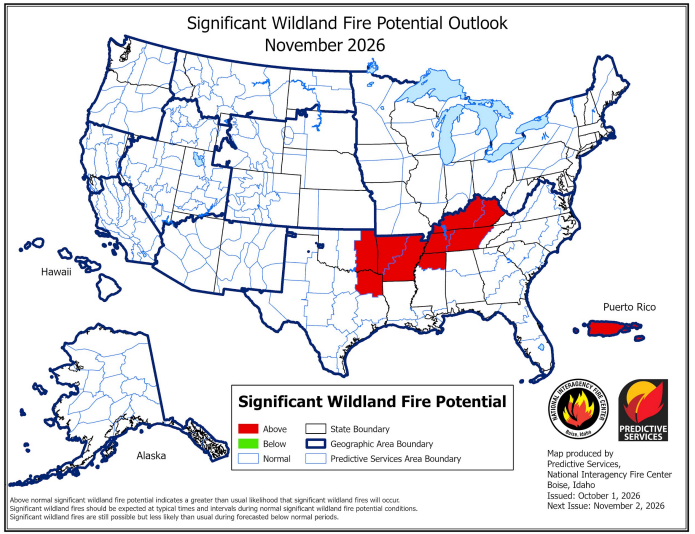


Fire Hazard Impacts

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

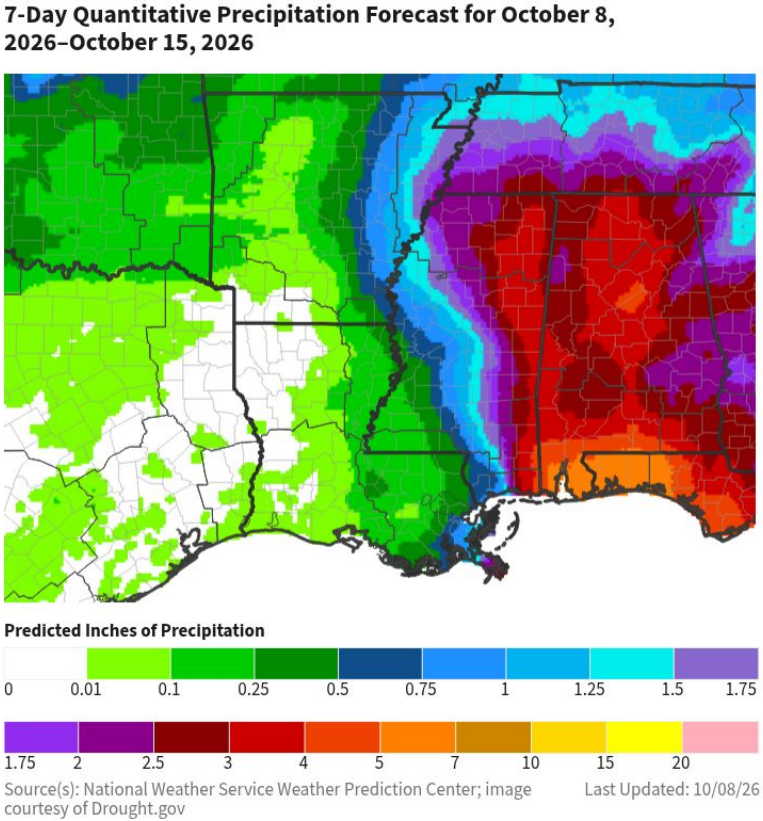
- A high fire danger is forecast for the state through the end of November.





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Through the seven day period, up to an inch of rainfall is possible across eastern and northeast Arkansas with little to no rainfall expected in the western half of Arkansas.

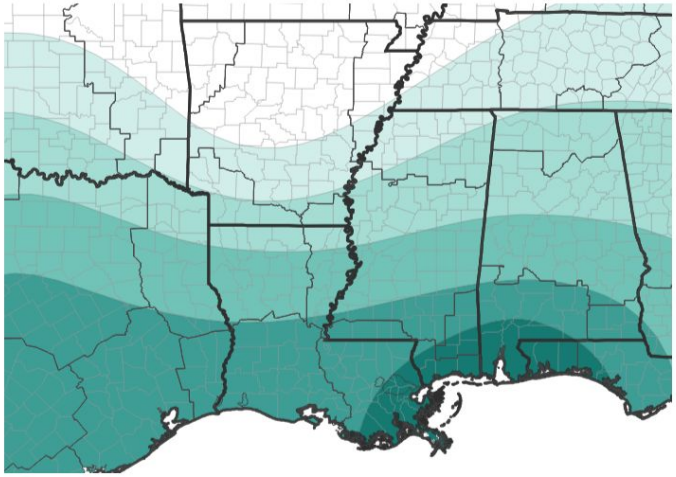


Long-Range Outlooks

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

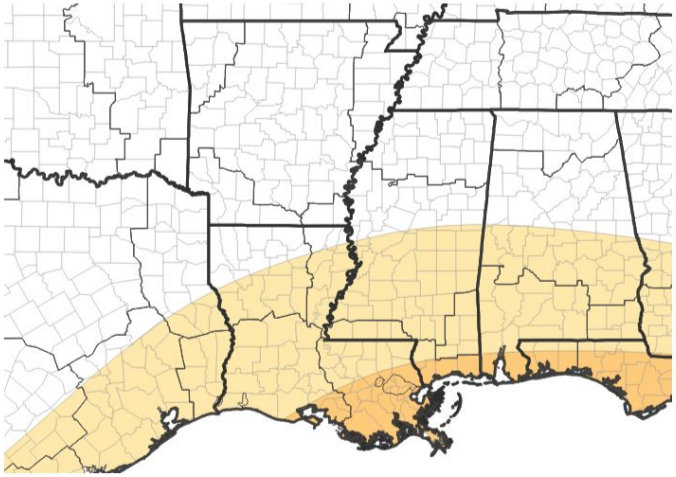
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Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation

33% 40% 50%

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



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures

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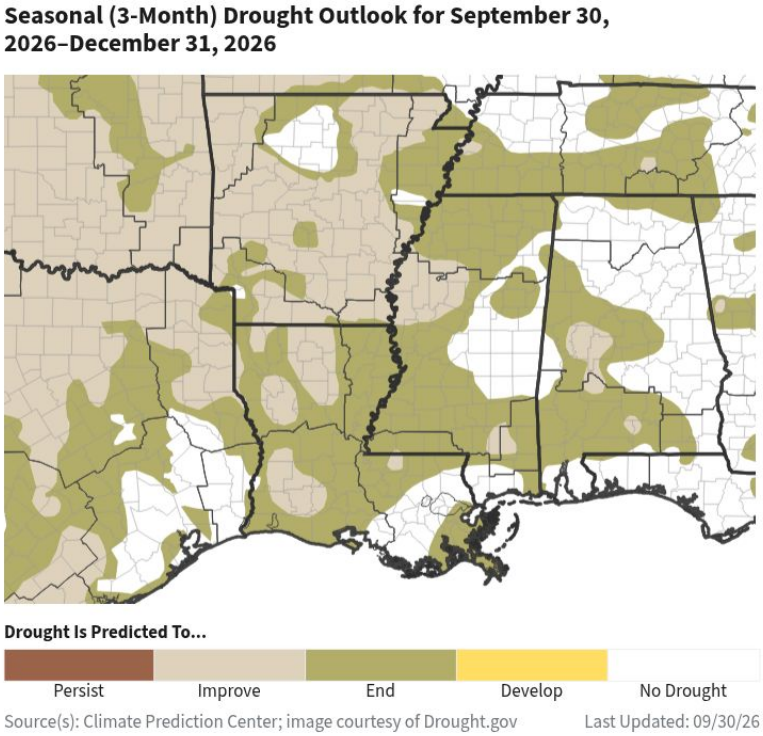
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- Through the end of the year, drought condition improvements are expected.



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