



Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/LZK/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- Arkansas continues to reflect persistent drought conditions.
- Most of Arkansas is in severe drought or greater.



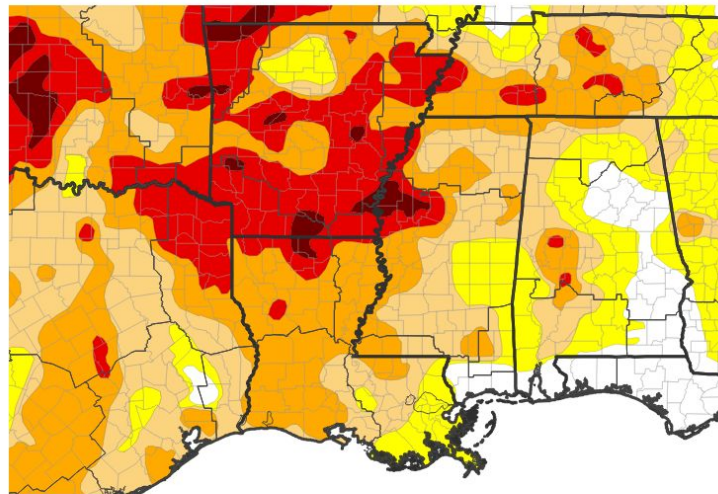


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and extent:
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Isolated areas of the state (~7%).
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Numerous areas of the state (~60%)
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Many areas of the state not classified as a higher category (26 %).
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Isolated areas not in category as D2 or higher across the state (3%).
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of north central Arkansas (5% of state).

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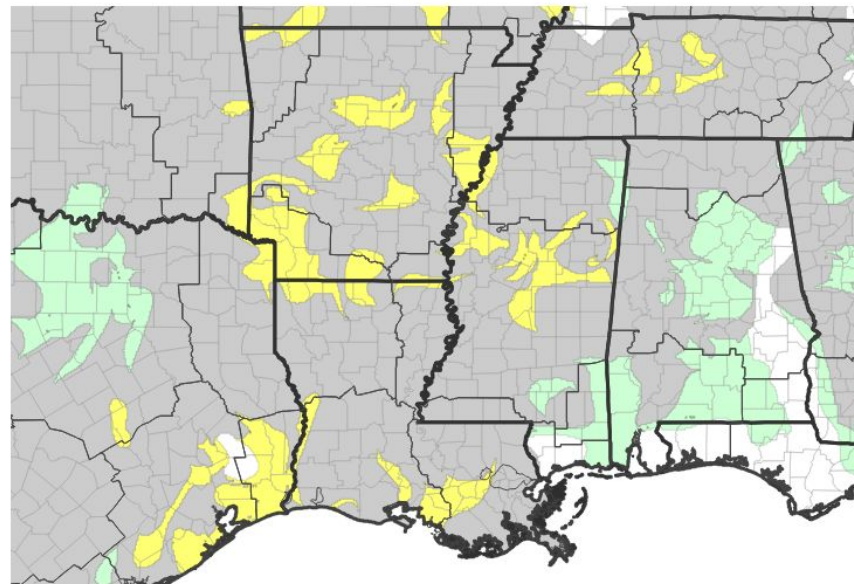


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Scattered areas of drought degradations were noted, with the greatest area of degradation occurring across southwest portions of the state.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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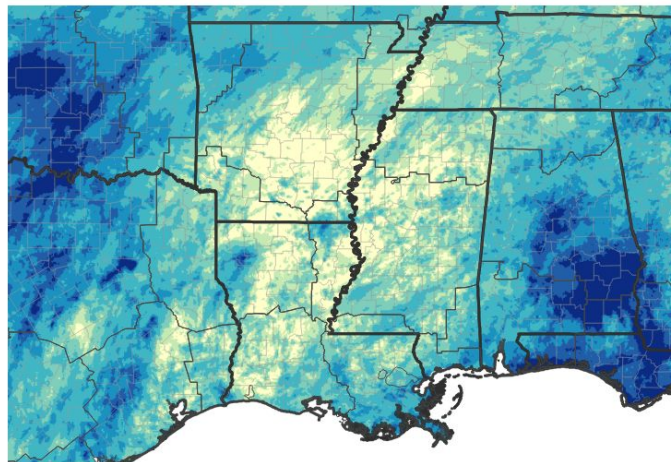




Precipitation

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

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



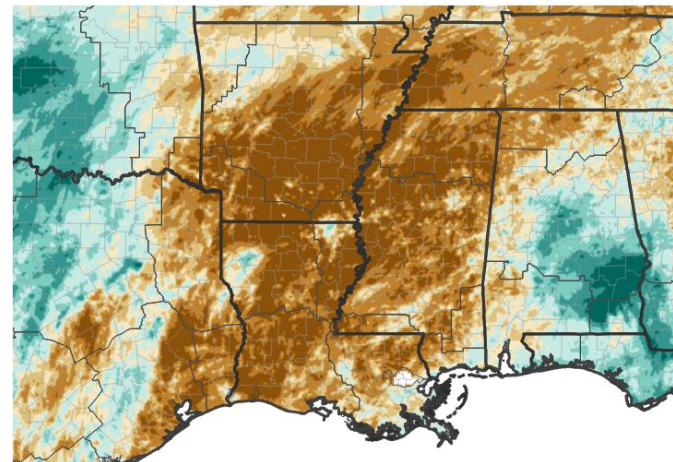
Inches of Precipitation



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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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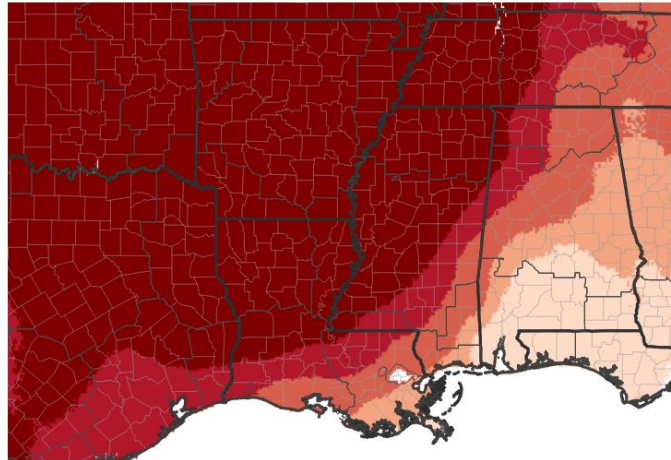




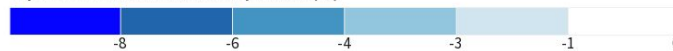
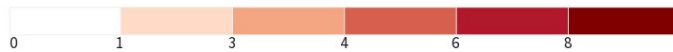
Temperature

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

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



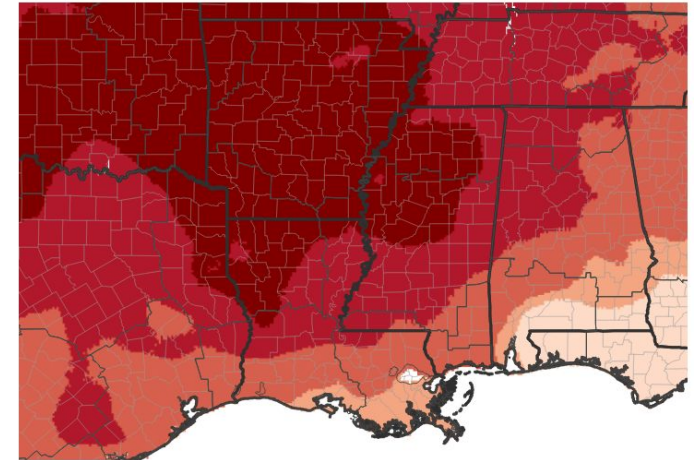
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



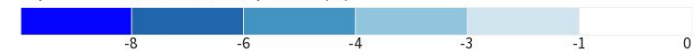
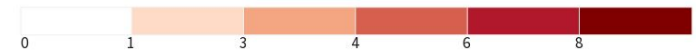
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Summary of Impacts

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](#)

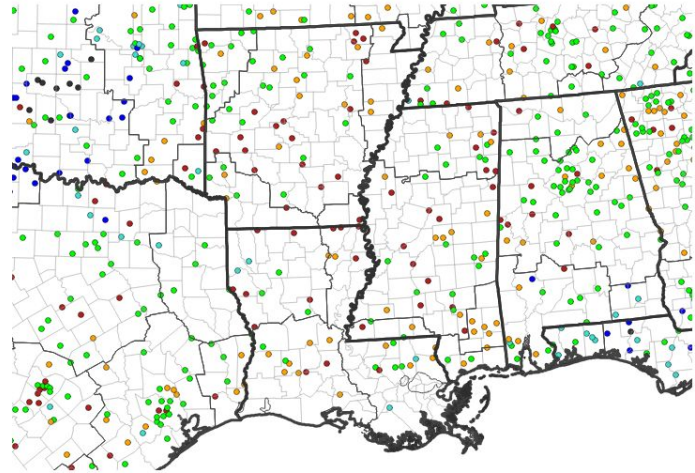




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

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

1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions



Streamflow Conditions



Source(s): U.S. Geological Survey; image courtesy of Drought.gov

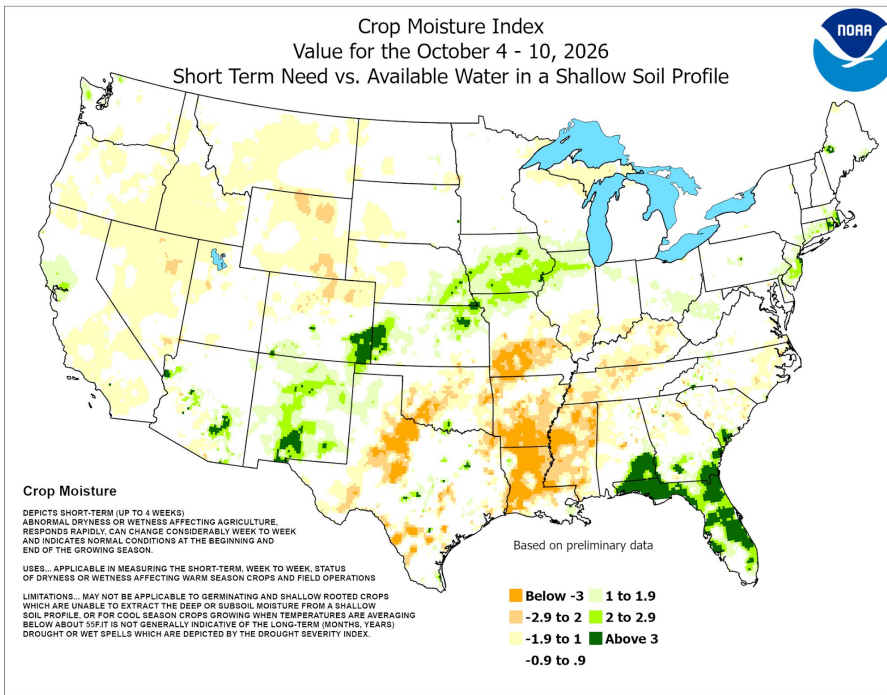
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Agricultural Impacts

- Summarize conditions/impacts here

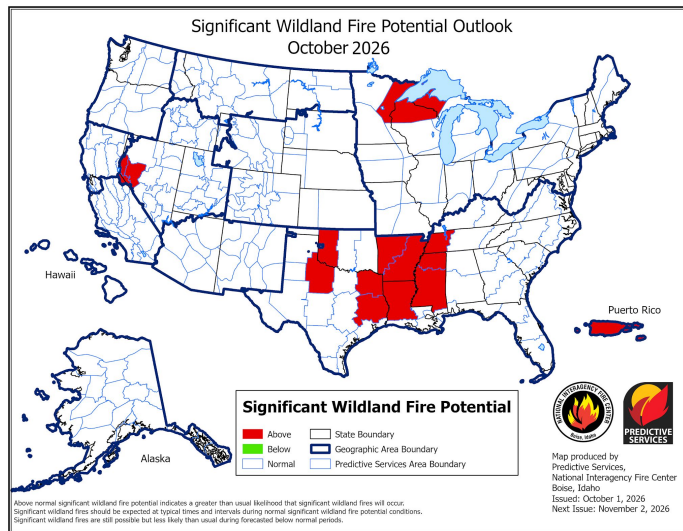
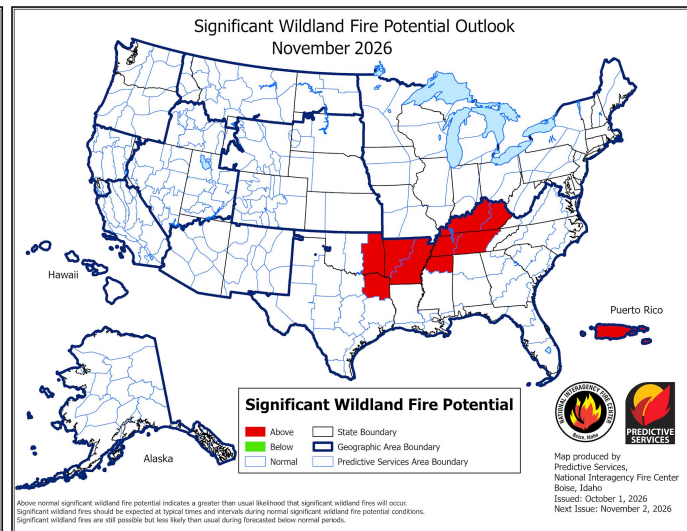




Fire Hazard Impacts

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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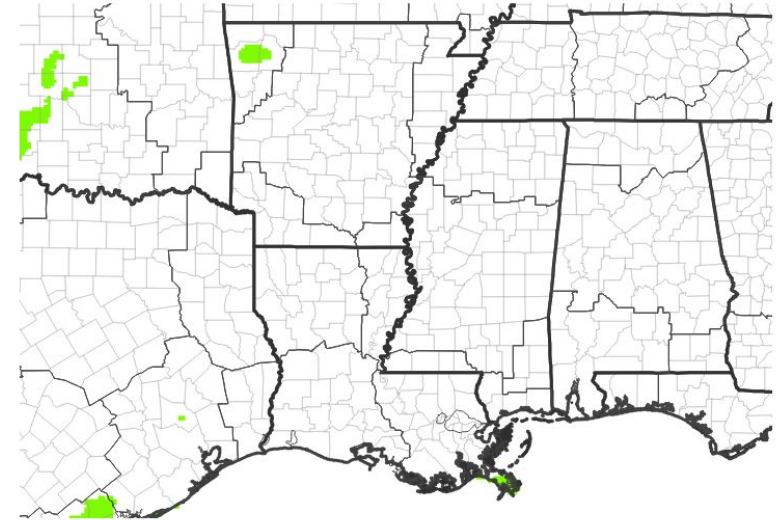
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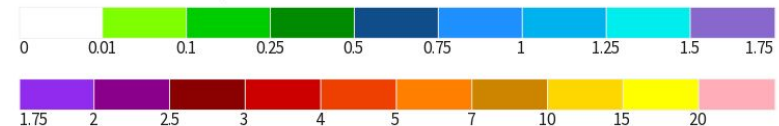
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Forecasts through the seven day period do not indicate precipitation to occur across most areas of the state.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 18, 2026–October 25, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

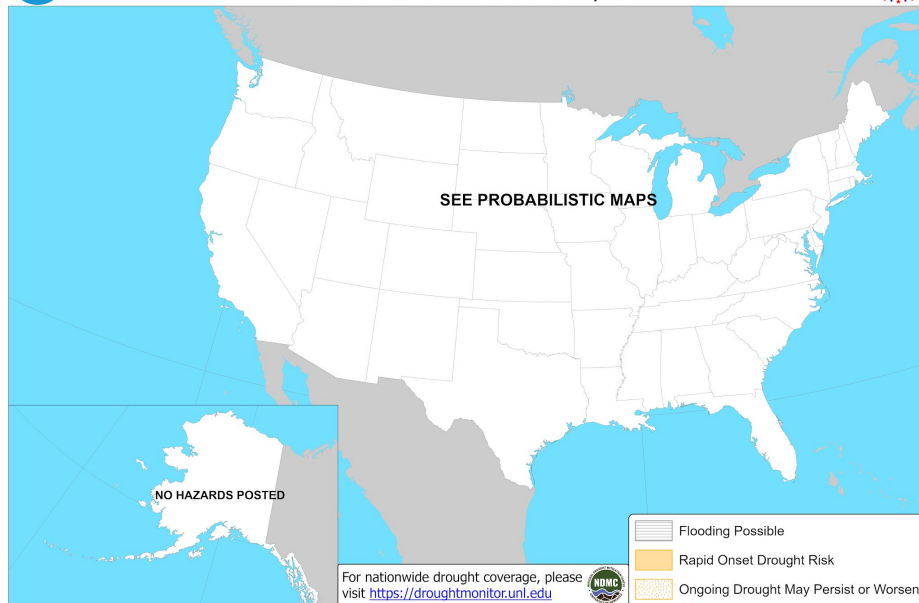
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- Forecasts indicate flash drought conditions are likely to develop across portions of the state.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: October 26 - November 1, 2026



Climate Prediction Center

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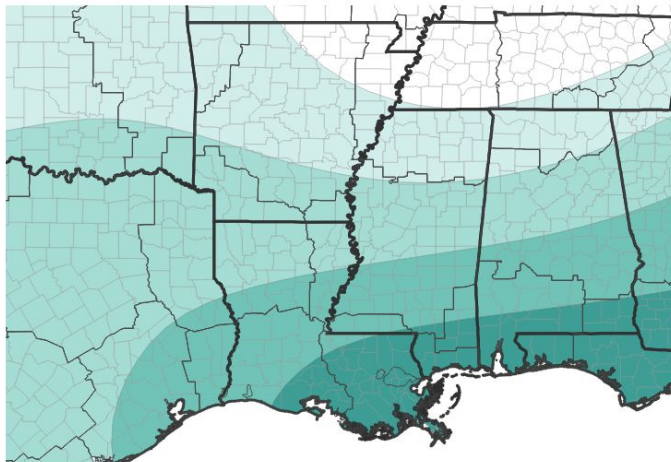


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- For November, greater chances for above normal precipitation is indicated, especially for southern sections of the state.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for November 1, 2026–November 30, 2026



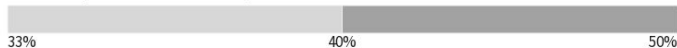
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



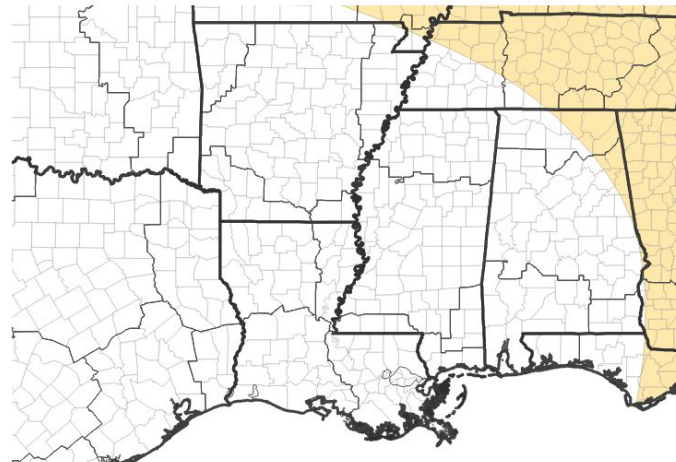
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2026–November 30, 2026



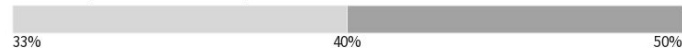
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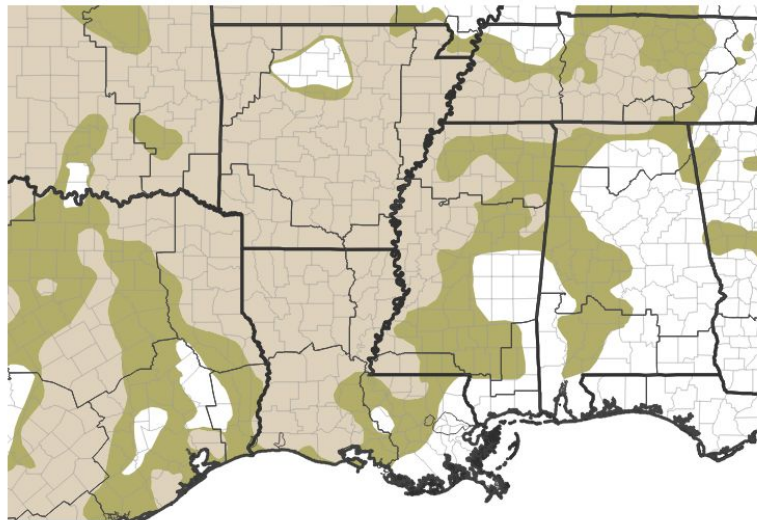


Drought Outlook

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

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 15, 2026–January 31, 2027



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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