

Drought Information Statement for the Mid-South Valid 11/28/2024

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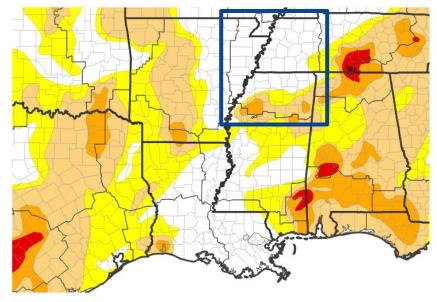
- This product will be updated by December 16, 2024, or if conditions worsen.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
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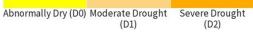
Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for the Mid-South

- DROUGHT CONTINUES
- Drought intensity and extent
 - D4 (Exceptional Drought): None.
 - D3 (Extreme Drought): None.
 - D2 (Severe Drought): A small portion of north MS.
 - D1 (Moderate Drought): A portion of north MS. 0
 - D0 (Abnormally Dry): Portions of West TN and north MS.

U.S. Drought Monitor







Extreme Drought (D3)

Exceptional Drought (D4)

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

Data Valid: 11/19/24

Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor valid 7 a.m. EST November 19, 2024



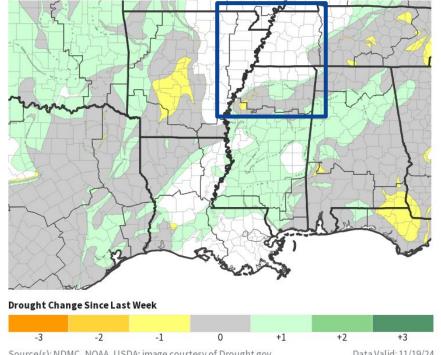


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for the Mid-South

- One-Week Drought Monitor Class Change
 - No change: Portions of north MS and west TN.
 - Drought improved: Portions of north MS and West TN.
 - Drought worsened: A small swath in north MS.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



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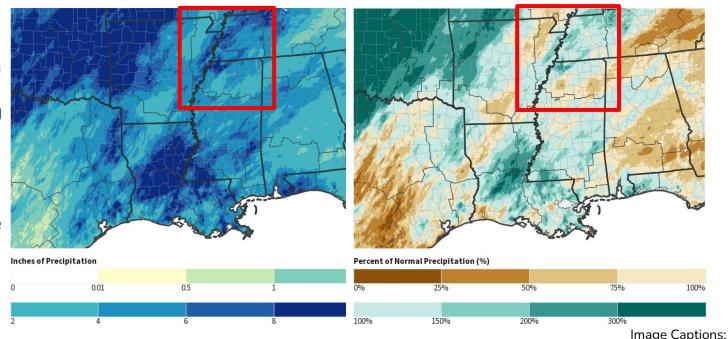
EST November 19, 2024





Over the past 30 days from the High Plains Regional Climate Center

- Precipitation totals over the past 30 days generally ranged from 1-4 inches. A higher swath almost splitting the Mid-South of 6-8" across the area.
- Rainfall amounts over the past 30 days were sporadic with areas near or slightly above normal and portions of northeast Arkansas and north Mississippi below normal.

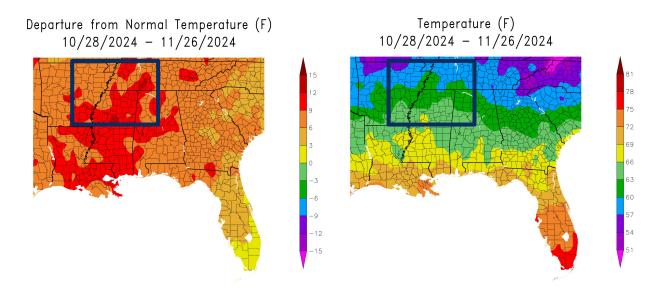


Left - Percent of Normal Precipitation for NWS-Southern Region East
Right - Precipitation for NWS-Southern Region East
Data Courtesy High Plains Regional Climate Center.
Data over the past 30 days ending November 27, 2024



Data over the past 30 days from the <u>High Plains Regional Climate Center</u>

- Average temperatures have generally ranged from 57-67 degrees across the region over the last 30 days.
- Average temperatures were above normal by 6-12 degrees.



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Image Captions: mal Temperature

Left - <u>Departure from Normal Temperature</u>
Right -Average Temperature

Data Courtesy High Plains Regional Climate Center. Data over the past 30 days ending November 26, 2024



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

Hydrologic Impacts

• Streamflow is near normal and current forecasts show the Mississippi River remaining near or below low-water thresholds.

Agricultural Impacts

• There are no known impacts at this time.

Fire Hazard Impacts

• There are no known impacts at this time.

Other Impacts

There are no known additional impacts at this time.

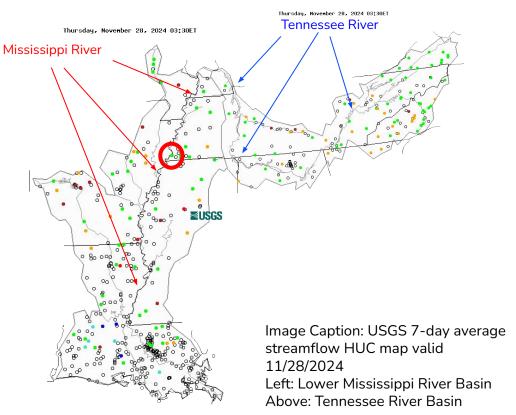
Mitigation Actions

• Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

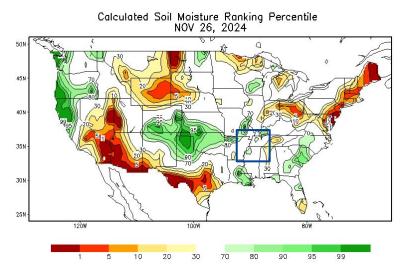


- The Mississippi River at Memphis is currently experiencing normal flow. The extended river forecasts continues to show declining water levels.
- The Tennessee River feeds into the Mississippi River and remains near normal or slightly below normal flow Savannah, TN, and Kentucky Lake.



Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture anomalies are near to slightly above normal across the Mid-South.
- The crop moisture index is near normal or slightly above normal across the Mid-South.



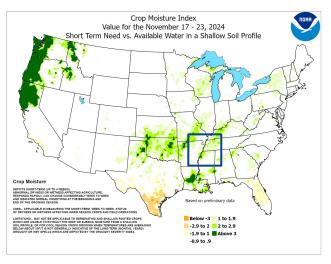


Image Captions:

Left: CPC Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking

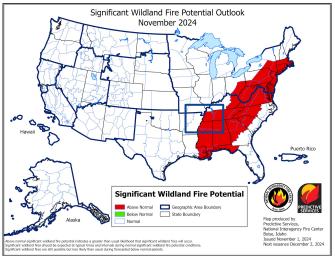
Percentile valid November 26, 2024

Right: <u>Crop Moisture Index by Division</u>. Weekly value for period ending November 23, 2024



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

- Above normal wildland fire is expected for November while normal wildland fire is expected for December.
- Burn Bans currently in effect for:
 - o Arkansas: None.
 - o Missouri: None.
 - o Mississippi: None.
 - o <u>Tennessee</u>: None.



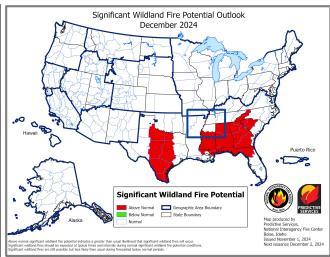


Image Caption: <u>Significant Wildland Fire</u>
<u>Potential Monthly Outlook</u> for November 2024
through February 2025.



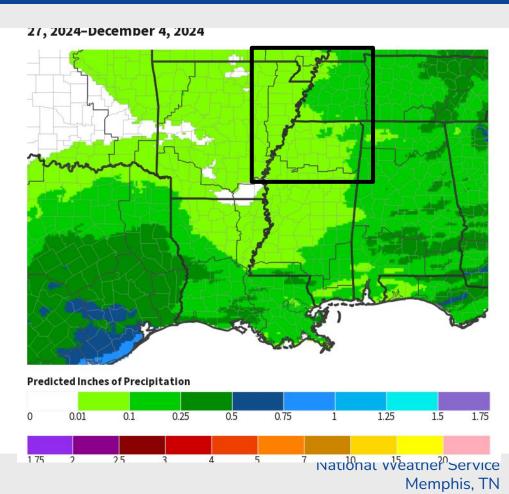


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

 Forecast precipitation over the next week is generally a tenth of an inch or less.

Image Caption: National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center courtesy of drought.gov 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast Valid November 27-December 4, 2024





Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The Mid-South has a 33-40% chance that temperatures will be above normal for the rest of December.
- The Mid-South has equal chances of experiencing above or below normal precipitation in November.

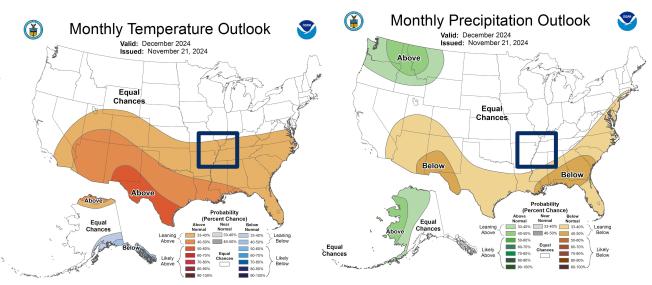


Image Captions:

Left - <u>Climate Prediction Center Monthly Temperature Outlook.</u>
Right - <u>Climate Prediction Center Monthly Precipitation Outlook.</u>
Valid November 21, 2024



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 Drought conditions are expected to persist across portions of north MS.

Links to the latest:

Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook



Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for November 21, 2024–February 28, 2025

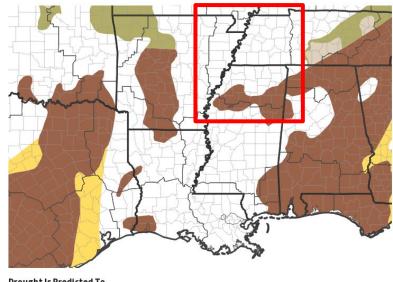






Image Caption:

Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook Released 11/21/2024 valid through 02/28/2025