



Drought Information Statement for South Florida

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- Severe Drought has returned to a portion of South Florida.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/mfl/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.

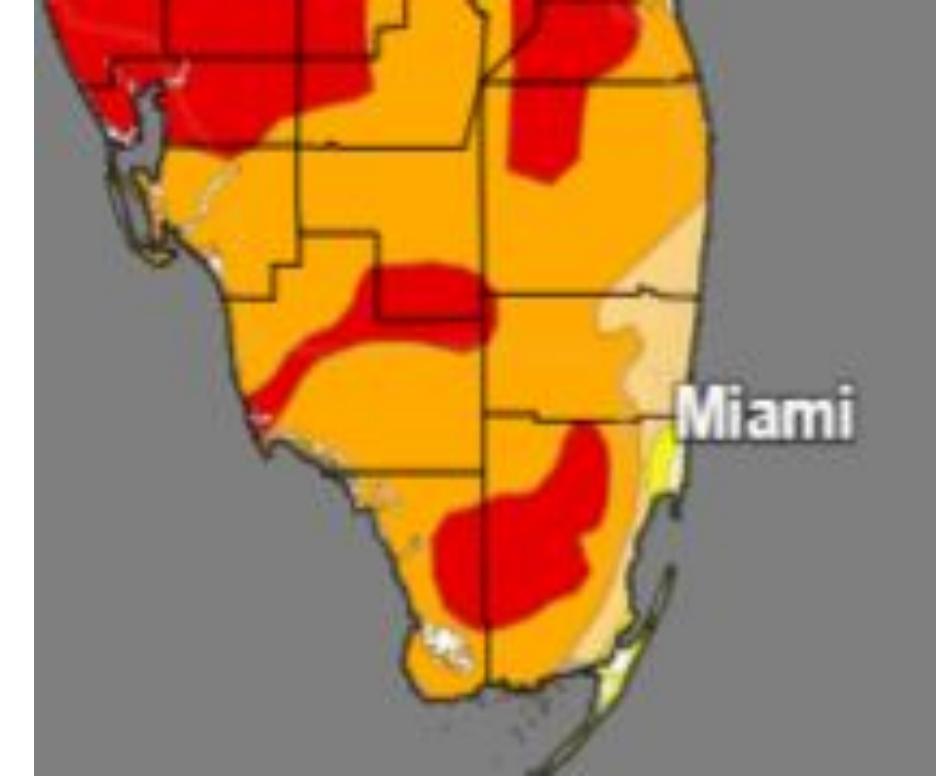




U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [Latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for South Florida

- Below-average rainfall continued across South Florida early to mid February 2026 which has resulted in a worsening of drought conditions across the region. Widespread Severe drought conditions continue across the majority of our area with the introduction of Extreme drought over portions of the Everglades, and around Lake Okeechobee.
- Drought intensity and Extent
 - D1 (Moderate Drought):** Metro Broward, SE metro Palm Beach, and metro Miami-Dade.
 - D2 (Severe Drought):** Most of South Florida.
 - D3 (Extreme Drought):** Portions of the Everglades and around Lake Okeechobee.



U.S. Drought Monitor valid 10AM EDT February 12th, 2026.



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Precipitation

- Rainfall observed with the departure and percent of normal since November 1st, 2025

The following table gives the rainfall from November 1, 2025 to February 4th, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
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Palm Beach Intl	1.75	-9.94	15%
Naples Municipal	2.12	-2.90	42%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	6.16	-4.29	59%
Miami Intl	4.20	-4.51	48%

Secondary Observation Sites

Moore Haven (Glades)	1.10	-5.27	17%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	3.73	-4.39	46%
HomeStead (Miami-Dade)	2.89	-4.02	42%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	5.95	-3.87	61%
Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach)	2.42	-9.77	20%
North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade)	4.33	-6.40	40%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	1.05	-5.80	15%

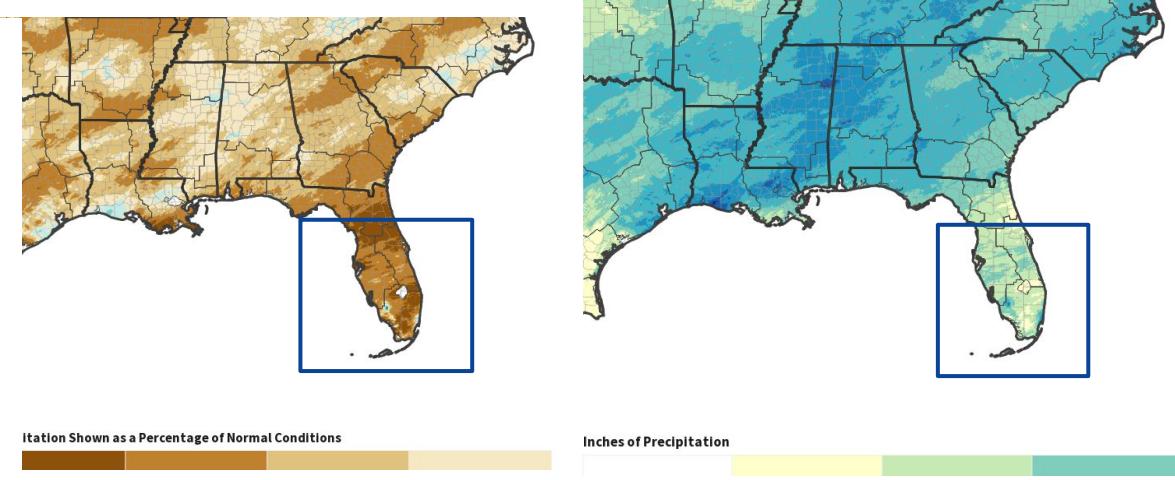


Image Captions:

Left - Precipitation Amount for [area]

Right - Percent of Normal Precipitation for [area]

Data Courtesy High Plains Regional Climate Center.

Data over the past 30 days ending February 12th, 2025



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90 day Observed Precipitation & Rainfall Departure (Since 11/14/2025)

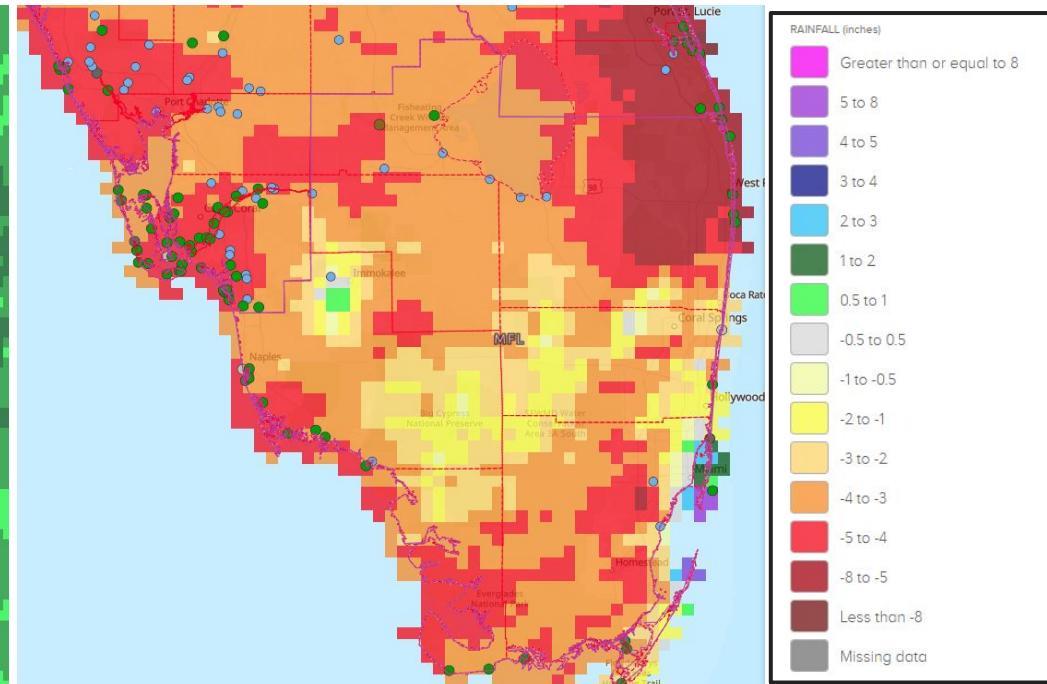
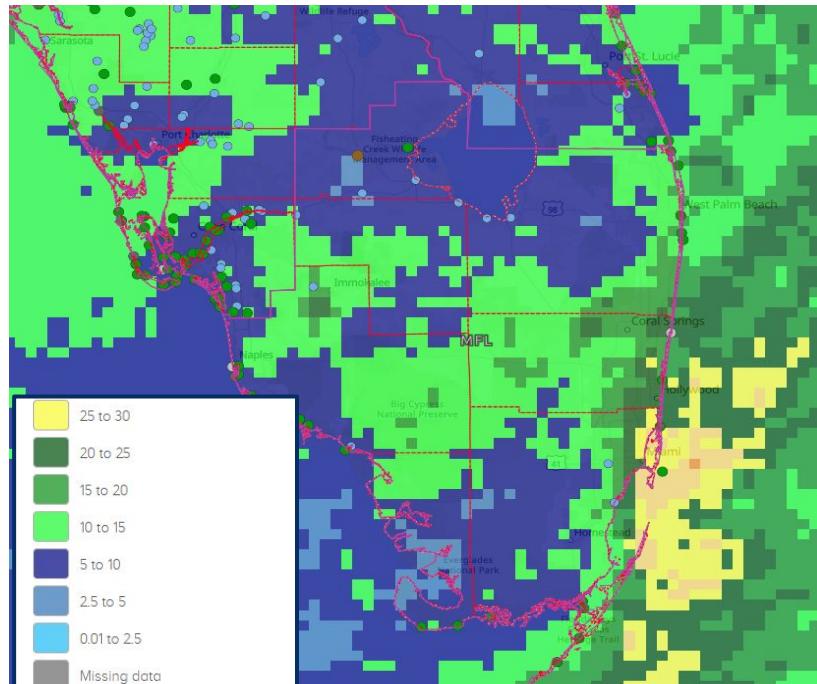


Image Captions:

Left - Precipitation since 11/14/25 To Date (Inches)
Right - Departure From Normal since 11/14/25 To Date (+/- Inches)



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- **Lake Okeechobee level currently at 12.63 feet which is -1.96 feet below normal of 14.59 feet.**
- **Fisheating Creek is at 0.64 ft which is -1.81 feet below the normal level of 2.45 ft for this time of year.**
- The underground level water conservation area 1 in Interior Palm Beach County is at 16.28 feet and it should be at 16.72 feet which is **-0.44 feet** below normal for this time of year.
- The Underground level water conservation area 2 in Interior Broward County is at 12.61 feet and its normal level is 11.00 feet which is **+1.61 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level water conservation area 3 in Interior Miami-Dade County is at 8.68 feet and its normal level is at 10.23 feet which is **-1.55 feet** below normal for this time of year.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- KBDI index is 650 to 700 over Miami-Dade and Glades County, and 600 to 650 over rest of South Florida.
- **There is now an Extreme Risk of wildfires over the Southern portions of the Everglades, with Very High Risk of wildfires over rest of the interior areas of South Florida. There is a High Risk of wildfires over Metro Palm Beach County, and a moderate risk of wildfires is over metro Broward and metro Miami-Dade Counties.**
- **There is also a Burn Ban in effect for the counties of Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Palm Beach.**

Other Impacts

- **Shortage water warning in place for Miami-Dade, Collier, Glades, and Monroe Counties.**





Soil Moisture

- Soil moisture over South Florida is running below normal.
- South Florida is running at 1 to 5 percentile.

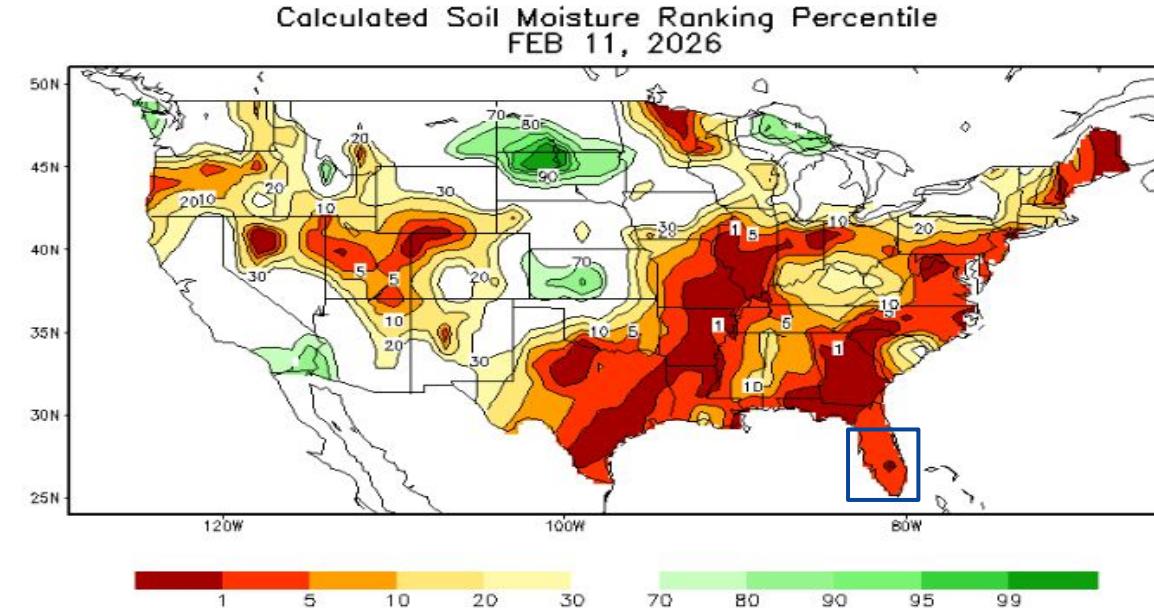


Image Captions:
CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#)
valid February 11th, 2026



WEATHER IMPACTS



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

- Currently Glades, Hendry, Collier, and Palm Beach Counties are in a burn ban.
- South Florida has an above normal chance of wildfires for the rest of February.

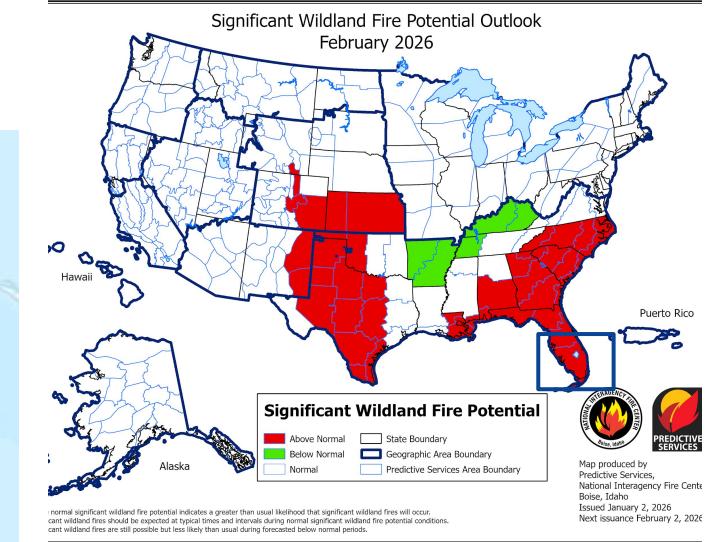
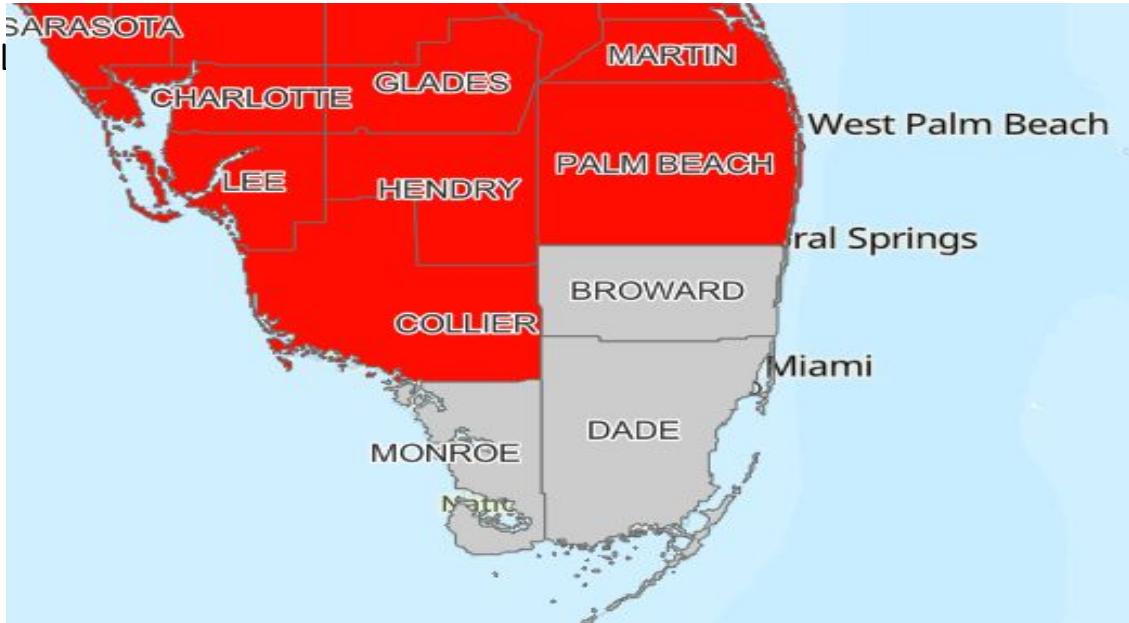


Image Caption: [Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook](#) for rest of February 2026



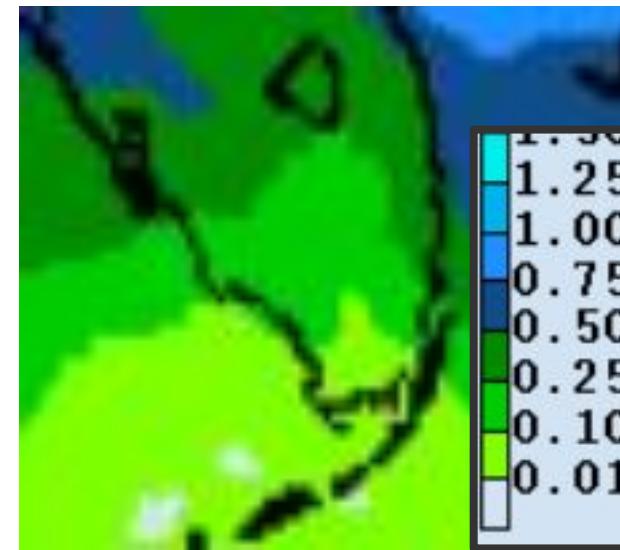
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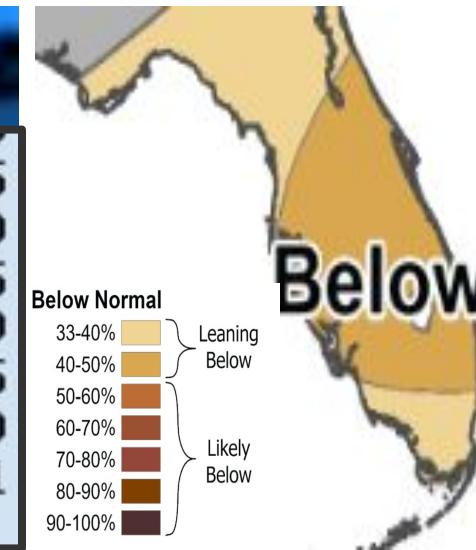


Precipitation Outlook

- Rainfall accumulations across the region will mostly remain below 0.50 inches through February 19th.
- CPC's [8-14 day outlook](#) precipitation outlook is forecast to be 33 to 50 percent below normal.



7 day rainfall total from February 12th through February 19th, 2026



Rainfall outlook for the next 8 to 14 days (February 19th through 25th 2026).



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Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Climate Prediction Center is forecasting above normal temperatures for Feb 2026 - Apr 2026.
- Climate Prediction Center is forecasting below normal rainfall for Feb 2026 - Apr 2026.

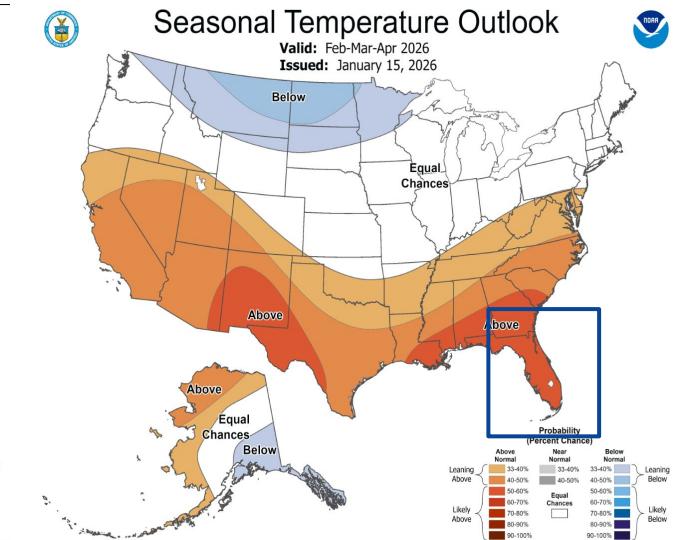
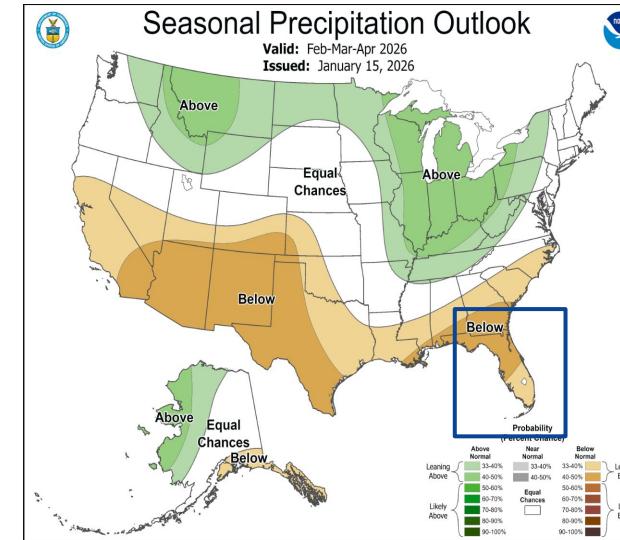


Image Captions:

Left - [Climate Prediction Center Monthly Temperature Outlook](#).

Right - [Climate Prediction Center Monthly Precipitation Outlook](#).

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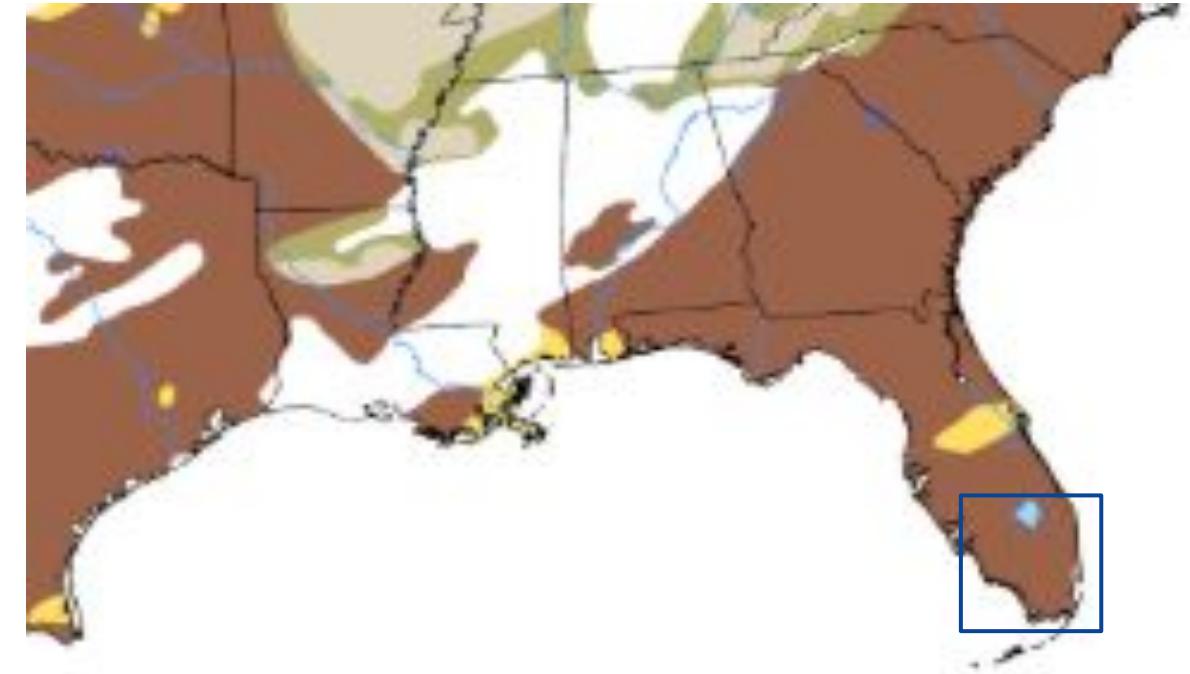
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Drought Outlook

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- The drought over South Florida should continue through the spring of 2026.



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

Image Caption:

Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook Released
01 31, 2026 valid through April 30, 2026.



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