Drought Information Statement for South Florida

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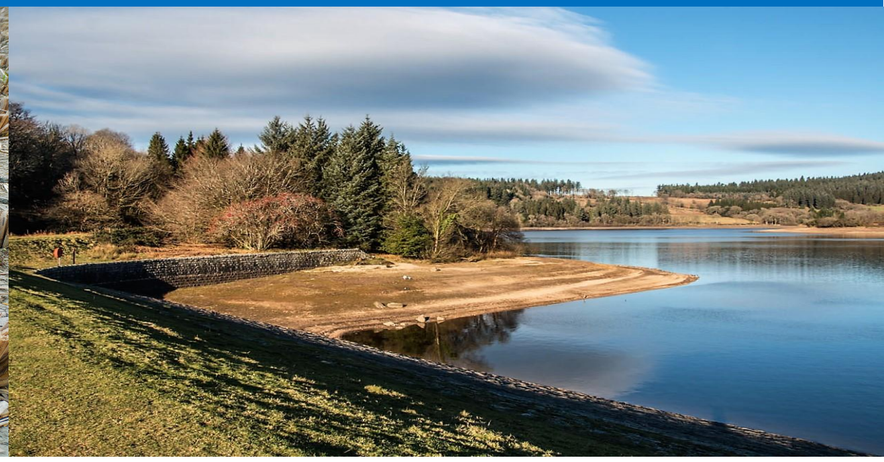
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- Gradual Improvement In Drought Across South Florida
- Please see all available products at **https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements**.
- Visit our local interactive drought page at **https://nws-miami-drought-page-noaa.hub.arcgis.com/**







Drought Update - 11/12/2026

November 12, 2026
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Key Messages

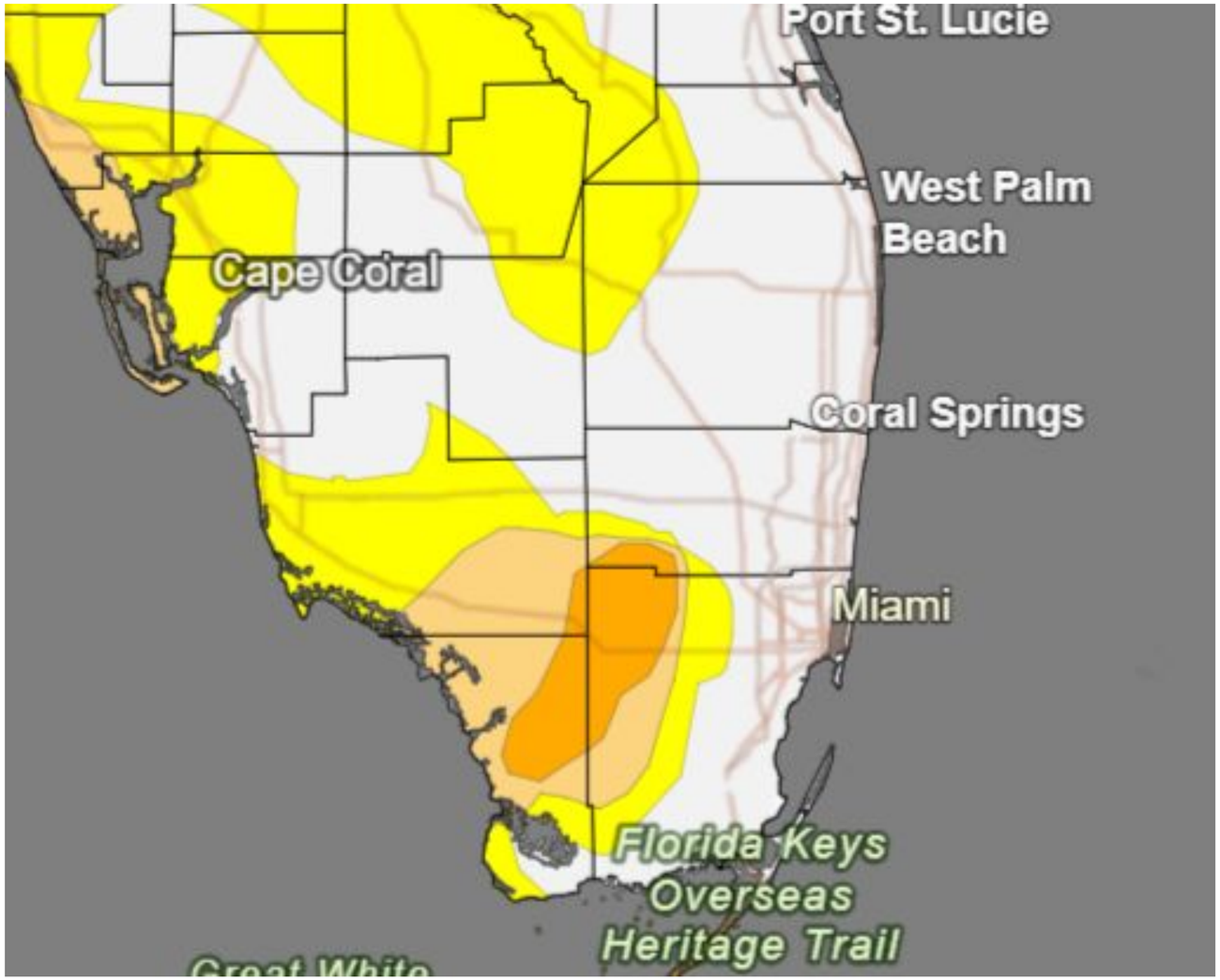
- **Recent Rainfall Across South Florida**
  South Florida only saw between 0.10 and 0.5 inches of rainfall last week, except over Broward County where 2 to 4 inches of rainfall fell.

- **Update On Drought Intensity & Extent Across South Florida**

  D0 (Abnormally Dry): Lake Okeechobee region, Western/Central Collier, and Far Western Miami-Dade metro areas.

  D1 (Moderate Drought): SE Collier County, Most of Mainland Monroe County, and portions of Interior Miami-Dade County.

  D2 (Severe Drought): Western Miami-Dade County and parts of Mainland Monroe County.



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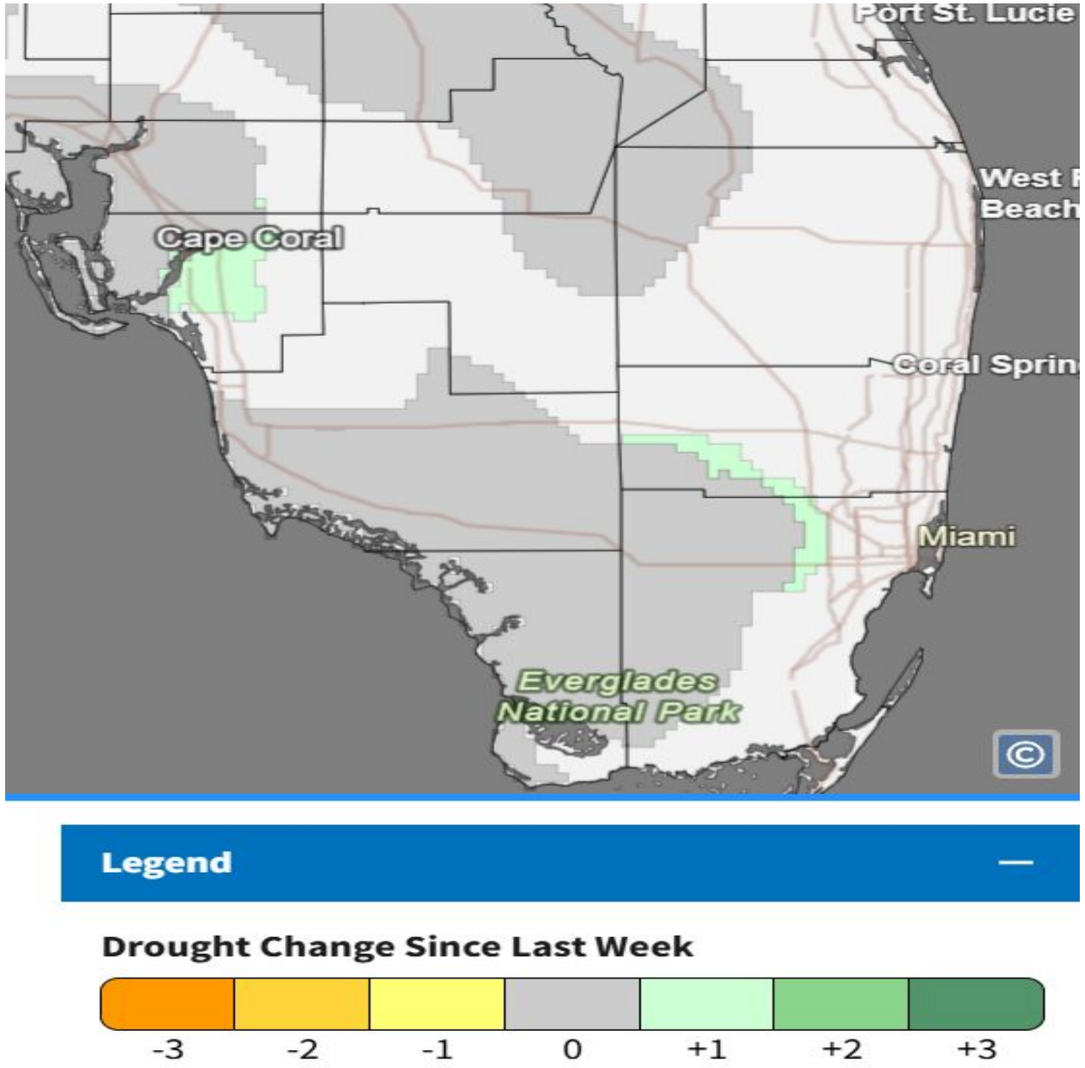
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National Weather Service
Miami, Florida

Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map and 1-week change map for South Florida

- **One Week Drought Monitor Class Change**
  - Drought conditions over South Florida did not change from last week.
- Coverage and placement of showers and thunderstorms through the early dry season of 2026/2027 will determine how the drought conditions improved across South Florida.



Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures (Since 05/01/2026)

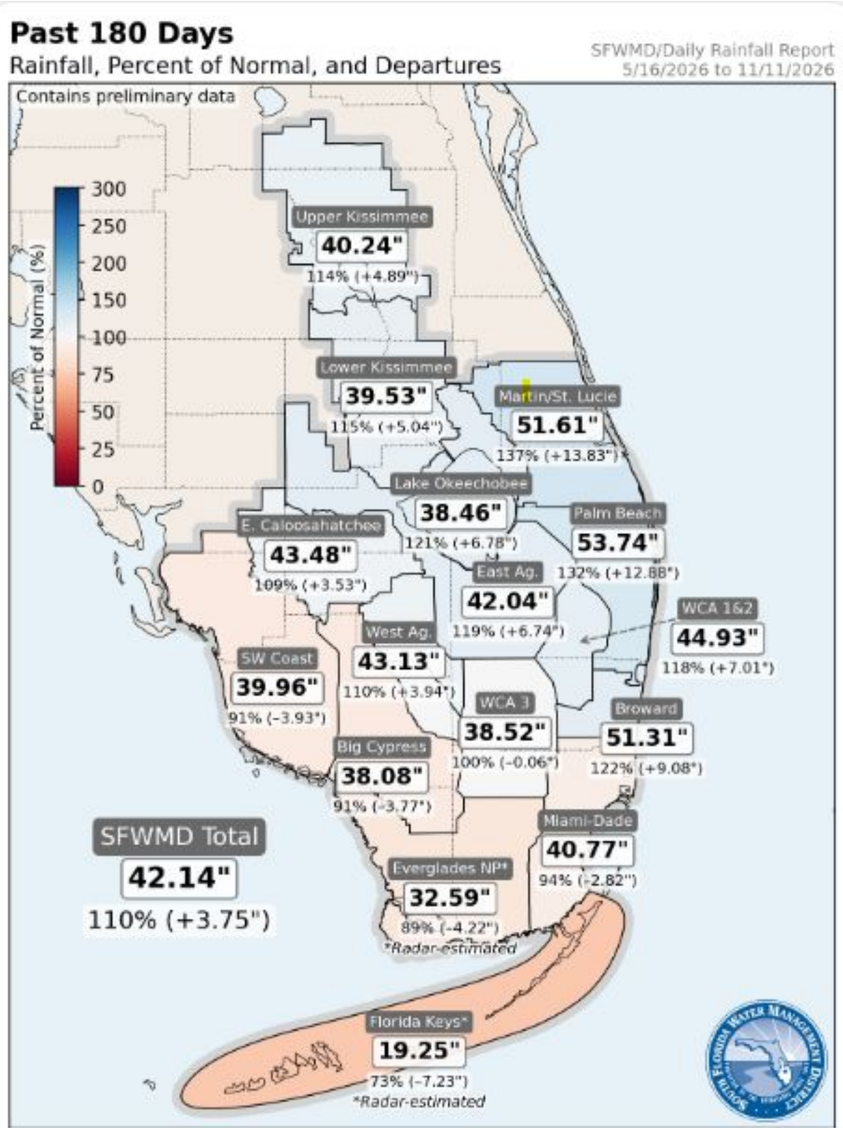
Wet Season 2026

- Rainfall observed with the departure and percent of normal since May 1st, 2026

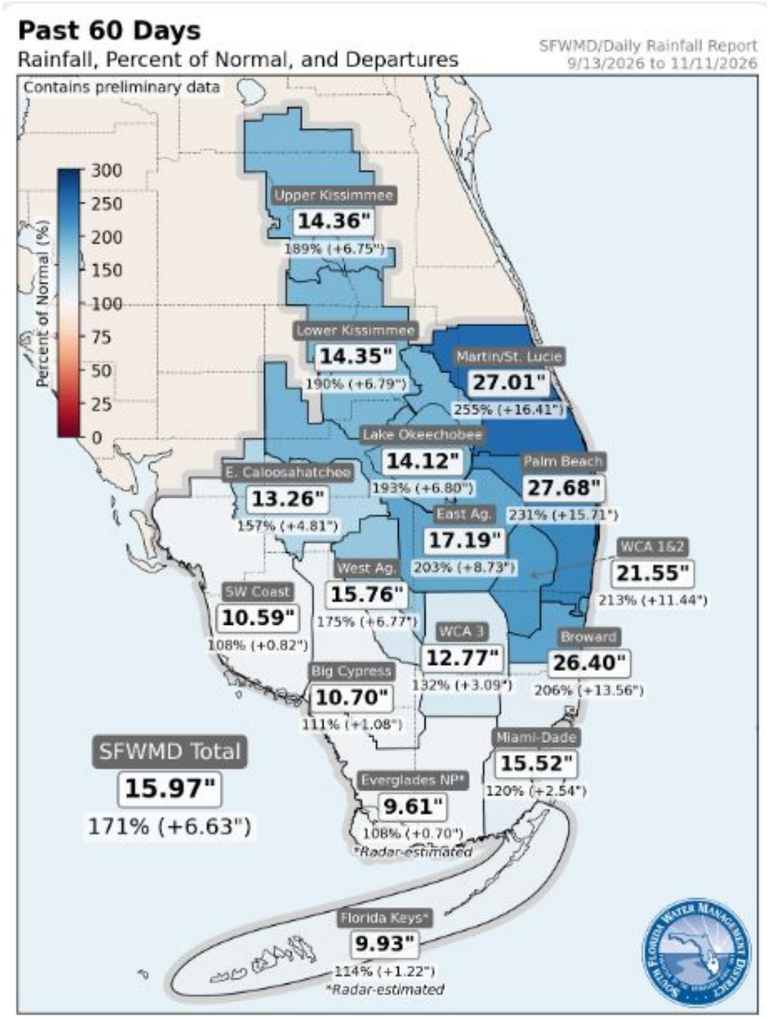
The following table gives the rainfall from May 1st, 2026 to November 11th, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Donald J. Trump International Intl.	**55.09**	**+12.06**	**128%**
Naples Municipal	**35.74**	**-4.28**	**89%**
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	**51.02**	**+5.61**	**112%**
Miami Intl	**37.44**	**-15.72**	**70%**
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	**34.85**	**-2.15**	**94%**
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	**54.99**	**-2.09**	**96%**
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	**43.33**	**-4.59**	**90%**
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	**54.49**	**-1.69**	**97%**
Miami Beach	**40.73**	**-1.95**	**95%**
Devils Garden (Hendry)	**42.48**	**+0.70**	**102%**

Image Captions: Data Courtesy South Florida Water Management from May 16th through November 11th, 2026



Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures (60 & 90 Days)



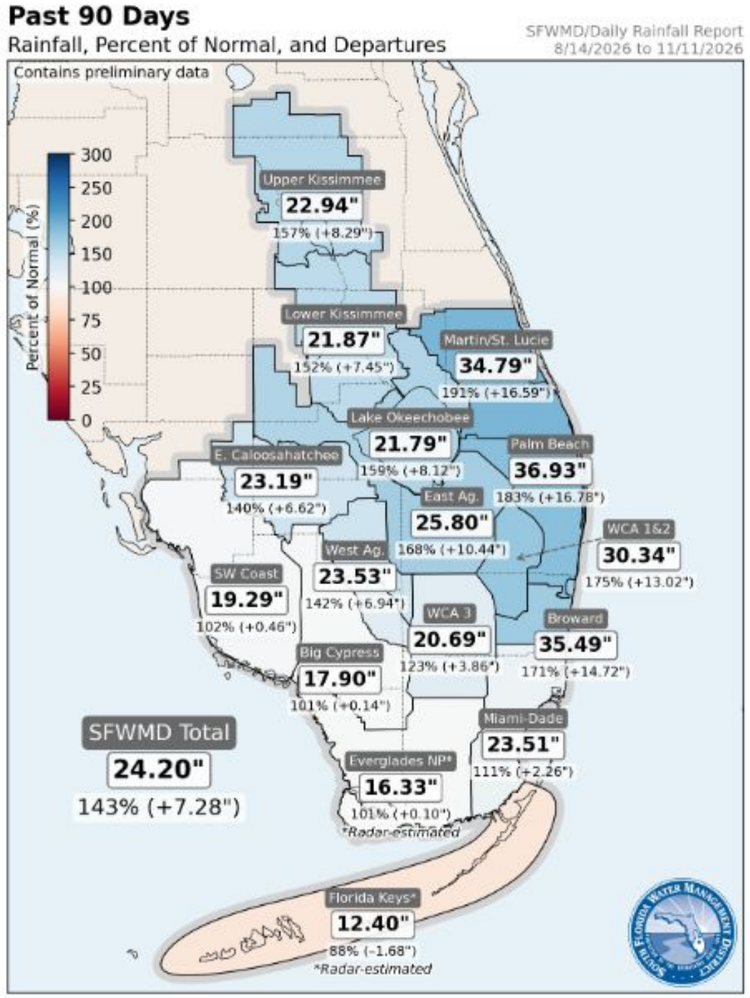


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- Past 60 Days (Since 9/13/2026)
- Past 90 Days (Since 8/14/2026)

180 Day Precipitation & Percent of Normal (Since 1/01/2026)

- Rainfall observed with the departure and percent of normal since January 1st, 2026

The following table gives the rainfall from January 1st, 2026 to November 11th, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Donald J. Trump International Intl.	**70.38**	**+14.26**	**125%**
Naples Municipal	**42.15**	**-5.35**	**88%**
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	**63.45**	**+7.36**	**113%**
Miami Intl	**46.87**	**-16.09**	**74%**
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	**41.71**	**-4.33**	**91%**
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	**57.12**	**-1.79**	**97%**
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	**52.35**	**-4.25**	**92%**
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	**63.77**	**-4.25**	**94%**
Devils Garden (Hendry)	**48.90**	**-2.02**	**95%**

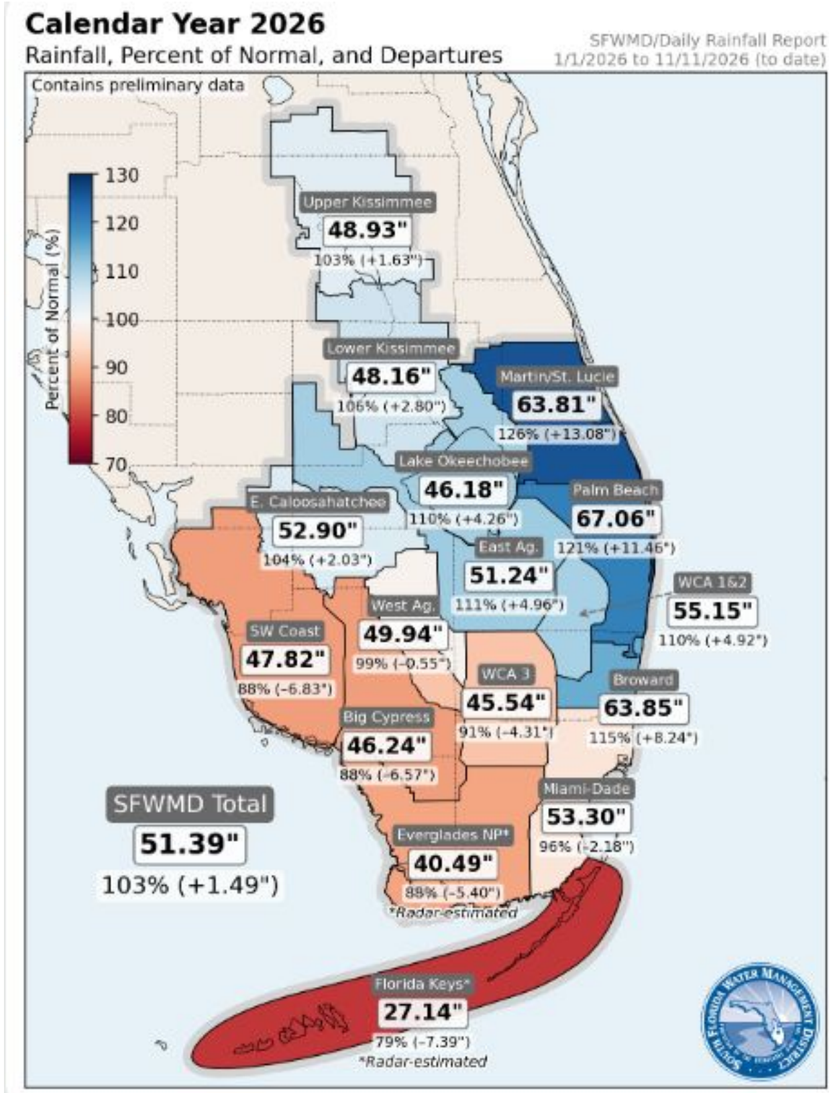


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Data Courtesy South Florida Water Management
Data since beginning of January 1st, 2026

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- **(11/12/26) Lake Okeechobee water level is currently at 14.41 feet which is –0.59 feet below the normal value of 15.00 feet.**
- The underground level for ***Water Conservation Area 1*** in Interior Palm Beach County is at 17.42 feet. Compared to the normal value of 17.50 feet, this is **-0.08 feet** below normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for ***Water Conservation Area 2*** in Interior Broward County is at 14.63 feet. Compared to the normal value of 12.33 feet, this is **+2.30 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for ***Water Conservation Area 3*** in Interior Miami-Dade County is at 11.01 feet. Compared to the normal value of 10.50 feet, this is **+0.51 feet** above normal for this time of year.

Soil Moisture

- Soil moisture over South Florida range from 70 to 90 percentile over the west coast areas increasing to 95 to 99 percentile over Palm Beach County.
- The only area that is near normal (30 to 70 percentile) is over Mainland Monroe County and far western Miami-Dade County.

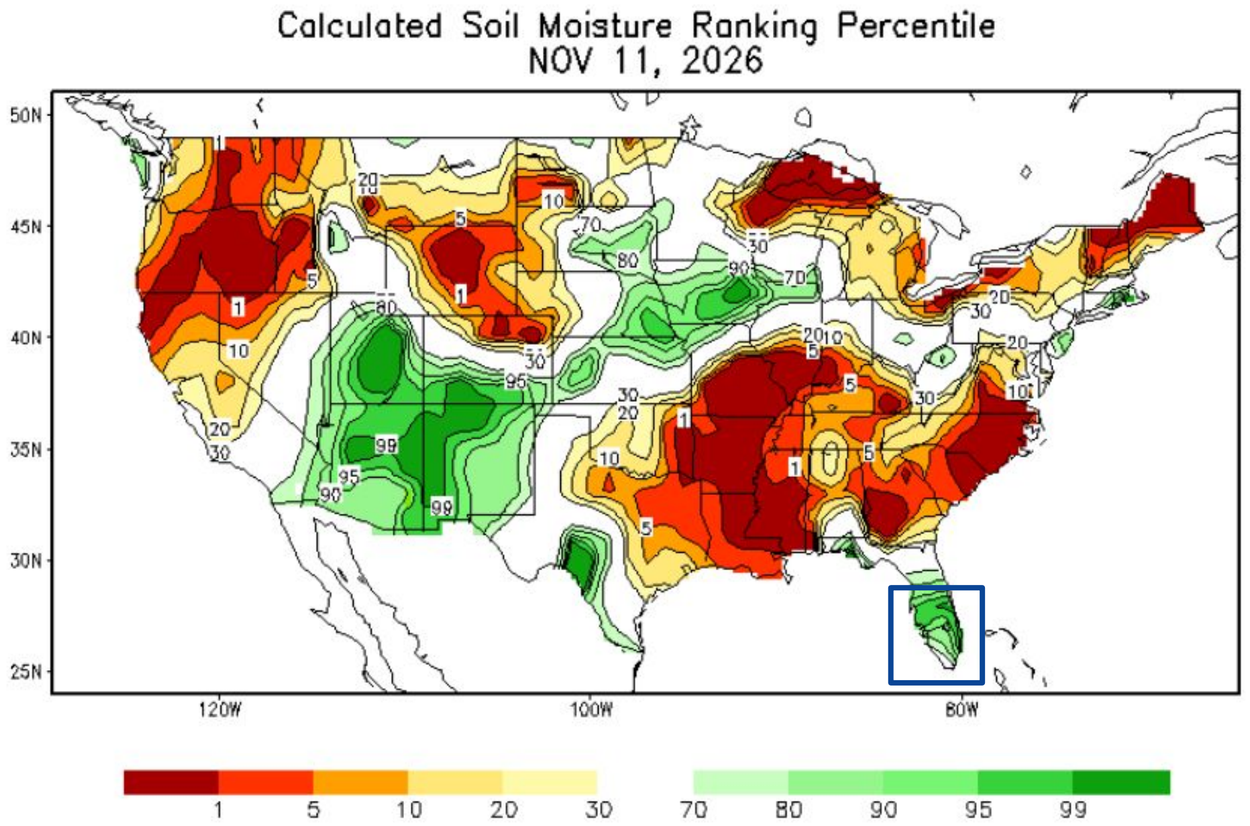


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CPC Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
valid November 11th, 2026

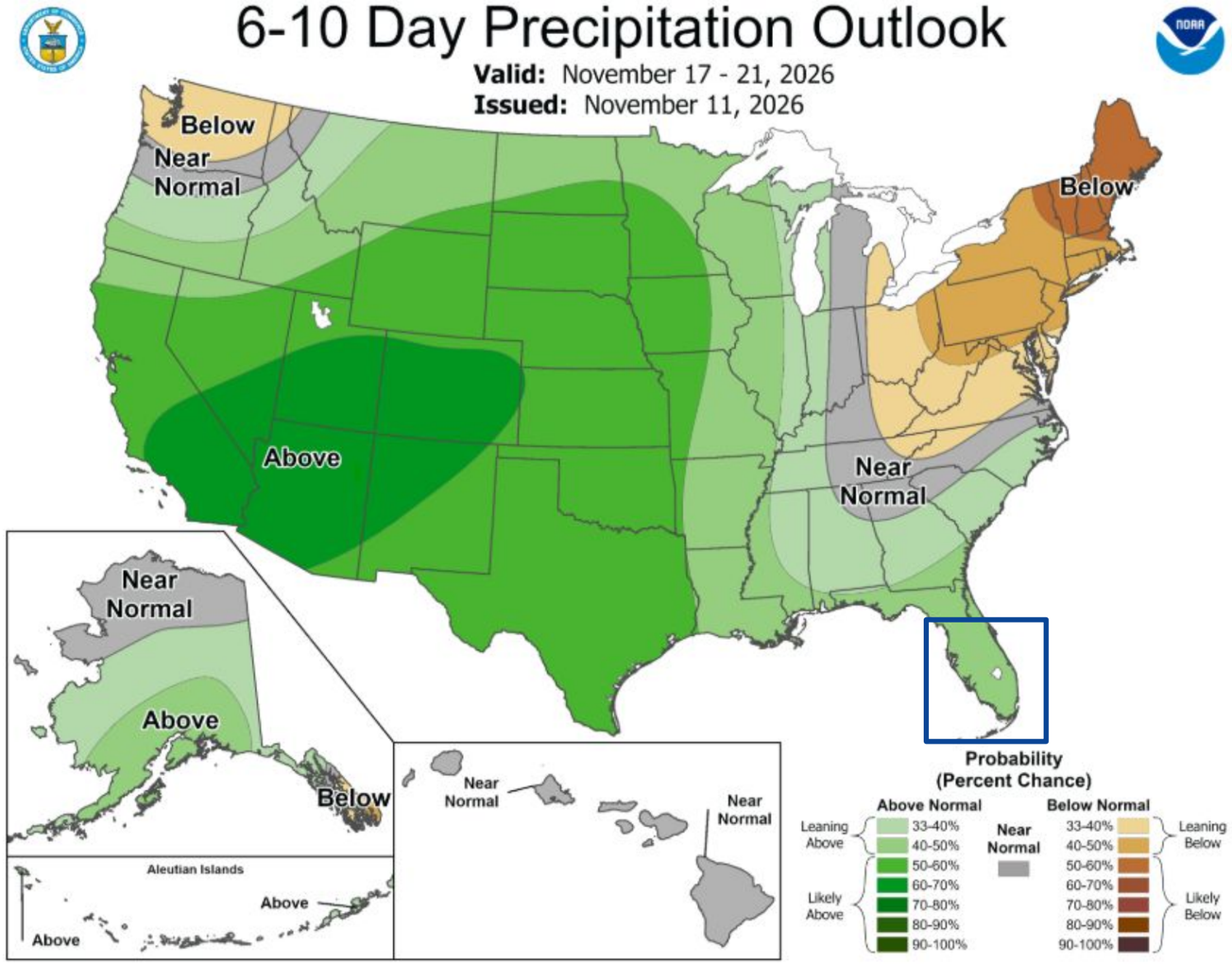
Precipitation Outlook

6-10 Day Climate Prediction Center Precipitation Outlook

- *A cold front will be moving through South Florida this Friday (11/13/26) before high pressure builds into the area this weekend. A low to mid level short wave should be moving through South Florida early next week.*

- *This pattern will lead to mostly dry weather over South Florida this weekend before showers and thunderstorms return to the area early next week.*

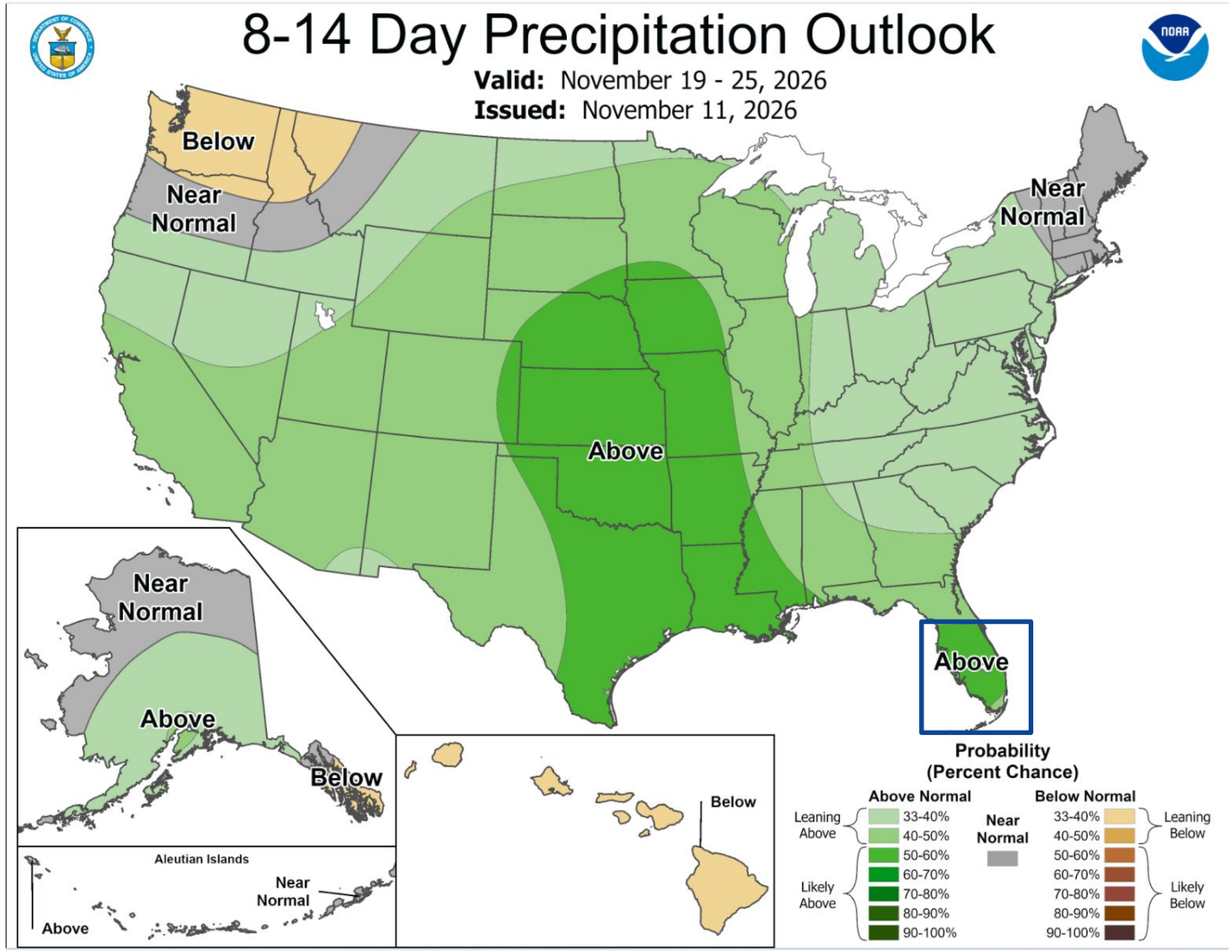
- *The **Climate Prediction Center** forecasting "**Leaning above normal rainfall" (40 to 50 percent)** for our area over the next 6-10 days.*



Long-Range Outlooks

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

- *The **Climate Prediction Center** is forecasting "**Likely above normal rainfall" (50 to 60 percent)** for precipitation for the time frame between November 19-November 25th, 2026.*

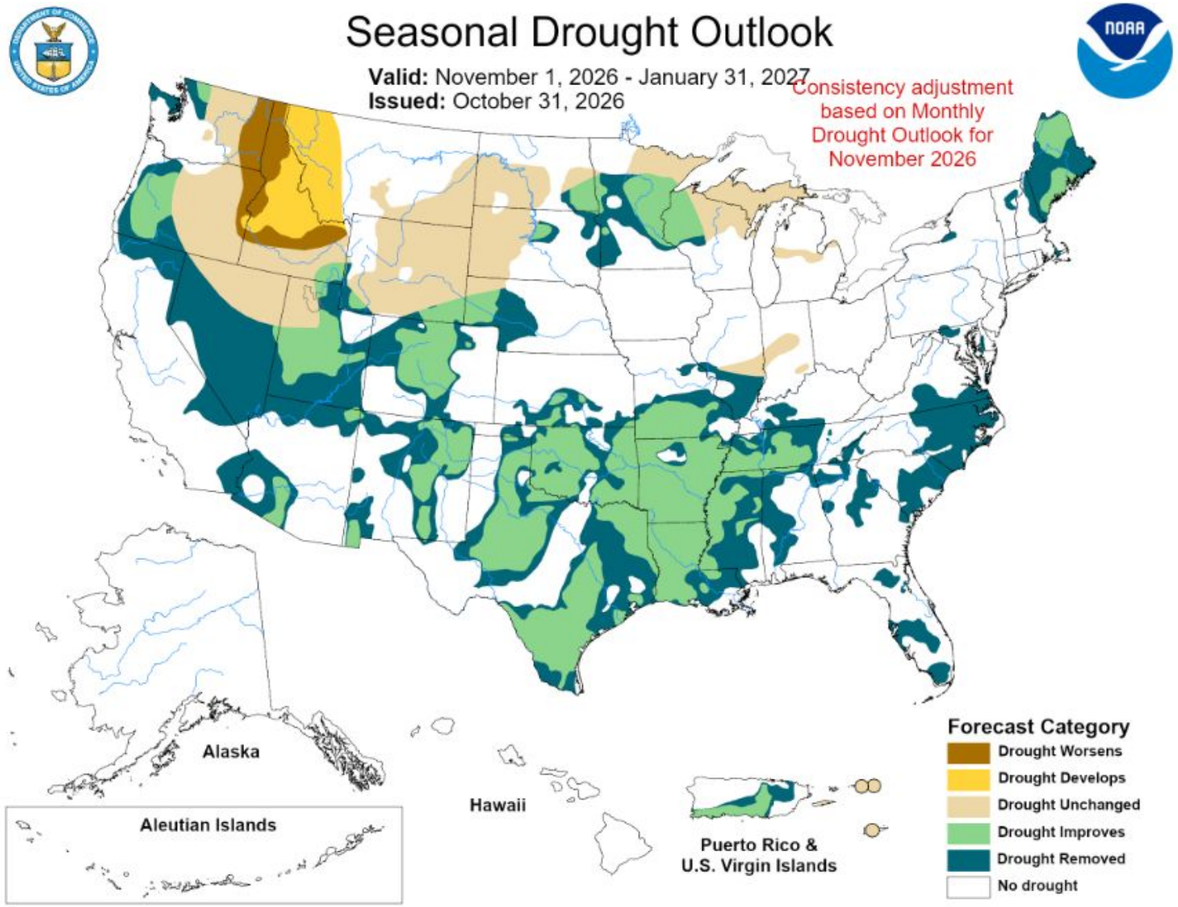


Drought Outlook

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- Drought has persisted for the duration of the wet season with oscillations in severity. The latest seasonal outlook is now calling for the removal of drought conditions across South Florida by the end of January 2027.

- Continued heavy rainfall will be needed to fully alleviate the drought across the interior areas of South Florida.



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