

Drought Information Statement for southeast Mississippi, southwest Alabama, and the western Florida Panhandle

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DROUGHT SHRINKS OVER THE INTERIOR

- *Moderate to severe drought shrinks in areal coverage over the interior.*

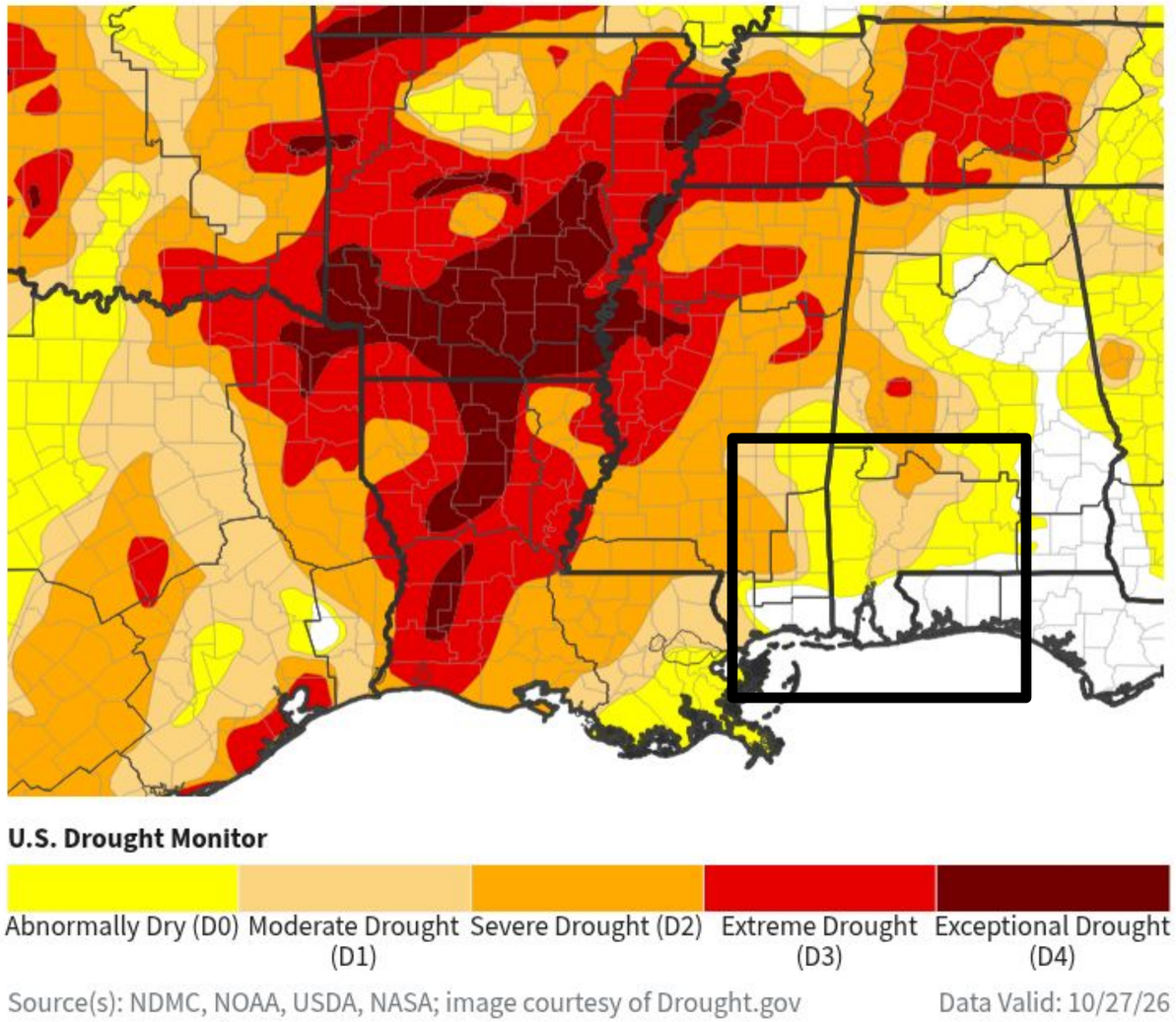
U.S. Drought Monitor

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Latest U.S. Drought Monitor for the Southeast US and central Gulf Coast

Drought Intensity and Extent:

- **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Western Wilcox county in Alabama. Much of Perry County Mississippi.
- **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Alabama to portions of the Mobile River Deltas. Western Greene and Wayne Counties in Mississippi.
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Much of the remainder of the interior.



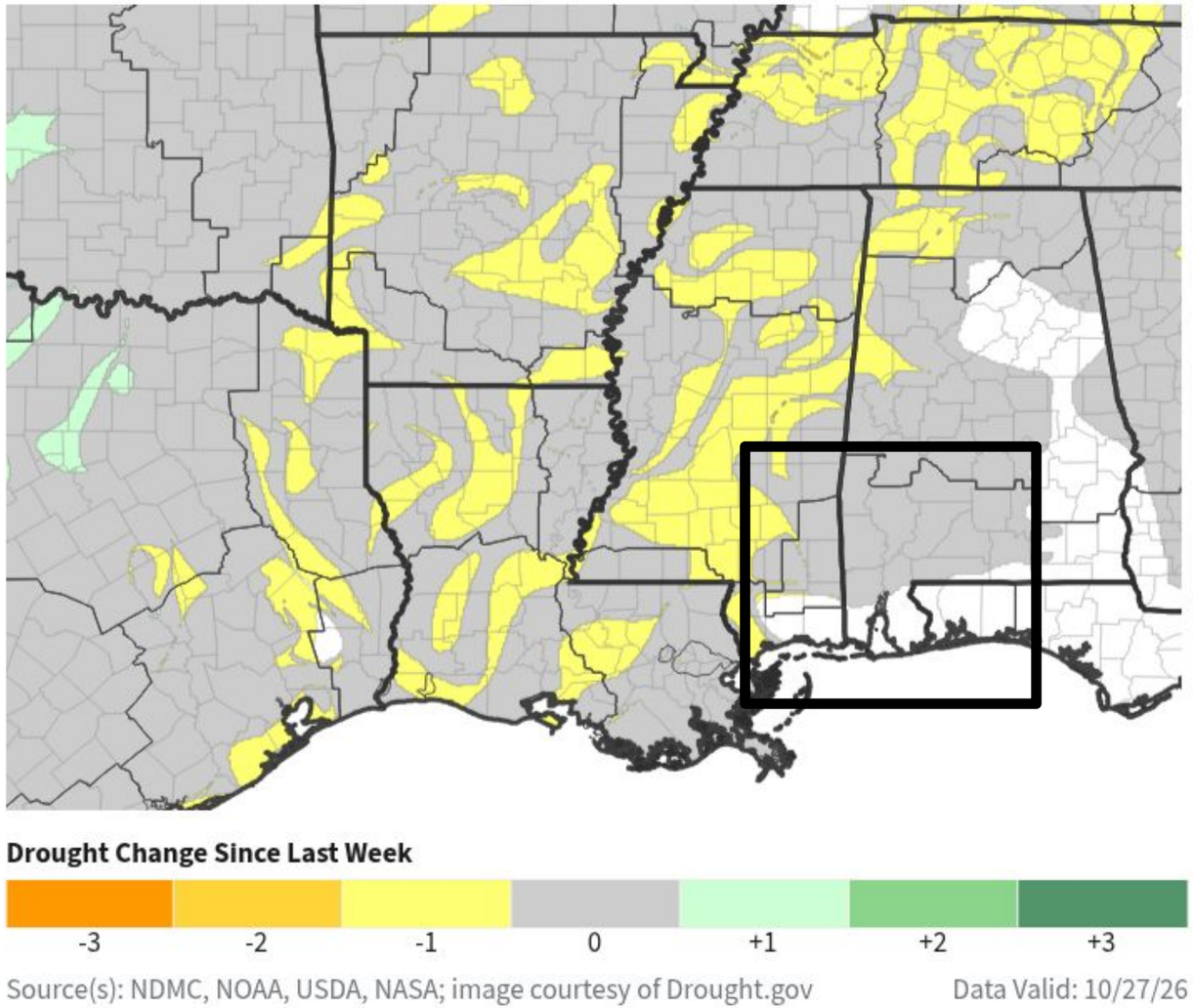
Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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Latest 1-week change map for the Southeast US and central Gulf Coast

One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:

- **No Change:** North of the I-10 corridor.



Precipitation

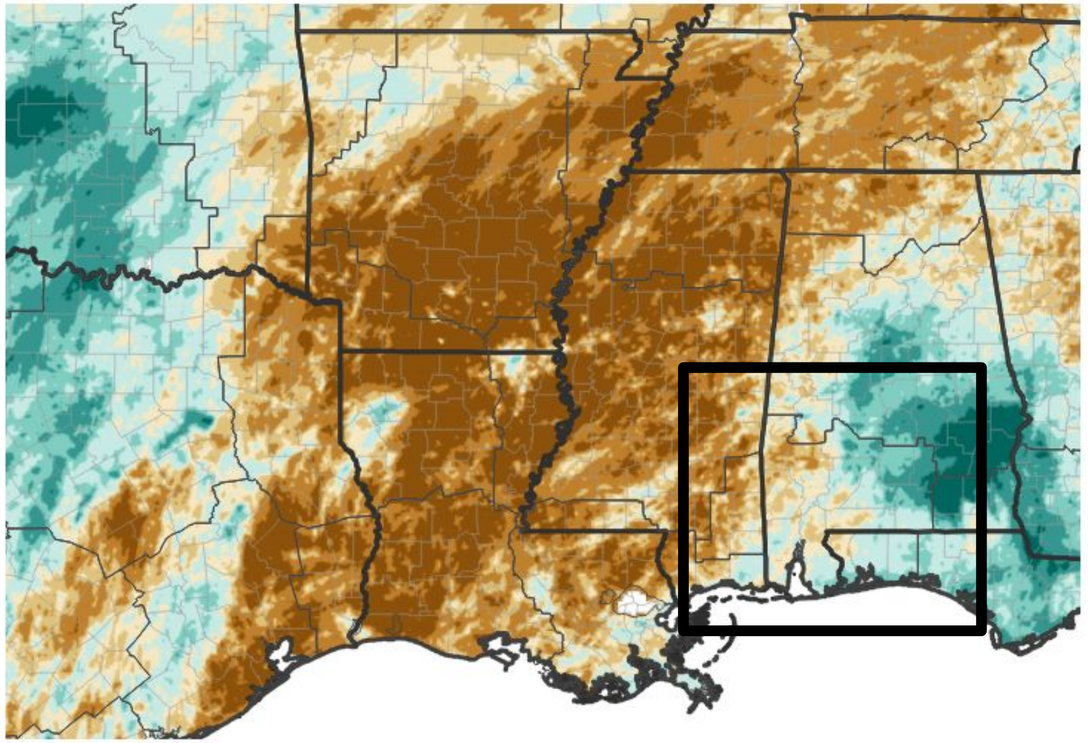
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Summary of conditions and impacts:

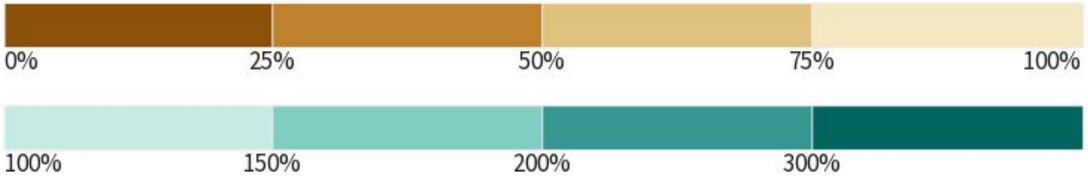
- Since October 1st, areas along and east of the I-65 corridor southward to the northwest Florida Panhandle has seen above normal rainfall. A majority of this came from Hurricane Isaias.

- The largest precipitation deficits against the 30-day means at 75% or less were most prevalent west of the I-65 corridor.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Summary of Impacts

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See Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR) and Drought Impacts Reporter

Hydrologic Impacts

- The US Geological Survey (USGS) indicates stages on several local river and/or stream points are below to much below normal. Rivers and streams that are experiencing low water levels will likely result in what is typically deeply submerged objects being likely closer to the water's surface or in many cases completely exposed. This presents increased waterway hazards for safe recreational boating and commercial navigation.

Agricultural Impacts

- Crop condition in the driest of areas is poor, more susceptible to disease and insect damage. Supplemental feeding will likely be needed to maintain livestock health.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Although the risk of significant wildland fire lowers over the local area heading into November, know the law before you burn. Anyone who burns a field, grassland, or woodland without a burn permit may be subject to significant fines or prosecution for committing a Class B misdemeanor.

Mitigation Actions

- Water conservation techniques are strongly encouraged in drought areas. Please refer to your municipality and/or your water provider for mitigation information. Local water restriction ordinances may be in place.

Hydrologic Conditions & Impacts

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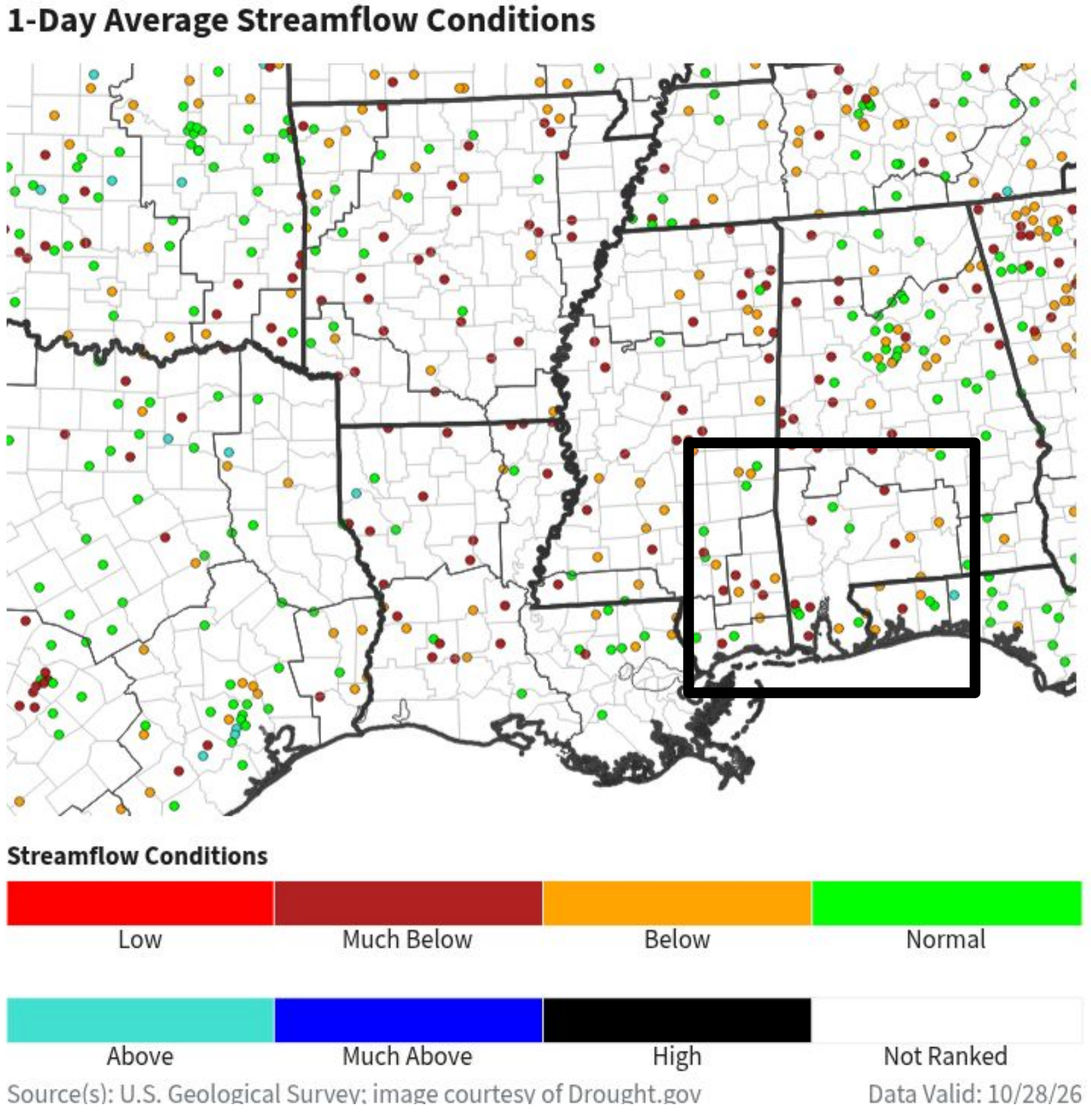
Select River/Creek Data

Summary of conditions and impacts:

- Despite a decent round of rainfall the early part of the month of October, a lengthy dry spell since then has resulted in several local waterway flows trending to at below to much below normal levels.

- Rivers and streams that are experiencing low water levels will likely result in what is typically deeply submerged objects being likely closer to the water's surface or in some cases completely exposed presenting a waterway hazard for safe recreational boating and commercial navigation.

Most current stages and flow for each state's stream and river points: Mississippi and Alabama and Florida



Agricultural Impacts

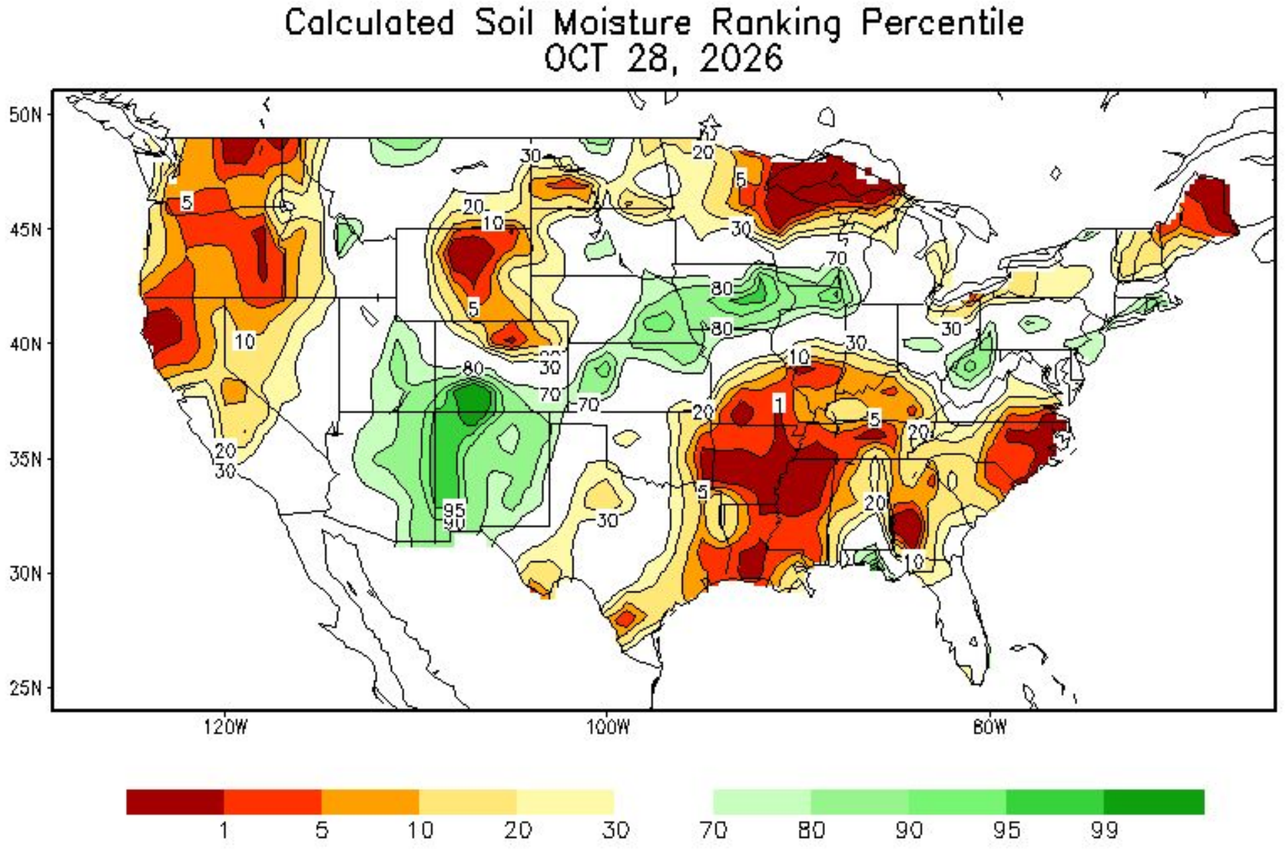
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Summary of conditions and impacts:

- Per latest data from the USDA October 25, 2026, top and subsoil moisture strata reflects greatest areal deficits in Mississippi and Alabama.

- Topsoil/Subsoil Moisture % Short to Very Short:
  Mississippi - 94% / 92%
  Alabama - 49% / 47%
  Mississippi - 27% / 27%

- Crop condition in the driest of areas is poor, more susceptible to disease and insect damage. Supplemental feeding will likely be needed to maintain livestock health. On a side note: Hurricane Isaias destroyed up to around 95% of the cotton crop in the northwest Florida Panhandle.



It is recommended that farmers reach out to local USDA office for details on available funding assistance.

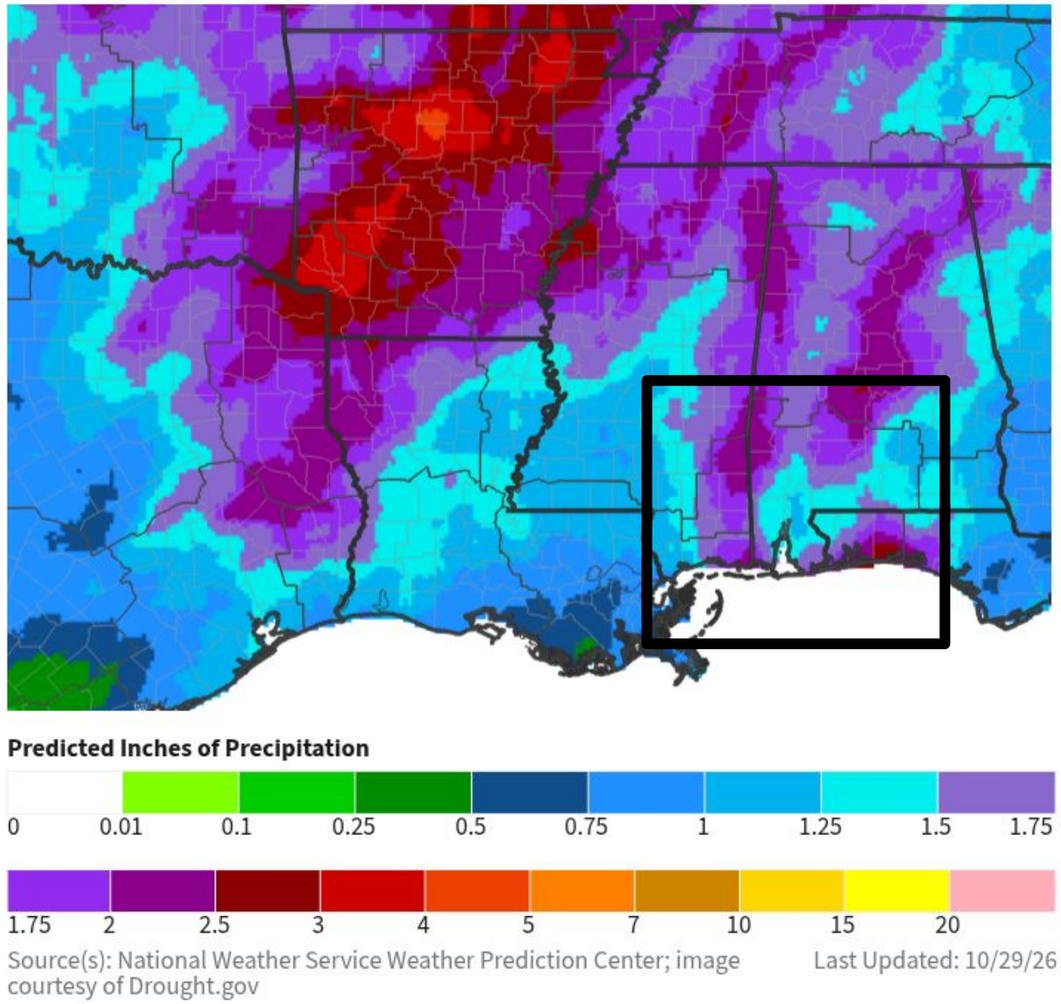
7-Day Precipitation Forecast

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Summary of conditions and impacts:

- A couple of weather systems will bring an uptick in rainfall chances as we close out the month of October and open up November.
- Storm total rainfall for the period ending November 5th could add up to 1 to 3 inches for portions of the area.
- This will be beneficial, if rains are able to soak into the ground.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 29, 2026–November 5, 2026



Long-Range Outlooks

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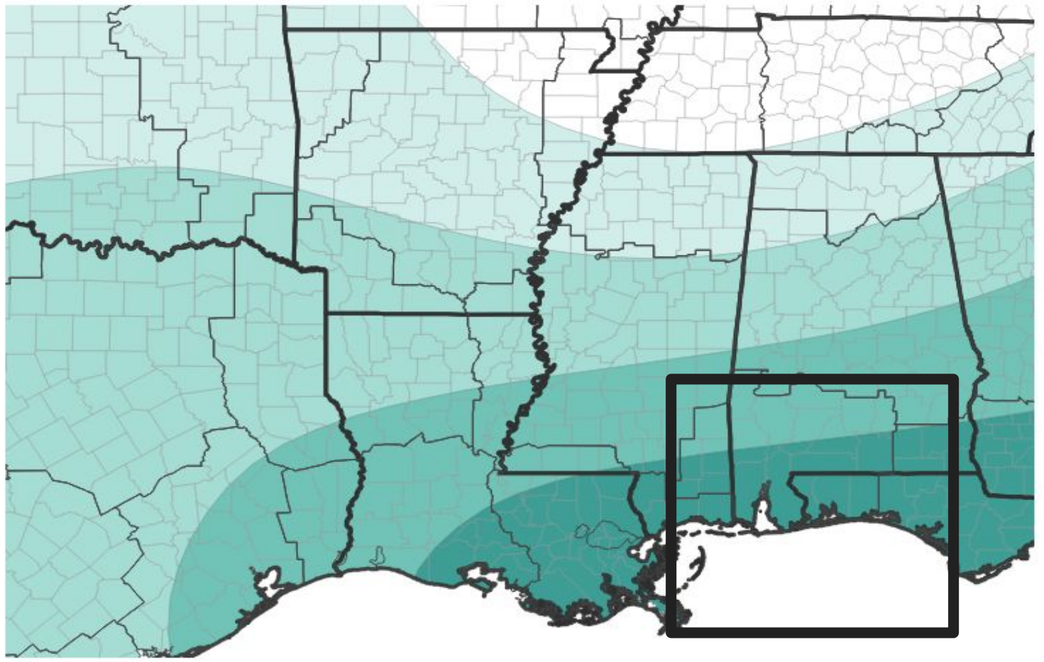
Latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the CPC webpage

Summary of conditions and impacts:

- A pattern shift favors above normal rainfall for the month of November.

- November rainfall is favored to lean above normal (50 to 70%) over the local area..

2026-November 30, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation

33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation

33% 40% 50%

Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Drought Outlook

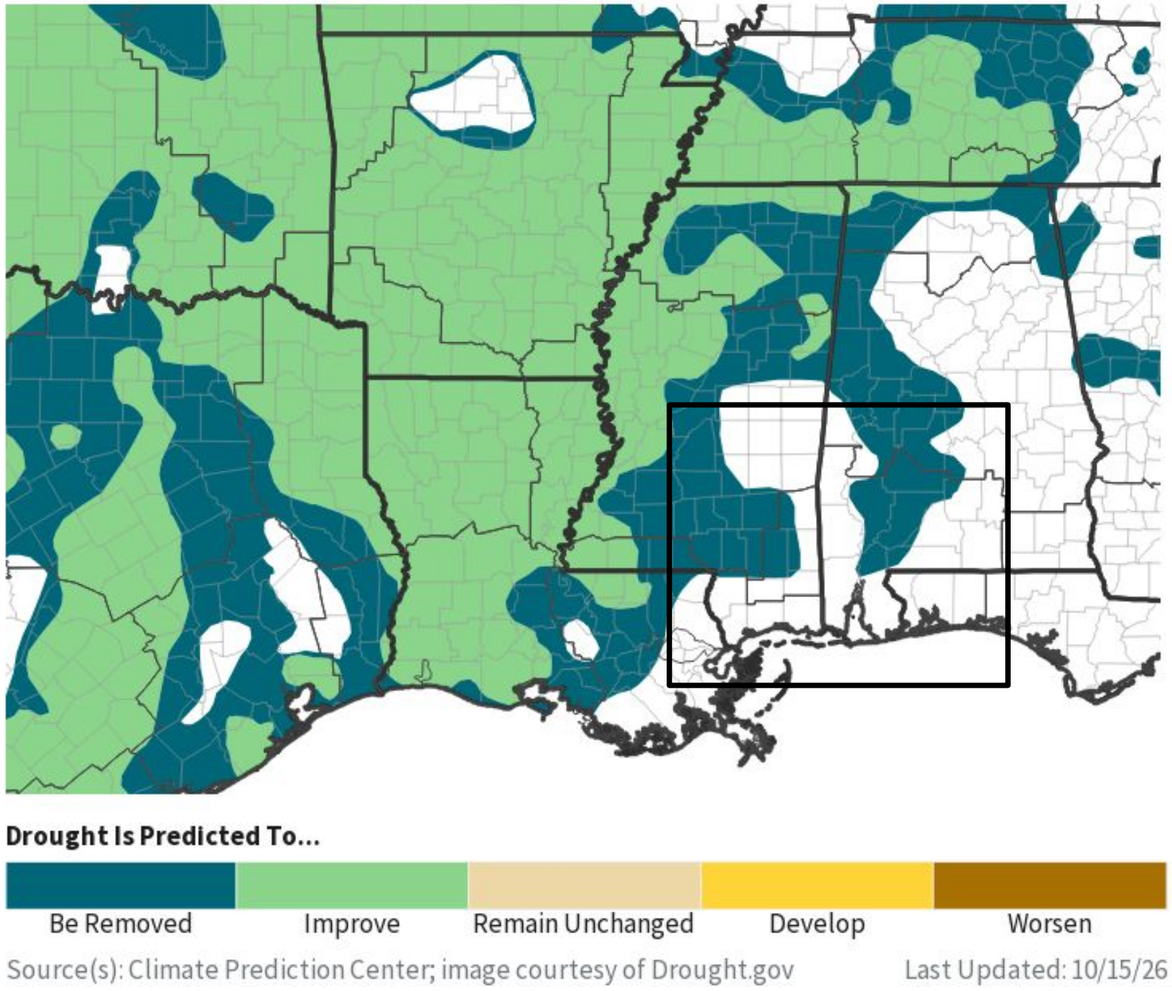
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Summary of conditions and impacts:

- The seasonal outlook calls for drought to end entirely over the local area by January 31st, 2027.

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



Latest Climate Prediction Center Drought Outlooks:
Monthly Outlook and Seasonal Outlook