



Drought Information Statement

For East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and Southwest North Carolina

Valid February 12, 2026

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- This product will be updated in the next week or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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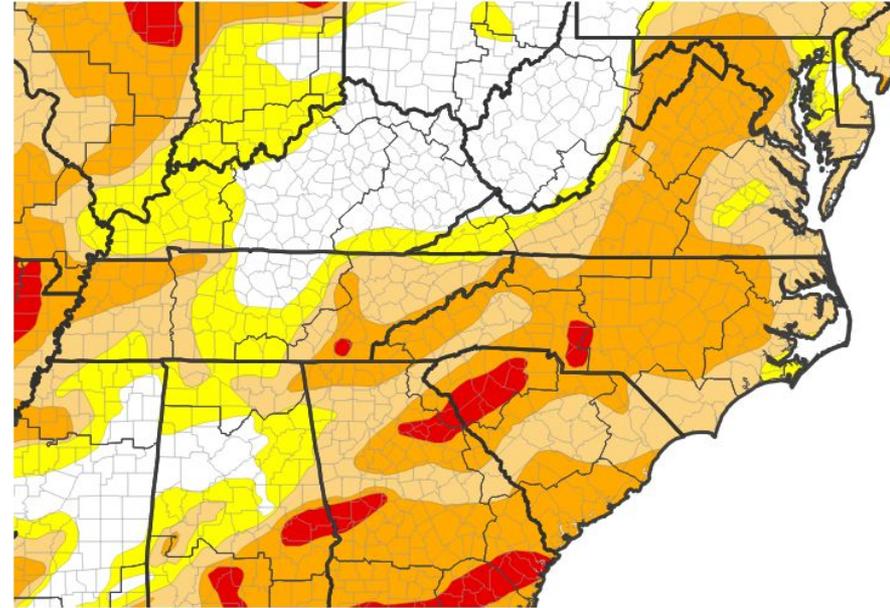
U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for the NWS Morristown CWA

- **Drought intensity and Extent**

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None.
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** southern Valley in and around Bradley County
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Rest of southern Valley, mountains, and part of the Plateau
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Most remaining areas of East Tennessee
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Most of southwest Virginia

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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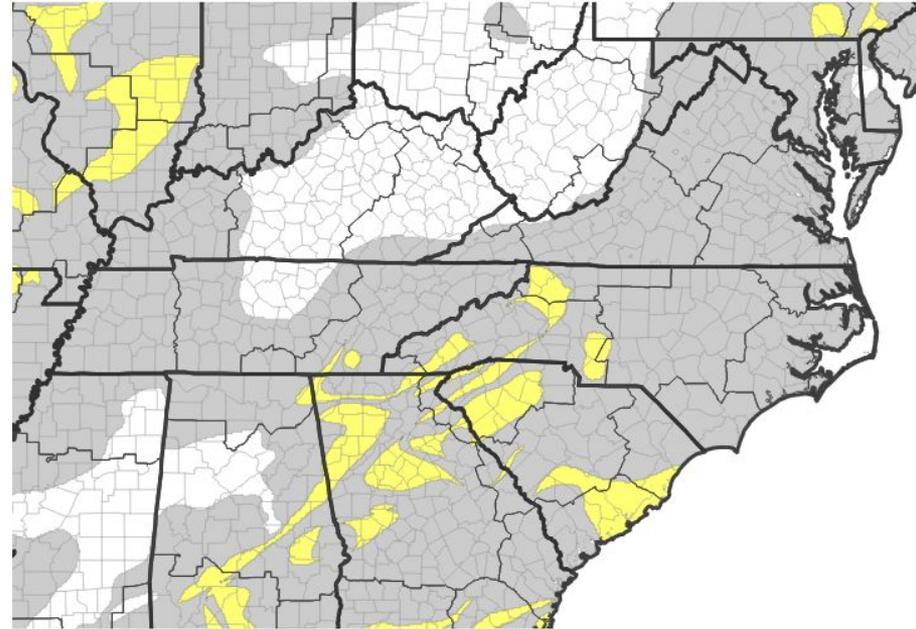


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 1-week change map for the Southern Appalachians

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Worsened:** Portions of the southern Valley and southwest North Carolina
 - **No Change:** Most of the remaining areas
 - **Drought Improved:** None.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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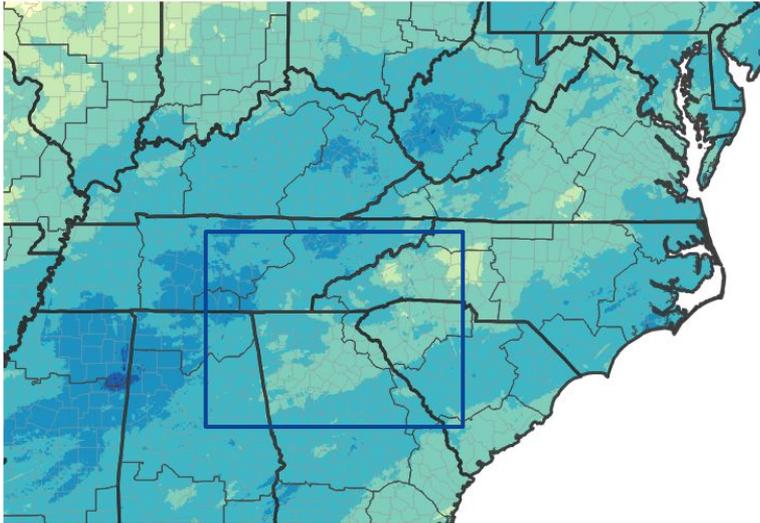




Precipitation

- Precipitation has been below normal

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

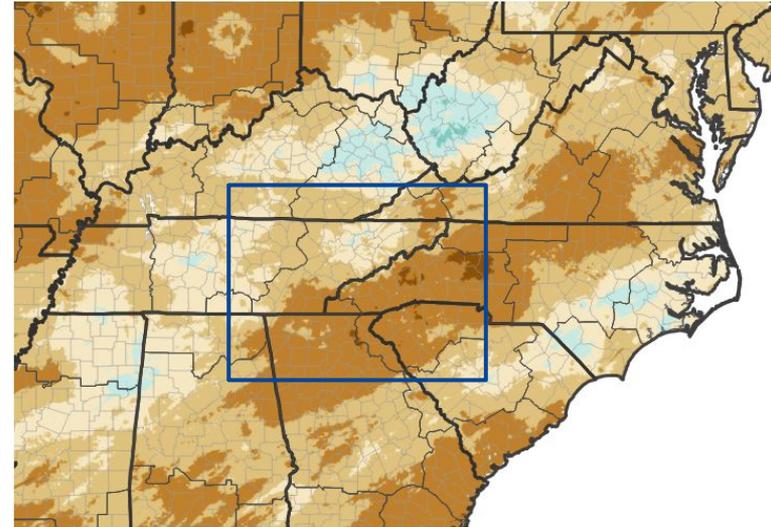


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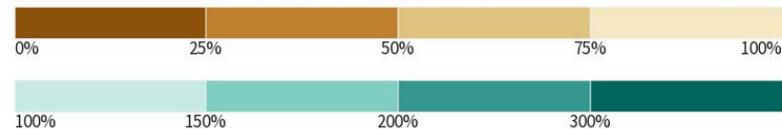


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 02/12/26

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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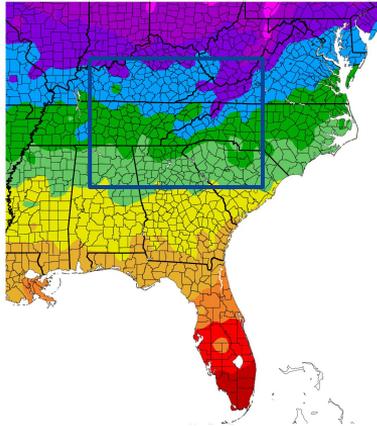




Temperature

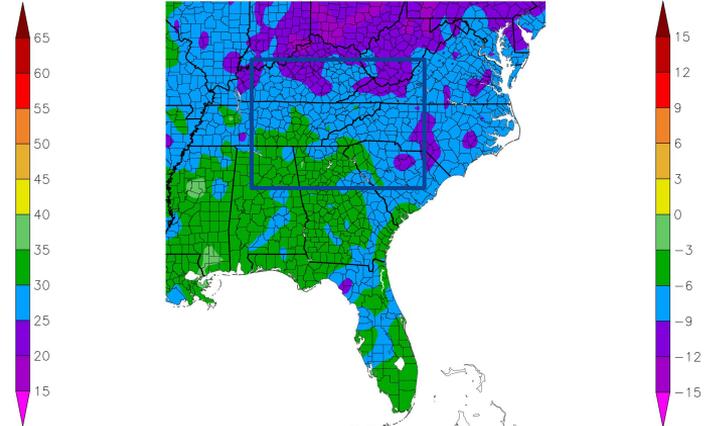
- Temperatures have been far below normal the past 4 weeks.

Temperature (F)
1/13/2026 - 2/11/2026



Generated 2/12/2026 using provisional data.

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
1/13/2026 - 2/11/2026



ACIS Web Services 026 using provisional data.

ACIS Web Services





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Stream flows are generally below normal for most places

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is below normal for agriculture.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Tennessee Forestry has reported little to no fire activity, but the fire outlook for North Carolina is above normal

Other Impacts

- Stay tuned for future updates.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information. Continue to abide by any local burning bans and regulations.

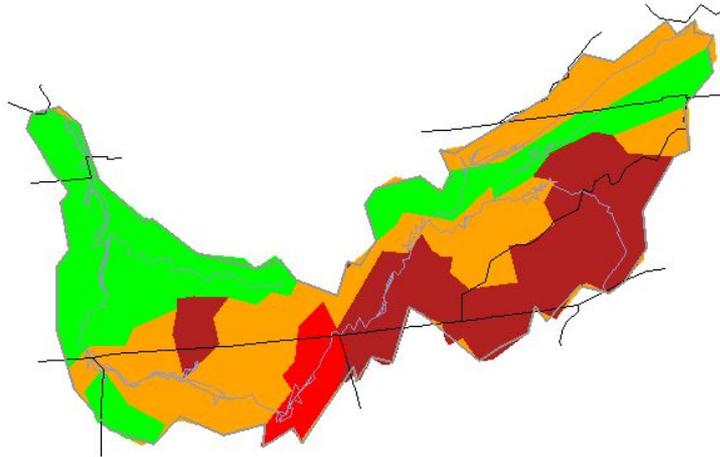




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows are below to well below normal across most of the area

Hednesday, February 11, 2026



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map.

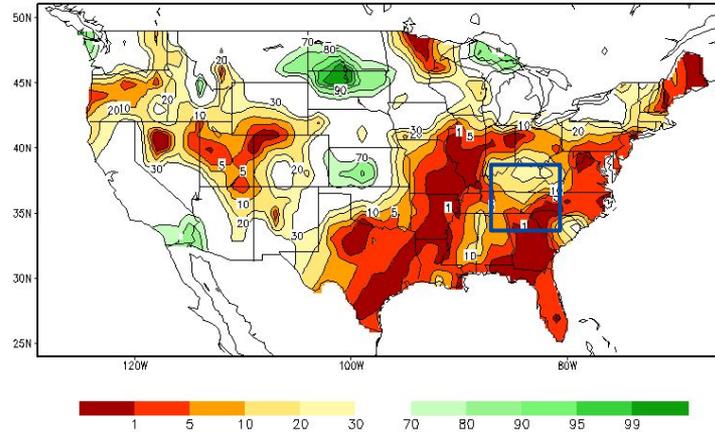




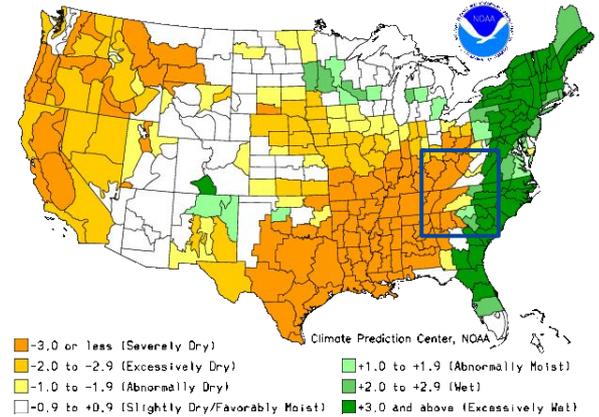
Agricultural Impacts

- Recent dry weather has resulted in some drier soil conditions across most of the region

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
FEB 11, 2026



Crop Moisture Index by Division
Weekly Value for Period Ending OCT 26, 2024
Short Term Need vs. Available Water in a Shallow Soil Profile





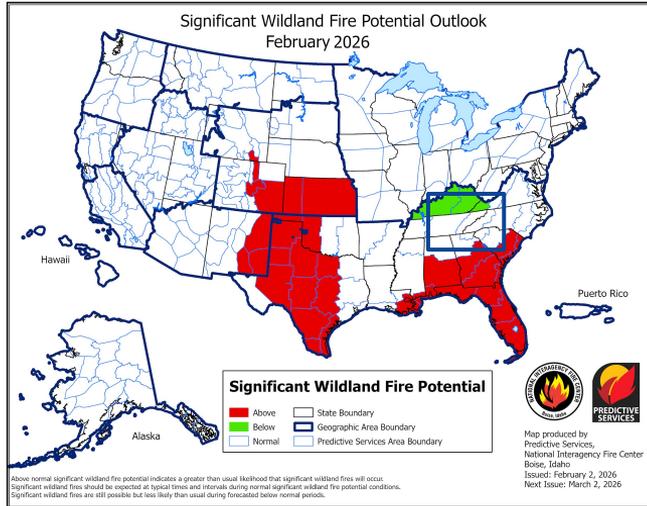
Fire Hazard Impacts

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

Latest TN Burn Ban map available [here.](#)

Latest VA Burn Ban map available [here.](#)

Latest NC Burn Ban information available [here.](#)

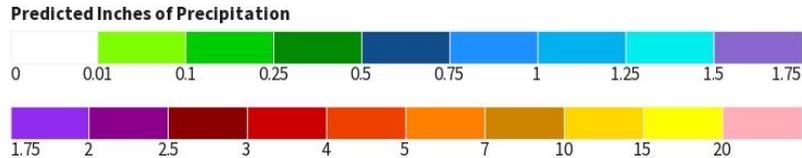
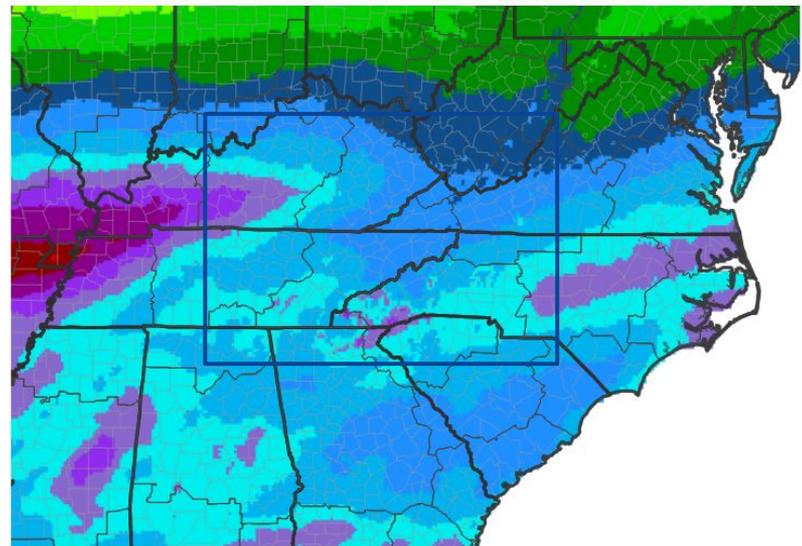




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Light to possibly moderate rainfall is expected Saturday into Sunday
 - Most places will see around 1” or more with the heaviest totals well to our west
 - Limited rainfall is expected before or after this timeframe.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for February 12, 2026–February 19, 2026



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 02/12/26



Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

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

- No hazards in our area during Week 2



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: February 20 - 26, 2026



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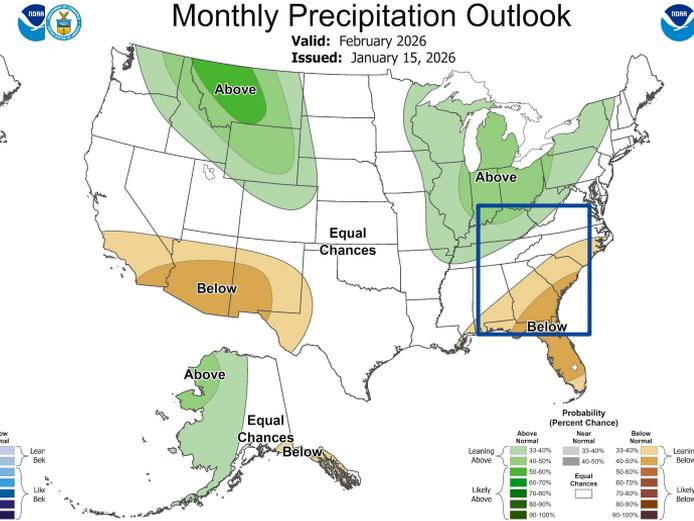
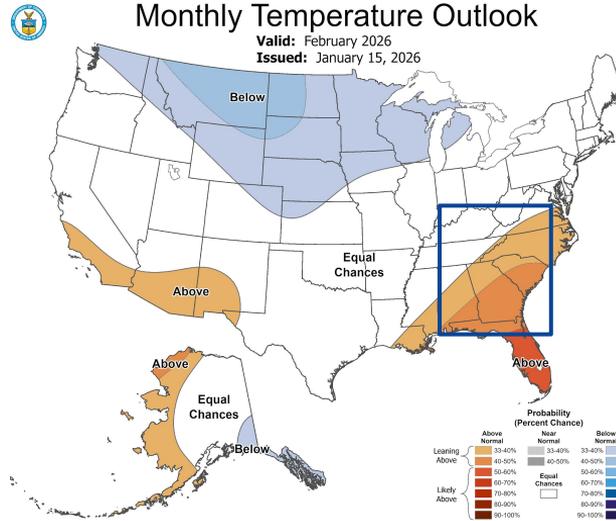
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Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Above normal temperatures and above normal rainfall are slightly favored for the month of February.



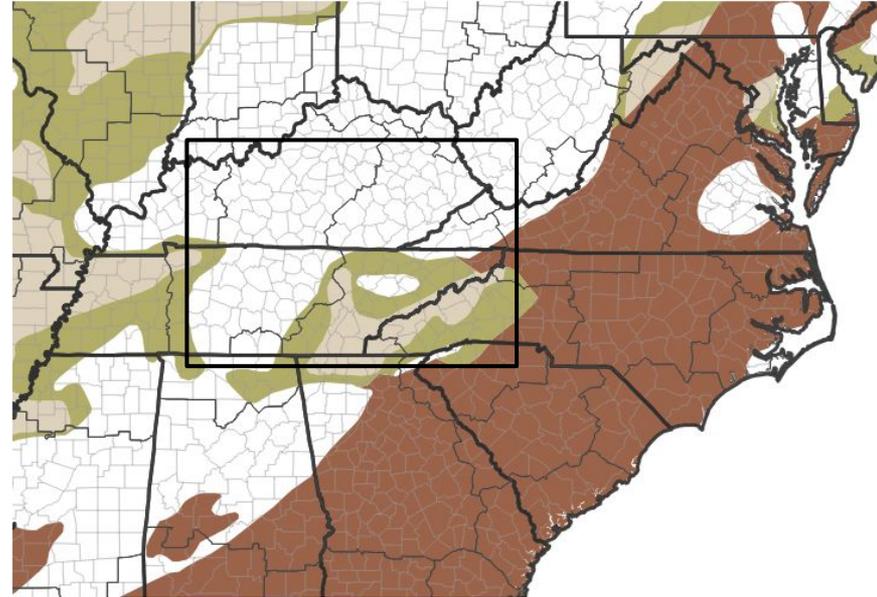


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- Drought conditions are forecast to improve over the next 3 months

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 31, 2026–April 30, 2026



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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