



Drought Information Statement for Southeast Alabama, Southwest Georgia, and the Florida Panhandle & Big Bend

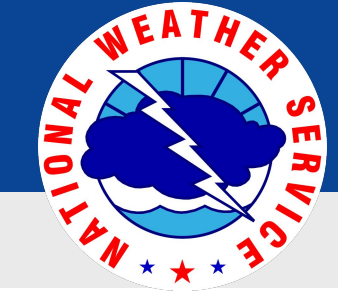
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- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/TAE/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
- **Drought Improvement Rapidly Continues Across much of the Region.**
- **Severe to Extreme Drought Continues in the Southeast Florida Big Bend.**
- The drought is long term in character with hydrologic impacts persisting throughout the Southeast Florida Big Bend with low river flows and surface water levels.
- Significant rainfall over the last week led to considerable improvement in Southeast Alabama, Southwest Georgia, and the Florida Panhandle, removing drought from these areas.





U.S. Drought Monitor

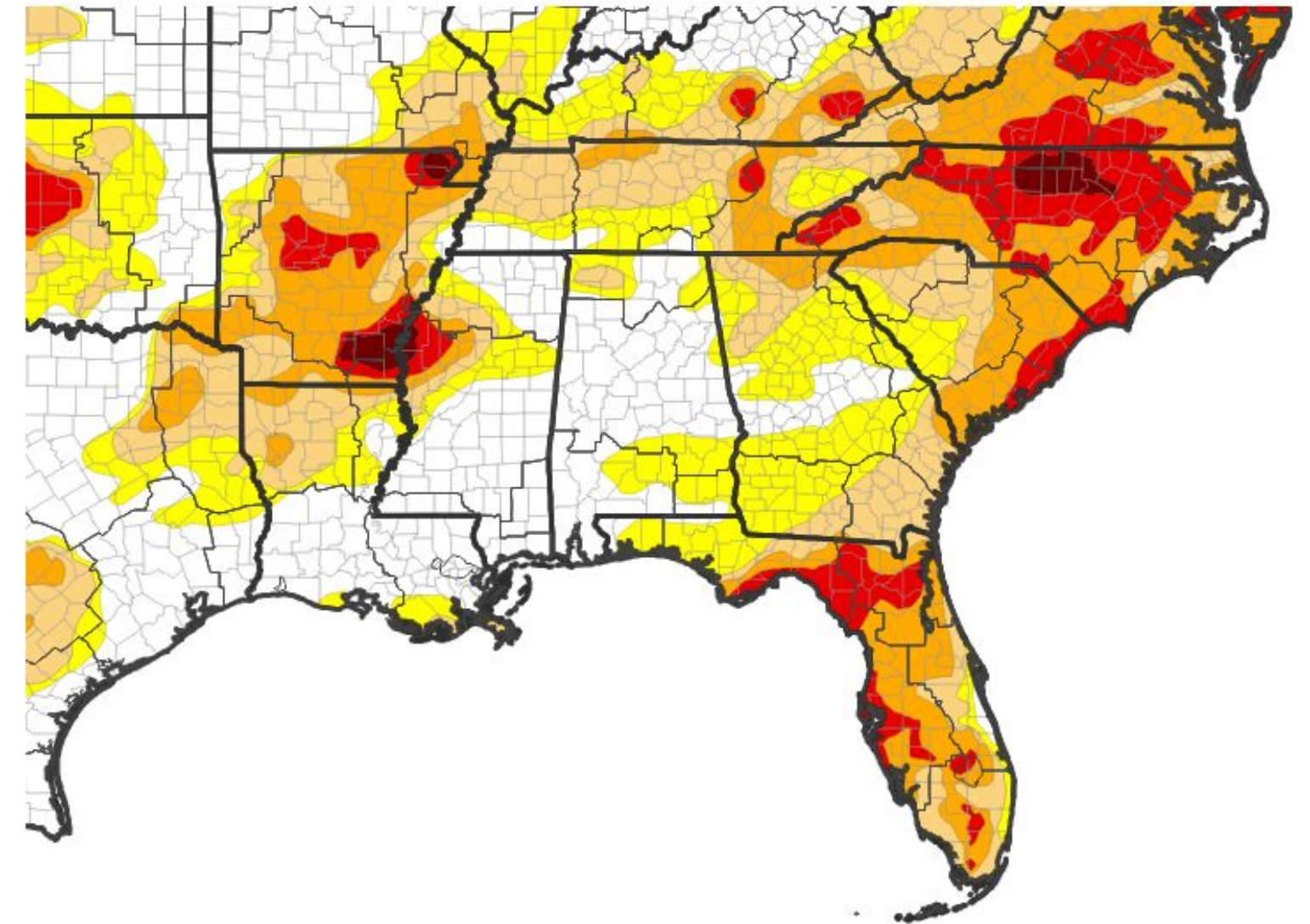
Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Southeast Alabama, Southwest Georgia, and the Florida Panhandle & Big Bend

- Considerable drought improvement has occurred over the last two weeks as much needed rainfall affected most of the forecast area. Areas in the SE Florida Big Bend missed the heaviest rainfall.

Drought intensity and Extent:

- **D3 (Extreme Drought):**
 - In Florida: from Coastal Franklin County eastward to the SE Florida Big Bend.
- **D2 (Severe Drought):**
 - In Florida: from Inland Franklin County northeast to Southern Leon County and then east to the Suwannee River.
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):**
 - In Florida: North of I-10 from Leon County eastward to the Suwannee River.
 - In Georgia: Thomas County northeast to Berrien County and south to the GA/FL Border.
- **D0 (Abnormally Dry):**
 - The remainder of the area, generally west of a line from Mexico Beach, FL to Ocilla, GA.

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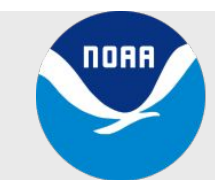


U.S. Drought Monitor



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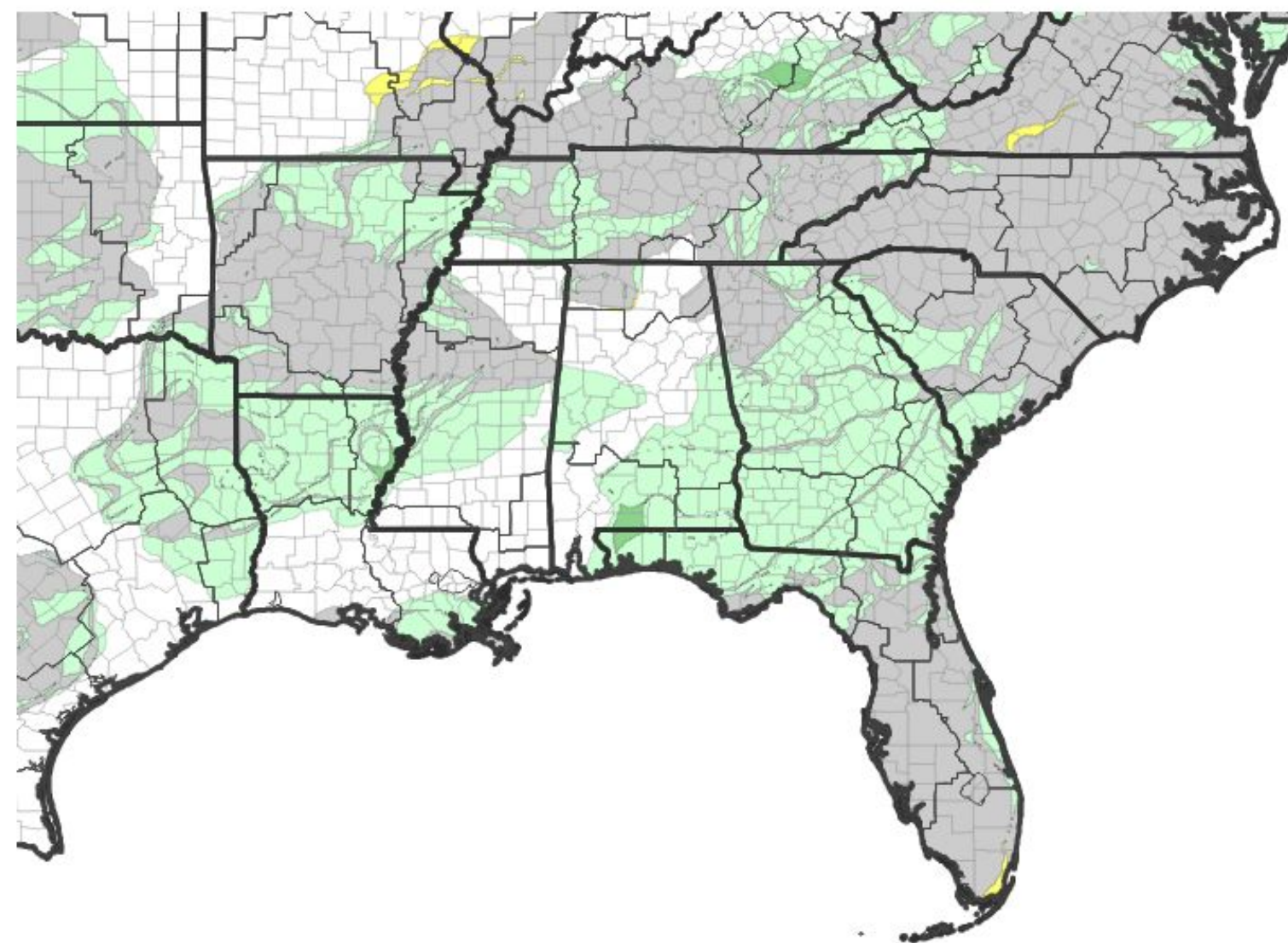


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

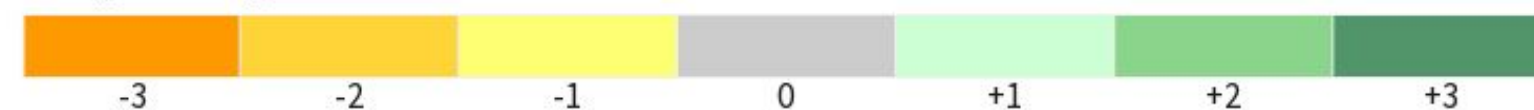
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Southeast Alabama, Southwest Georgia, and the Florida Panhandle & Big Bend

- Drought severity continued improving, with additional improvement this week across most of the entire region.
- One-Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - **1 Category Improvement**
 - All areas except in the Southeast Florida Big Bend.
 - **No change**
 - Southeast Florida Big Bend.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map

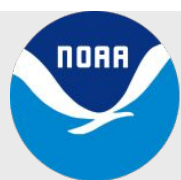


Drought Change Since Last Week



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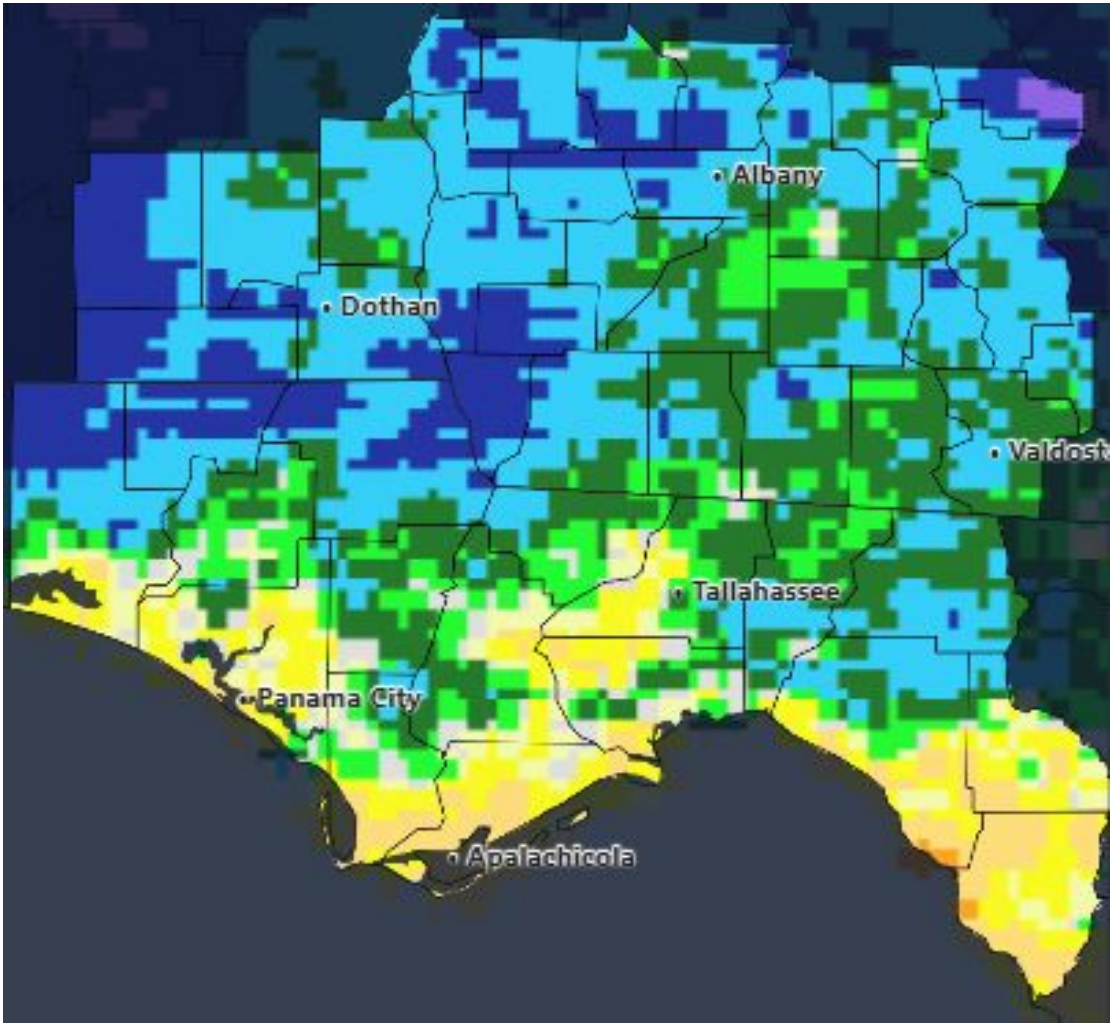
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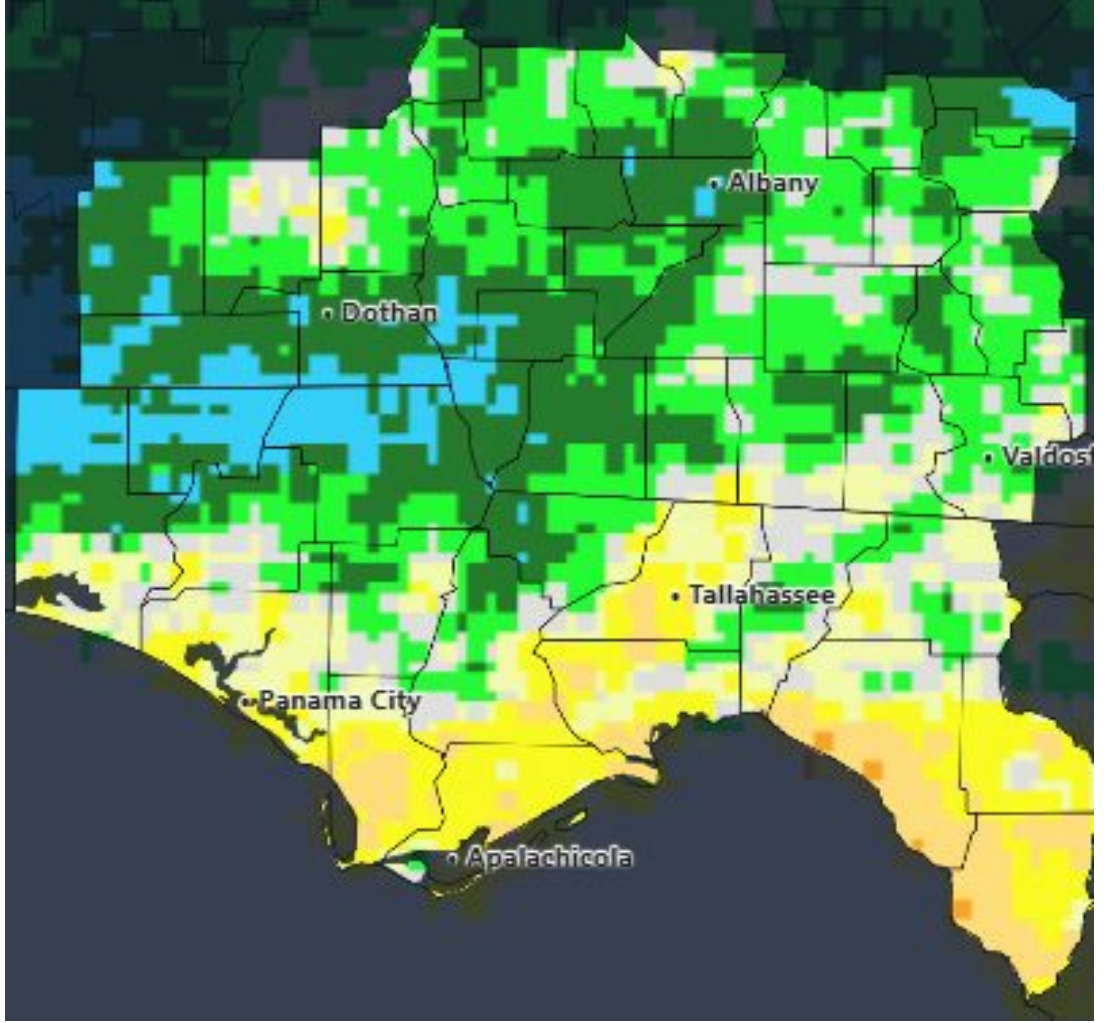
Precipitation

Note: Precipitation after 8 AM EDT/7 AM CDT Tuesday is incorporated in next week's Drought Monitor

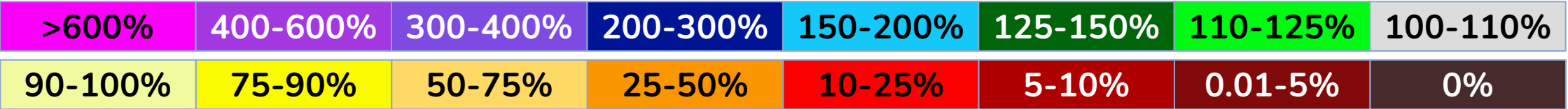
	Last 30 Days		Last 120 Days	
	Rainfall	Percent	Rainfall	Percent
DeFuniak Springs*	14.16"	240.9%	32.91"	163.3%
Panama City ECP	3.36"	63.8%	12.13"	65.6%
Dothan	6.36"	135.5%	16.77"	97.7%
Georgetown**	5.73"	126.5%	17.90"	105.7%
Dawson**	7.57"	164.9%	17.20"	102.7%
Arlington**	8.19"	176.7%	22.81"	135.3%
Albany	5.85"	126.8%	21.36"	141.4%
Cairo**	8.53"	157.5%	20.95"	123.0%
Tallahassee	6.07"	86.5%	13.12"	68.8%
St. Marks****	3.75"	63.1%	9.19"	54.1%
Moultrie**	7.26"	142.8%	18.75"	112.9%
Monticello*	6.95"	112.3%	17.38"	96.4%
Ty Ty**	7.61"	160.9%	18.55"	116.3%
Alapaha**	6.59"	136.6%	16.34"	105.3%
Madison Blue Spring***	7.44"	118.2%	15.93"	92.1%
Perry***	4.85"	86.4%	10.08"	59.6%



30 day Percent of Normal Precipitation



120 day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Plentiful rainfall across Southeast Alabama, Southwest Georgia, and the Florida Panhandle led to significant drought improvement over the last two weeks. Rainfall deficits continue along the immediate coast, especially in the Southeast Florida Big Bend.

Rainfall totals through June 24, 2026. Non-NWS Data Courtesy:
*University of Florida - Florida Automated Weather Network
**University of Georgia Weather Network
***Suwannee River Water Management District
****Northwest Florida Water Management District
Climatology for non-NWS stations is estimated using PRISM data.





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- West of the Ochlockonee River Basin, streamflows have improved considerably. Lakes and other surface water features have also showed some improvement.
- Streamflows and surface water levels remain well below normal near the Suwannee River and into the Southeast Florida Big Bend.

Agricultural Impacts

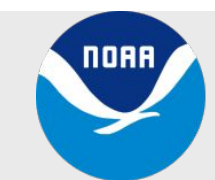
- The vast majority of areas continue to see significant improvement with all the recent rainfall.
- Some irrigation needs remain in the Southeast Florida Big Bend.

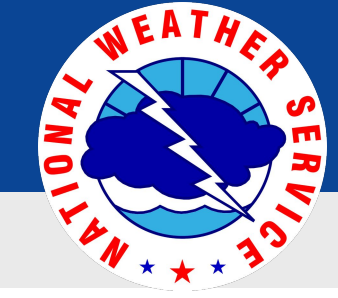
Fire Hazard Impacts

- Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) values are less than 200 mainly north of I-10. South of I-10 values are near 200-300. In the Southeast Florida Big Bend values are in the 300-500 range.

Mitigation Actions

- Northwest Florida Water Management District has issued a [water shortage warning](#) for their watershed.
- Suwannee River Water Management District has issued a [water shortage advisory](#) for their watershed.



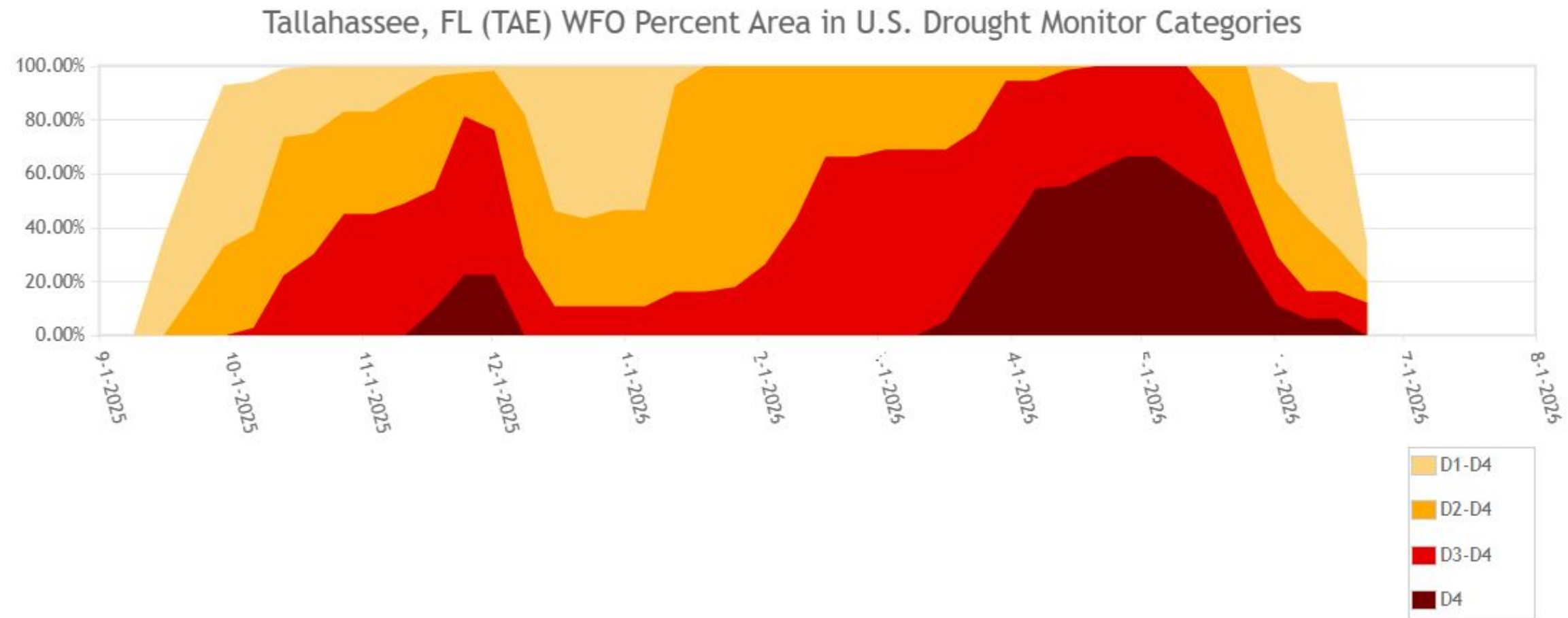


Drought beginning to wind down locally

Links: [Drought Monitor Time Series](#)

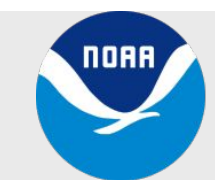
Though portions of our region remain in drought, many areas are now emerging from drought or seeing improving drought status. Here are some facts:

- There have been four long duration extreme droughts since 2000 in our region, including this current drought.
- 10 months is a lengthy period of drought, but not the longest stretch in the 26 year history of the drought monitor for our region.
- Drought severity and coverage of drought has decreased considerably over the last two weeks. Many areas are not in any drought status for the first time since early October.
- Extreme drought continues, primarily in the Southeast Florida Big Bend.
- This is the first time that Exceptional Drought (D4) is not analyzed in our region since mid January.



Courtesy of the US Drought Monitor Page.

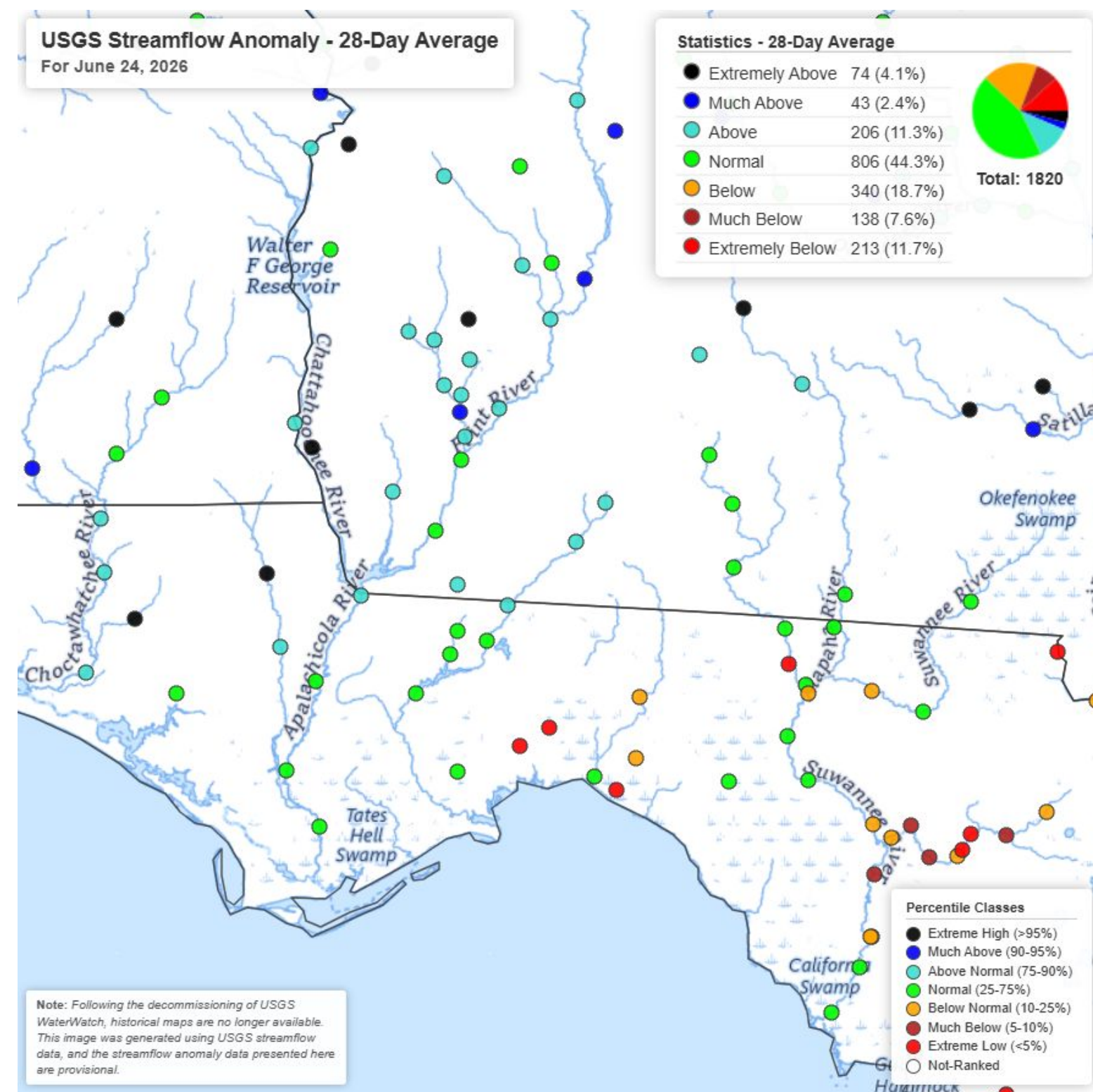
Time series depiction of D1, D2, D3, and D4 drought across the Tallahassee forecast area by percentage Records date back to 2000.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow conditions continue to improve over the last month.
- Some locations, particularly in the Choctawhatchee or Shoal River Basins in the Florida Panhandle reached flood stage.
- In the Southeast Big Bend, streamflows remain quite low, especially in the lower Suwannee River.
- In response to streamflows and groundwater conditions, Northwest Florida Water Management District has issued a [Water Shortage Warning](#), and Suwannee River Water Management District has issued a [Water Shortage Advisory](#).

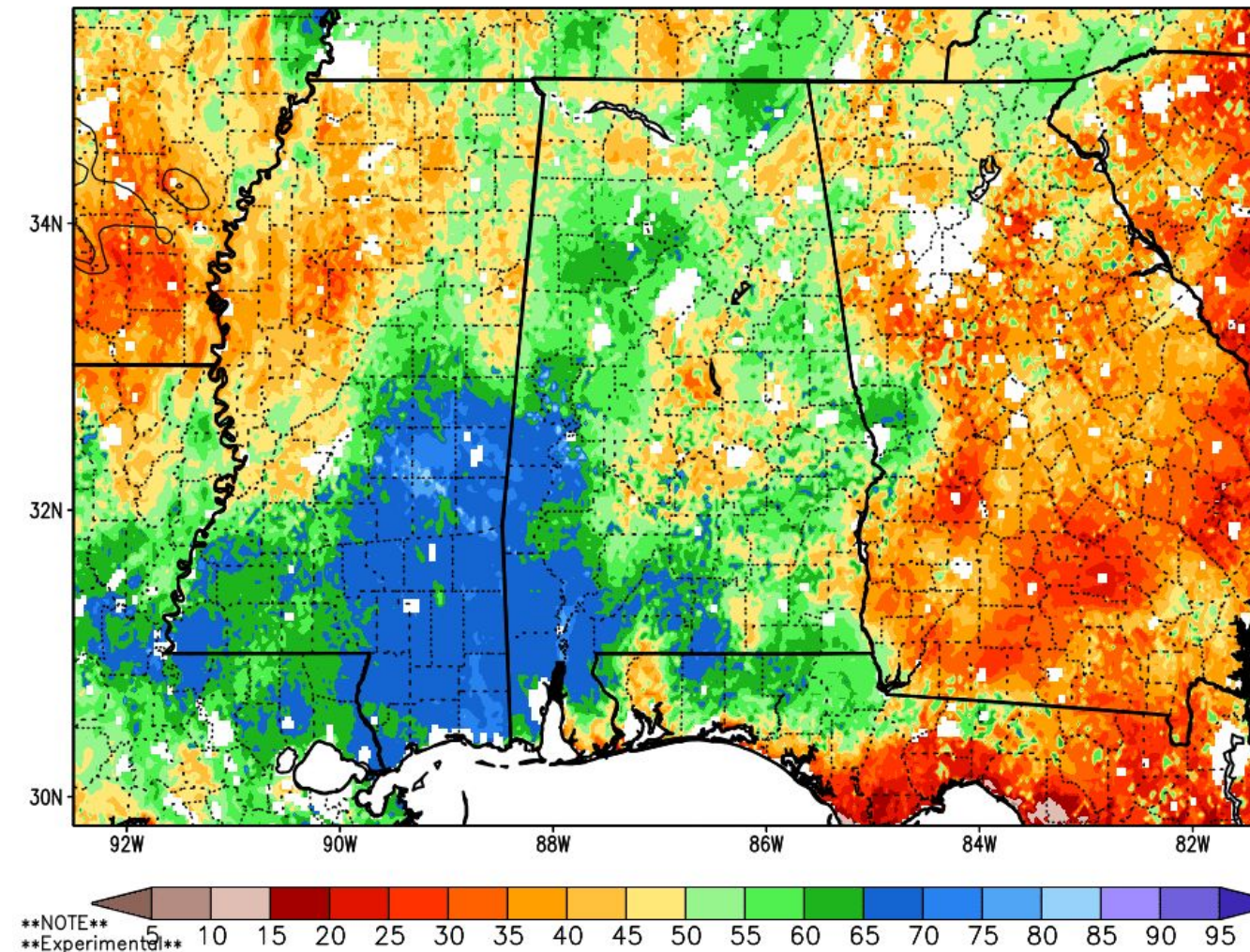




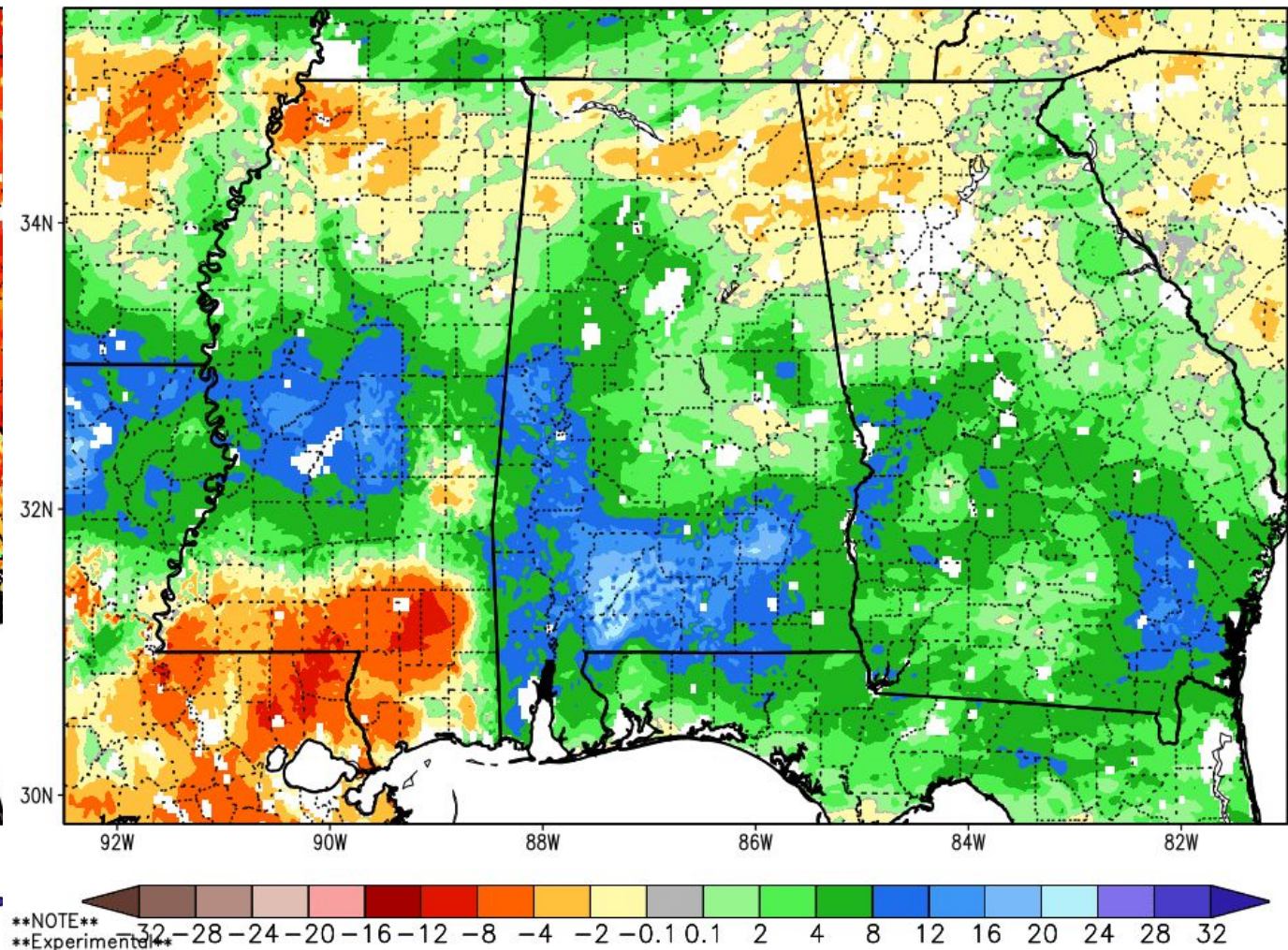
Agricultural Impacts

- Deep layer soil moisture has improved considerably across the region with recent rains.
- Even so, soil moisture remains low across much of Southwest Georgia and into the Florida Big Bend.

Column-Integrated Relative Soil Moisture (available water; %) valid 12z 25 Jun 2
Precipitation in previous hour (1,2,5,10,15,20,25 mm contours)

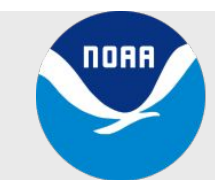


1-Week Difference in Column Relative Soil Moisture (%) valid 12z 25 Jun 2026



0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture & 1-week Change in 0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture
Data courtesy of NASA SPoRT

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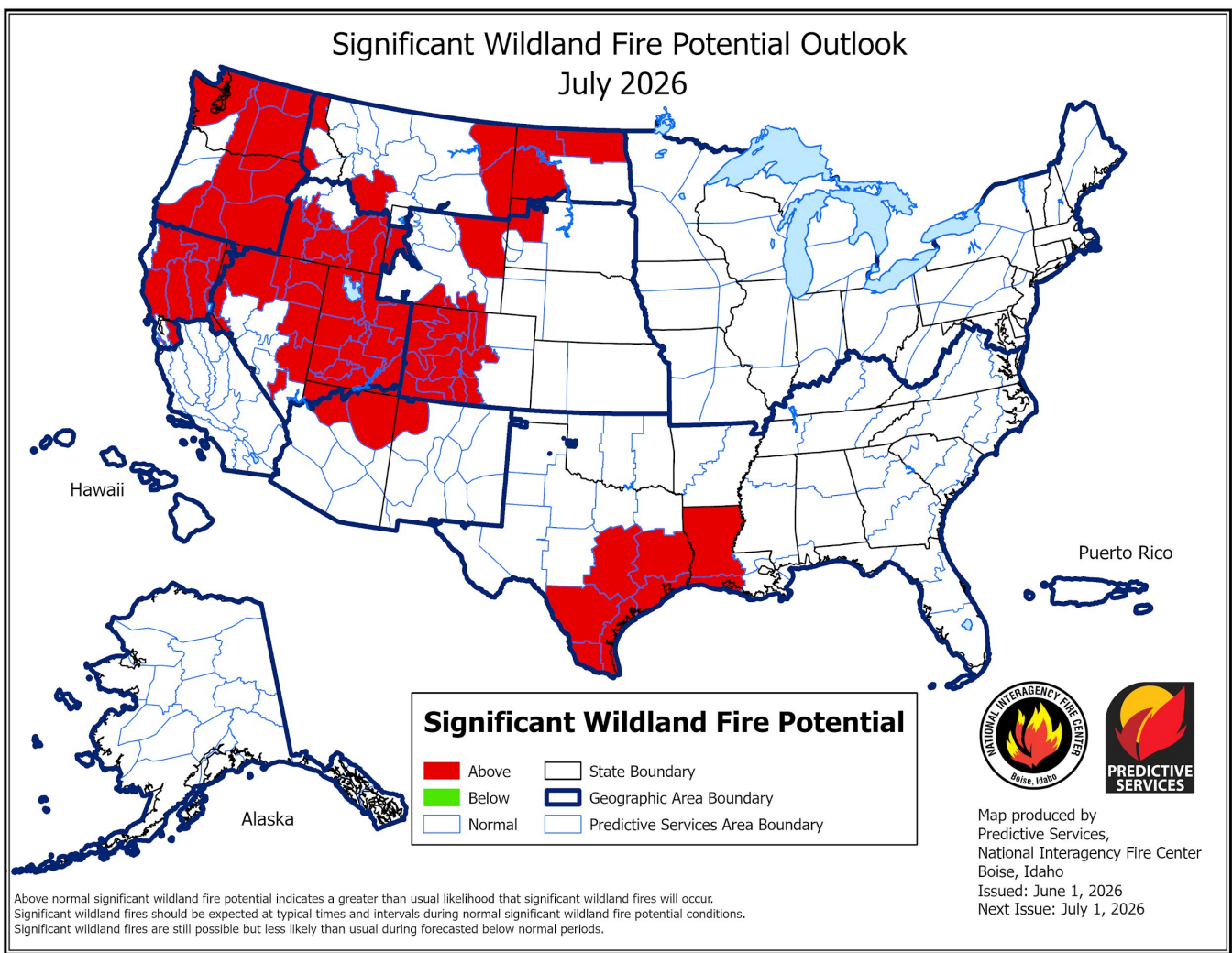
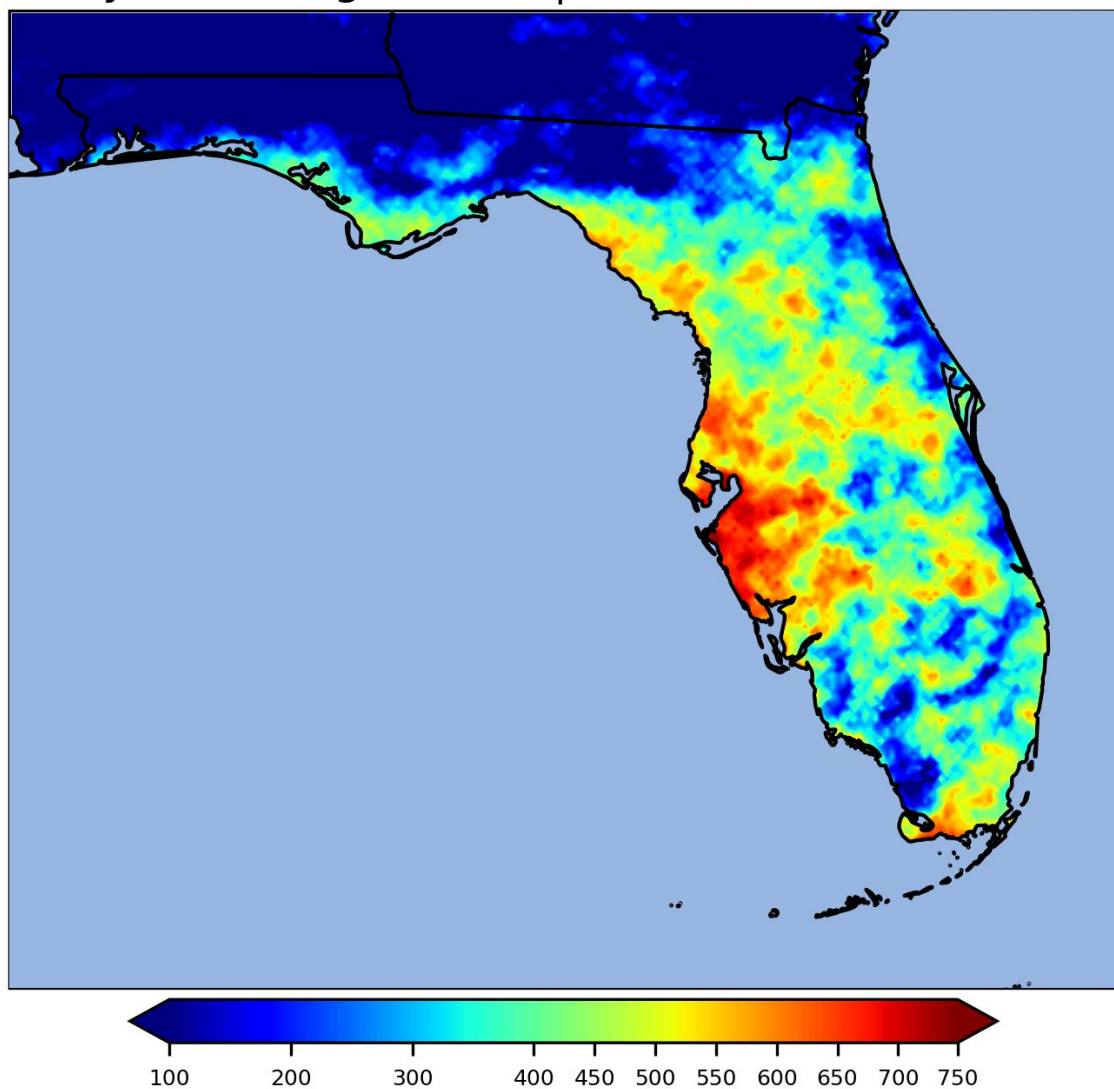


Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Keetch-Byram Drought Indices have dropped significantly given recent rains.
- There are currently no burn bans in effect.
- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for July is for near normal wildfire activity in most of the region.

Keetch-Byram Drought Index | Wed 06/24/26, 02:00 PM EDT

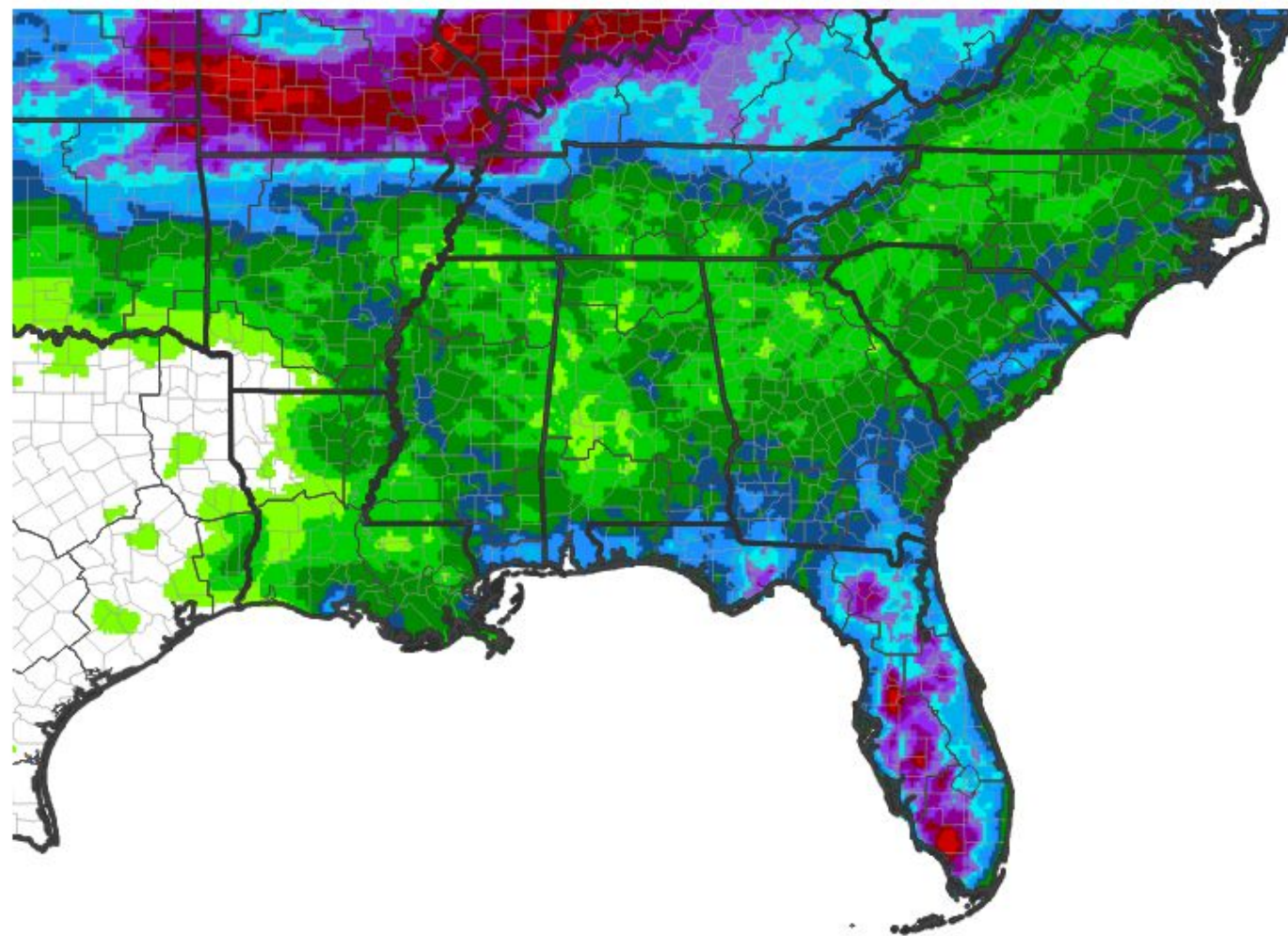




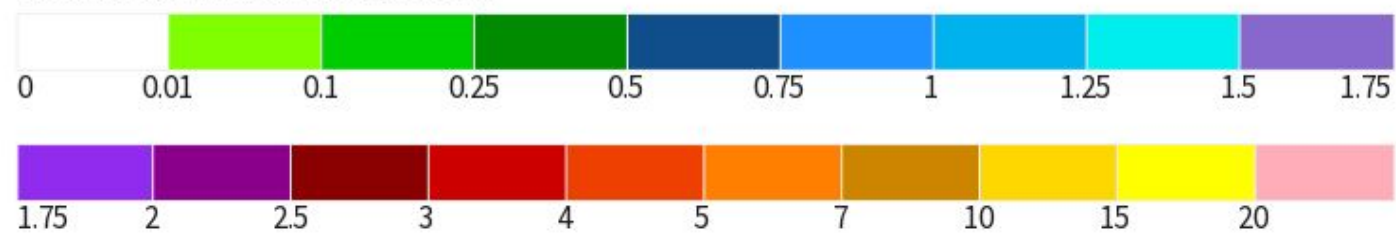
Precipitation Outlook

- Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected through the remainder of this week, with drier conditions arriving late in the weekend and early next week.
- The longer range pattern is for near normal conditions in the [8-14 day outlook](#) (7/2 - 7/8).

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for June 25, 2026–July 2, 2026



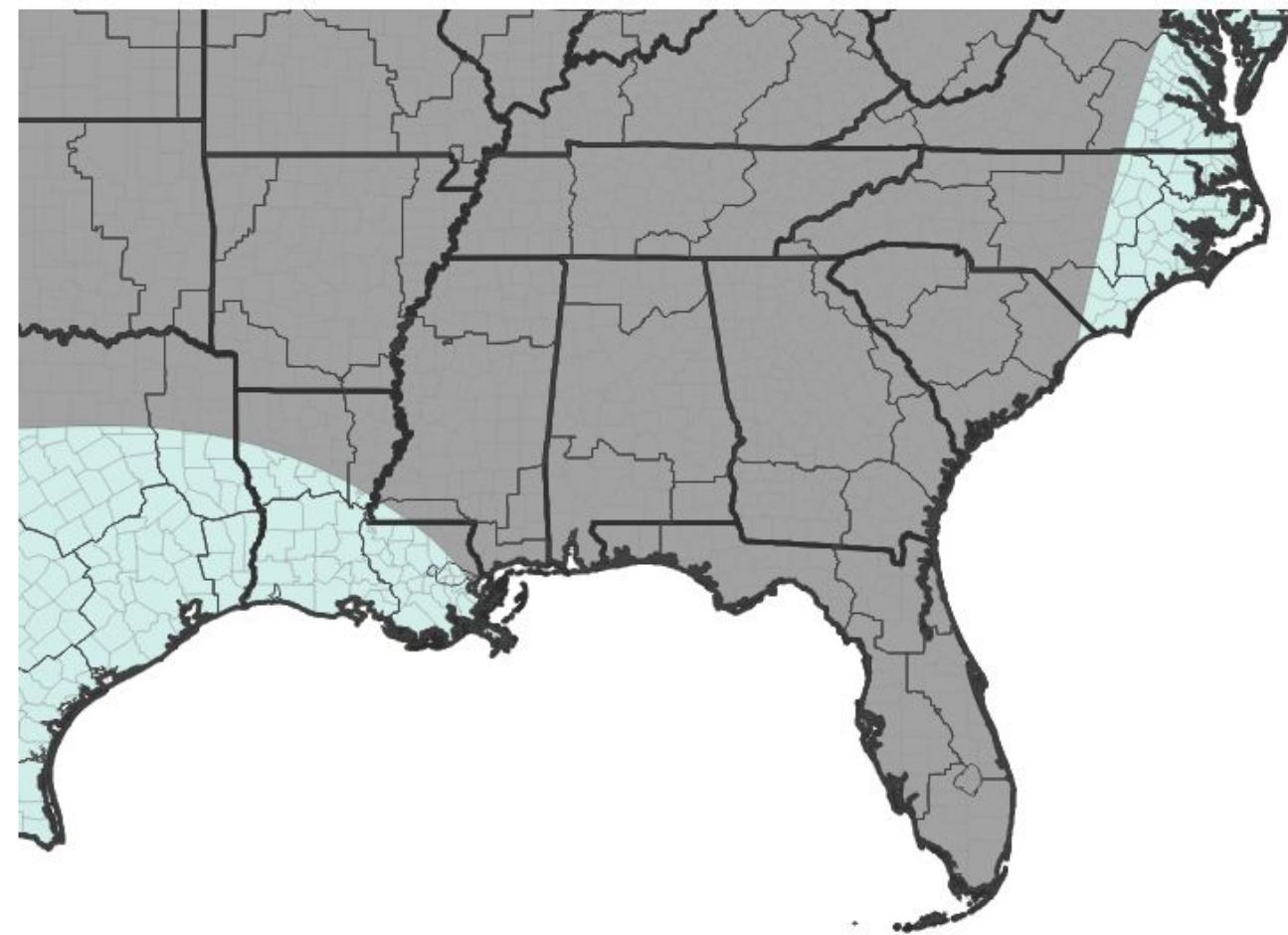
Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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8–14 Day Precipitation Outlook for July 2, 2026–July 8, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



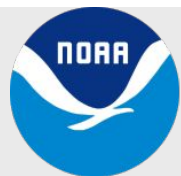
Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



■ Near-Normal Conditions

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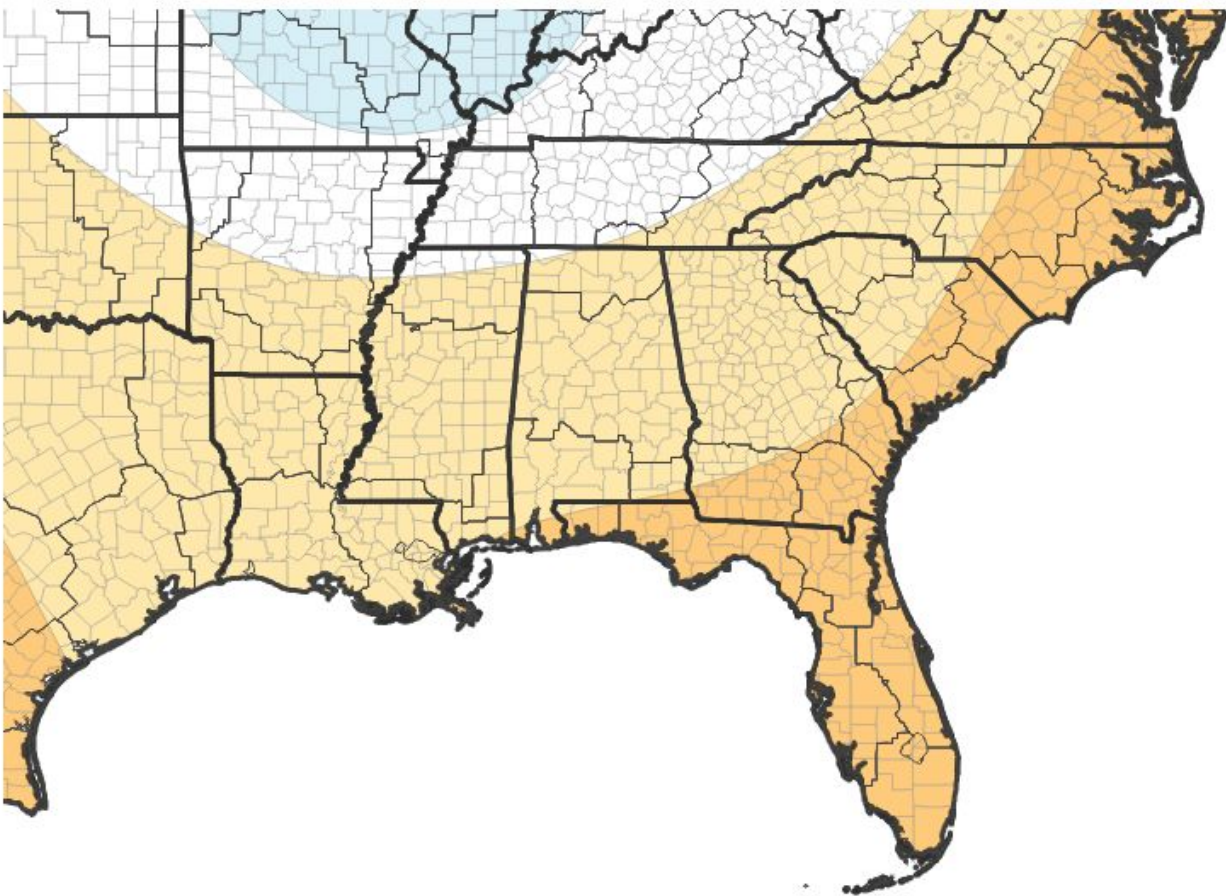


Long-Range Outlooks

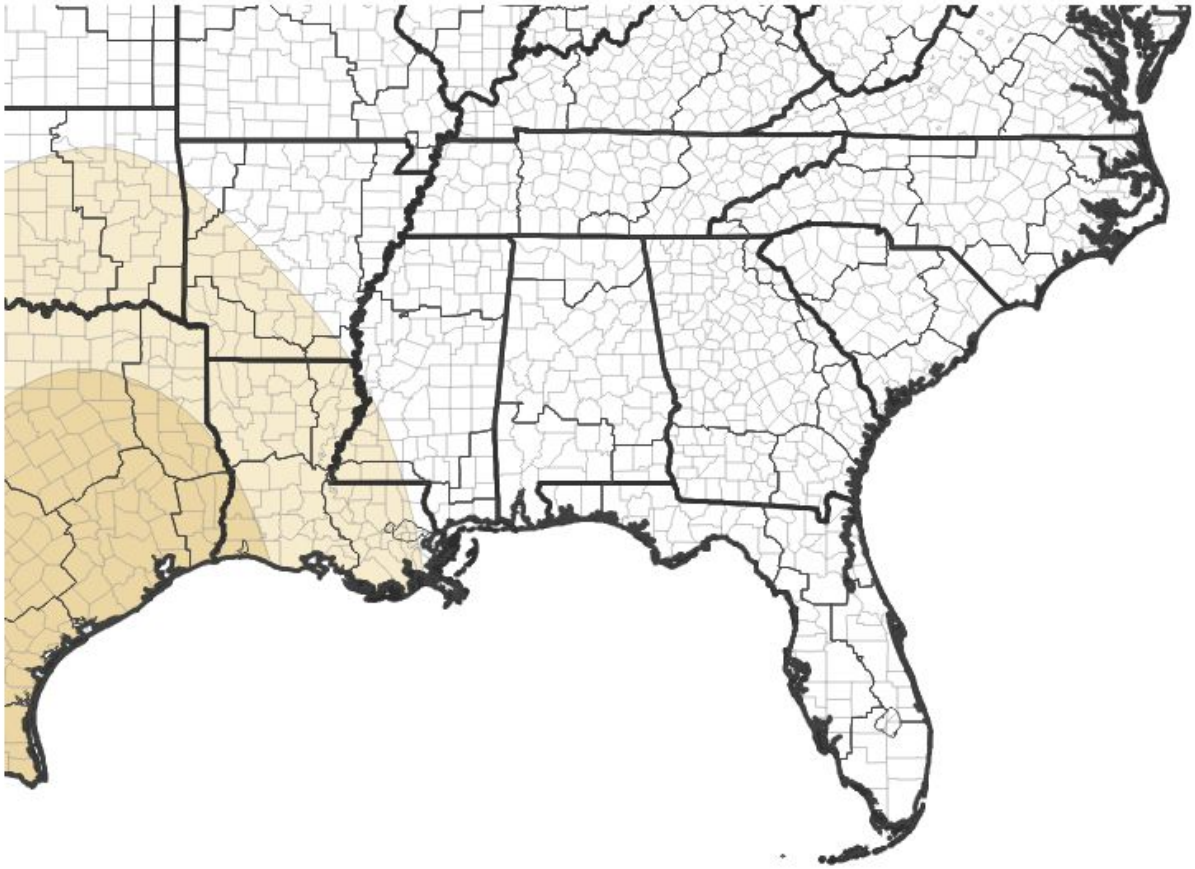
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#).

- The next 3 months favor above normal temperatures and near normal precipitation.
- With sea breeze season underway drought improvement could continue.

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



Average	July		August		September	
	Temp	Rain	Temp	Rain	Temp	Rain
Tallahassee	82.5°	7.14"	82.4°	7.60"	79.1°	4.91"
Apalachicola	82.2°	5.74"	82.2°	7.79"	79.2°	5.38"
Albany	83.1°	5.12"	82.7°	4.83"	78.1°	3.37"
Valdosta	81.1°	5.33"	81.2°	5.11"	77.2°	4.22"
Marianna	82.7°	5.10"	82.1°	4.93"	78.7°	4.06"
Dothan	83.0°	5.95"	82.0°	6.17"	77.9°	3.27"

Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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

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Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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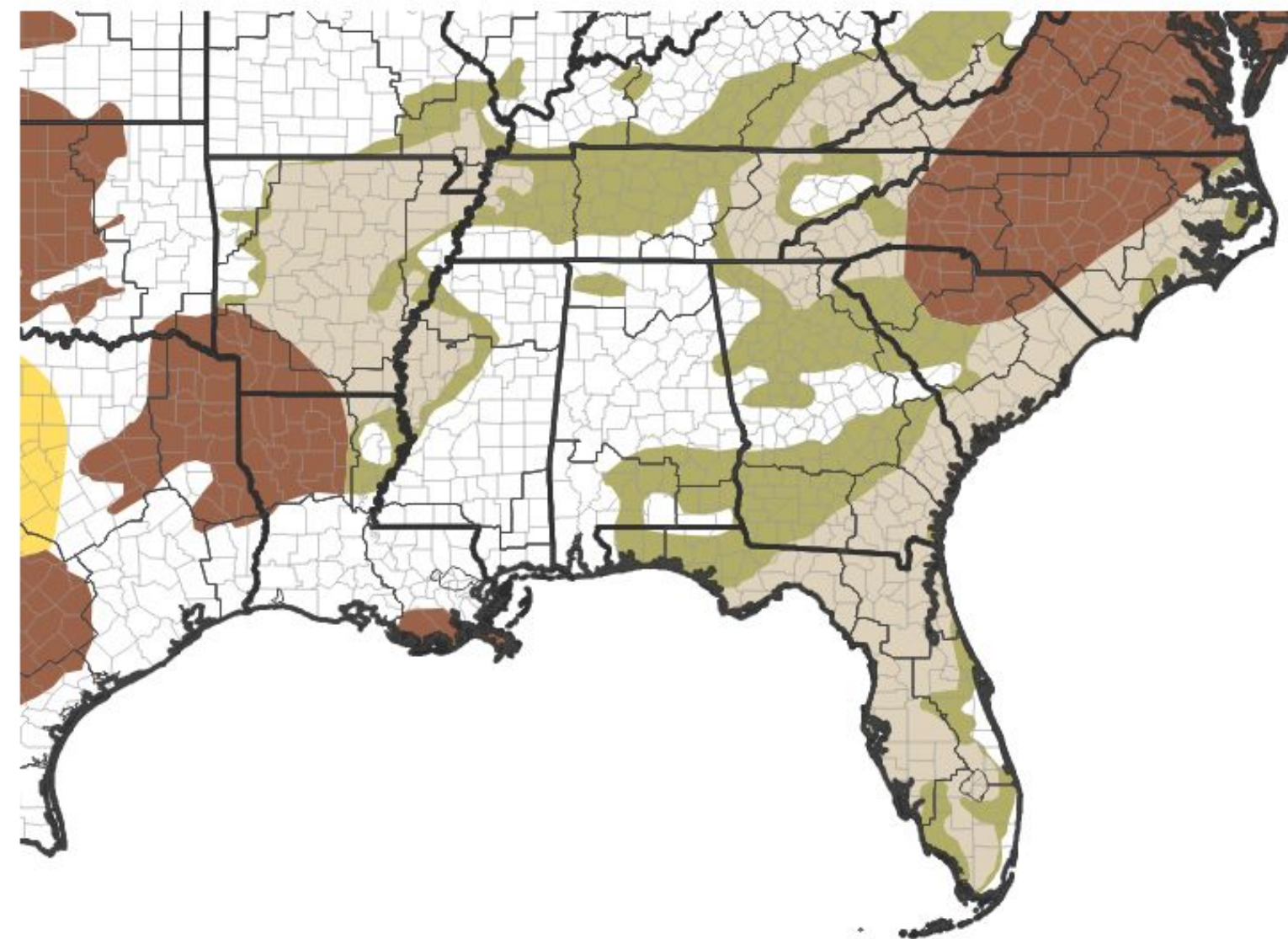


Drought Outlook

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- With recent rainfall drought has ended for some areas in the region and further improvement is expected in the coming weeks.
- Tropical activity and sea breeze storms will help lead to drought improvement. Whether the drought completely ends across the region is dependent on sufficient rainfall through the summer months.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 18, 2026–September 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



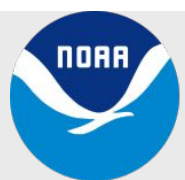
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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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