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

## Valid October 30, 2025

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- This product will be updated November 6, 2025
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/tae/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.

- Extreme drought expands across South Georgia.
- Recent rainfall provided some localized relief, but was too light in drought-stricken areas.
- Some additional rainfall this weekend is expected, however, it should offer only limited improvement in drought conditions.

# U.S. Drought Monitor

**Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for southeast AL, southwest GA, and the FL Panhandle & Big Bend**

- Severe to extreme drought continues across the Tri-State area, as a result of flash drought from very warm high temperatures, low humidity in September and early October along with a lack of rainfall over the last 60-75 days.

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Expanded to extend from Albany in Southwest Georgia into portions of the Eastern Florida Panhandle and Florida Big Bend.
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Remainder of the Eastern FL Panhandle and much of the FL Big Bend, the remainder of Southwest Georgia and all of SE Alabama.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Primarily in the Southeast Florida Big Bend.

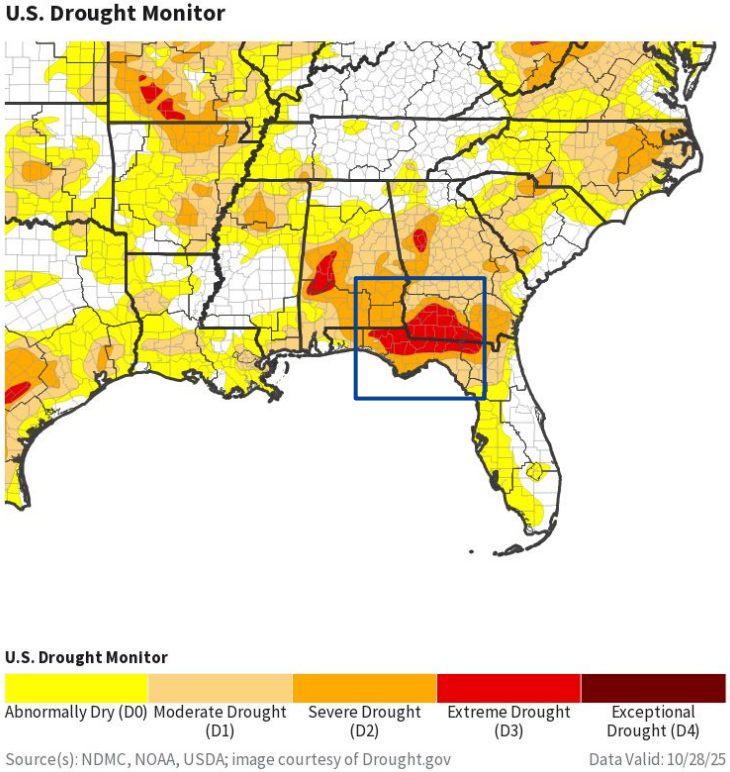



Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor valid October 28, 2025

# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

**Link to the latest 4-week change map for southeast AL, southwest GA, and the FL Panhandle & Big Bend**

- Recent rains on Sunday into Monday provided some localized relief along the Eastern Florida Panhandle Coast, but the lack of rainfall from Tallahassee northward led to drought degradation this week.

- One-Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
  - **1-Category Degradation:** Portions of South Georgia around Albany as well as much of Southeast Alabama.
  - **No Change:** Remainder of the forecast area.

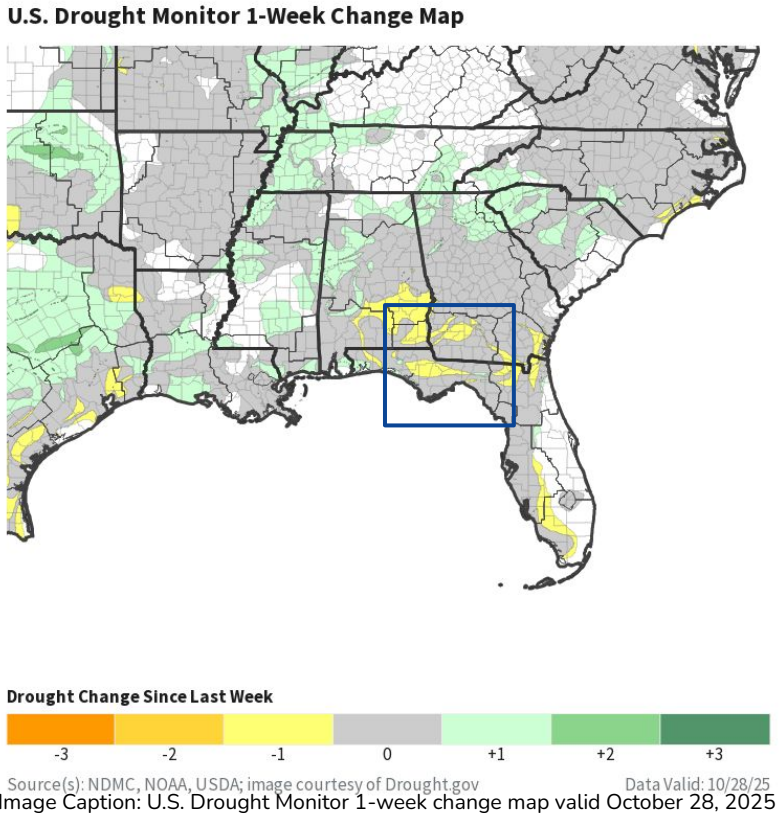


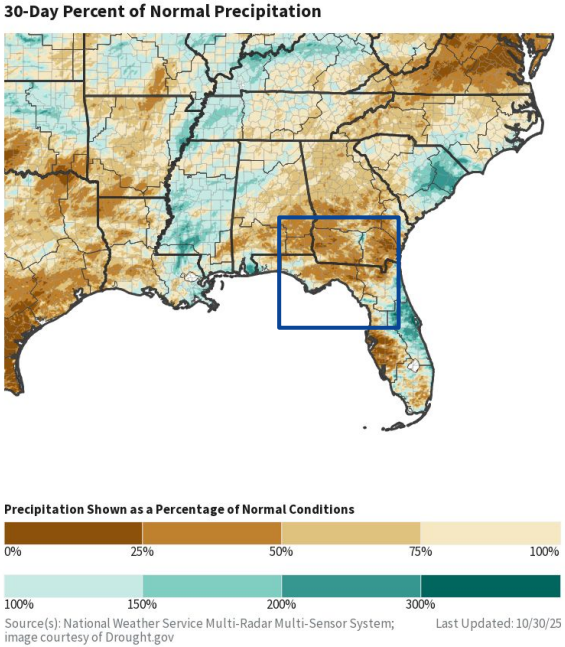

Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor 1-week change map valid October 28, 2025

# Precipitation

## Note: Precipitation after 7 AM EST/6 AM CST Tuesday is incorporated in next week's Drought Monitor

| | Last 30 Days | | Last 45 Days | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rainfall | Percent | Rainfall | Percent |
| DeFuniak Springs* | 1.81” | 51.4% | 2.00” | 31.9% |
| Geneva | 3.27” | 93.3% | 4.33” | 71.3% |
| Panama City-ECP | 2.96” | 85.2% | 4.93” | 82.1% |
| Dothan | 0.96” | 36.3% | 2.96” | 69.4% |
| Marianna | 1.80” | 59.8% | 2.46” | 48.8% |
| Apalachicola | 2.19” | 61.4% | 3.05” | 48.8% |
| Georgetown** | 1.08” | 37.4% | 1.82” | 37.5% |
| Dawson** | 1.33” | 48.5% | 2.09” | 44.6% |
| Arlington** | 0.65” | 23.4% | 1.10” | 22.6% |
| Albany | 0.75” | 33.2% | 1.43” | 36.2% |
| Cairo** | 1.09” | 39.1% | 1.50” | 30.1% |
| Tallahassee | 0.92” | 28.6% | 1.47” | 25.9% |
| Moultrie** | 1.51” | 51.6% | 1.69” | 33.5% |
| Monticello* | 1.56” | 48.8% | 2.00” | 33.9% |
| Ty Ty** | 0.86” | 30.3% | 1.18” | 23.8% |
| Alapaha** | 1.95” | 71.5% | 2.02” | 41.2% |
| Valdosta | 0.60” | 16.6% | 0.82” | 14.3% |
| Perry*** | 1.01” | 34.7% | 5.66” | 106.8% |
| Mayo* | 0.55” | 19.0% | 2.32” | 42.0% |

Rainfall totals through October 29, 2025. Non-NWS Data Courtesy:
*University of Florida - Florida Automated Weather Network
**University of Georgia Weather Network
***Suwannee River Water Management District
*Climatology for non-NWS stations is estimated using PRISM data.*



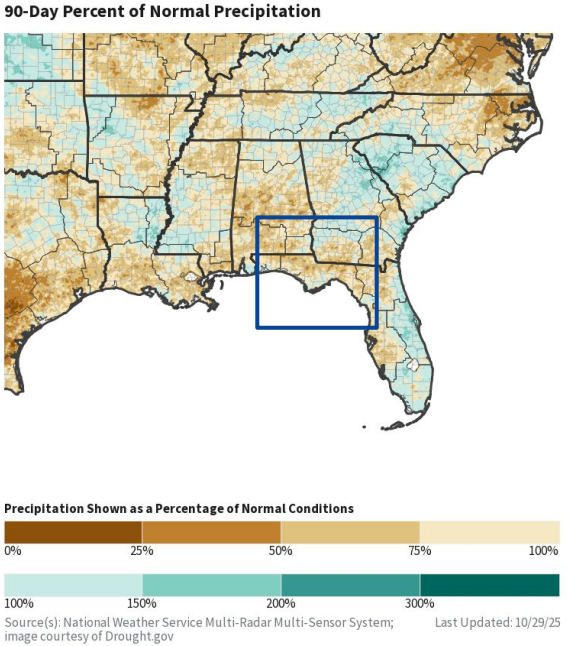




Image Captions:
Left - 30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation for the Southeast US
Right - 90-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation for the Southeast US
Data Courtesy NWS Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System.
Data over the past 30 and 90 days ending October 28, 2025

# Temperature

- High temperatures earlier in the past 30 days were much above normal, but have trended toward normal or slightly below normal over the last week.
- Even so, the low humidity has contributed to rapid drying.

| | Last 30 Days | |
|---|---|---|
| | Average High (Departure) | Average Low (Departure) |
| Tallahassee | 83.3° (+1.0°) | 59.8° (+0.1°) |
| Apalachicola | 81.0° (-0.2°) | 63.0° (-0.1°) |
| Albany | 81.6° (+0.5°) | 58.7° (+0.6°) |
| Valdosta | 81.4° (+0.3°) | 58.8° (+1.3°) |
| Marianna | 83.0° (+1.3°) | 59.1° (+0.3°) |
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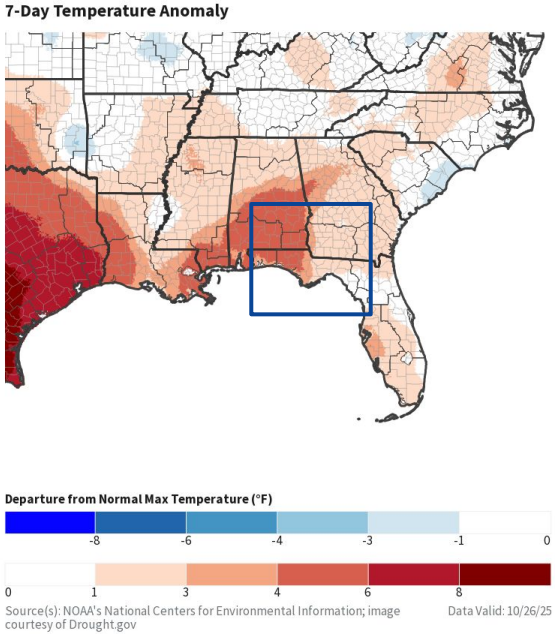


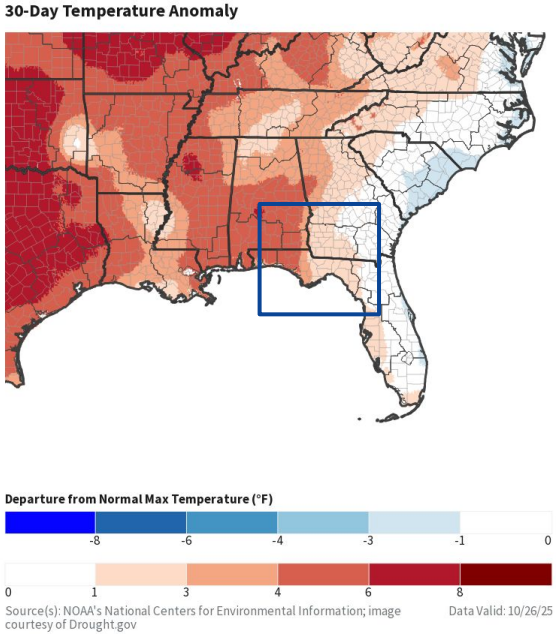


Image Captions:
Left - 7-Day Departure from Normal High Temperatures for the Southeast US
Right - 30-Day Departure from Normal High Temperature for the Southeast US
Data ending October 26, 2025

# Summary of Impacts

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

## Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows across the area are below to much below normal for this time of year. This includes even our mainstem rivers, such as the Choctawhatchee, Chattahoochee, Flint, Apalachicola, Ochlockonee, Withlacoochee, and Suwannee.

## Agricultural Impacts

- Alabama: farmers are reporting dry pastures and needing to feed hay to cattle as well as drying ponds. Harvesting of peanuts was further facilitated by recent rain on Sunday.
- Georgia: farmers are reporting extremely dry pastures and dried up ponds, with even some loss in cattle herds. Some creeks and sloughs have gone dry. Peanut and cotton harvesting is continuing, though overall yields are lower than expected. Supplemental hay is being purchased and non-irrigated corn is in poor shape.
- Florida: Peanut and cotton harvesting is continuing with diminished yields. Irrigated crops continue to do well with beans and peas being harvested now. Supplemental hay being purchased and delay in cover crop planting in worst drought areas.

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Keetch-Byram Drought Index values over 600 for southeast AL, southwest GA, and far western FL Panhandle. Some areas in the Florida Panhandle and Big Bend are over 700.
- Lanier County, GA is under a burn ban.
- The Alabama Forestry Commission has issued a statewide Fire Danger Advisory.

## Other Impacts

- The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Office of Water Resources (ADECA OWR) has declared a Drought Watch for Drought Region 8, which includes Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston Counties. ADECA's latest Drought Declaration can be found here.

## Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows along many of our area rivers are running below to much below normal over the last month.
- While we are now in our dry season, streamflows this low are still rather unusual for this time of year.
- Even our larger mainstem rivers are suffering from the low flows.
- Recreational activities are being limited on area rivers. While paddle boats are not having significant issues, some recreational boats with motors are encountering low water areas that are not navigable on the Chipola and Apalachicola Rivers.

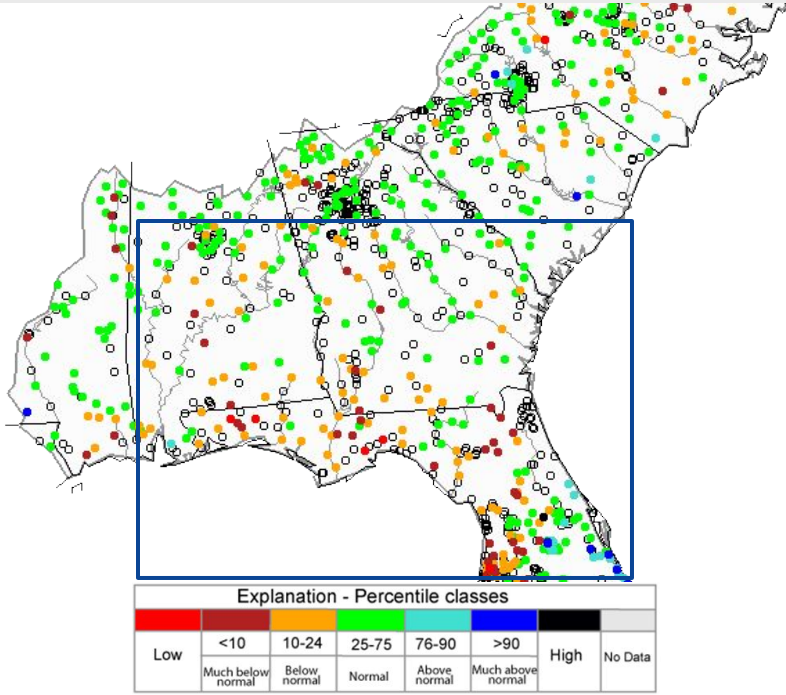


Image Caption: USGS 28 day average streamflow map valid October 30, 2025

# Agricultural Impacts

- Soils are quite dry across the forecast area
- Recent rainfall resulted in moistening of the near surface soil layer, but was not sufficient to improve conditions well below ground.
- Farmers in southeast Alabama and southwest Georgia are reporting drying pastures and ponds as well as needing to feed hay to cattle.

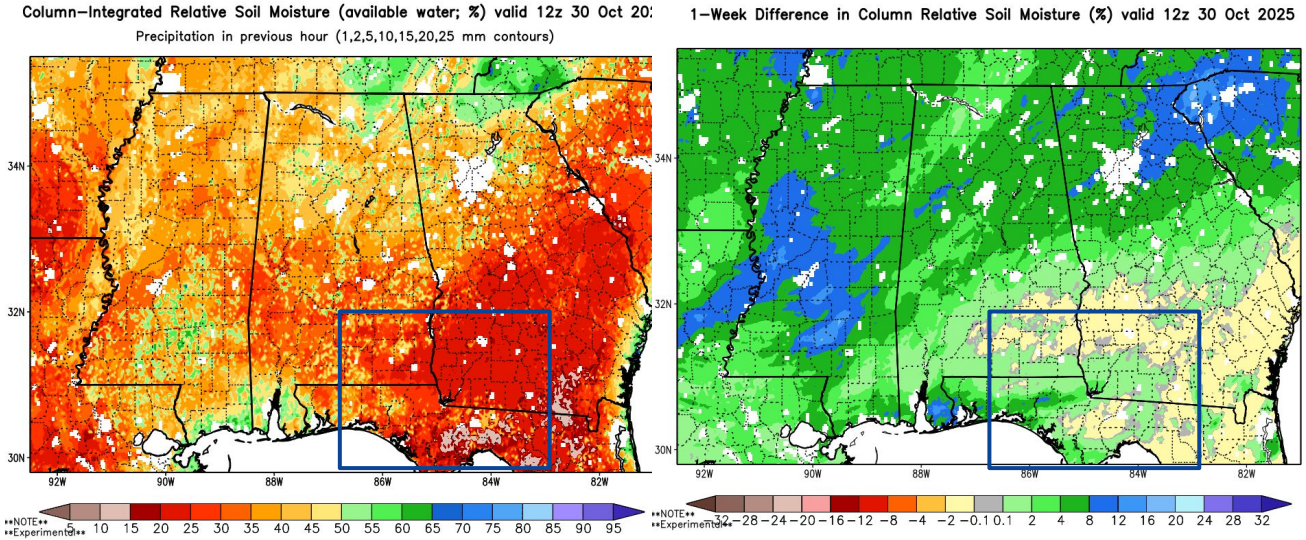


Image Captions:
Left: 0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture from NASA SPoRT valid October 30, 2025
Right: 0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture 2-week Change from NASA SPoRT valid through October 30, 2025

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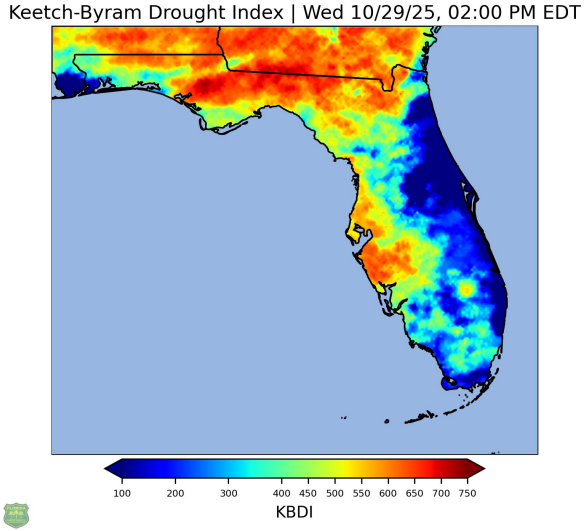
# Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Keetch-Byram Drought Index values remain at or above 600 in the Tri-State area with some pockets over 700.
- Lanier County, GA has issued a burn ban.
- The Alabama Forestry Commission has issued a statewide Fire Danger Advisory.
- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for November calls for above normal wildfire activity across southeast Alabama and southwest Georgia.

[7-Day Significant Fire Potential Outlook from the Southern Area Coordination Center]



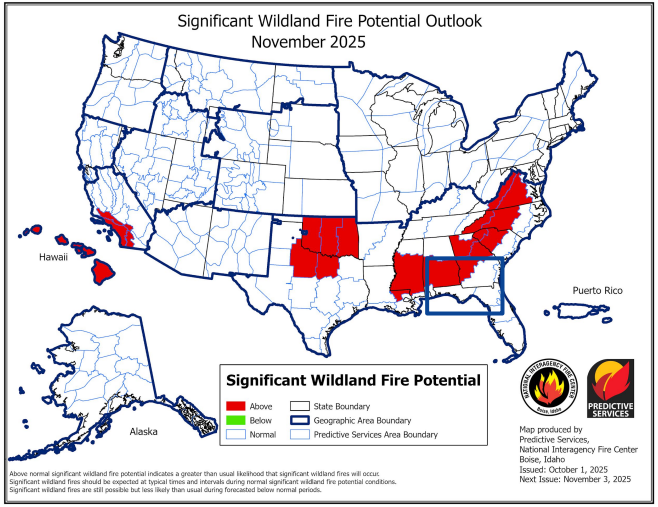




Image Captions:
Left - Keetch-Byram Drought Index valid October 29, 2025 (Florida Forest Service)
Right - Significant Wildland Fire Potential for November 2025 (National Interagency Coordination Center)

# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- An upper level disturbance is forecast to move into the Northern Gulf late Sunday and could bring rain to the region Sunday evening into Monday.
- There are a range of possibilities with this system and uncertainty on the overall rainfall amounts remain high. Current forecasts suggest 0.5 to 0.75 inches of rain is most likely. However, some model forecasts suggest amounts up to 1.5 inches could occur in some locations.
- Precipitation outlooks from the Climate Prediction Center:
  - 6-10 day outlook (11/4-11/8): leaning above normal.
  - 8-14 day outlook (11/6-11/12): equal chances of above, near, or below normal

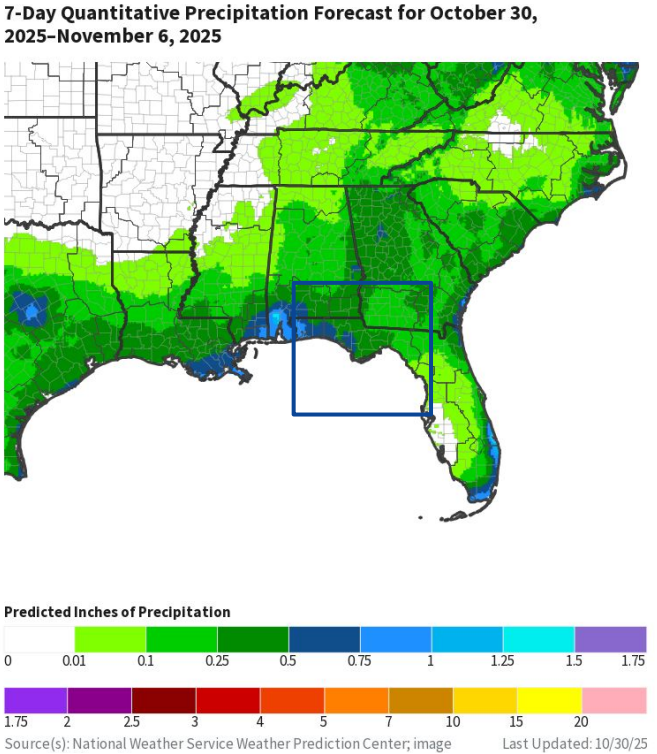


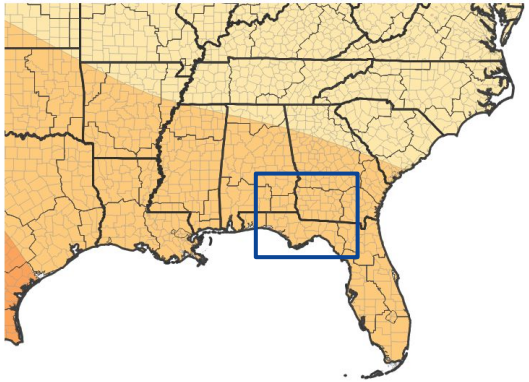

Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center 7-day precipitation forecast valid Thursday, October 30, 2025 through Thursday, November 6, 2025

# 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 below normal precipitation.
- The Winter Outlook released by the Climate Prediction Center shows a classic La Nina pattern is most likely, with warmer than normal and drier than normal conditions likely.

**Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2025–January 31, 2026**



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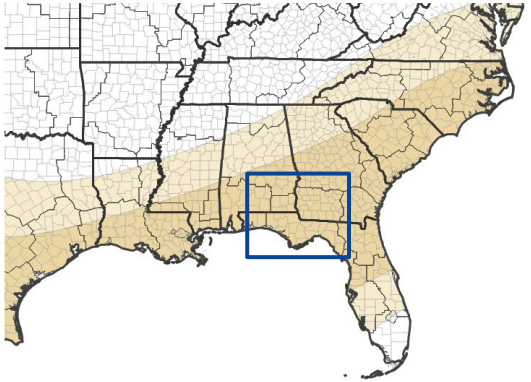

| | November | | December | | January | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Average | Temp | Rain | Temp | Rain | Temp | Rain |
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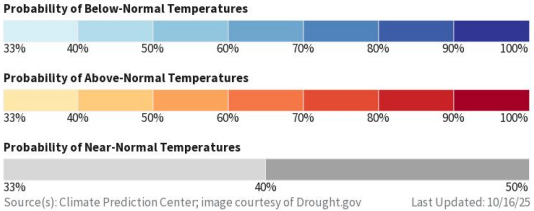


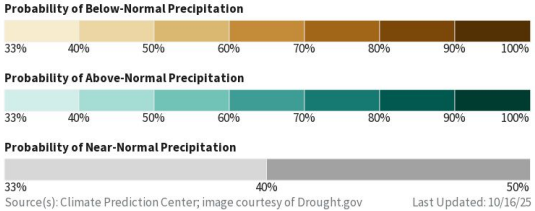


Image Captions:
Left - Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Temperature Outlook.
Right - Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Precipitation Outlook.
Valid November 2025 to January 2026

# Drought Outlook

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- Drought is likely to persist across the area through the rest of fall into winter due to the anticipated drier-than-normal conditions.

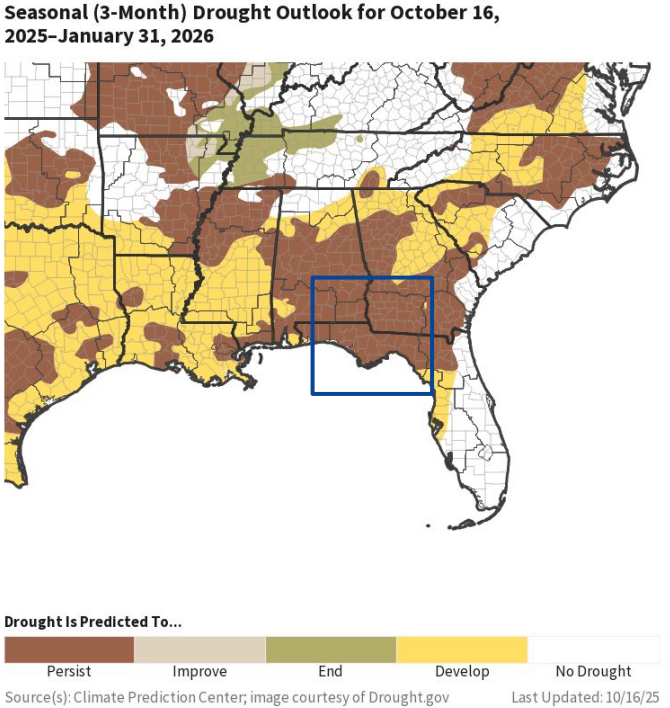


Image Caption:
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook Released October 16, 2025 valid for October 16, 2025 to January 31, 2026

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