

# Monthly Climate Summary for the Florida Panhandle & Big Bend, Southwest Georgia, and Southeast Alabama

Valid for December 2025

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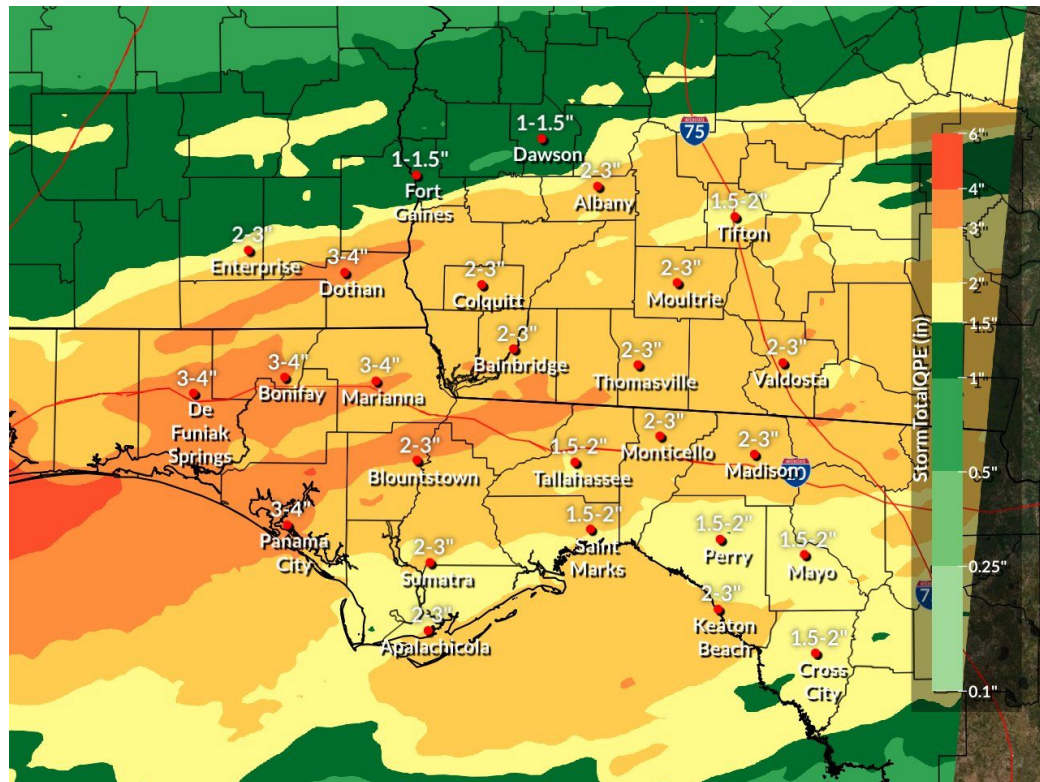




# General Overview

Rainy start, warm Christmas, cold New Years

- Beneficial multi-day rainfall event from the 4th through the 7th.
- Anomalously warm & foggy Christmas week.
- Record to near record high temperatures on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Cold New Years Week.
- Moderate drought expansion into the Suwannee Valley by the end of the month.



Radar-estimated rainfall - December 4-7, 2025



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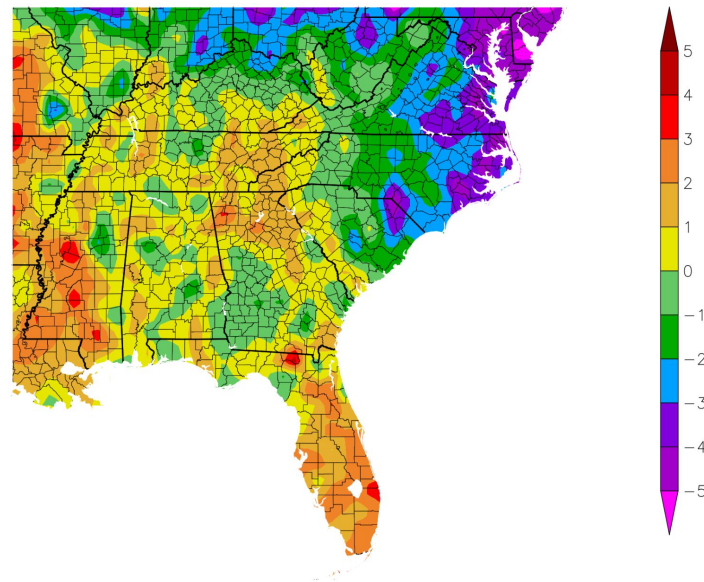


# December 2025 Temperatures

Near to slightly cooler-than normal

- Tallahassee (TLH):
  - average monthly mean - 54.4°
  - highest/lowest temp - 80°/26°
- Apalachicola (AAF):
  - average monthly mean - 56.2°
  - highest/lowest temp - 78°/30°
- Panama City NW (ECP):
  - average monthly mean - 56.0°
  - highest/lowest temp - 80°/28°
- Marianna (MAI):
  - average monthly mean - 53.4°
  - highest/lowest temp - 79°/24°
- Valdosta (VLD):
  - average monthly mean - 53.7°
  - highest/lowest temp - 80°/26°
- Albany (ABY):
  - average monthly mean - 52.1°
  - highest/lowest temp - 82°/23°
- Dothan (DHN):
  - average monthly mean - 52.7°
  - highest/lowest temp - 80°/25°

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
12/1/2025 – 12/31/2025



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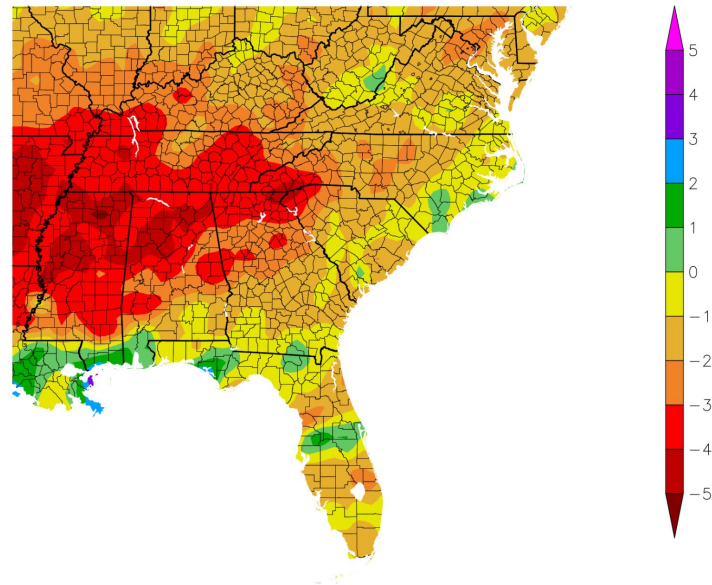


# December 2025 Precipitation

Mostly drier than normal

- Tallahassee (TLH):
  - monthly amount - 3.45 inches
  - 0.79 inches below normal
- Apalachicola (AAF):
  - monthly amount - 2.61 inches
  - 0.71 inches below normal
- Panama City NW (ECP):
  - monthly amount - 6.33 inches
  - 1.07 inches above normal
- Marianna (MAI):
  - monthly amount - 4.38 inches
  - 0.64 inches below normal
- Valdosta (VLD):
  - monthly amount - 2.24 inches
  - 0.93 inches below normal
- Albany (ABY):
  - monthly amount - 4.11 inches
  - 0.34 inches below normal
- Dothan (DHN):
  - monthly amount - 3.57 inches
  - 1.24 inches below normal

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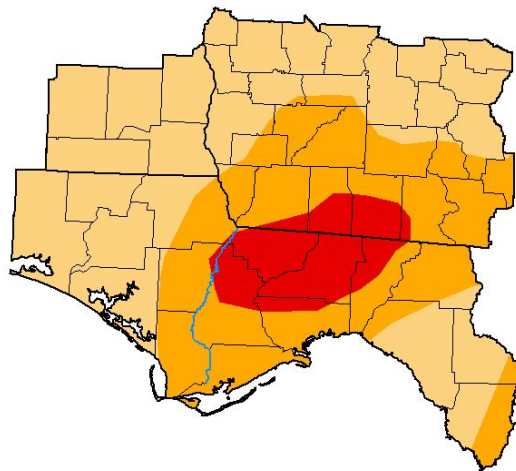


# Drought Monitor

Worsening drought - valid December 31, 2025

- **Extreme D3 Drought** - parts of the Central FL Big Bend and parts of adjacent Southwest GA.
- **Severe D2 Drought** - Eastern FL Panhandle, FL Big Bend, South-Central GA, and parts of the Suwannee Valley.
- **Moderate D1 Drought** - Southeast AL, Western FL Panhandle, northern-tier Southwest GA, parts of the Southeast FL Big Bend.
- One to two-class improvement over the previous 4 weeks, dating back to December 2.
- Very dry soils, low water levels, and reduced streamflows contributing to hydrological long-term drought status despite observed beneficial rainfall early in the month.

## U.S. Drought Monitor Tallahassee, FL WFO



December 30, 2025

(Released Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	100.00	46.72	10.97	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 12-23-2025	0.00	100.00	100.00	43.67	10.97	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 09-30-2025	1.00	99.00	92.99	33.10	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2025	14.67	85.33	51.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-30-2025	1.00	99.00	92.99	33.10	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 12-31-2024	21.23	78.77	51.13	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Intensity

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Image Caption: Weekly [Local Drought Monitor](#) valid December 31, 2025



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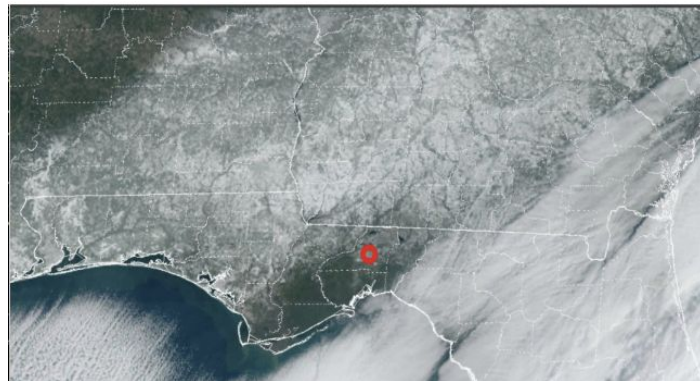
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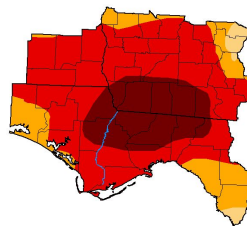
# 2025 Annual Local Weather Recap

Prolific snow in late January, drought in Q4, no hurricanes

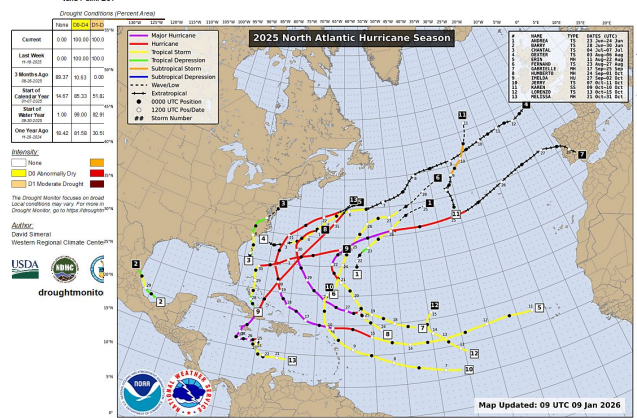
- Historic winter storm - January 21-22, 2025.
- Notable severe weather: Feb 16, Mar 16/31, Apr 7, May 10, Jun 25, Jul 22, Oct 27, Nov 9
- Rapid onset, or flash drought in late September.
- Exceptional Drought at Tallahassee for the first time in 14 years - mid to late November.
- Widespread early season freeze - November 10-11.
- Foggiest year in terms of advisories issued (58) dating back to 2005.
- No direct impacts from hurricanes or tropical systems!
- Annual confirmed tornado count: 13, 1 significant (EF-2 in Holmes County, FL May 10).



U.S. Drought Monitor  
Tallahassee, FL WFO



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# January Normals

Based on current 30-yr climatology (1991-2020)

- Tallahassee (TLH):
  - mean monthly temp - 63.9°
  - high/low - 63.9°/40.5°
  - Number of freezing days - 10
  - mean monthly rainfall - 4.41 inches
- Apalachicola (AAF):
  - mean monthly temp - 54.0°
  - high/low - 63.7°/44.4°
  - Number of freezing days - 5
  - mean monthly rainfall - 4.06 inches
- Panama City NW (ECP):
  - mean monthly temp - 52.5°
  - high/low - 63.1°/42.0°
  - Number of freezing days - 6
  - mean monthly rainfall - 4.69 inches
- Marianna (MAI):
  - mean monthly temp - 51.8°
  - high/low - 62.9°/40.7°
  - Number of freezing days - 9
  - mean monthly rainfall - 4.04 inches
- Valdosta (VLD):
  - mean monthly temp - 50.7°
  - high/low - 62.8°/38.6°
  - Number of freezing days - 8
  - mean monthly rainfall - 3.83 inches
- Albany (ABY):
  - mean monthly temp - 50.5°
  - high/low - 62.0°/39.1°
  - Number of freezing days - 11
  - mean monthly rainfall - 4.19 inches
- Dothan (DHN):
  - mean monthly temp - 50.8°
  - high/low - 61.7°/39.8°
  - Number of freezing days - 8
  - mean monthly rainfall - 4.76 inches

Sources: [National Center for Environmental Information](#), NOAA [NOWData](#).



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