

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

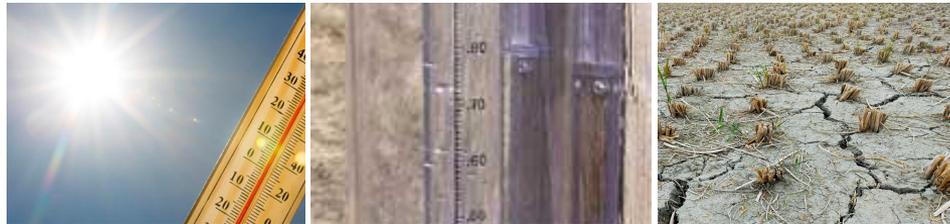
## Valid for February 2026

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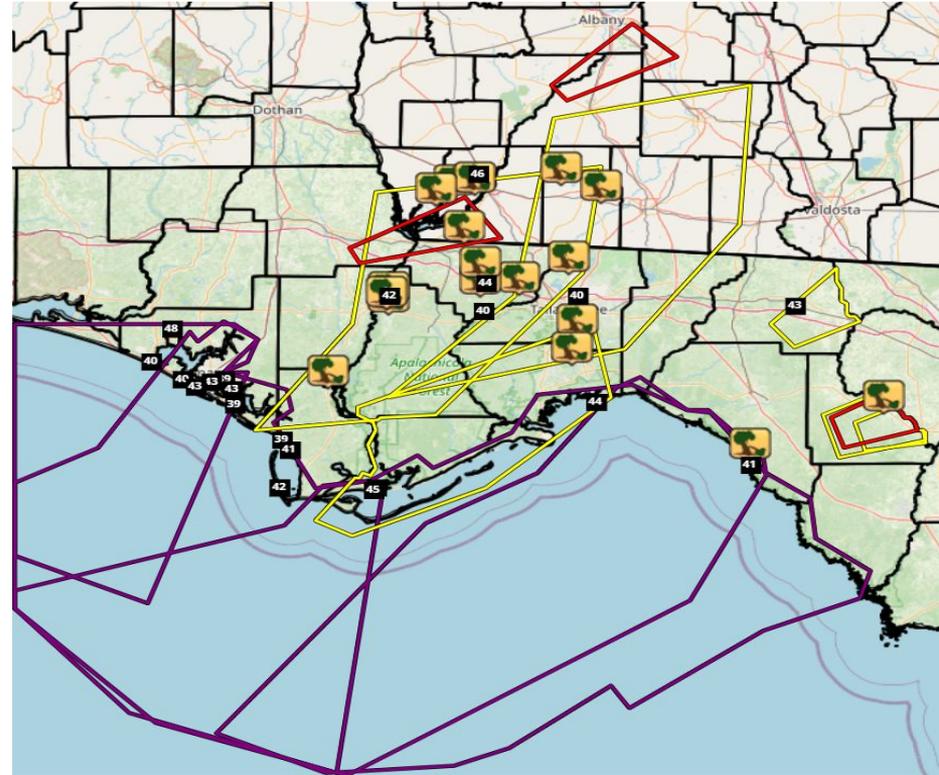




# General Overview

Early month deep freeze, mid-month severe wx, very warm late month

- Very cold conditions to begin month - widespread single digit/low teens wind chills on the 1st.
- Severe weather on the 15th produced multiple storm damage reports (*right-hand fig*).
- Anomalously warm late month - record/near record highs and warm lows.
- A couple waves of beneficial rainfall, but not drought relieving.
- Severe to extreme drought persists across the Tri-State Area.



Local storm reports with overlaid warning polygons - February 15, 2026



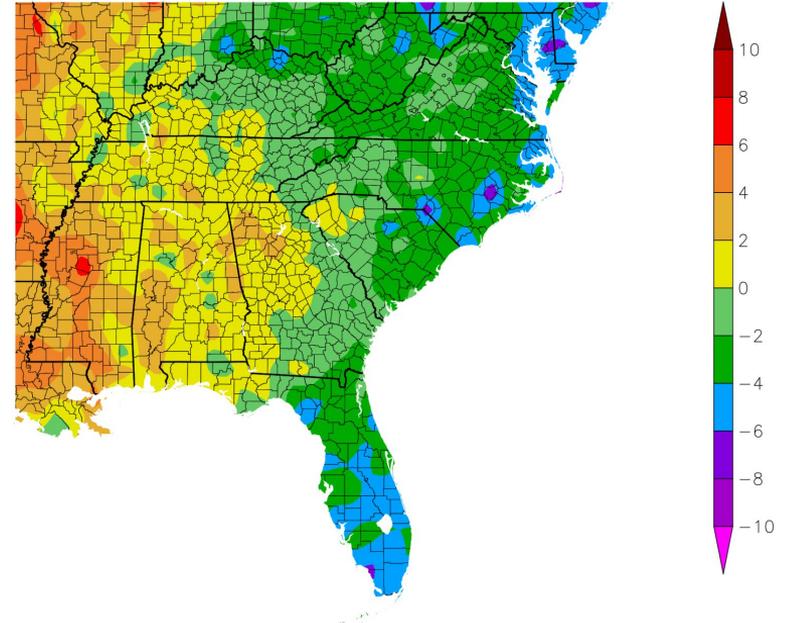


# February 2026 Temperatures

Mostly within normal

- Tallahassee (TLH):
  - average monthly mean - 56.1°
  - highest/lowest temp - 84°/18°
- Apalachicola (AAF):
  - average monthly mean - 56.2°
  - highest/lowest temp - 77°/20°
- Panama City NW (ECP):
  - average monthly mean - 57.3°
  - highest/lowest temp - 82°/21°
- Marianna (MAI):
  - average monthly mean - 56.3°
  - highest/lowest temp - 85°/20°
- Valdosta (VLD):
  - average monthly mean - 55.3°
  - highest/lowest temp - 84°/18°
- Albany (ABY):
  - average monthly mean - 54.7°
  - highest/lowest temp - 84°/19°
- Dothan (DHN):
  - average monthly mean - 55.8°
  - highest/lowest temp - 82°/19°

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



Generated 3/1/2026 using provisional data.

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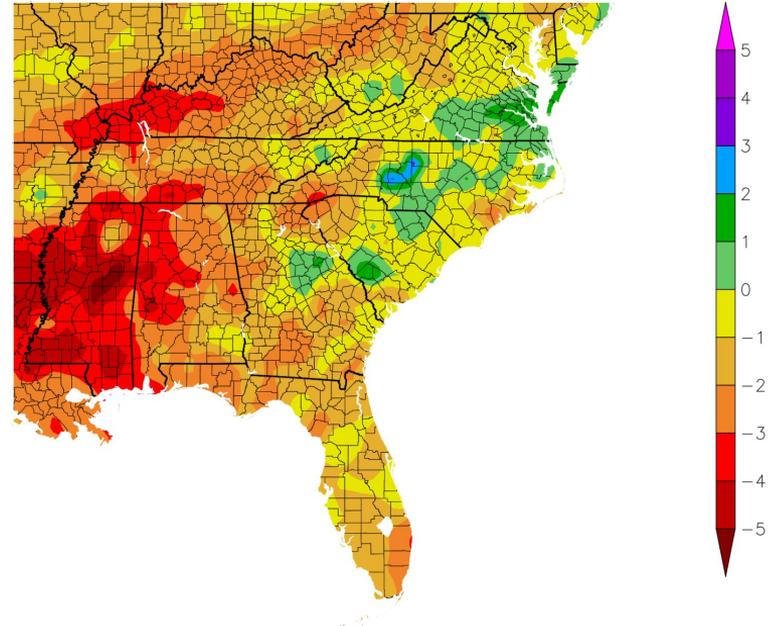


# February 2026 Precipitation

Drier than normal

- Tallahassee (TLH):
  - monthly amount - 1.88 inches
  - 2.40 inches below normal
- Apalachicola (AAF):
  - monthly amount - 2.34 inches
  - 1.83 inches below normal
- Panama City NW (ECP):
  - monthly amount - 1.96 inches
  - 2.81 inches below normal
- Marianna (MAI):
  - monthly amount - 3.05 inches
  - 1.44 inches below normal
- Valdosta (VLD):
  - monthly amount - 2.52 inches
  - 0.79 inches below normal
- Albany (ABY):
  - monthly amount - 3.12 inches
  - 0.89 inches below normal
- Dothan (DHN):
  - monthly amount - 3.87 inches
  - 0.95 inches below normal

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)  
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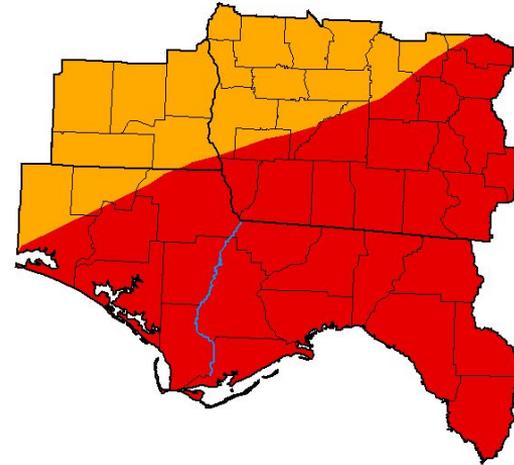


# Drought Monitor

Continued drought degradation and/or unchanged status

- **Extreme D3 Drought** - FL Big Bend and much of the FL Panhandle & Southwest GA.
- **Severe D2 Drought** - Southeast AL, parts of Southwest GA & western FL Panhandle.
- One-class degradation in parts of the FL Panhandle, Big Bend, and Southwest GA dating back to January 27.
- Another month lacking meaningful rainfall either maintained D2-D3 conditions or worsened from D2 to D3.
- Long-term significant impacts persist for rivers and streams with lakes & ponds at exceptionally low levels or dry. Worst conditions since 2012.
- [https://www.weather.gov/media/tae/DGT/DGT\\_TAE\\_03052026.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/tae/DGT/DGT_TAE_03052026.pdf)

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



**March 3, 2026**  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 5, 2026)  
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	100.00	69.15	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 02-24-2026	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	66.41	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12-02-2025	0.00	100.00	100.00	98.24	76.32	22.67
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-05-2026	0.00	100.00	100.00	46.72	10.97	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> 03-04-2025	50.60	49.40	18.47	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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 March 5, 2026





# Other Relevant Climate Data

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

- Tallahassee (TLH):
  - Number of freezing days - 8
  - Greatest 24-hr rainfall - 1.08 inches, 15th
  - [Daily records](#)
  - Highest wind gust - 43 mph, 22nd
- Apalachicola (AAF):
  - Number of freezing days - 4
  - Greatest 24-hr rainfall - 1.66 inches, 15th
  - [Daily records](#)
  - Highest wind gust - 42 mph, 22nd
- Albany (ABY):
  - Number of freezing days - 6
  - Greatest 24-hr rainfall - 1.33 inches, 15th
  - [Daily records](#)
  - Highest wind gust - 45 mph, 22nd
- Panama City NW (ECP):
  - Number of freezing days - 5
  - Greatest 24-hr rainfall - 0.91 inches, 4th
  - Highest wind gust - 48 mph, 15th
- Marianna (MAI):
  - Number of freezing days - 6
  - Greatest 24-hr rainfall - 0.87 inches, 19th-20th
  - Highest wind gust - 41 mph, 22nd
- Valdosta (VLD):
  - Number of freezing days - 8
  - Greatest 24-hr rainfall - 1.34 inches, 15th
  - Highest wind gust - 32 mph, 15th
- Dothan (DHN):
  - Number of freezing days - 7
  - Greatest 24-hr rainfall - 0.95 inches, 4th
  - Highest wind gust - 43 mph, 22nd

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





# March Normals

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

- Tallahassee (TLH):
  - mean monthly temp - 61.4°
  - high/low - 74.2°/48.6°
  - average last freeze - March 16
  - mean monthly rainfall - 5.24 inches
- Apalachicola (AAF):
  - mean monthly temp - 61.7°
  - high/low - 70.9°/52.5°
  - average last freeze - February 9
  - mean monthly rainfall - 4.34 inches
- Panama City NW (ECP):
  - mean monthly temp - 61.0°
  - high/low - 72.2°/49.7°
  - average last freeze - February 28
  - mean monthly rainfall - 5.24 inches
- Marianna (MAI):
  - mean monthly temp - 61.5°
  - high/low - 73.7°/49.2°
  - average last freeze - March 1
  - mean monthly rainfall - 5.01 inches
- Valdosta (VLD):
  - mean monthly temp - 60.1°
  - high/low - 72.9°/47.2°
  - average last freeze - March 2
  - mean monthly rainfall - 3.73 inches
- Albany (ABY):
  - mean monthly temp - 60.3°
  - high/low - 72.6°/48.1°
  - average last freeze - March 12
  - mean monthly rainfall - 4.38 inches
- Dothan (DHN):
  - mean monthly temp - 60.8°
  - high/low - 72.9°/48.8°
  - average last freeze - February 26
  - mean monthly rainfall - 4.72 inches

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

