

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

Valid for December 2025-February 2026

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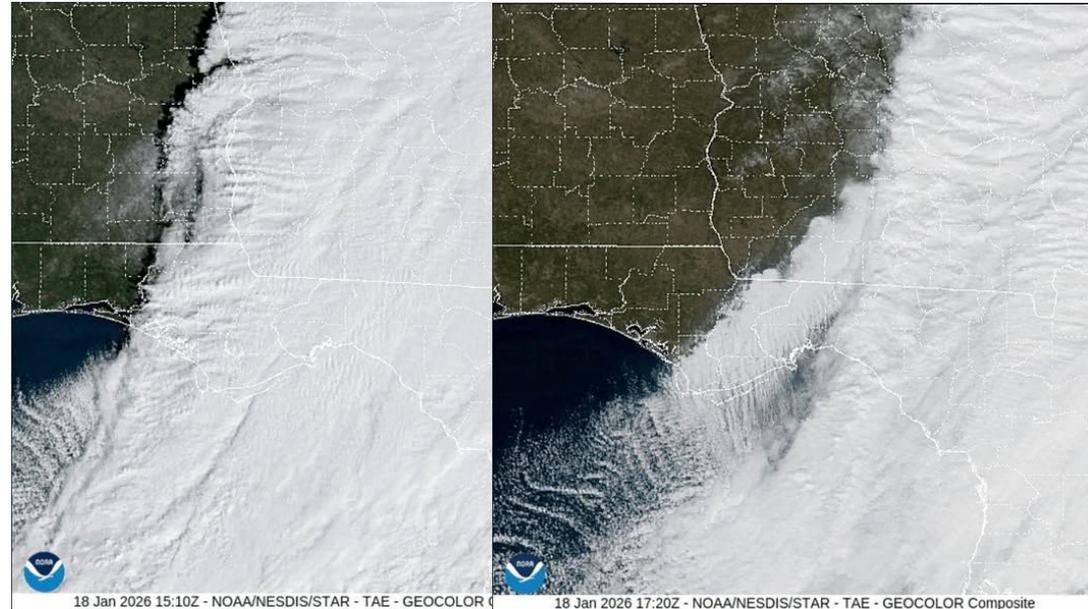


# General Overview

Drought, winter wx, extreme cold, bouts of severe

- Beneficial multi-day rain event in early December.
- Warm Christmas week, cold New Year's week.
- Winter precipitation on January 18 (*right-hand images*) with snow flurries on January 31.
- Severe weather on January 25 (4 confirmed tornadoes) and February 15.
- Impactful cold weather in late January into early February, followed by anomalous warmth.
- Large seasonal rainfall deficits resulted in degraded drought conditions - severe to extreme areawide.

Snow can be distinguished by the duller white colors behind the brighter white bands of clouds.



Left image - snow on ground over SE AL, western FL Panhandle, 1510Z  
Right image - snow on ground over parts of Flint River Valley into Central GA with snow no longer apparent (melted) to the west, 1720Z



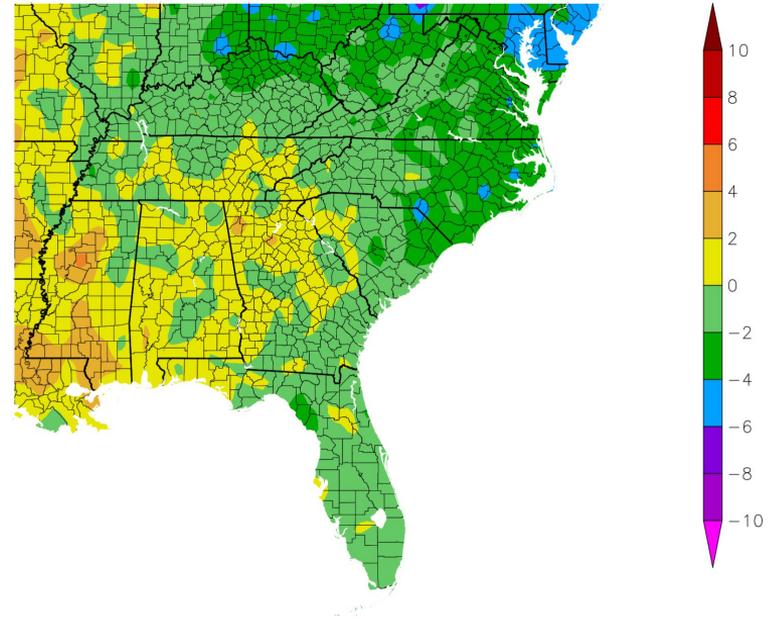


# Winter 2025-2026 Temperatures

Variable temperatures - warm to the west, cool to the east

- Tallahassee (TLH):
  - average seasonal mean temp - 53.9°
  - highest/lowest temp - 84°/18°
- Apalachicola (AAF):
  - average seasonal mean temp - 55.1°
  - highest/lowest temp - 78°/20°
- Panama City NW (ECP):
  - average seasonal mean temp - 55.5°
  - highest/lowest temp - 82°/21°
- Marianna (MAI):
  - average seasonal mean temp - 53.7°
  - highest/lowest temp - 85°/20°
- Valdosta (VLD):
  - average seasonal mean temp - 53.2°
  - highest/lowest temp - 84°/18°
- Albany (ABY):
  - average seasonal mean temp - 52.2°
  - highest/lowest temp - 84°/19°
- Dothan (DHN):
  - average seasonal mean temp - 53.3°
  - highest/lowest temp - 82°/19°

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
12/1/2025 – 2/28/2026



Generated 3/2/2026 using provisional data.

ACIS Web Services

Image Caption: The High Plains Regional Climate Center ([HPRCC](#))



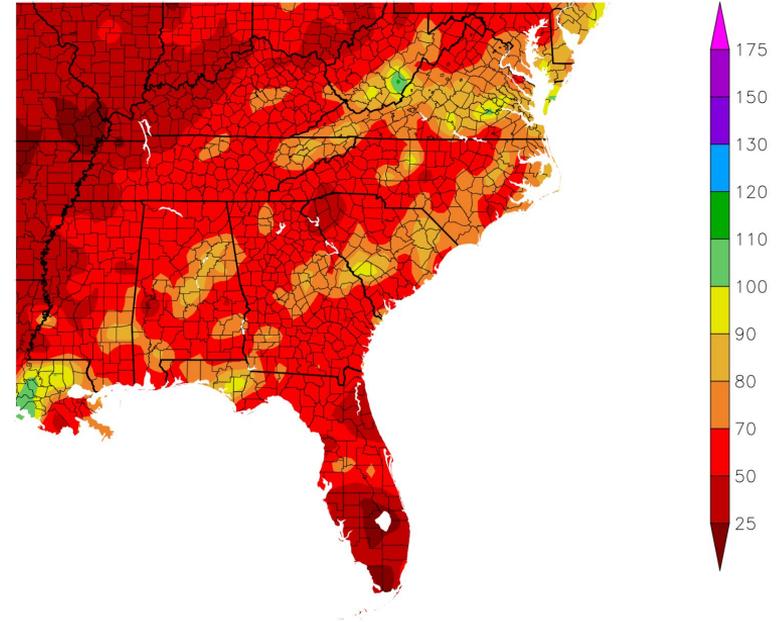


# Winter 2025-2026 Precipitation

Well below-normal

- Tallahassee (TLH):
  - seasonal amount - 8.34 inches
  - 4.63 inches below normal
- Apalachicola (AAF):
  - seasonal amount - 6.45 inches
  - 4.71 inches below normal
- Panama City NW (ECP):
  - seasonal amount - 11.60 inches
  - 2.57 inches below normal
- Marianna (MAI):
  - seasonal amount - 10.11 inches
  - 3.45 inches below normal
- Valdosta (VLD):
  - seasonal amount - 6.33 inches
  - 4.13 inches below normal
- Albany (ABY):
  - seasonal amount - 10.23 inches
  - 2.52 inches below normal
- Dothan (DHN):
  - seasonal amount - 9.85 inches
  - 4.25 inches below normal

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
12/1/2025 – 2/28/2026



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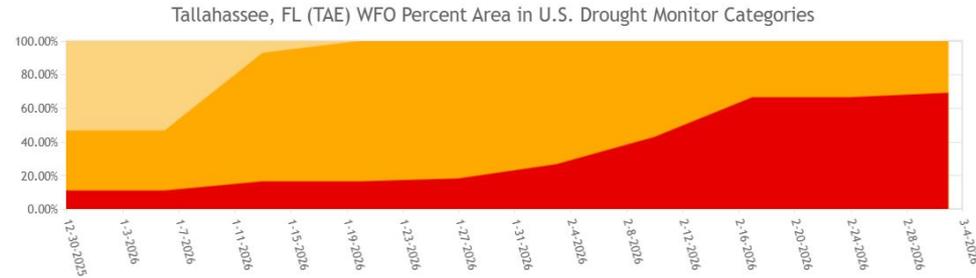




# Drought Seasonal Evolution

Severe to extreme drought largely in place

- **Exceptional drought** improved 1 category following a beneficial multi-day rainfall event in early December.
- Long-duration, large precipitation deficits into early January prompted a degradation from **moderate** to **severe drought**.
- Existing **extreme drought** either persisted or expanded the remainder of the winter months.
- Drought Information Statements: <https://www.weather.gov/tae/DroughtInformationStatement>
- Spring 2026 Outlook:
  - 33-40% chance of above-normal temperatures.
  - Equal chances or ~33% of above, below, or near-normal precipitation.
  - Drought likely to persist.



From the U.S. Drought Monitor website, <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DmData/TimeSeries.aspx>, 3-6-2026



Image Caption: Weekly [Local Drought Monitor](#) valid December 2025-February 2026

Spring Outlook valid as of February 18, 2026





# Other Relevant Climate Data

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

- Tallahassee (TLH):
  - Number of freezes/hard freezes - 28/8
  - Greatest single-day rainfall - 1.74 inches, January 3
  - Days of measurable rain - 19, tied for 6th fewest on record
  - [Daily records](#)
- Apalachicola (AAF):
  - Number of freezes/hard freezes - 15/6
  - Greatest single-day rainfall - 1.78 inches, December 7
  - Days of measurable rain - 17, 3rd fewest on record
  - [Daily records](#)
- Albany (ABY):
  - Number of freezes/hard freezes - 29/7
  - Greatest single-day rainfall - 1.33 inches, February 15
  - Days of measurable rain - 26
  - [Daily records](#)
- Panama City NW (ECP):
  - Number of freezes/hard freezes - 19/7
  - Greatest single-day rainfall - 2.06 inches, December 2
  - Days of measurable rain - 21
- Marianna (MAI):
  - Number of freezes/hard freezes - 26/8
  - Greatest single-day rainfall - 1.07 inches, December 4
  - Days of measurable rain - 27
- Valdosta (VLD):
  - Number of freezes/hard freezes - 27/7
  - Greatest single-day rainfall - 1.34 inches, February 15
  - Days of measurable rain - 21
- Dothan (DHN):
  - Number of freezes/hard freezes - 23/6
  - Greatest single-day rainfall - 1.71 inches, January 25
  - Days of measurable rain - 28

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





# Spring Normals (March-May)

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

- Tallahassee:

- average mean temperature - 68.1°
- high/low - 81.2°/55°
- average first 90° day - April 27
- rainfall - 12.12 inches

- Apalachicola:

- average mean temperature - 68.2°
- high/low - 77.4°/59°
- average first 90° day - May 20
- rainfall - 8.89 inches

- Panama City NW:

- average mean temperature - 69.3°
- high/low - 80.5°/58.2°
- average first 90° day - May 11
- rainfall - 10.35 inches

- Marianna:

- average mean temperature - 68.4°
- high/low - 80.7°/56.1°
- average first 90° day - May 3
- rainfall - 10.84 inches

- Valdosta:

- average mean temperature - 68°
- high/low - 80.7°/55.1°
- average first 90° day - April 26
- rainfall - 10.28 inches

- Albany:

- average mean temperature - 67.1°
- high/low - 79.8°/54.3°
- average first 90° day - April 25
- rainfall - 10.77 inches

- Dothan:

- average mean temperature - 67.6°
- high/low - 78.8°/56.3°
- average first 90° day - May 6
- rainfall - 11.81 inches

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

