



Drought Information Statement for Eastern Oklahoma and Northwestern Arkansas

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- This product will be updated March 6, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/tsa/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- Widespread drought conditions are present across eastern Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas
 - Extreme (D3) Drought is occurring in parts of Ottawa, Delaware, and Choctaw Counties in eastern OK and Benton County in northwest AR



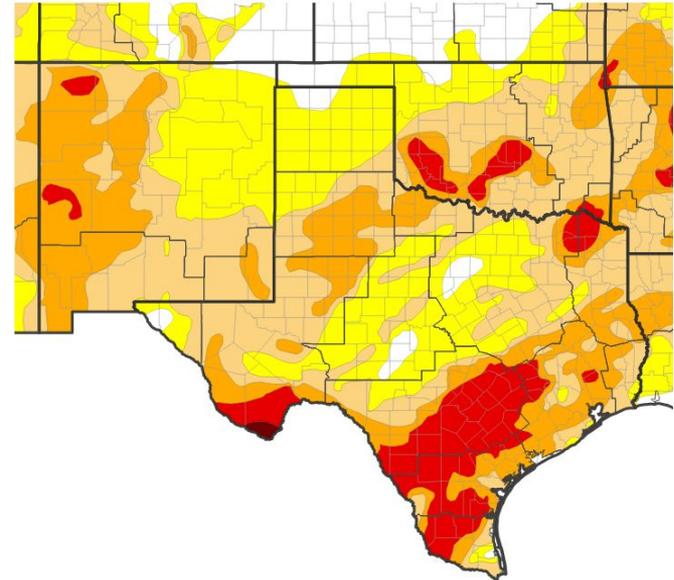


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Eastern Oklahoma and Northwestern Arkansas

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: none
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Ottawa, Delaware, Choctaw, and Benton Counties
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Ottawa, Craig, Mayes, Delaware, Adair, Cherokee, Wagner, Muskogee, Choctaw, Pushmataha, Benton, and Carroll Counties
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Ottawa, Craig, Nowata, Washington OK, Osage, Pawnee, Creek, Tulsa, Rogers, Mayes, Wagoner, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Okfuskee, McIntosh, Pittsburg, Haskell, Cherokee, Adair, Sequoyah, Le Flore, Latimer, Pushmataha, Choctaw, Benton, Carroll, Madison, Washington AR, Crawford, Sebastian, and Franklin Counties
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Osage, Washington OK, Nowata, Tulsa, and Creek Counties

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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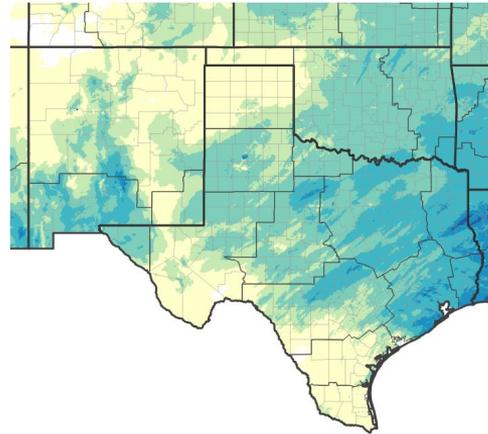




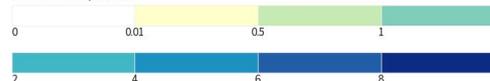
Precipitation

- Over the last 30 days (ending at 6 am CST Feb. 5, 2026), rainfall totals have ranged from 0.50" to 3.5", which corresponds to 20% to 140% of normal
 - Most of eastern OK and northwestern AR has received below normal precipitation over the last 30 days.
- Over the last 60 days (ending at 6 am CST Feb. 5, 2026), rainfall totals have ranged from 0.5" to 4", which corresponds to 12%-60% of normal.
 - Much of the area has only received 20%-35% of the normal precipitation.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

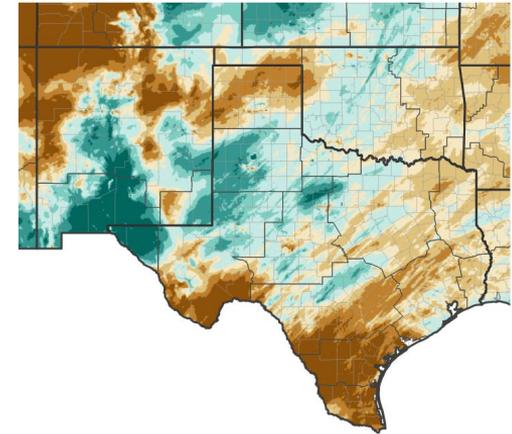


Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 02/05/26

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- The 7-day average streamflow in numerous rivers in the Arkansas River, Red River, and White River basins were below to much below normal as of February 5, 2026 (<https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/index.php?r=11&id=pa07d>)
- 8 USACE reservoirs were below 3% of the top of their conservation pools as of February 2, 2026 (<https://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/map/>)

Agricultural Impacts

- Poor pasture conditions and low ponds are affecting livestock (<https://droughtimpacts.unl.edu/Tools/ConditionMonitoringObservations.aspx>)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

- None reported

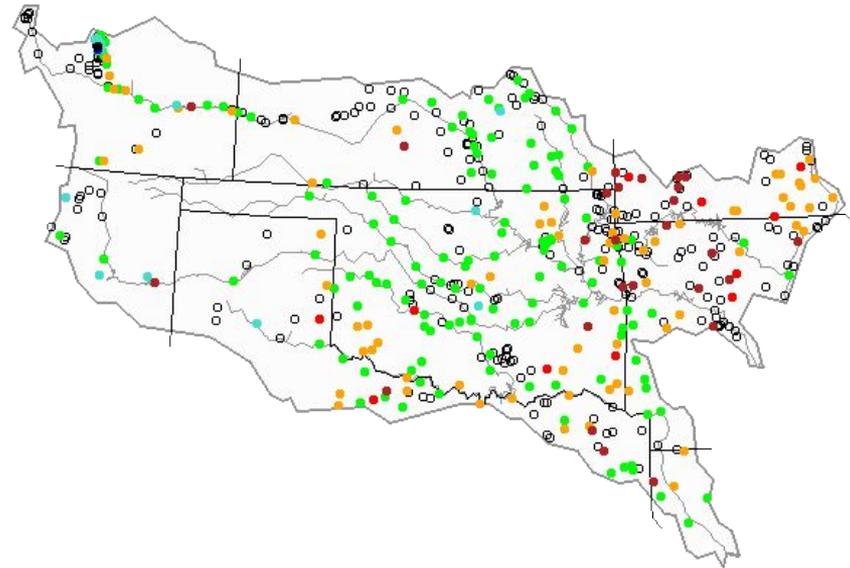




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- The 7-day average streamflow (image on the right) for several rivers were Below to Much Below Normal across northeast OK, northwest AR, and southeast OK.
- River gages with Much Below Normal (less than 10% percentile) streamflows:
 - Spring River near Quapaw, OK
 - Neosho River near Chouteau, OK
 - Flint Creek near West Siloam Springs, OK
 - Kings River near Berryville, AR
 - Lee Creek near Short, OK
 - Frog Bayou at Rudy, AR
 - Fourche Maline near Red Oak, OK

Thursday, February 05, 2026



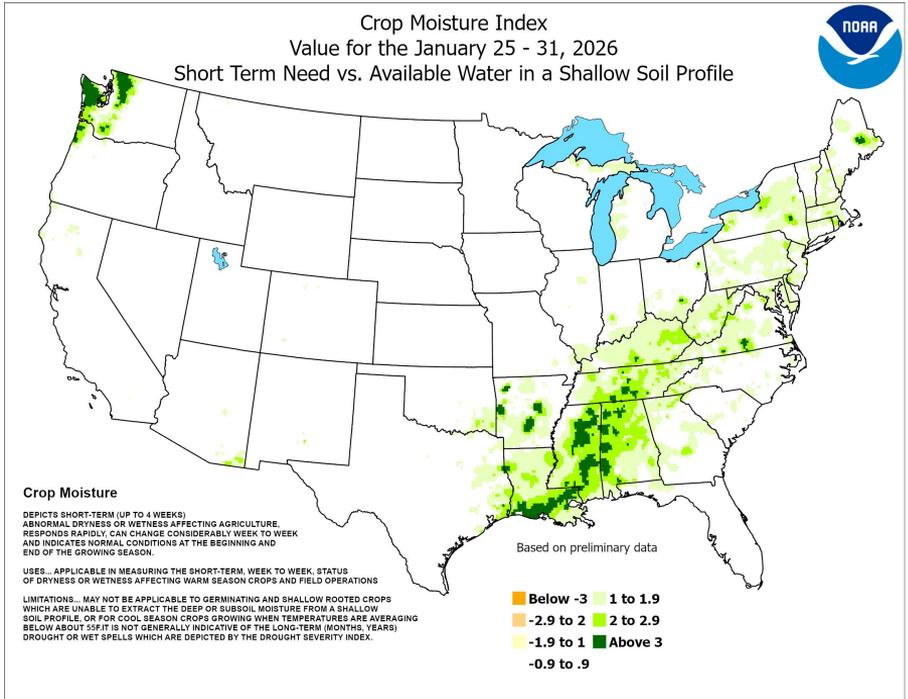
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not-ranked





Agricultural Impacts

- Reports from producers in Benton, Washington, and Sebastian Counties in northwest AR indicate that pastures are in very poor conditions, requiring supplemental feeding for livestock.
 - Impacts include decreased stock weight and sold livestock
- These producers are also reporting less water in ponds, creeks, and wells.
 - One pond in Benton County was 24"-30" below normal.

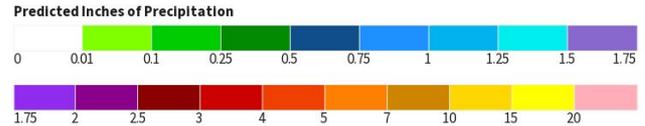
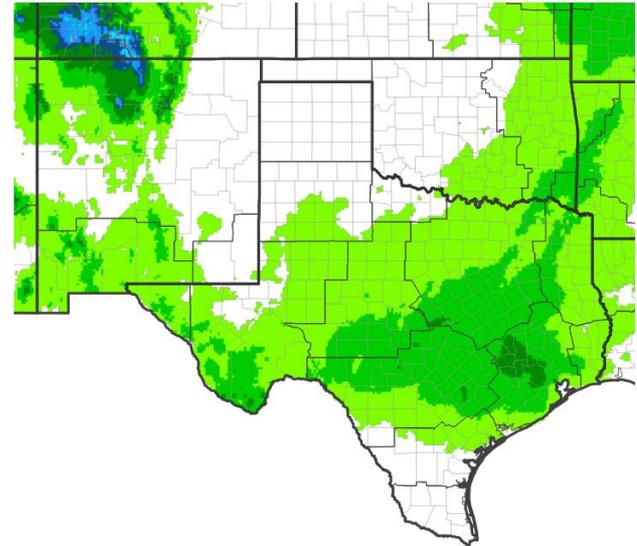




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- There is a chance for light rain across eastern OK and northwestern AR on February 10th into the 11th and again late on the 12th into the 13th.
- At this time, this rainfall is not expected to provide improvement to the drought conditions.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for February 5, 2026–February 12, 2026



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 02/05/26



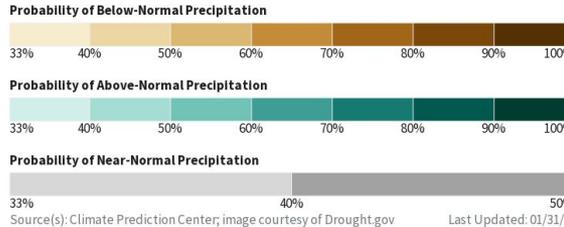
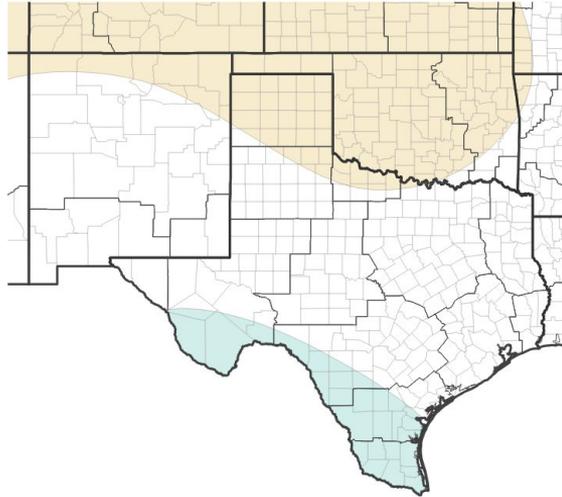


Long-Range Outlooks

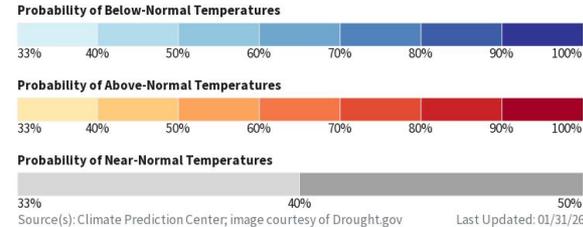
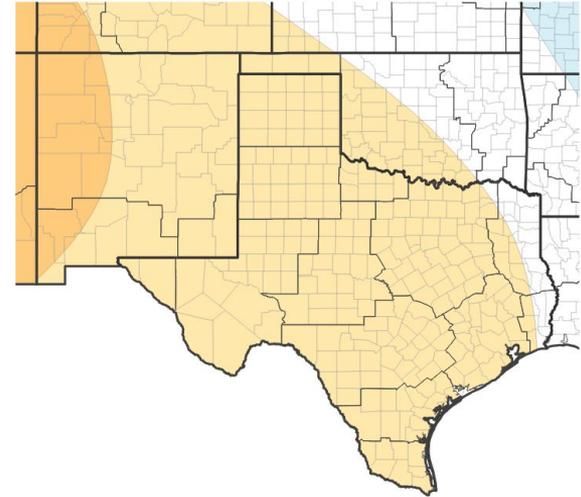
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- There is a slightly enhanced chance for below median precipitation across northeast and east central OK and far northwest AR. There is an equal chance for above, near, or below median precipitation elsewhere.
- There is an equal chance for above, near, or below normal temperatures across all of eastern OK and northwestern AR

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



Monthly Temperature Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



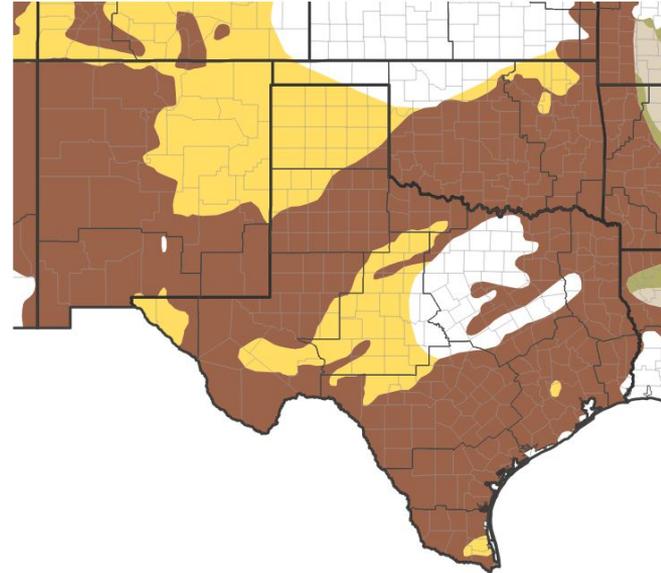


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to develop in the areas currently with Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions in northeast OK through April 30.
- Some improvement in drought conditions is possible for parts of Carroll County in northwestern AR through April 30.
- Drought is expected to persist for the majority of eastern OK and northwestern AR over the next three months.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 31, 2026-April 30, 2026



Drought is Predicted To...



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

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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