



# Drought Information Statement for Southeast Arizona

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- This product will be updated when drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/twc/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
  
- Much needed and welcomed rainfall earlier this month led to drought improvement across much of southeast Arizona.
- Extreme or D3 drought conditions are no longer present across central portions of Greenlee county.

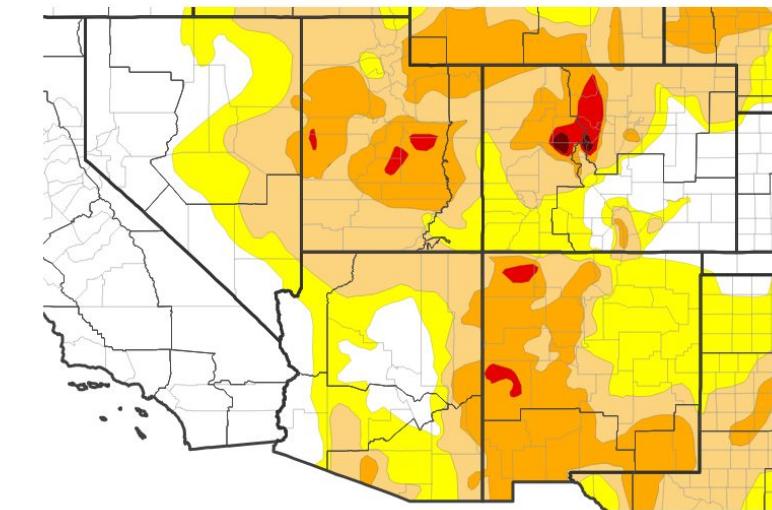


# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Southeast Arizona

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** No areas.
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** No areas.
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Central Pima county, most of Greenlee county and the Chiricahua mountains of Cochise county.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Most of Graham county, eastern half of Cochise county, western half of Santa Cruz county, central and western Pima county.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Pinal county, remainder of Pima, Santa Cruz and Graham counties, western half of Cochise county.

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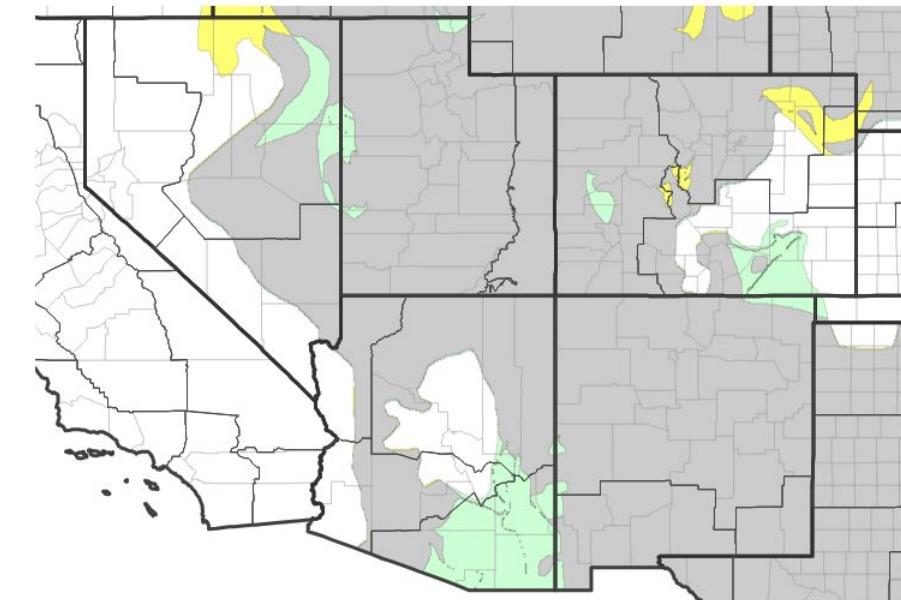


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Southeast Arizona

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - **No Change:** Western Pima county; far southwest Pinal county and northern Greenlee county.
  - **Drought Improved:** All of southeast Arizona not listed above in no change.

**U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map**



**Drought Change Since Last Week**



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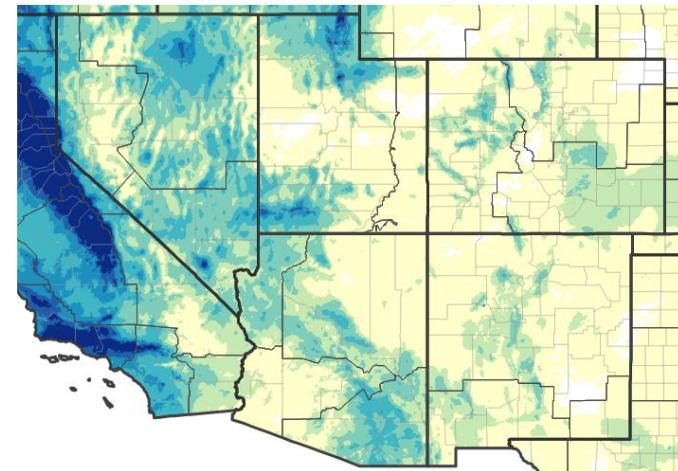
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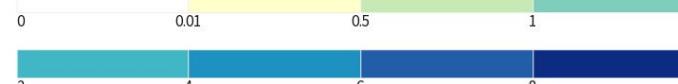
# Precipitation

- The first half of January saw above normal rainfall for most of southeast Arizona.
- The exception was western Pima county and northern Greenlee county where it was drier than normal.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



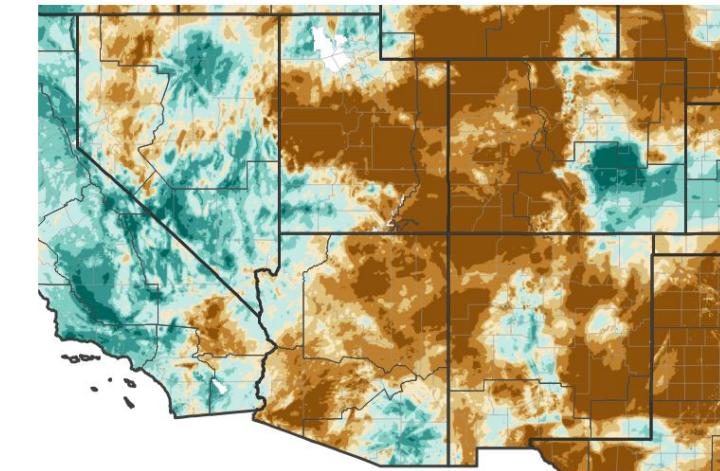
Inches of Precipitation



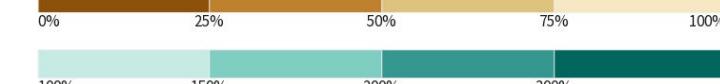
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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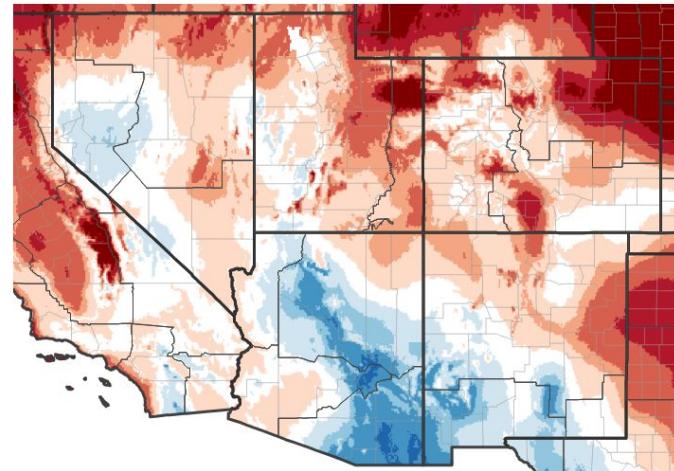




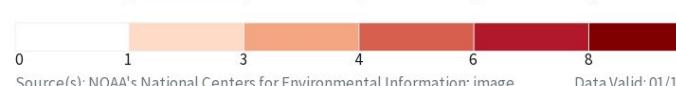
# Temperature

- Temperatures over the past 30 days have been above normal, including the period of below normal temperatures around mid-month.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



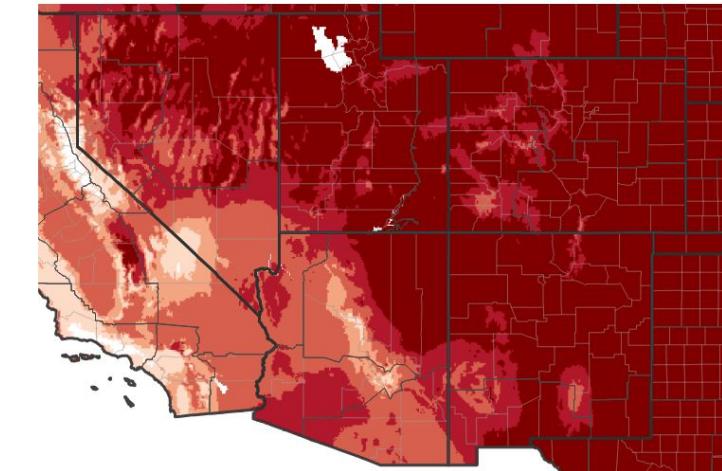
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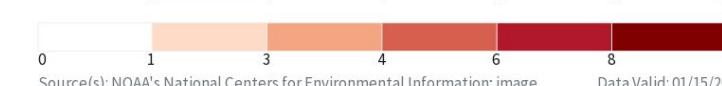
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# Summary of Impacts

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

## Hydrologic Impacts

- Stream flows were near normal for most of the basins across southeast Arizona.

## Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Normal fire potential is expected over the next month.

## Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

## Mitigation Actions

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



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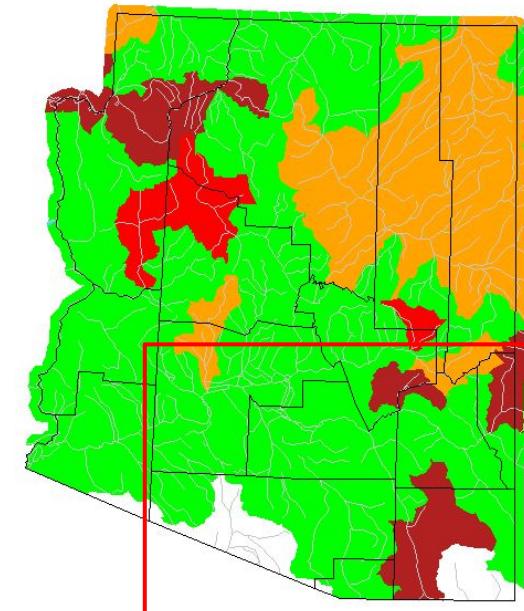
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# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Most of the basins across southeast Arizona are seeing normal streamflows.

Sunday, January 18, 2026



Explanation - Percentile classes

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Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	Not-ranked

Low Much below normal Below normal Normal Above normal Much above normal High Not-ranked



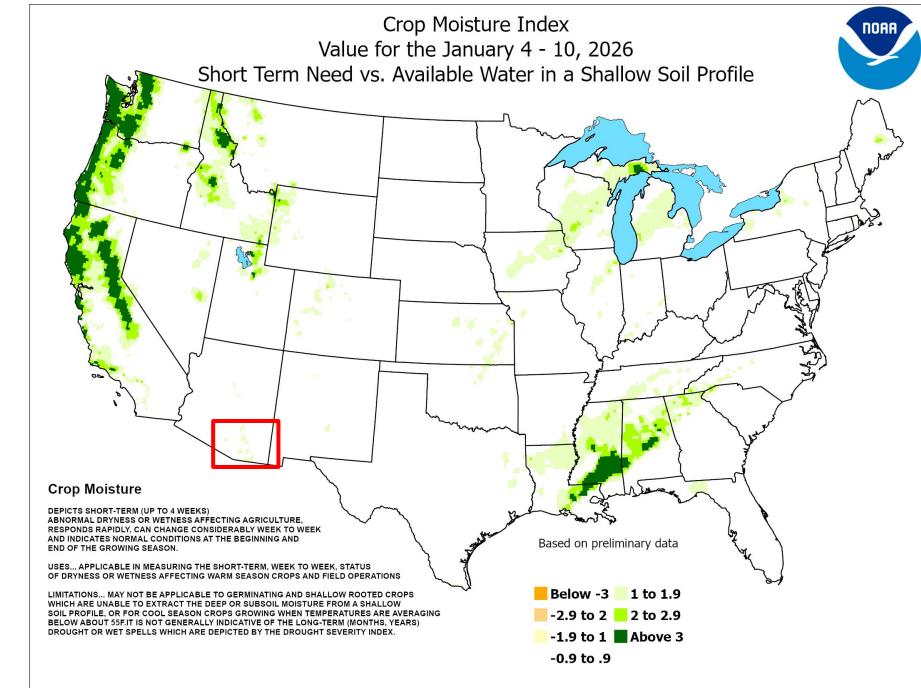
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# Agricultural Impacts

- Precipitation earlier this month has led to isolated areas of abnormally wet conditions across southeast Arizona.

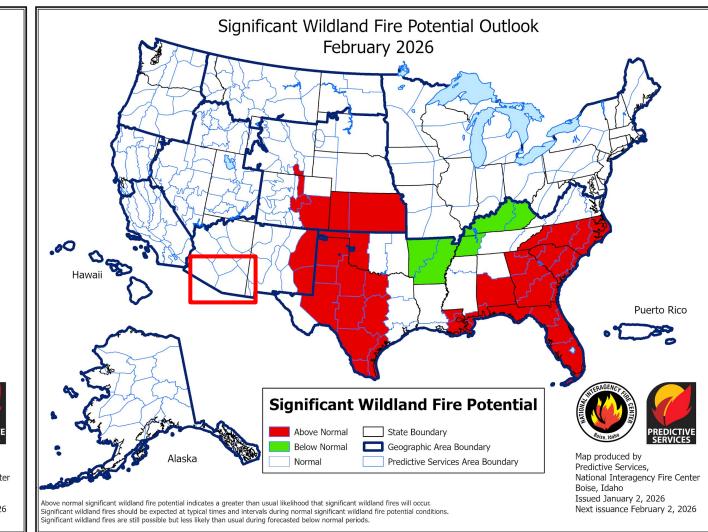
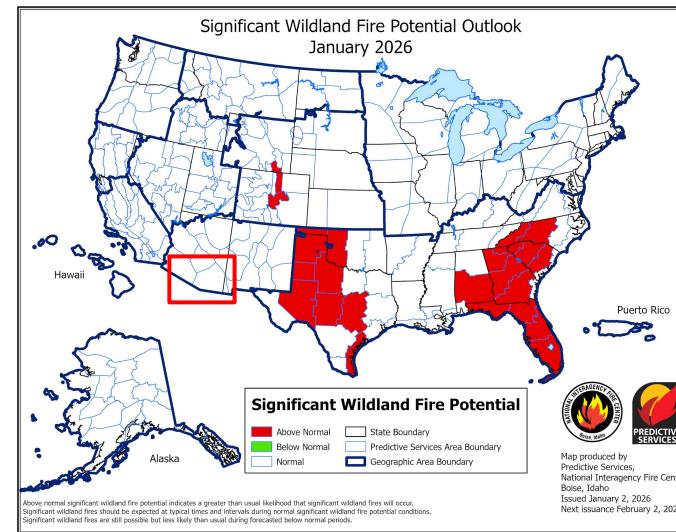




# Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Normal fire potential across southeast Arizona for January & February.

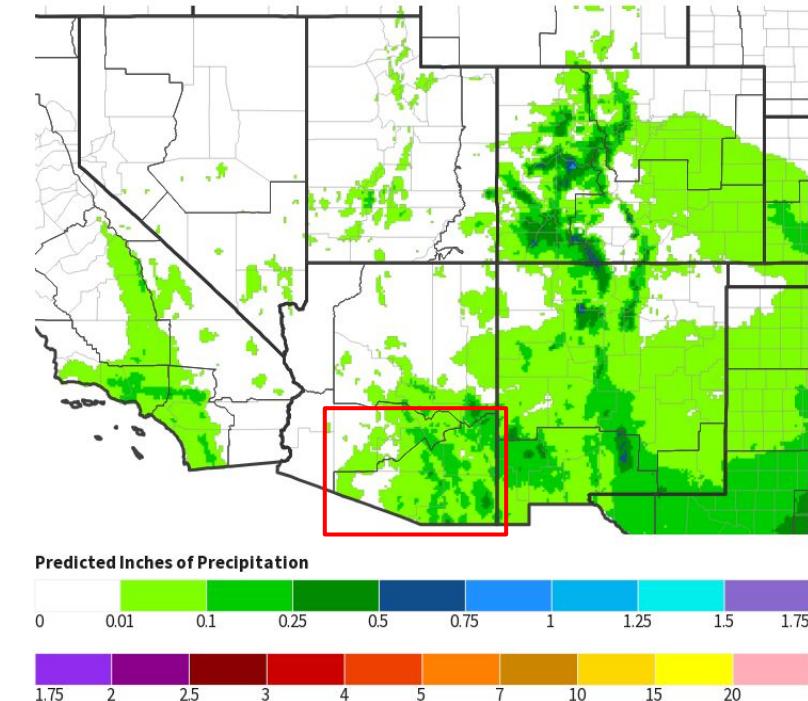




# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Dry conditions on the 20th and 21st, then a weather system will bring a chance of valley rain and mountain snow late on the 22nd through early on the 25th. The best chances, (30%-70% chance) will be on 23rd & 24th (Friday & Saturday).

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for January 19, 2026–January 26, 2026



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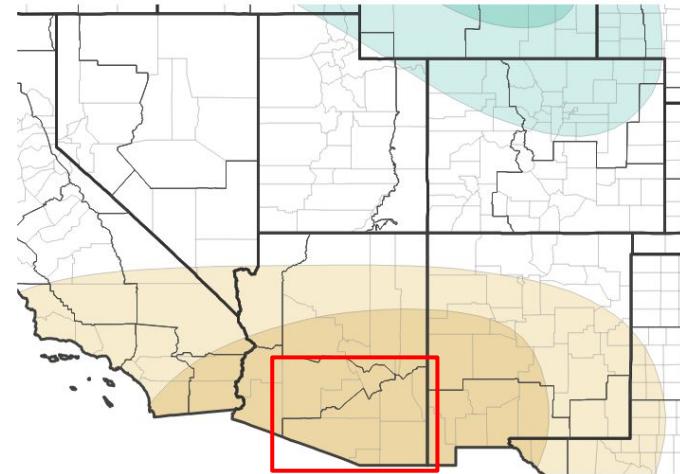


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The precipitation outlook for **February 2026** leans toward **below normal**, 40% to 50% chance across the area.
- The temperature outlook from **February 2026** slightly leans toward **above normal**, 33% to 40% chance across the area.

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



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



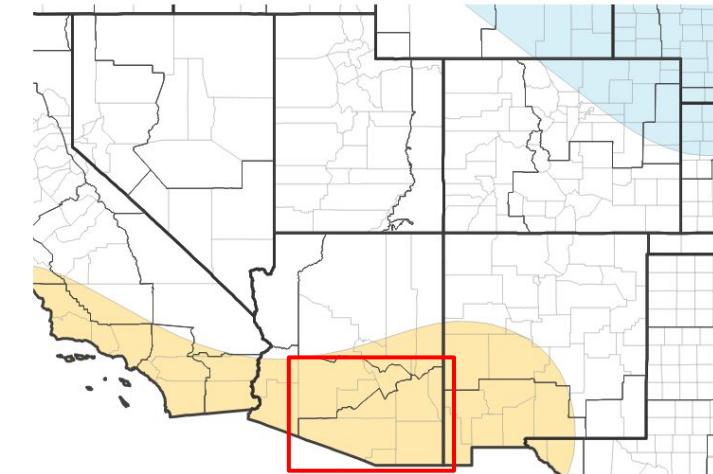
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



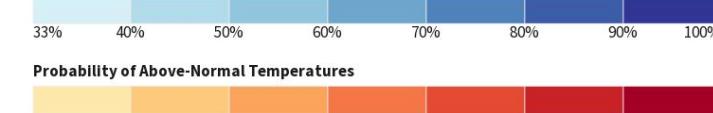
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Monthly Temperature Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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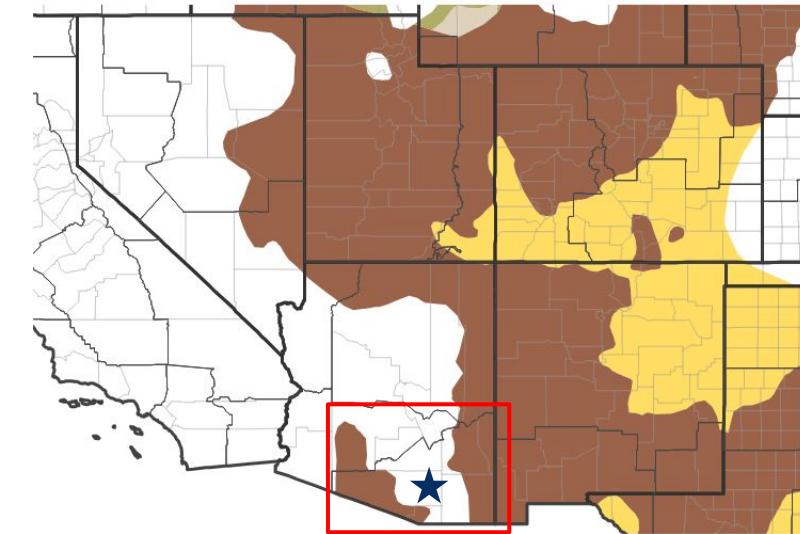


# Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are expected to continue west and east of ★ Tucson through the end of April.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 15, 2026–April 30, 2026



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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