



Drought Information Statement for Central Alabama

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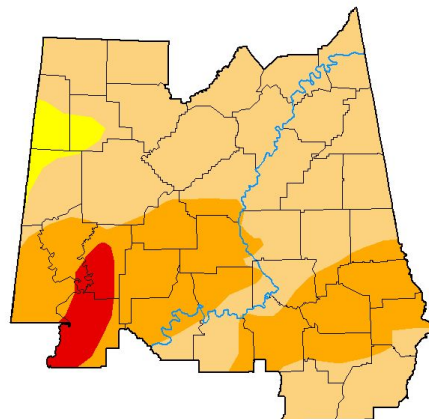


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for central Alabama

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - D4 Exceptional Drought: None.
 - D3 Extreme Drought: Areas are still located in parts of the southwest.
 - D2 and D1 Severe and Moderate Drought: Covers most of the area not covered in higher drought categories.
 - D0 Abnormally Dry: A small area in west central Alabama covering parts of Lamar, Fayette and Pickens.

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January 6, 2026
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.00	2.87	61.33	31.85	3.95	0.00
Last Week 12-30-2025	0.00	7.02	73.20	15.84	3.95	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-07-2025	0.24	35.12	41.36	13.47	9.81	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2026	0.00	2.87	61.33	31.85	3.95	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	0.24	48.37	31.68	17.41	2.30	0.00
One Year Ago 01-07-2025	20.54	46.48	27.17	5.81	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: U.S. Drought Monitor valid January 6, 2026



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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for central Alabama

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Scattered about the entire area with the most degradation in the northern counties.
 - No Change: Covers the remainder of the area.
 - Drought Improved: None.

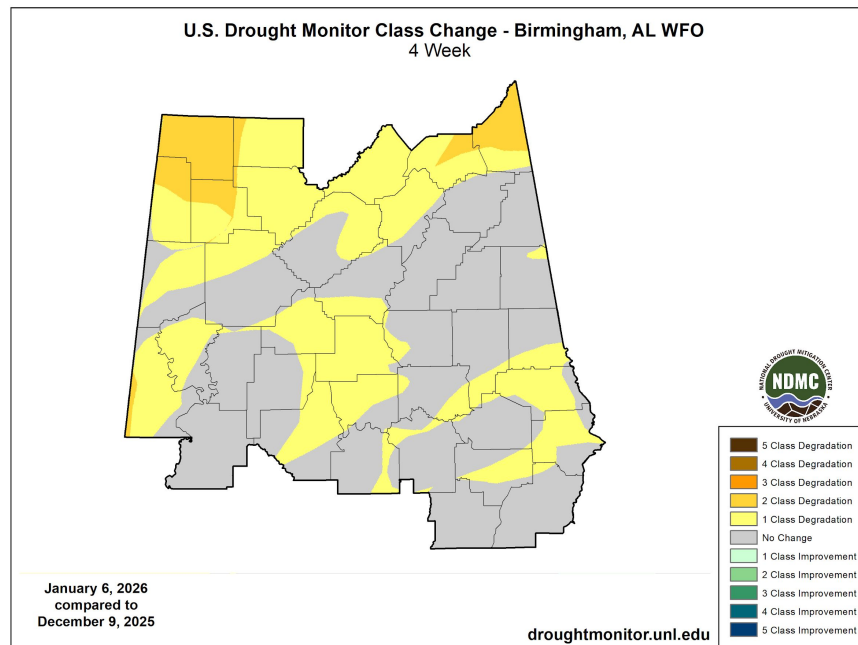


Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor 4-week change map valid January 6, 2026



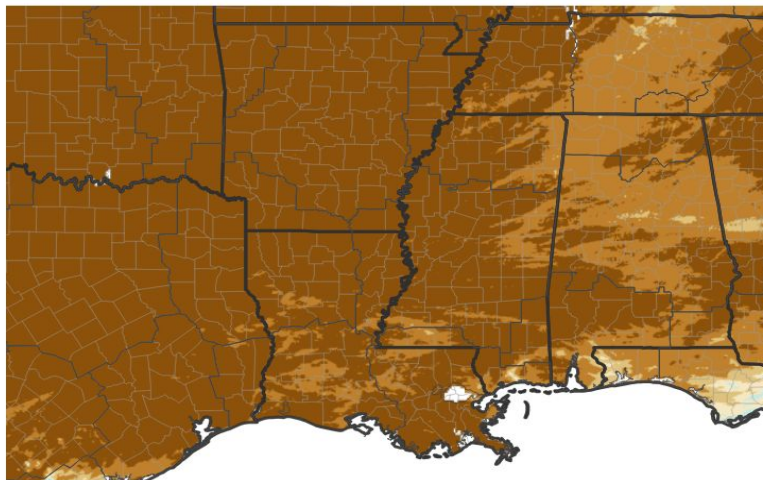


Precipitation

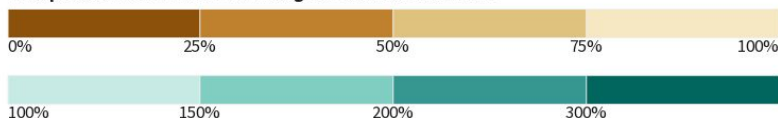
Last 30 days

- Dry conditions persist across much of the deep south over the past 30 days. Very dry conditions have set in across the areas around US 80 and especially from Demopolis through Selma.
- All of central Alabama locations received below-average rainfall.
- January's average weekly rainfall should be around 1.25 inches with monthly totals averaging around 5 inches.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System;
image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Image Captions:

Map - [Departure from normal map for Alabama](#)

Data over the past 30 days ending Jan 8, 2026



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows have fluctuated greatly due to recent rainfall but continue an overall decline. At this time, most locations are below to well below normal.

Agricultural Impacts

- No updates from the USDA have been reported.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no fire weather impacts at this time.

Other Impacts

- None

Drought Mitigation Actions

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

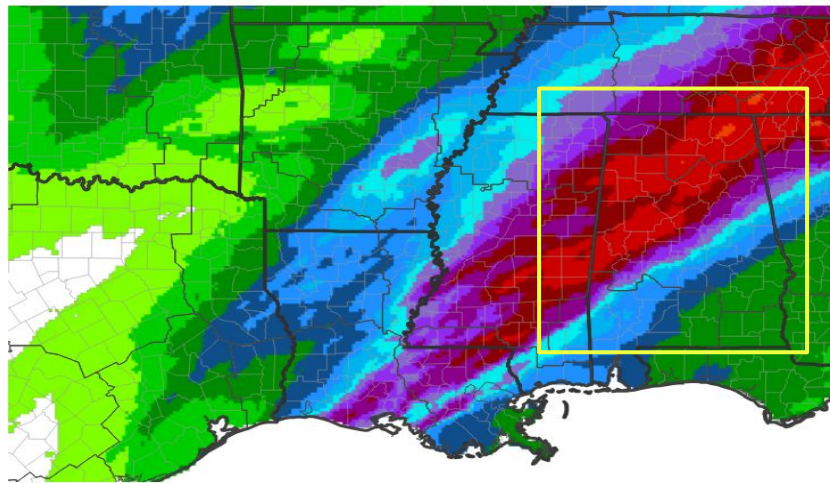




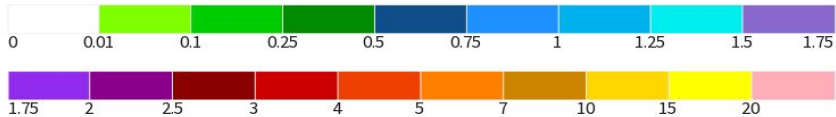
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Heavy and persistent rainfall will move through the area today and Saturday. The heaviest rainfall will be over the northern and western locations. This will significantly help with drought in those areas and some temporary improvement in the drought status is likely next week.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for January 8, 2026–January 15, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center [7-day precipitation forecast](#) valid through December 15



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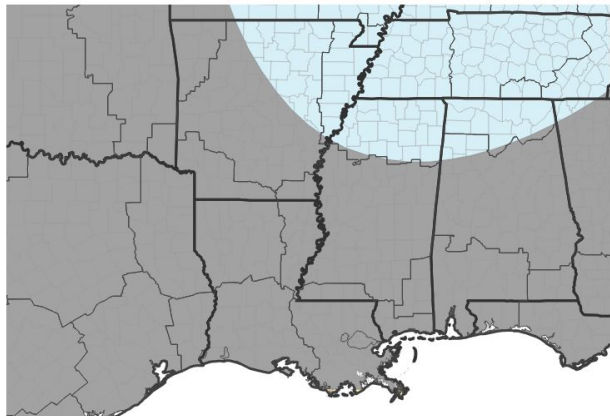


Medium-Range Outlooks

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

- The outlook for the 8-14 day period is calling for near average to below average temperatures.
- Rainfall probabilities during this same time-frame lend to a near average to slightly above average pattern.
- Cooler temperatures and average to above average rainfall would improve the current drought conditions as streams and soil moisture would be able to recharge somewhat.

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for January 15,
2026-January 21, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

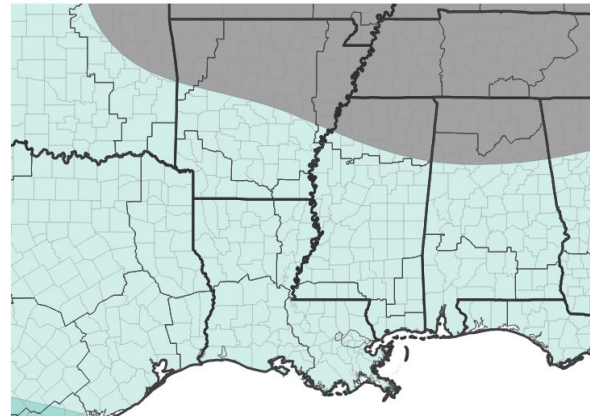


■ Near-Normal Conditions

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

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8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for January 15,
2026-January 21, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



■ Near-Normal Conditions

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Image Captions:

Left - 8 to 14 day temperature outlook ending Jan 21

Right - 8 to 14 day precipitation outlook ending Jan 21



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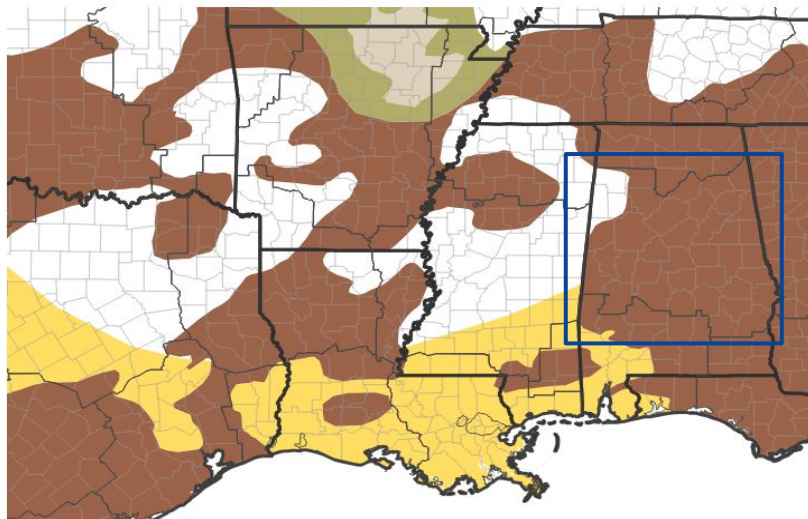


Drought Outlook

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- The latest seasonal outlook released by the CPC on December 31st shows little to no areas of improvement across central Alabama over the long term. Some areas may be briefly alleviated from drought as frontal systems pass through, however the overall pattern supports a drier than normal bias which will only maintain the current rainfall deficits.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for December 31, 2025–March 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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

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CPC Seasonal Drought Outlook Released December, 2026 and valid now through March 2026.

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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