



Drought Information Statement for Central Alabama

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- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
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- DROUGHT CONDITIONS GREATLY IMPROVED DUE TO RECENT RAINFALL



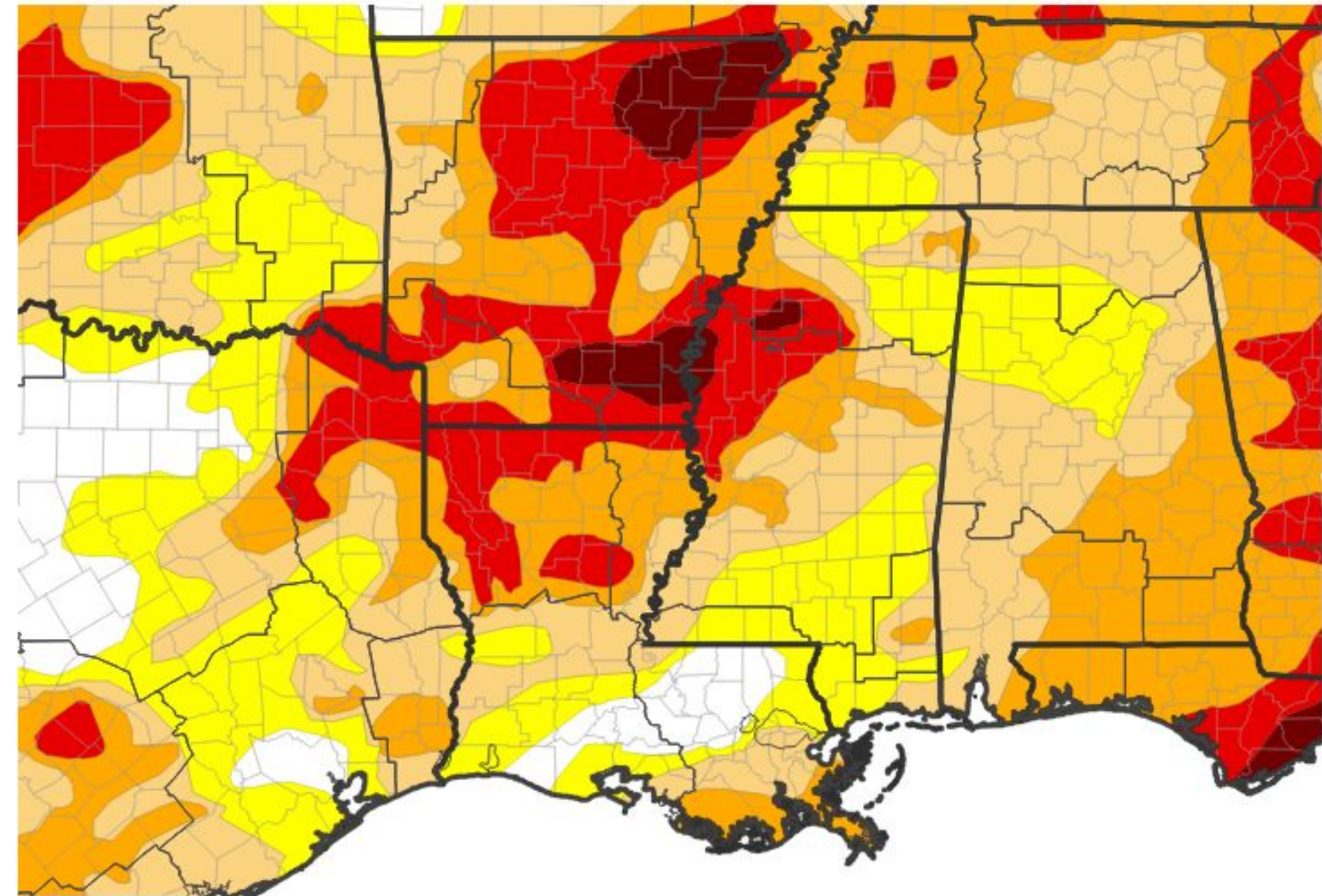


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - D4 Exceptional Drought: None.
 - D3 Extreme Drought: None.
 - D2 and D1 Severe/Moderate Drought: Most of the area is experiencing either severe or moderate drought.
 - D0 Abnormally Dry: Several counties in the north and northwest are now showing abnormally dry conditions.



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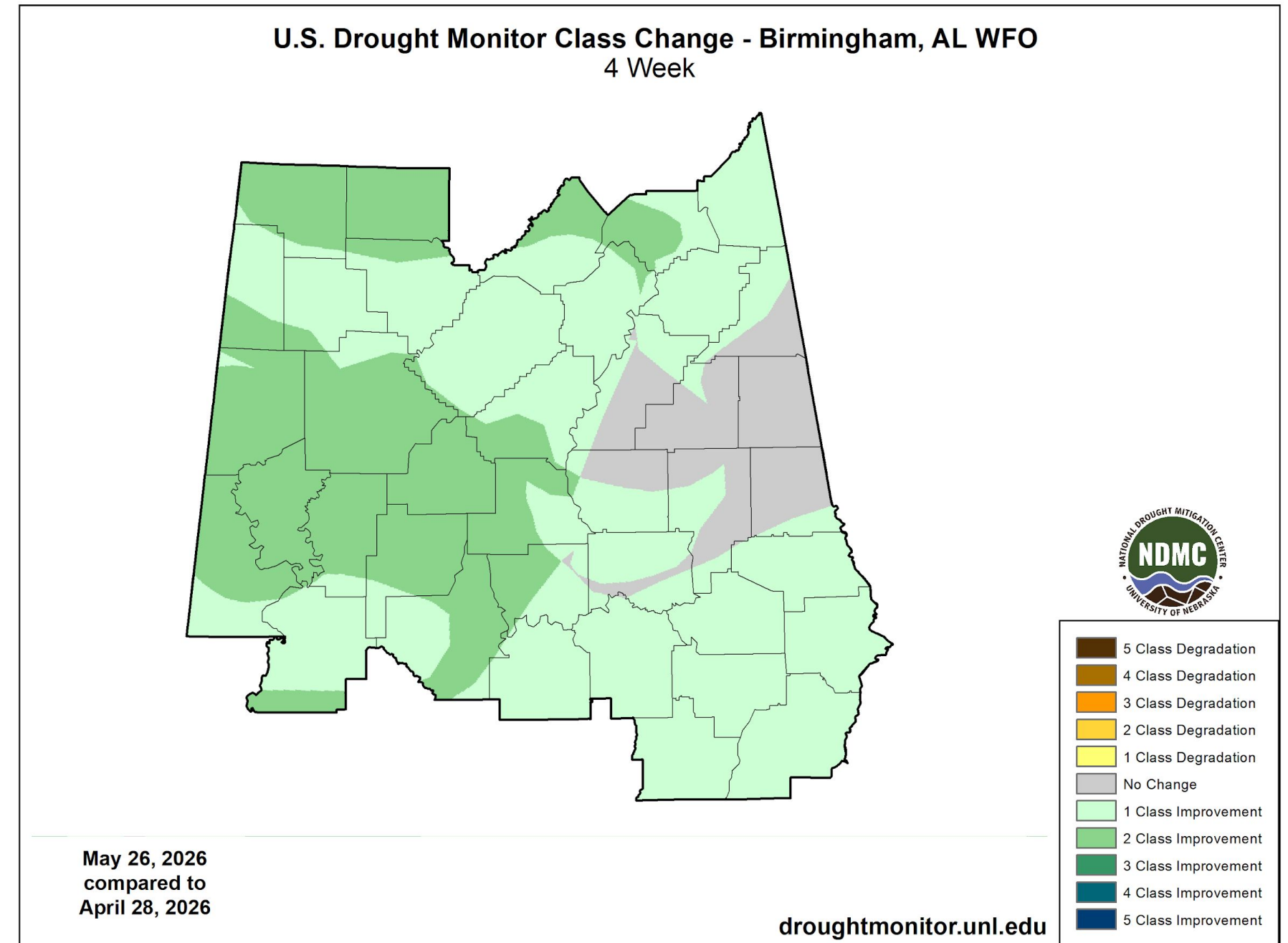


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: None.
 - No Change and Drought Improvement: Most of the area had a 1 or 2 category improvement over the past 4 weeks.





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Following a week of wet conditions, streamflows returned normal levels and above normal flows for this time of the year. A continued wet pattern will improve the deep soil moisture conditions over the next week.

Agricultural Impacts

- No current impacts reported.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- No significant fire weather impacts have been reported.

Other Impacts

- None

Drought Mitigation Actions

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

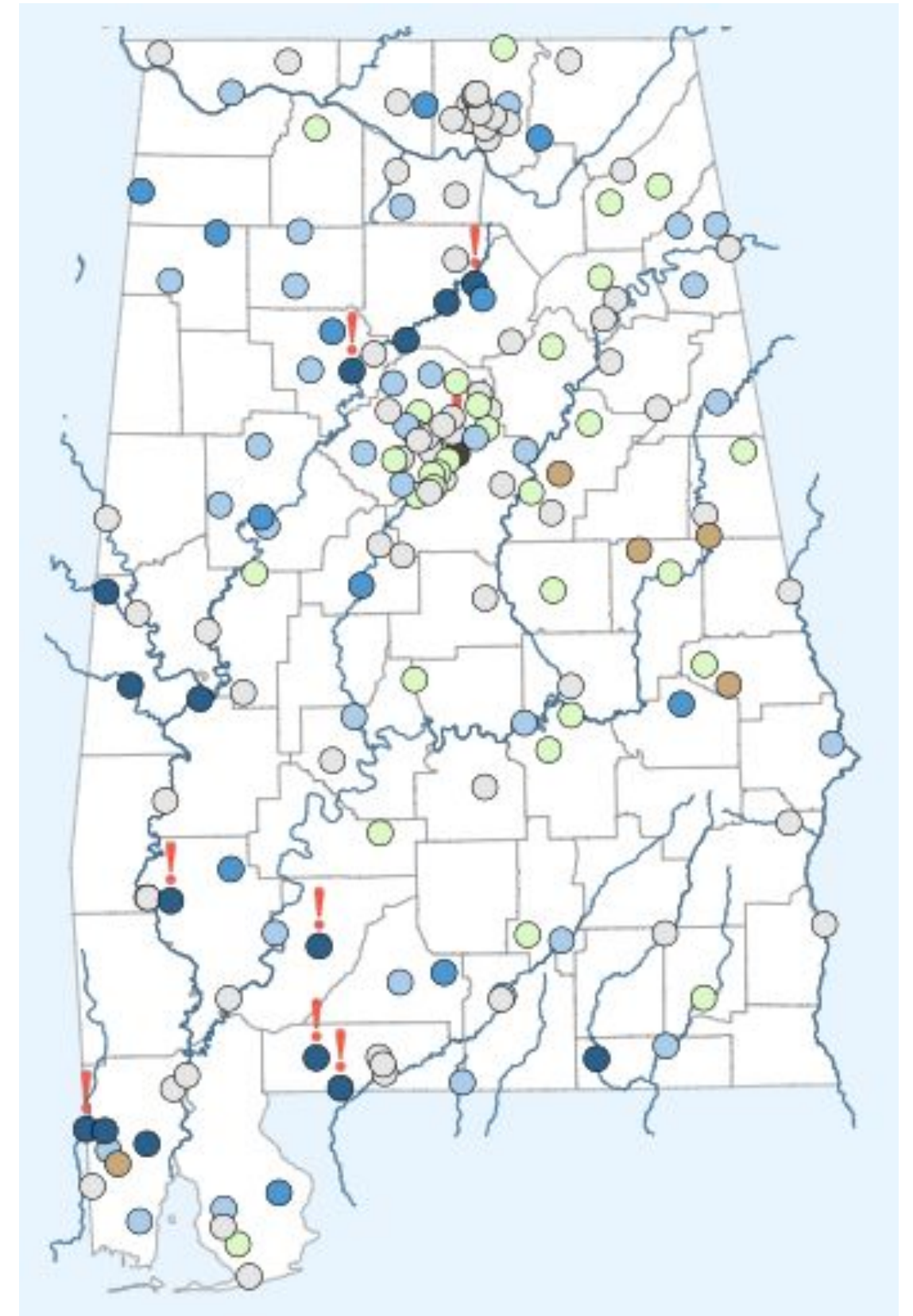




Hydrologic Conditions & Impacts

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- With most of the last week being wetter than normal, streamflows have significantly increased as ample runoff from the heavy rains replenishes the soil moisture.
- Additional information can be found here:
 - <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/state/Alabama/>



Current condition estimate

The condition estimate is based on the latest continuous data value recorded in relation to historic daily averages expressed as percentiles. The percentiles show how a value relates to all the other values for a given day of the year and indicate what percentage of days have an average (mean) value less than the latest recorded value. Extreme conditions are indicated when the latest continuous data value is outside of the percentile range of historic daily averages, meaning current conditions are above the highest or below the lowest daily average ever recorded for this day of the year.

0-5 Extremely below	5-10 Much below	10-25 Below normal	25-75 Normal	75-90 Above normal	90-95 Much above	95-100 Extremely above
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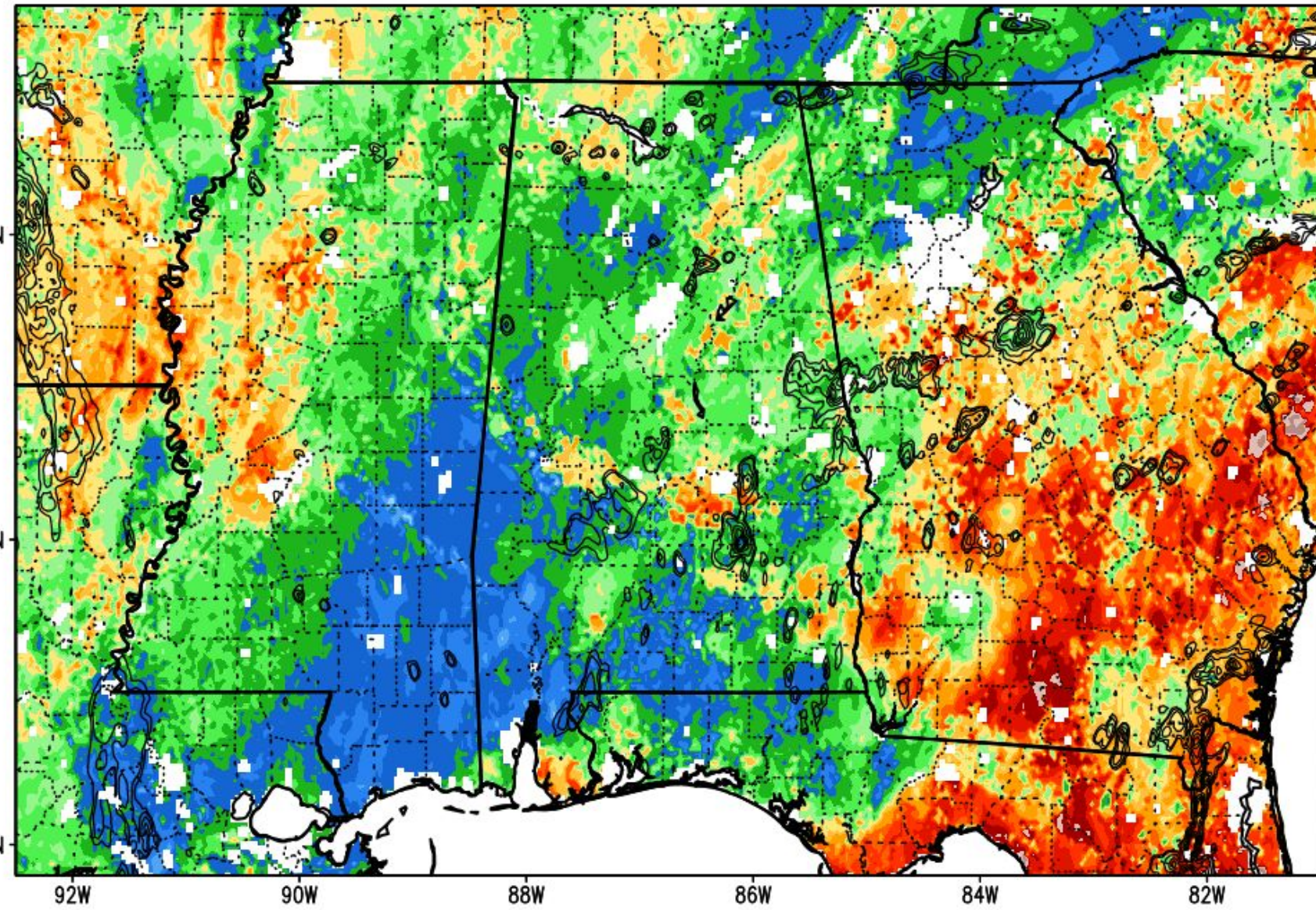


Agricultural Impacts

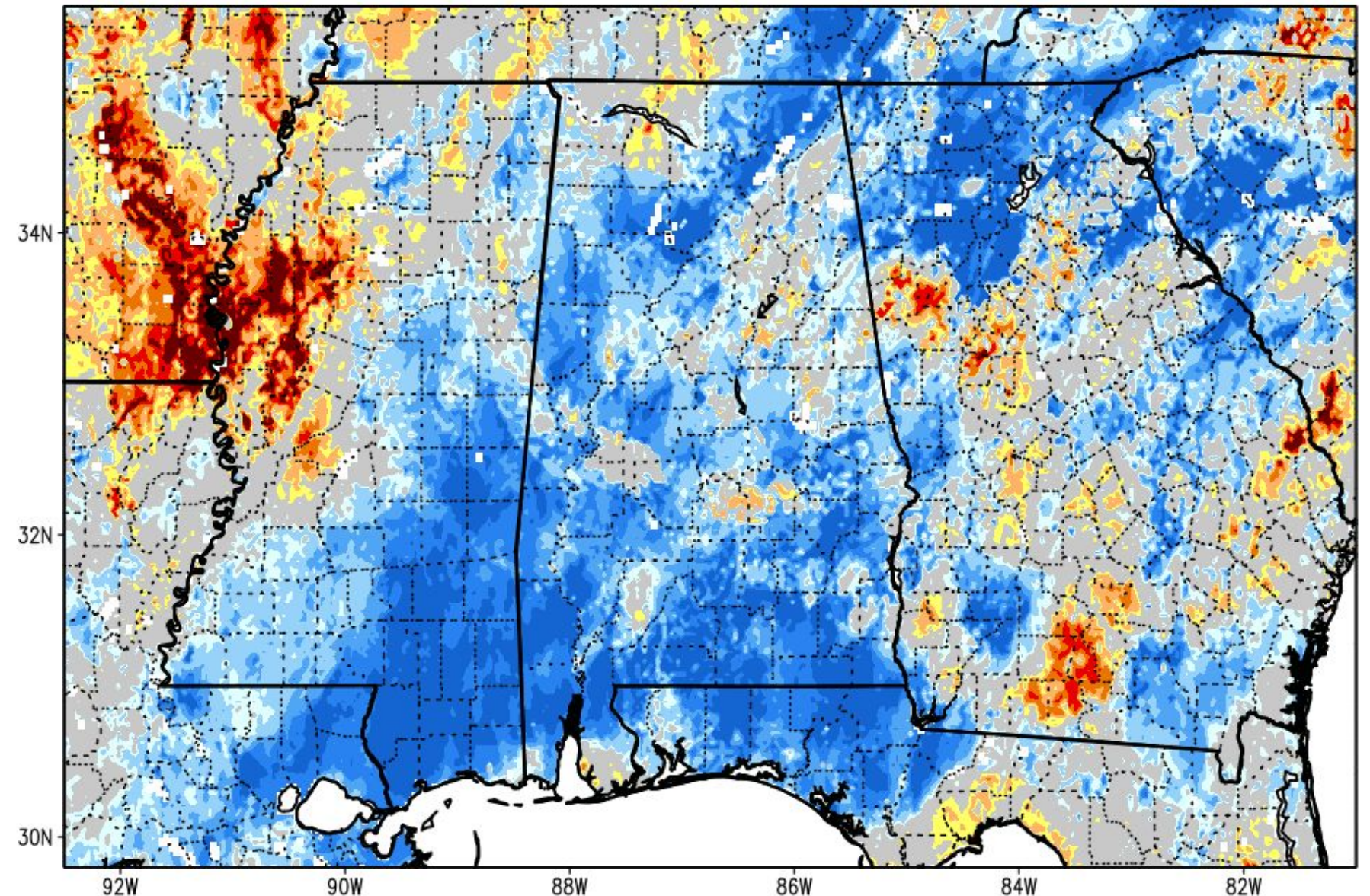
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0-100 cm Relative Soil Moisture (available water; %) valid 00z 28 May 2026

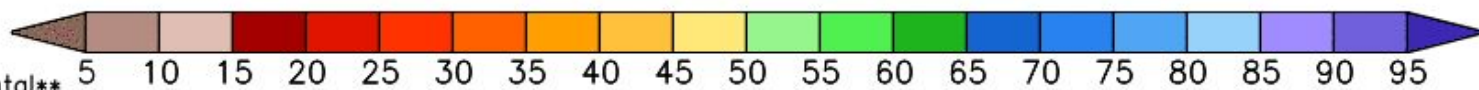
Precipitation in previous hour (1,2,5,10,15,20,25 mm contours)



SPoRT-LIS 0-100 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 28 May 2026



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- Significant improvements across the entire state over the past week as frequent heavy rainfall has replenished the top soil depths of 100 cm.



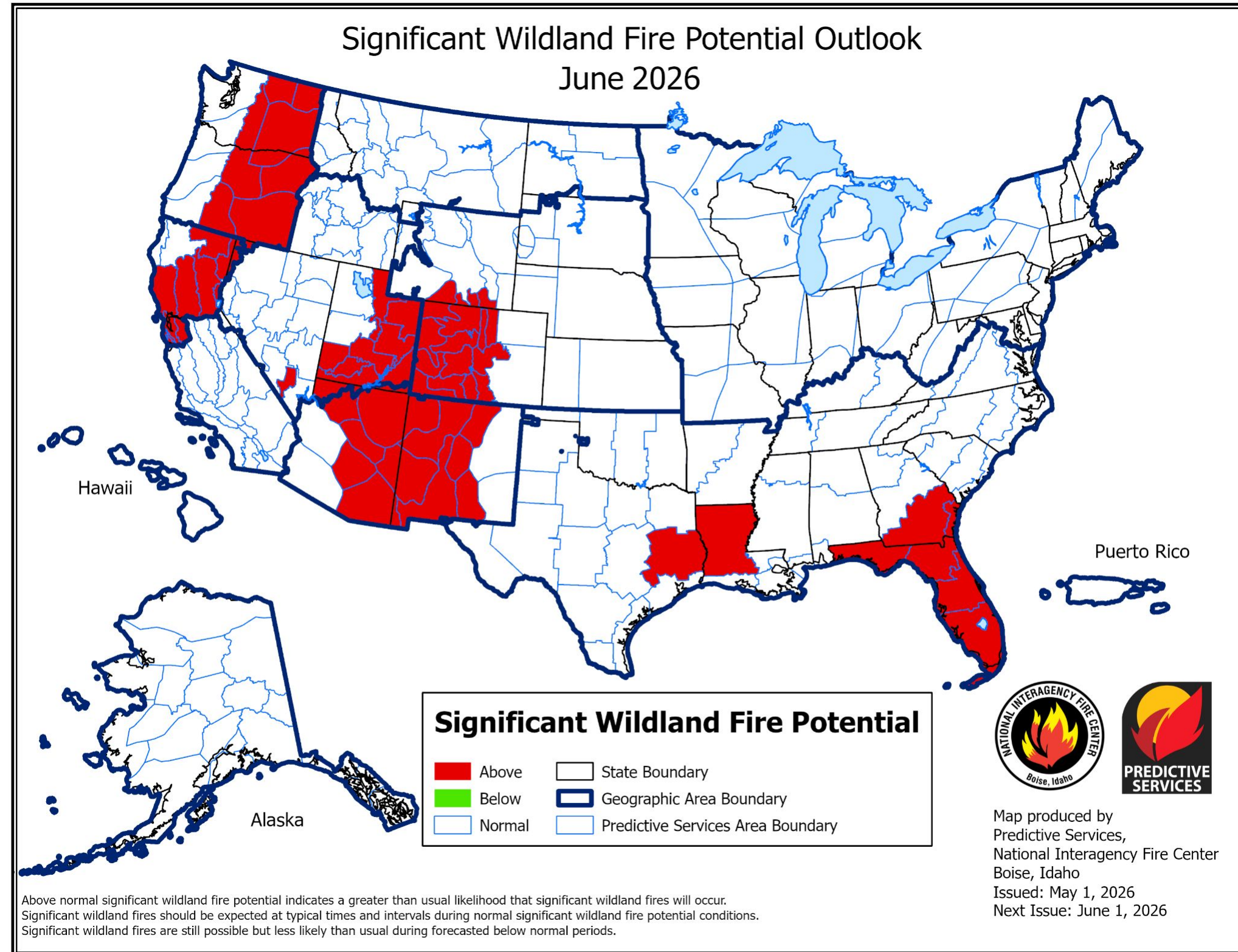


Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- There has been little in the way of wild fires over the past week as rainfall has prevented any problem areas. This has been a significant and welcome change from the past couple of months.
- The Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) is still maintaining the current statewide Fire Alert.
 - [Fire Alert](#)
- For the upcoming month of June, the current outlook calls for a normal wildfire potential. The next monthly update for these maps will be on June 1st and some change is possible.

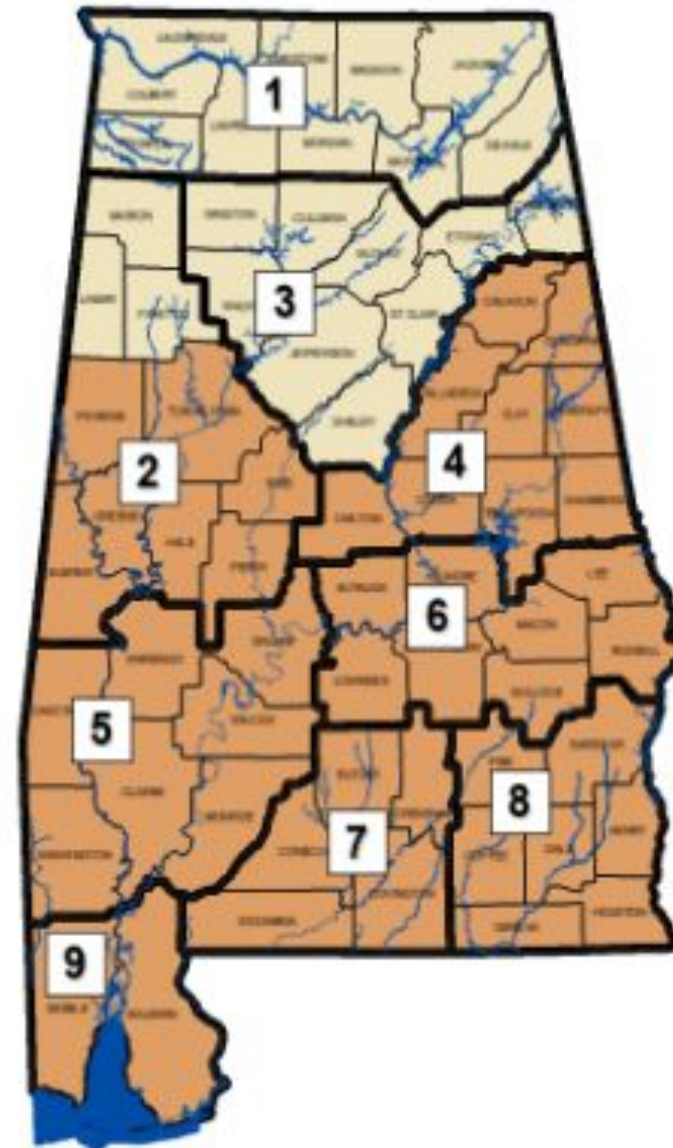




State Alerts

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- The latest Alabama drought declaration map has all of Alabama in either an watch or warning status.
- Click the link at the bottom of the page for more information and any new updates.



Legend
No Drought Declaration
Advisory
Watch
Warning
Emergency

While the state has experienced some modest short-term improvements following early May precipitation events, severe long-term hydrologic deficits persist. The state needs sustained beneficial rainfall before meaningful recovery can take place.

Water managers and public water system customers are encouraged to follow their local water system's recommendations regarding water use. All water users should make prudent decisions on their water use to protect available resources.

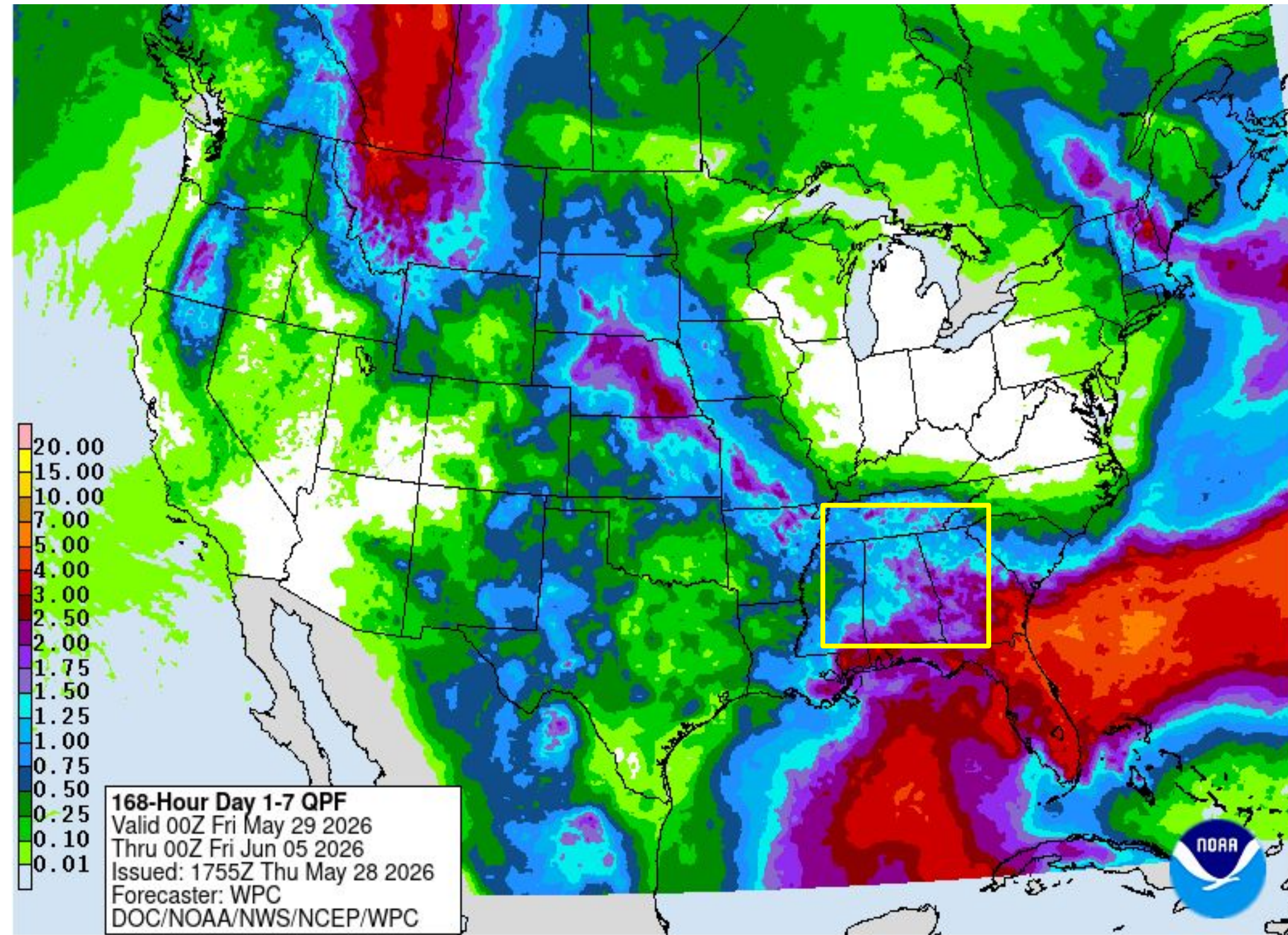
Image caption: [Alabama drought declaration map image](#)



Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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- The next 7 days will continue a wet pattern theme although probably not as wet as the previous week. This should allow for some potential improvements or at least maintaining the current status.
- Typically, Central Alabama should average around 1.00 to 1.5 inches of rainfall each week for May and roughly 1.15 to 1.5 inches per week in June.





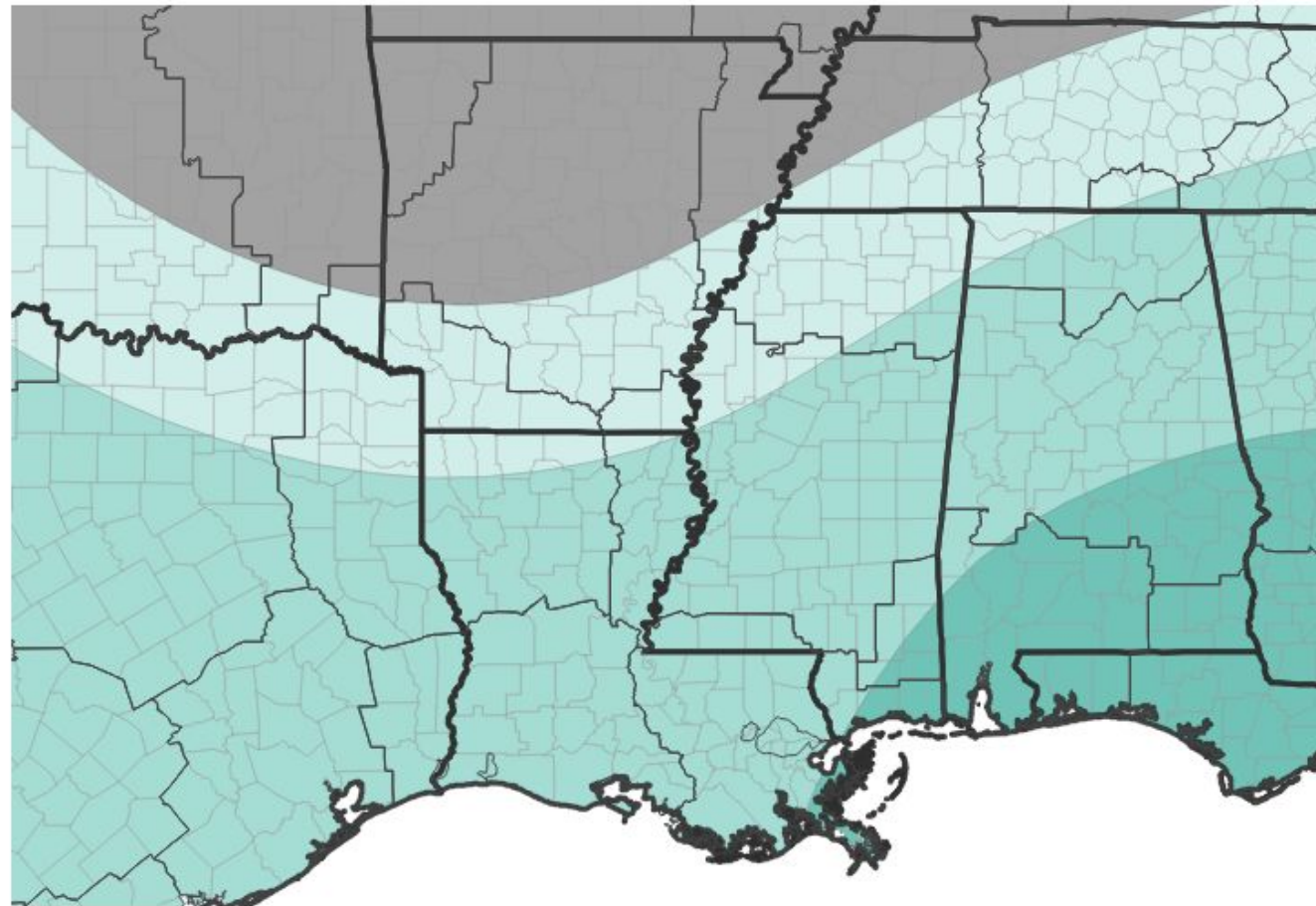
Two Week Outlook

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

- The two week outlook, beginning on June 4th and is valid through June 10th, shows normal temperatures are expected.
- Rainfall probabilities during this same time-frame are calling for decent chance of above normal rainfall.
- Both of these patterns would be helpful in drought improvement.

8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for June 4, 2026–June 10, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

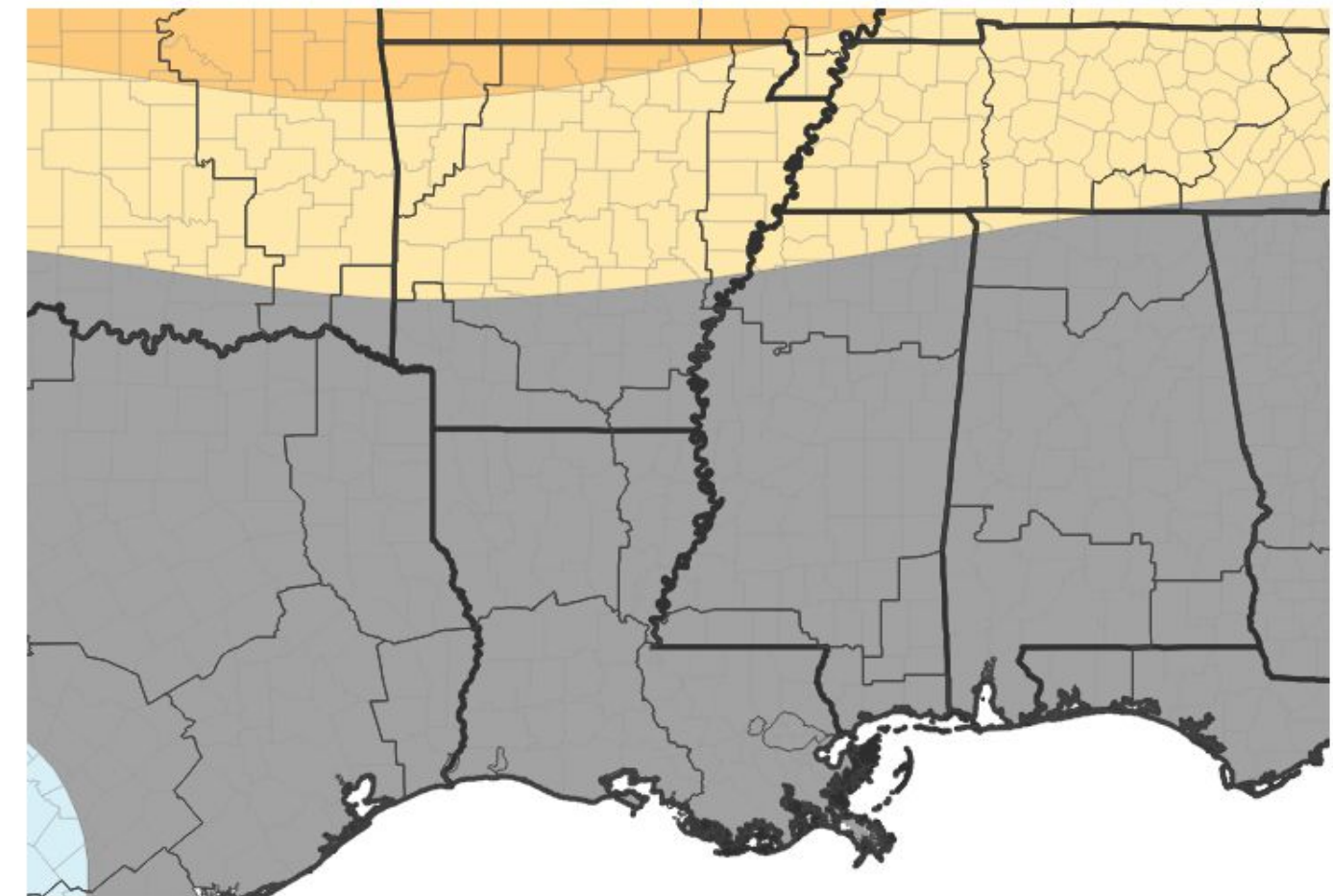


■ Near-Normal Conditions

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8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for June 4, 2026–June 10, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



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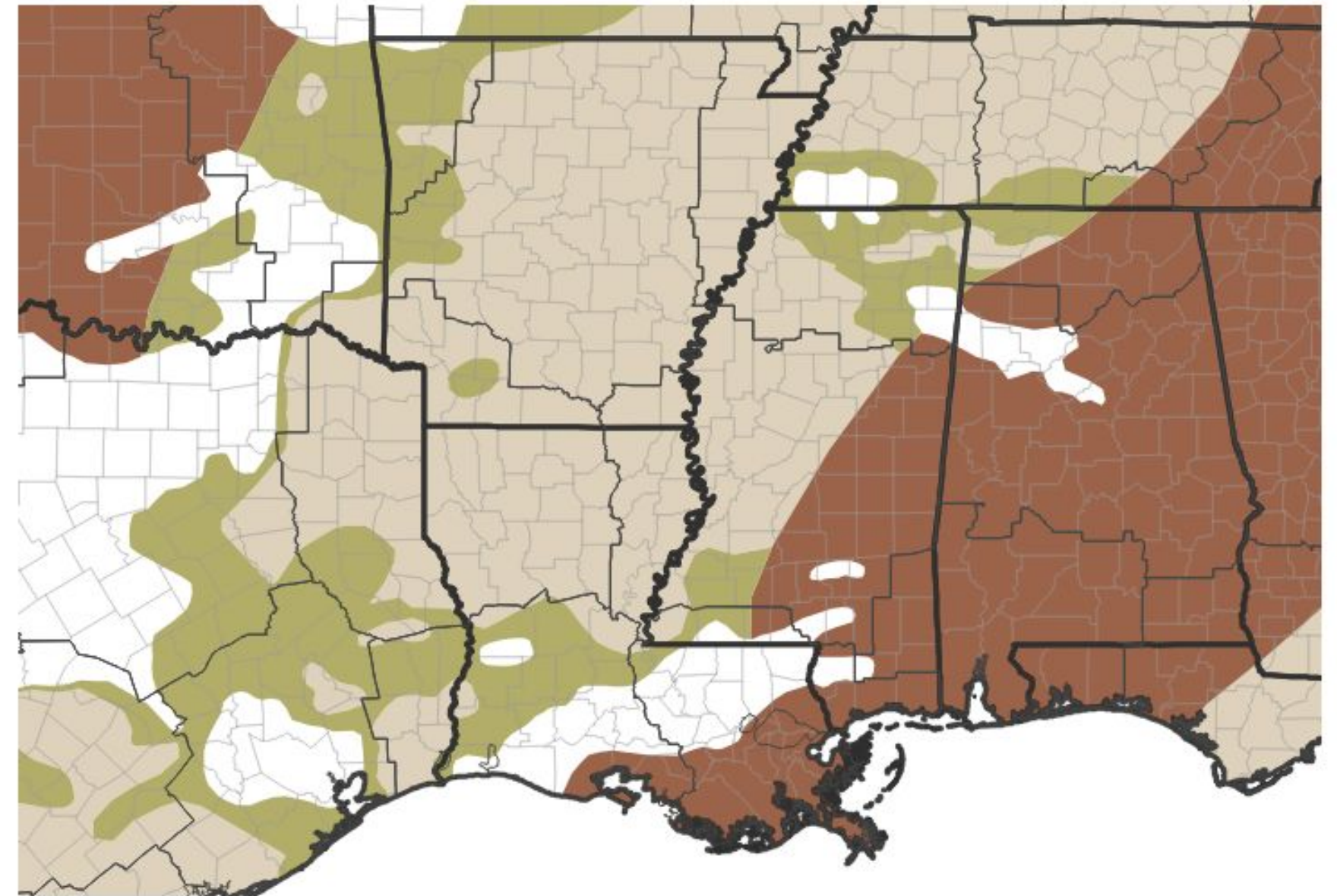
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- The latest seasonal outlook released by the CPC on May 21st is maintaining some form of drought throughout the summer.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for May 21, 2026–August 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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