



# Drought Information Statement for Central Alabama

Valid December 11, 2025

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- This product will be updated only if drought conditions change significantly.
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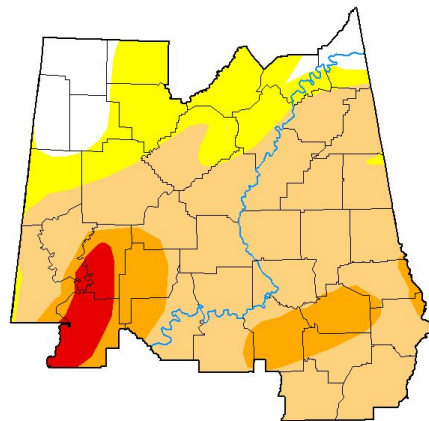


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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 along and south of I-20 that is not covered in higher drought categories.
  - D0 Abnormally Dry: The northern tier of counties has had the most rain during this dry spell but is still abnormally dry in many locations.

## U.S. Drought Monitor Birmingham, AL WFO



**December 9, 2025**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	8.00	17.36	57.96	12.13	3.95	0.00
Last Week 12-02-2025	8.00	17.36	49.37	20.72	3.95	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-09-2025	50.52	29.54	18.15	1.80	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2025	20.54	46.48	27.17	5.81	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2024	0.24	48.37	31.68	17.41	2.30	0.00
One Year Ago 12-10-2024	1.05	42.29	47.85	8.79	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 December 9, 2025.



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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: Areas in Blount, western Etowah and northeastern Winston.
  - No Change: Covers most of the area.
  - Drought Improved: Various locations around the area including drought removal in parts of the northwest.

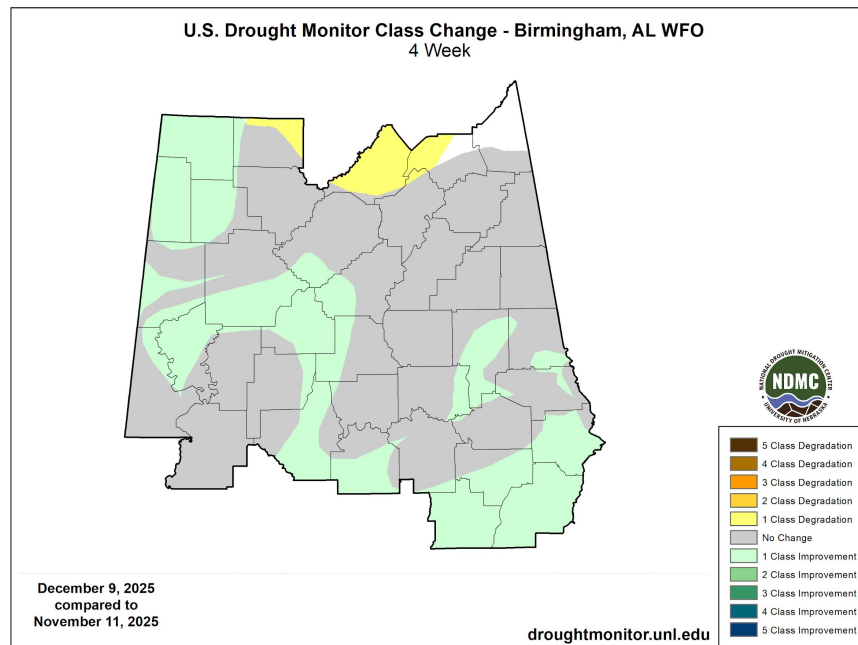


Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor 4-week change map valid December 9th, 2025



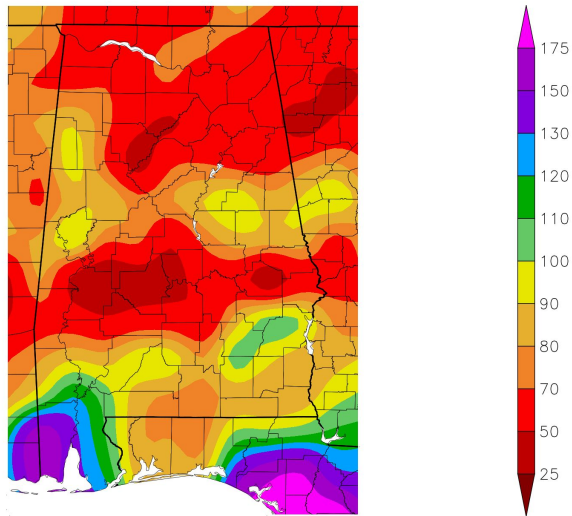


# Precipitation

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.
- Most central Alabama locations received below-average rainfall. Some heavier rainfall did occur around parts of Pike, Barbour and Bullock counties. The bullseye of heavier rain is also clearly seen on this map around Mobile and Baldwin counties.
- December's average weekly rainfall should be around 1.10 to 1.33 inches with monthly totals averaging around 5 inches.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
11/11/2025 – 12/10/2025



2/11/2025 using provisional data.

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Image Captions:

Map - [Departure from normal map for Alabama](#)  
Data over the past 30 days ending Dec 10, 2025



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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.



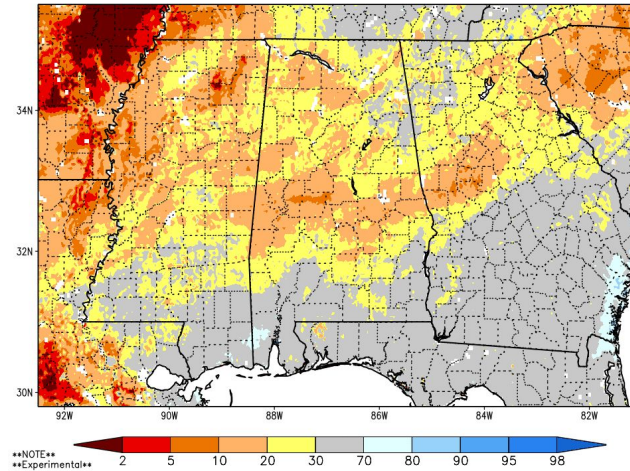




# Agricultural Impacts

- Soil Moisture continues a slow but steady decline even as intermittent rainfall occurs.
- There are no new crop reports at this time.

SPoRT-LIS 0-10 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 11 Dec 2025



SPoRT-LIS 0-100 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 11 Dec 2025

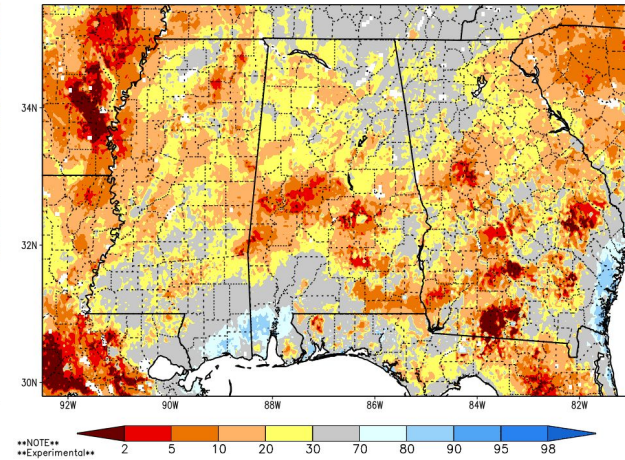


Image Captions:

Left: SPoRT 0-10 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid December 11, 2025

Right: SPoRT 0-100 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid December 11, 2025





# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- A below average to above rainfall pattern is expected over the next 7 days. Rainfall amounts should average less than a half inch. This would allow for drought conditions to worsen and some expansion of the drought categories might occur.

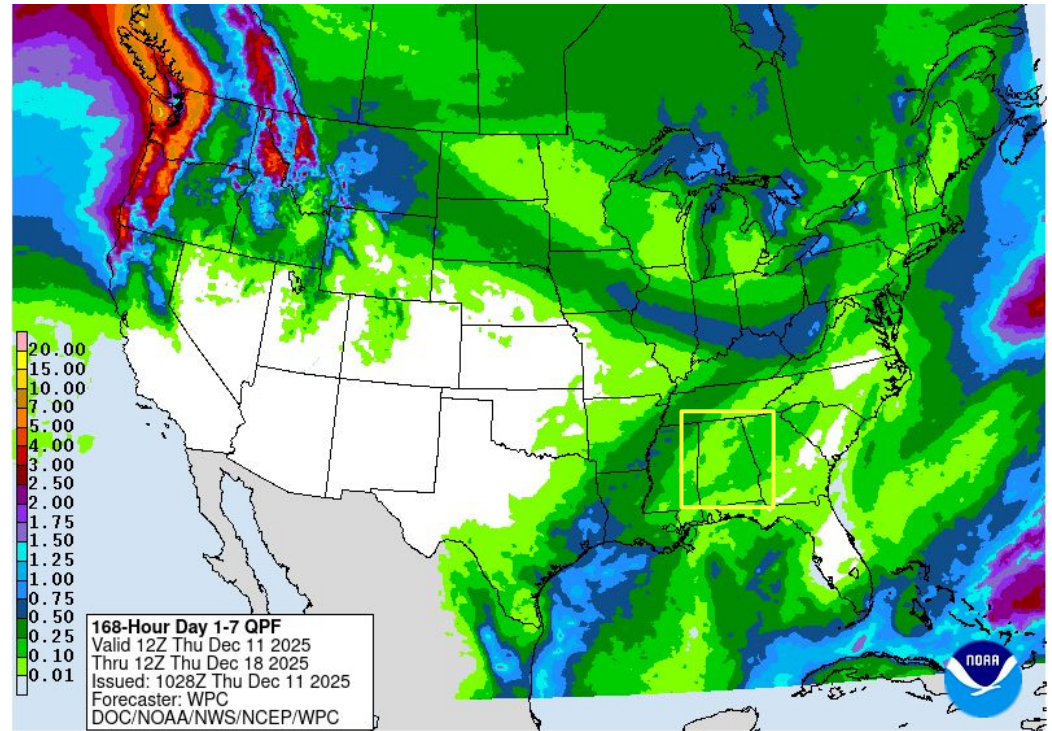


Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center [7-day precipitation forecast](#) valid through December 18th.



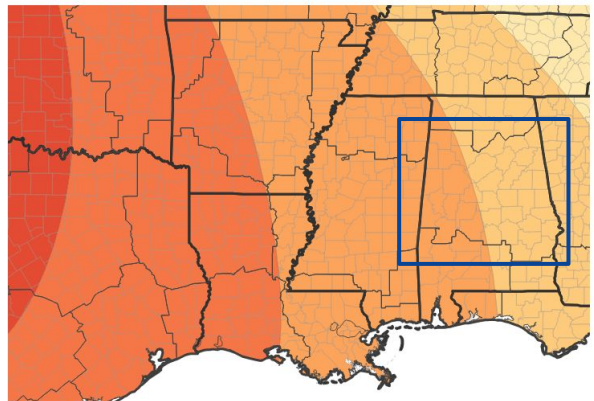


# Medium-Range Outlooks

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

- The outlook for the 8-14 day period is calling for higher probability of above average temperatures. This should carry through Christmas week.
- Rainfall probabilities during this same time-frame lend to a near average to below average pattern.
- Warmer temperatures and average to below average rainfall would not improve the current drought conditions.

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for December 17,  
2025-December 23, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

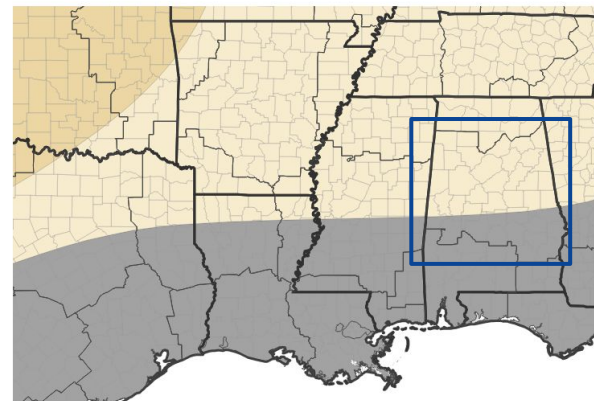


■ Near-Normal Conditions

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

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Image Captions:

Left - November Temperature Outlook.

Right - November Precipitation Outlook.



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# Drought Outlook

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- The latest seasonal outlook released by the CPC on November 30th shows areas of improvement across the deep south. This will likely take some time to occur as the current pattern and medium range outlook are more favorable for a steady state drought.

## U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

Released November 30, 2025

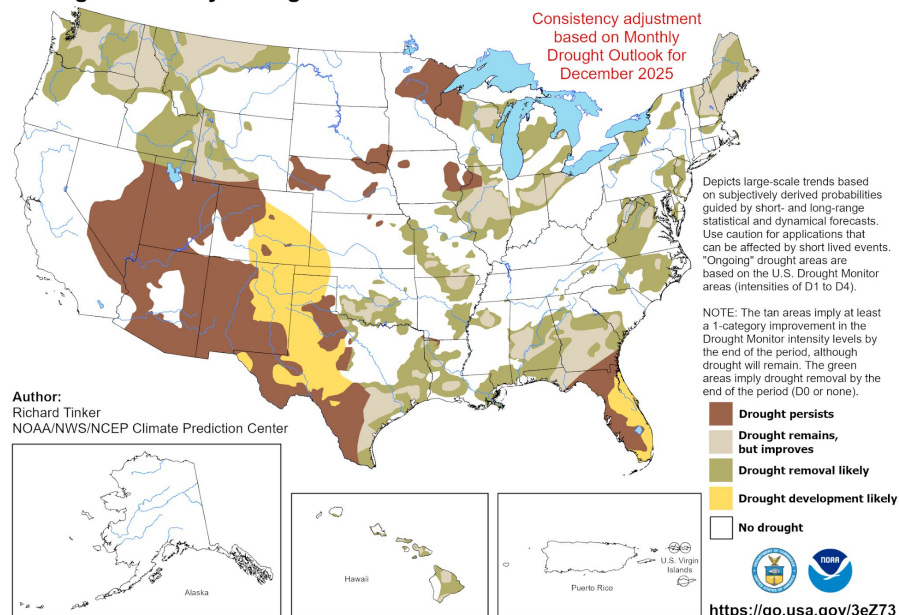


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CPC Seasonal Drought Outlook Released November 30, 2025 and valid now through February 2026.

Links to the latest:

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



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