



Drought Information Statement for Southeast TX and Southwest LA

Valid February, 23, 2026

Issued By: WFO Lake Charles, LA

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated February, 5, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/LCH/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.

- DROUGHT CONDITIONS OVER MOST OF THE AREA CONTINUE TO WORSEN
- SOME IMPROVEMENT WITH RECENT RAINFALL HAS BEEN NOTED ACROSS ACADIANA.



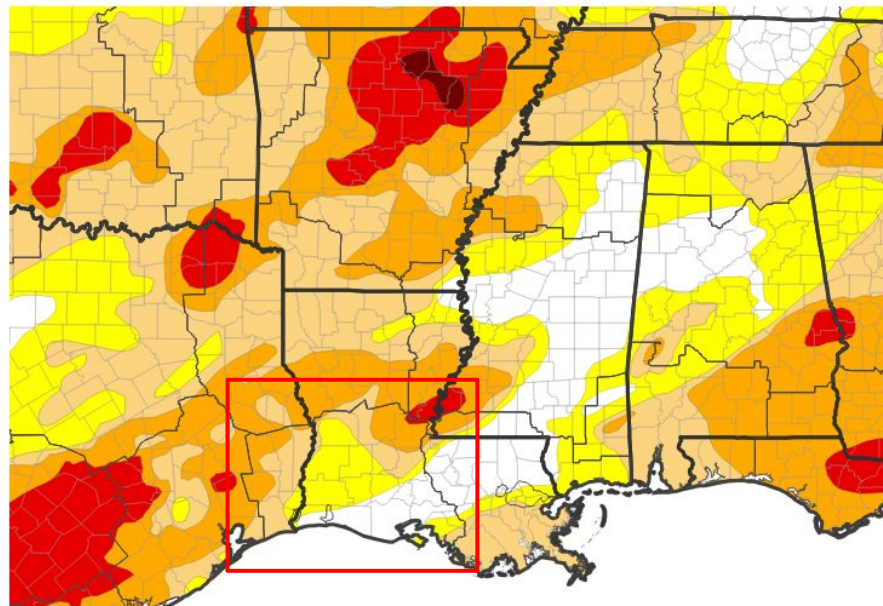


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of Southeast Texas and Central Louisiana.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Much of East Texas
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Much of Southwest Louisiana.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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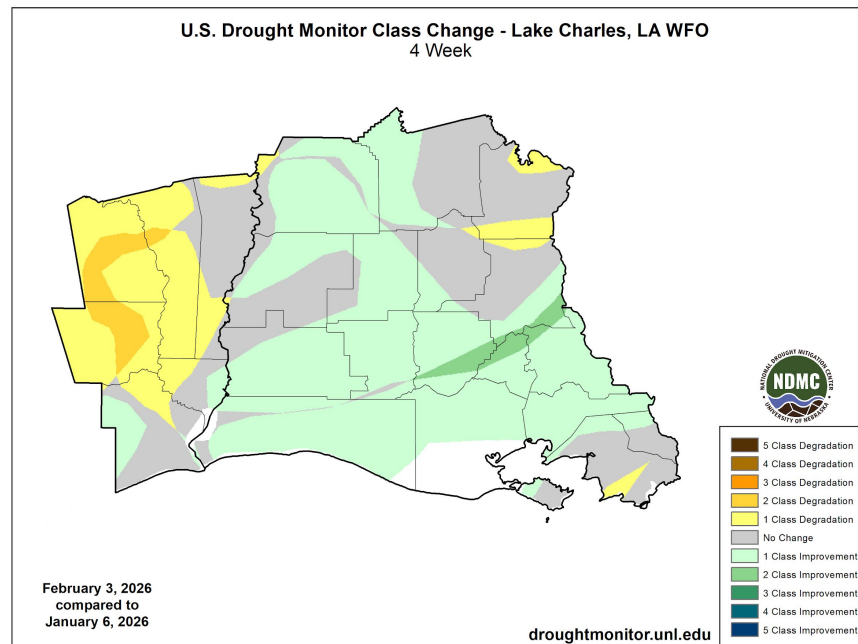
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: 1 to 2 category class changes have been noted across much of Southeast Texas and a small portion of Central Louisiana.
 - Drought Improved: 1 to 2 category improvement has occurred across much of Southwestern and Southcentral Louisiana due to recent rainfall events.



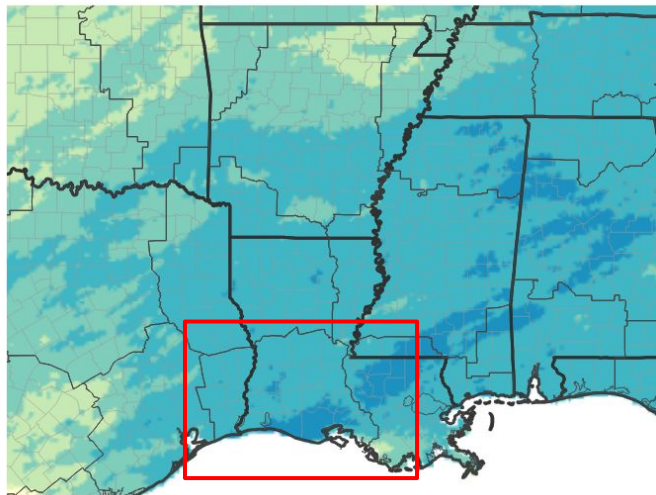


Precipitation

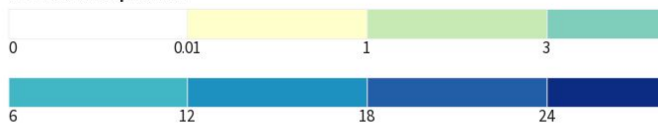
For the past 90 days

- With the exception of Vermilion and small portion of Cameron Parishes precipitation continues to below normal over the past 90 days.

NWPS 90-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)

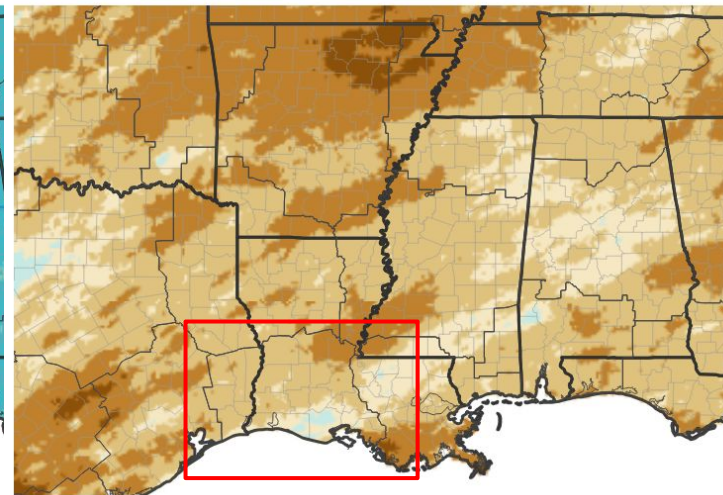


Inches of Precipitation

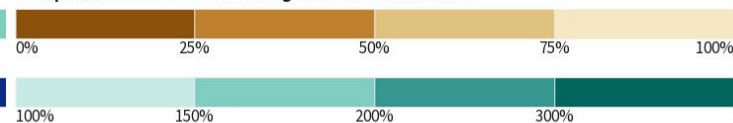


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90-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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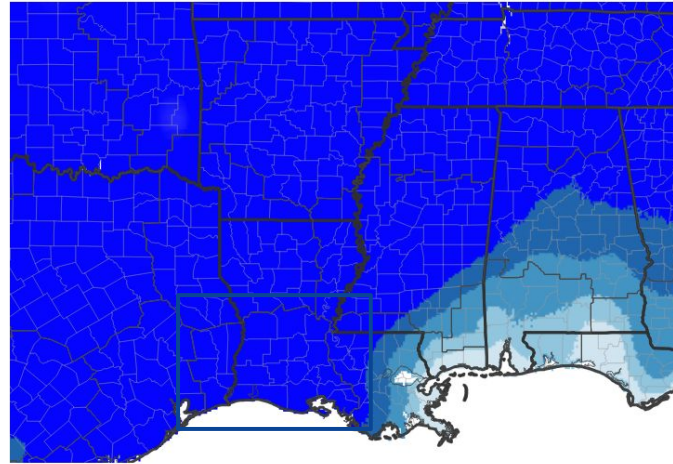


Temperature

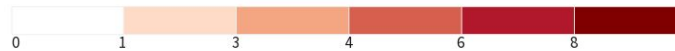
Link to [Southern Regional Climate Center](#)

- Temperatures have been below normal the past few days with normal to slightly above normal the previous 30 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



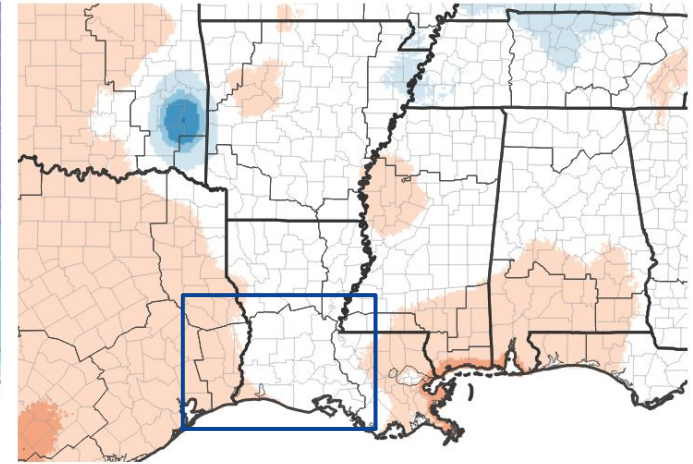
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



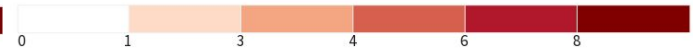
Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Observed river flows are normal to slightly below normal on area river basins.

Agricultural Impacts

- No known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Increased wildfire risk has been noted when coupled with low humidity and elevated winds.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

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





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Much below normal flows are observed on most river basins.

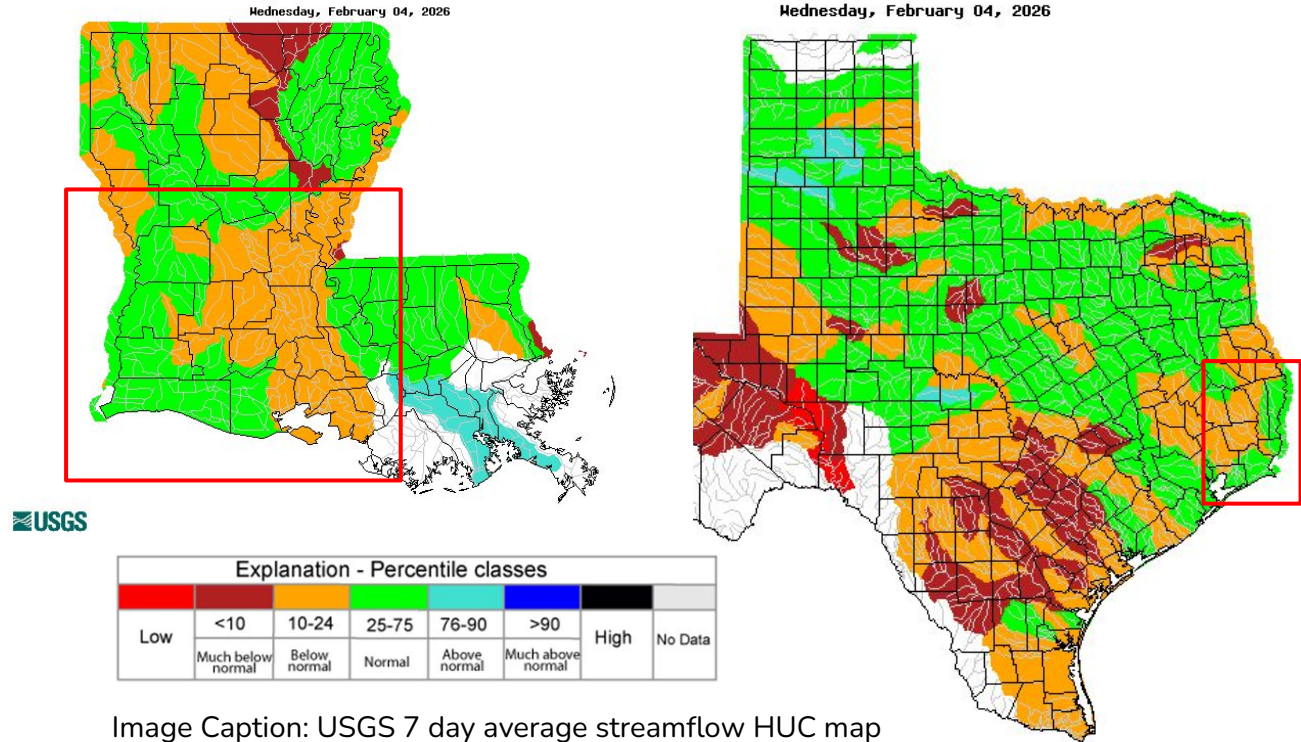


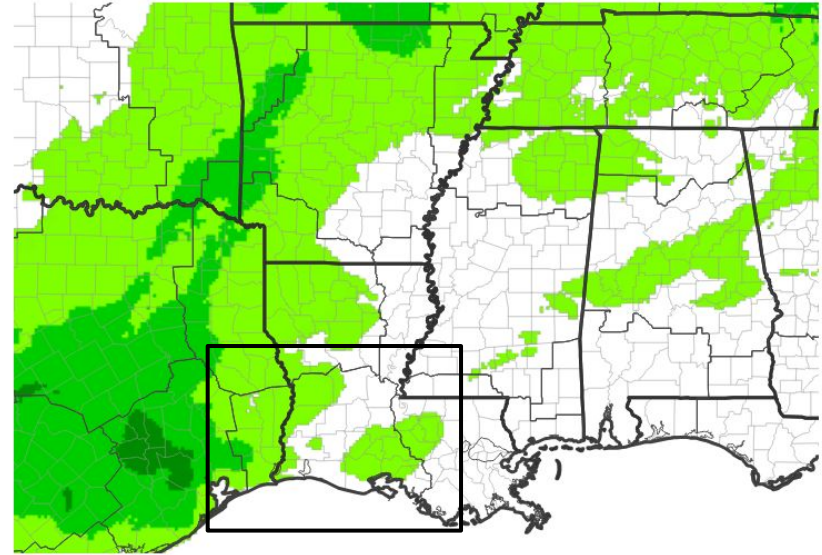
Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 01 14 2026



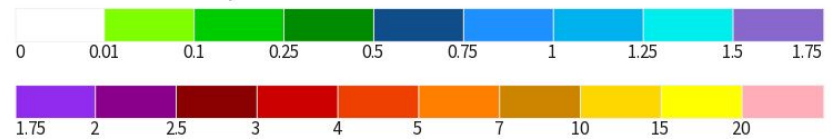
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Very little to if any rainfall is expected over the next 7 days.

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



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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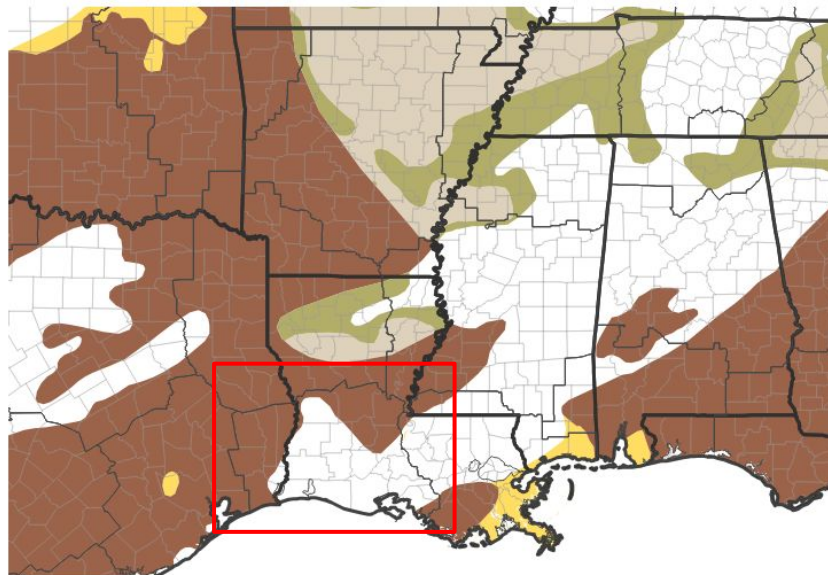


Drought Outlook

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

- Drought conditions are expected to persist across East Texas and Central Louisiana into spring.

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



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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