



Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

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- This product will be updated March 12th, 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/LZK/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- Most of Arkansas is currently experiencing drought conditions.
 - Nearly 70% of the state is in severe drought or greater (D2 or greater).
 - Portions of northeast Arkansas are in exceptional drought (D4) condition.



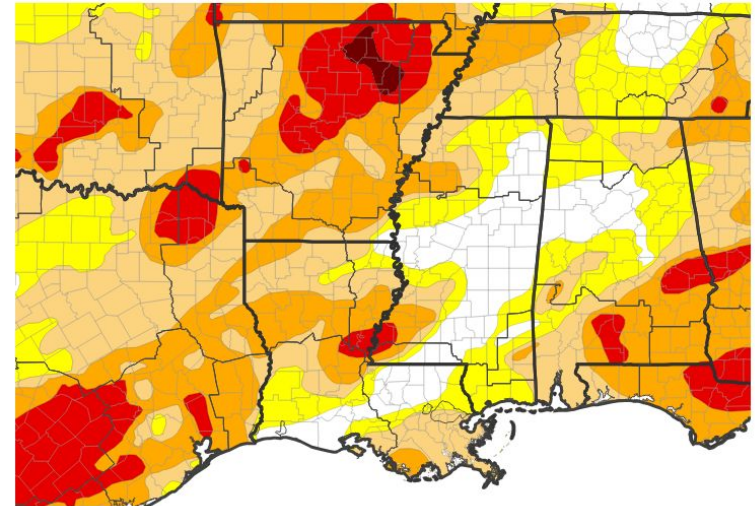


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Portions of northeast Arkansas.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of central, north-central and northeast Arkansas.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of northern, central, and southern Arkansas.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Portions of western, southern and eastern Arkansas.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of extreme southeast Arkansas.

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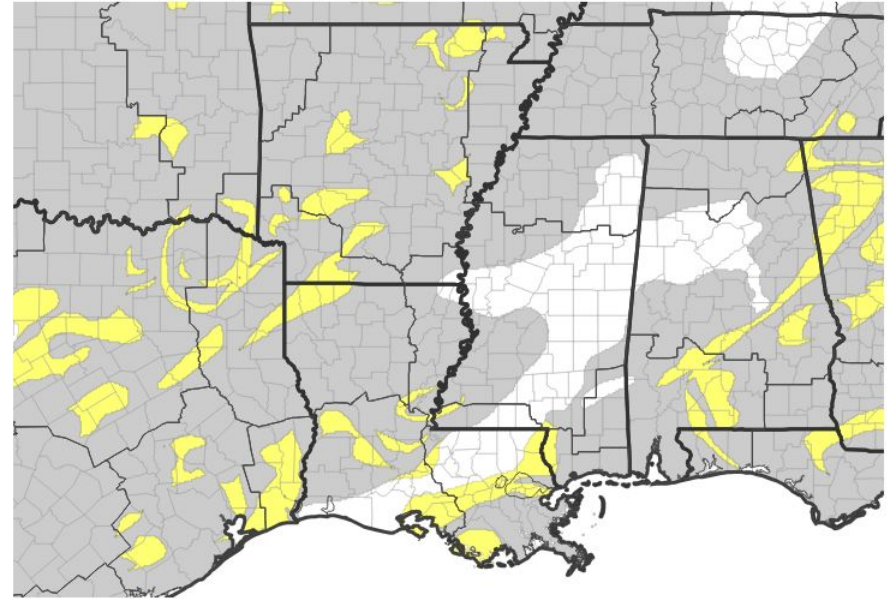


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

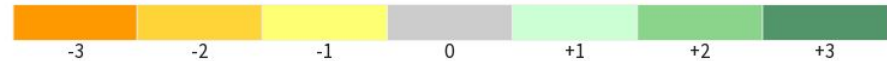
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Arkansas

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - A few areas decreased one category.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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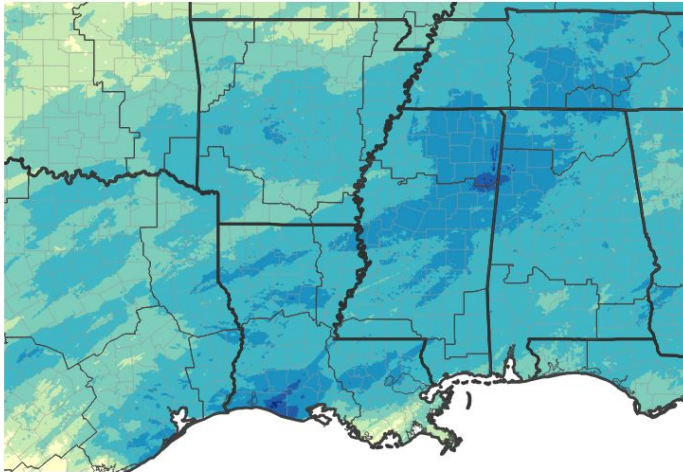




Precipitation

- Much of Arkansas experienced well below normal precipitation during the last 30 days.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

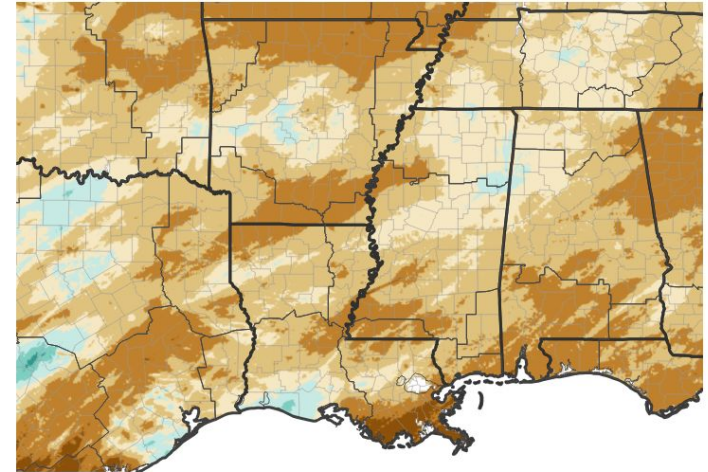


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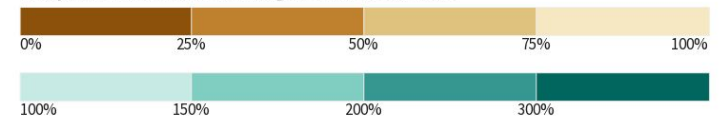


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 02/12/26

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

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

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Recent dry conditions have promoted enhanced fire danger conditions across Arkansas.
 - [Arkansas Wildfire Danger and Burn Bans](#)

Hydrological Impacts

- No hydrological impacts were reported over the previous 30 day period.

Agricultural and Wildlife Impacts

- Few waterfowl observed over Arkansas through much of the winter per AGFC.
- Reports via media sources of farmers transporting water to their livestock herds.

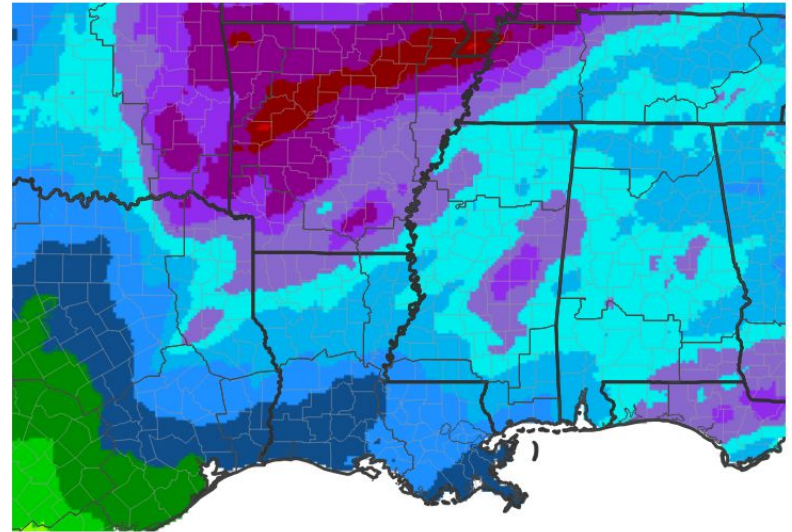




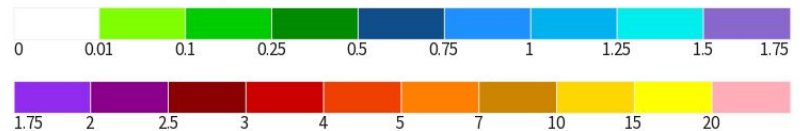
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The 7 day precipitation forecast provides some hope for improvement in drought conditions across portions of Arkansas.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for February 12, 2026–February 19, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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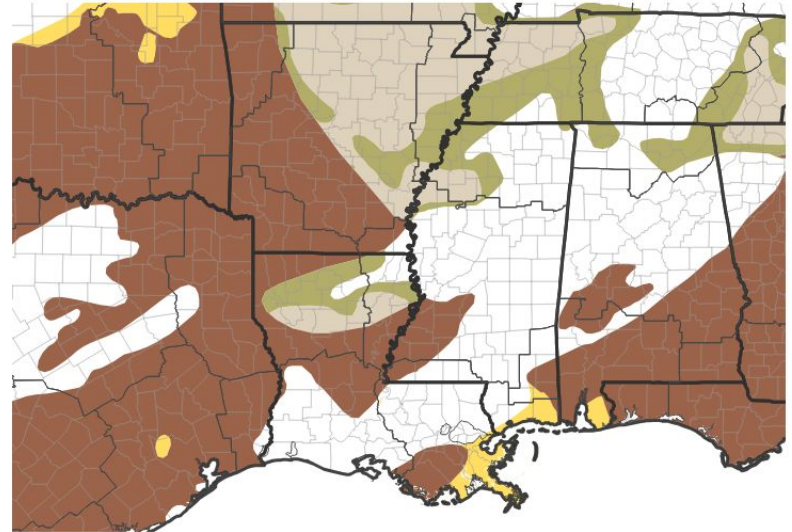


Drought Outlook

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

- Drought improvements are expected across the northeast half of Arkansas through April 30.

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



Drought Is Predicted To...



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

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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