



Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

Valid July 17, 2026

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- This product will be updated Aug 13th, 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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- Over 50% of Arkansas continues to experience drought conditions.
 - Nearly 22% of the state is in severe drought or greater (D2 or greater).
 - Areas of drought improvement were noted, mainly north of Interstate 40.

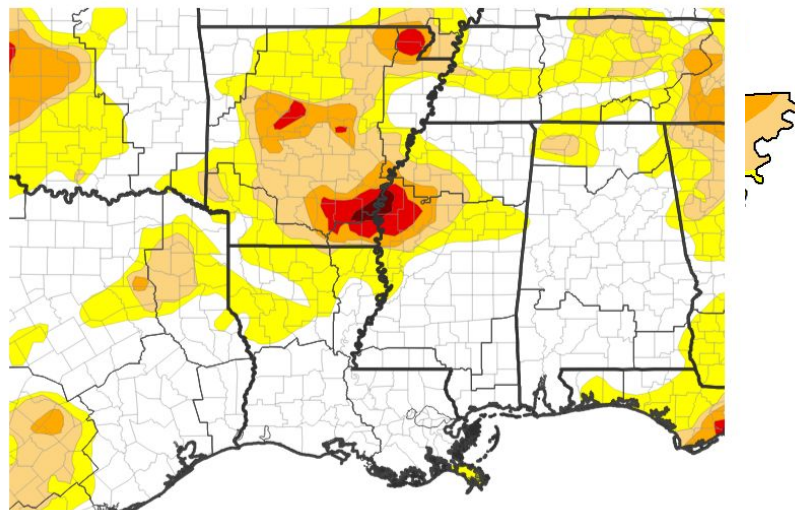


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and extent:
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Portions of southeast Arkansas.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of northeast, central, and southeast Arkansas.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of northeast, central, and southeast Arkansas.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Mainly across the southeast two thirds of the state.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of north central and western Arkansas.

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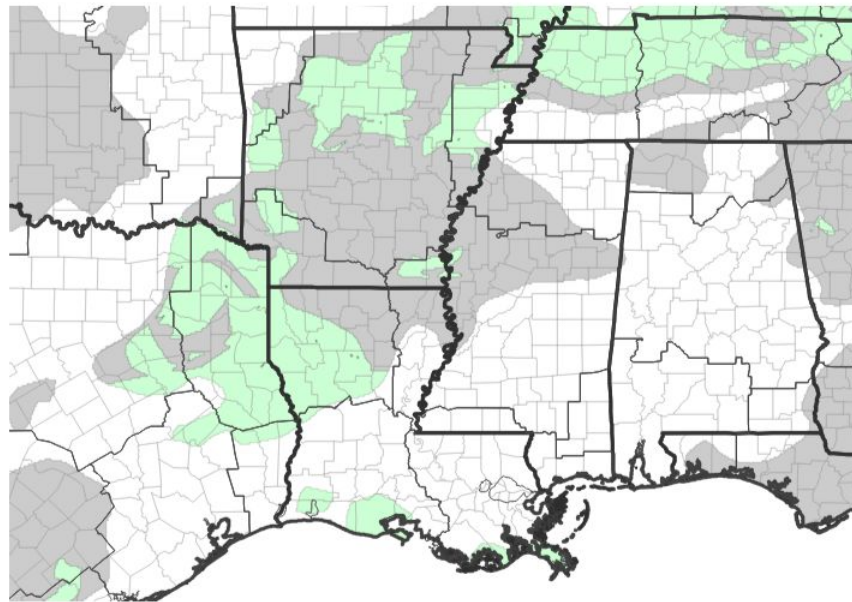


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

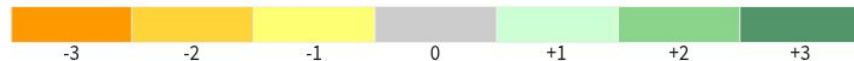
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Arkansas

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Improvements were noted across areas mainly north of interstate 40.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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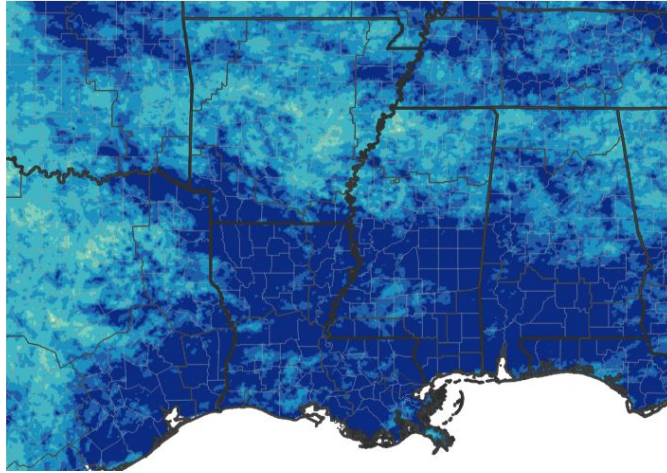




Precipitation

- Portions of northern, and southern Arkansas received above normal precipitation during the past 30 days.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



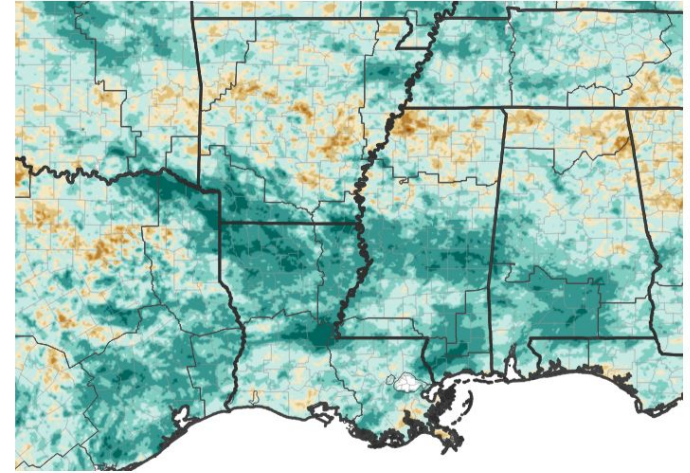
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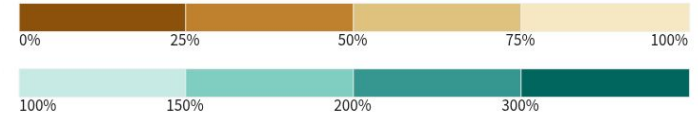
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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](#)

Agricultural and Wildlife Impacts

- Recent dry conditions have led to significant impacts to livestock and agriculture.
 - [Recent Agriculture and Livestock Impacts](#)

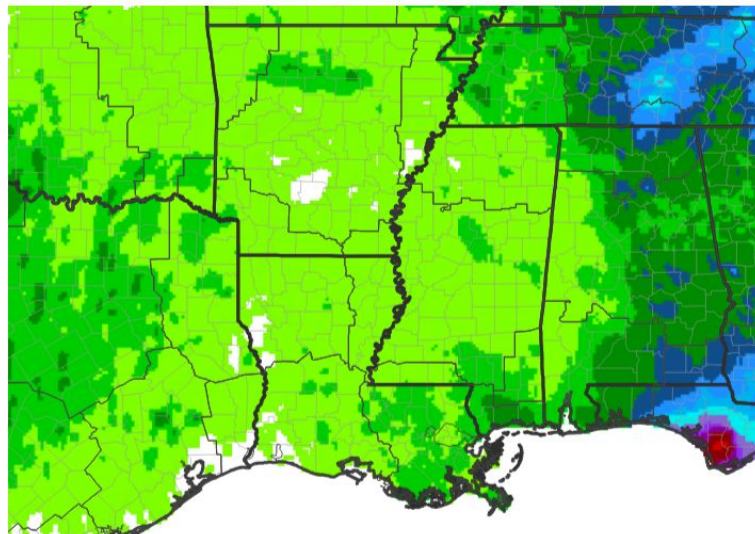




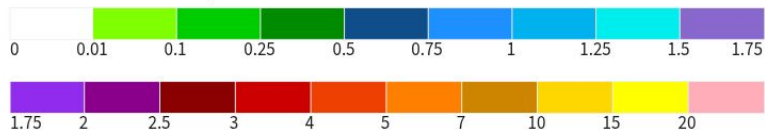
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The 7 day precipitation forecast calls for less than an inch of rainfall across the state.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for July 17, 2026–July 24, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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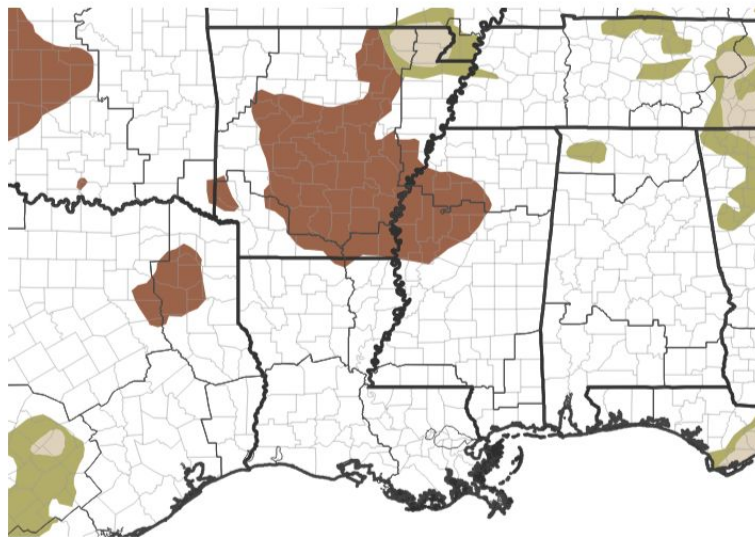


Drought Outlook

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

- Drought conditions are expected to persist over a large portion of Arkansas.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for July 16, 2026–October 31, 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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