



Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

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- Nearly 62% of Arkansas continues to experience drought conditions.
 - Nearly 27% of the state is in severe drought or greater (D2 or greater).



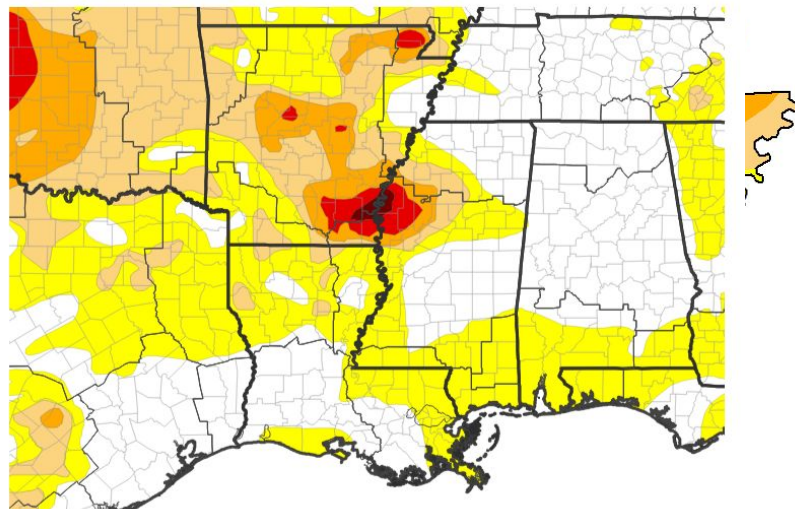


U.S. Drought Monitor

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, east, and southeast Arkansas.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Portions of western Arkansas, Arkansas river valley, and eastern Arkansas.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Most of the state not in a drought category (D1 or greater).

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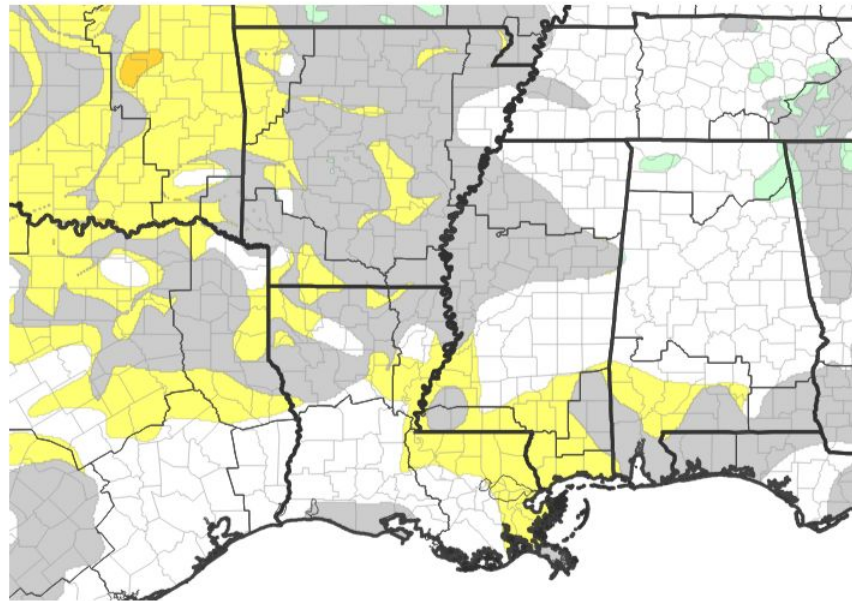


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

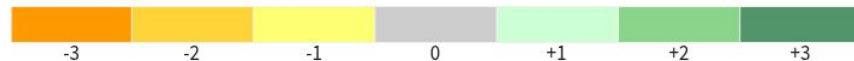
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Arkansas

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought conditions worsened across portions of western and central Arkansas.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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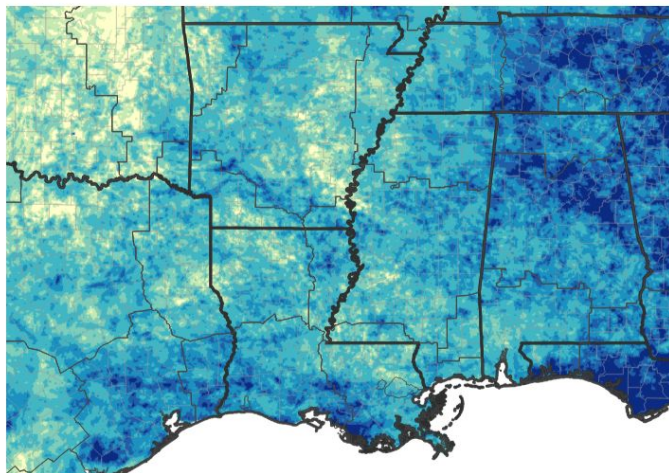




Precipitation

- Most areas of the state were below normal with precipitation during the past 30 days.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



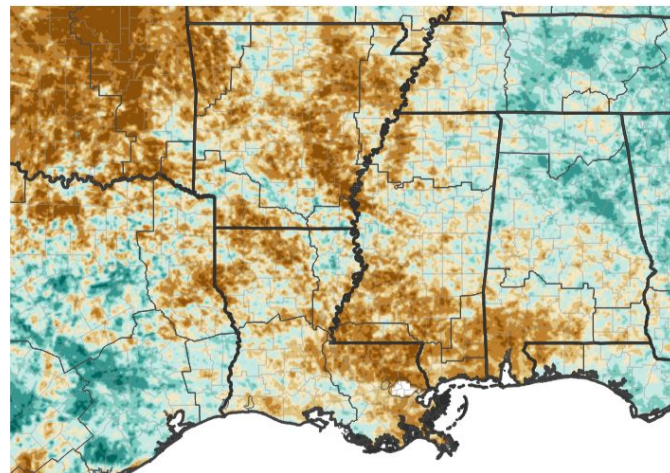
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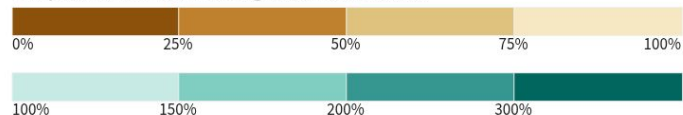
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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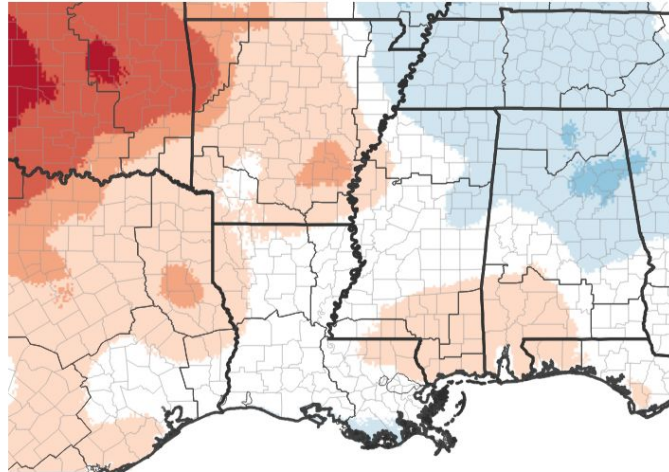




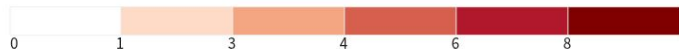
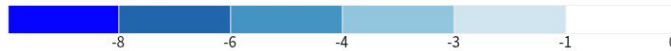
Temperature

- Most areas of the state had above normal temperatures during the past 7 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



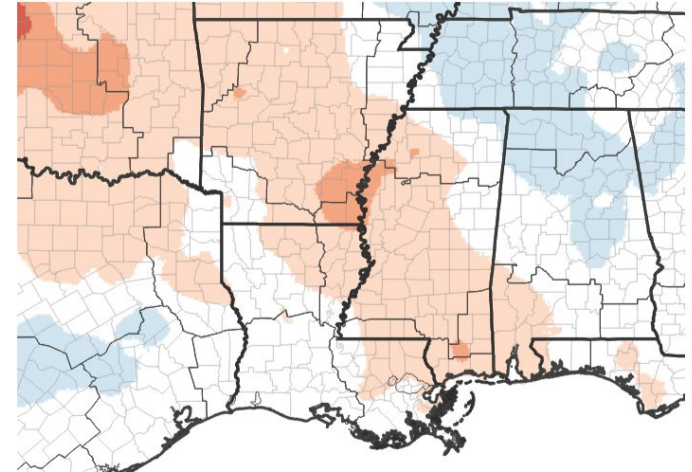
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



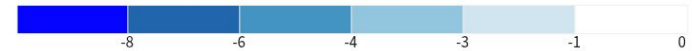
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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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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](#)

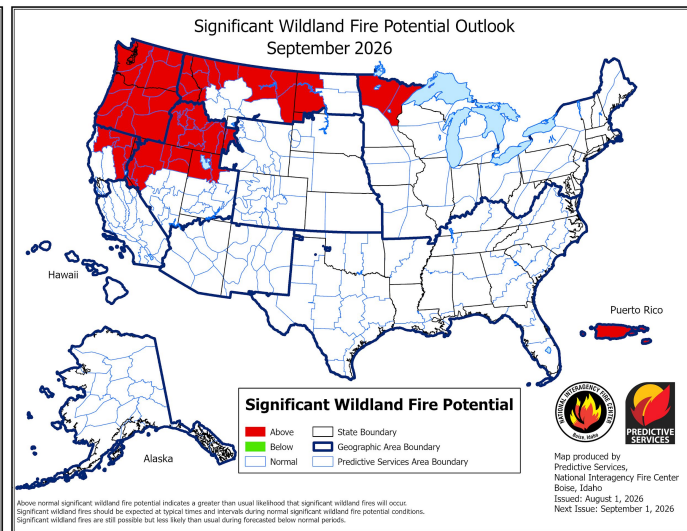
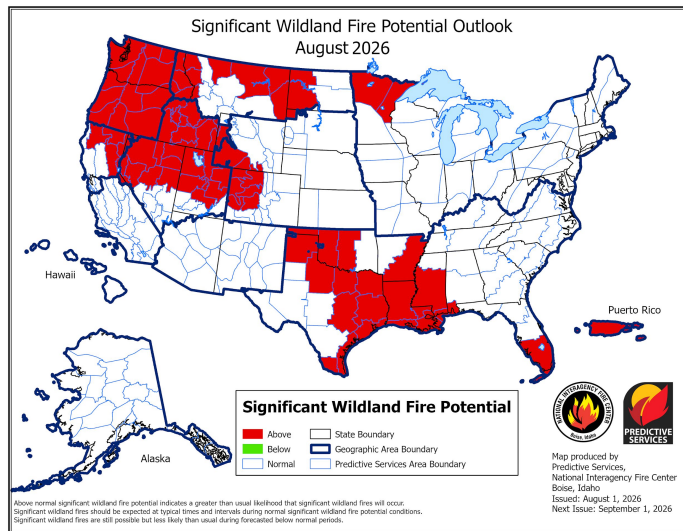




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Fire danger conditions have increased across the state.



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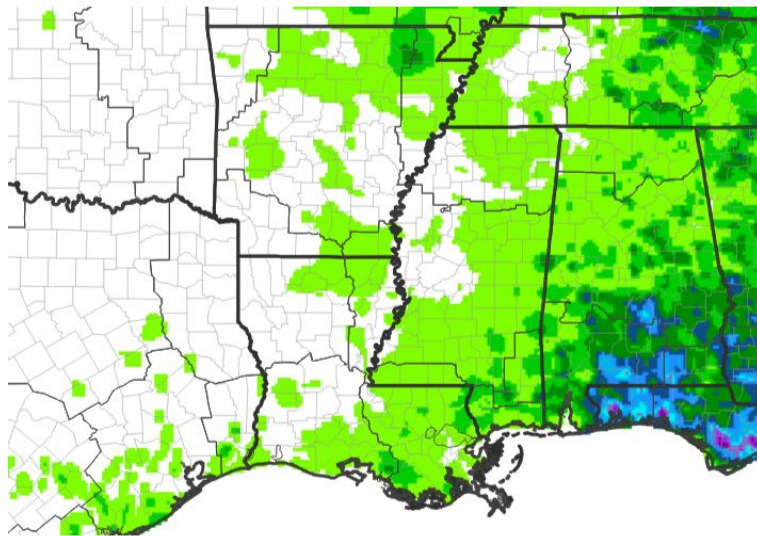
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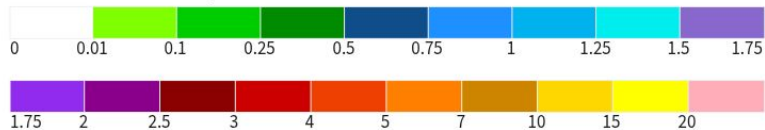
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The 7 day precipitation forecast calls for less than one half inch across portions of the state.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for August 13, 2026–August 20, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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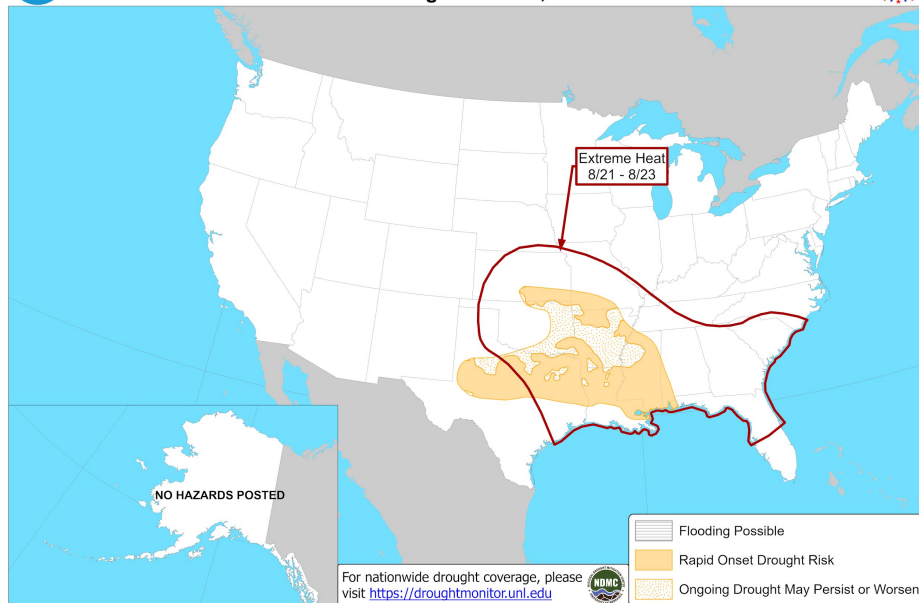
Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- Forecasts indicate flash drought conditions are likely to develop across portions of the state.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook Valid: August 21 - 27, 2026



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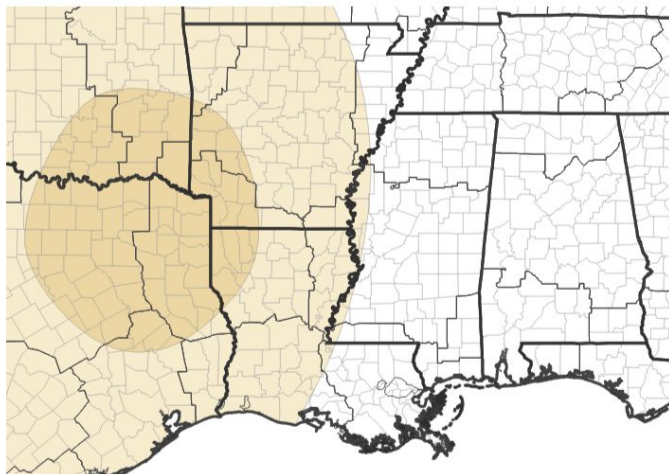


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Above normal temperatures, and below normal precipitation is forecast for state during the month of August.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for August 1, 2026–August 31, 2026



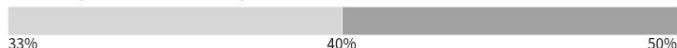
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



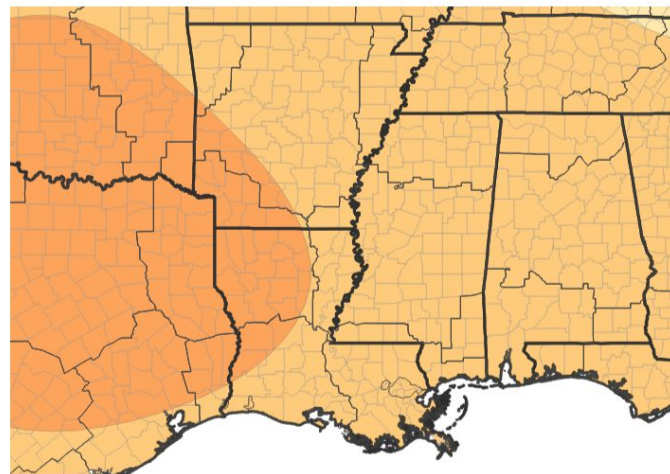
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for August 1, 2026–August 31, 2026



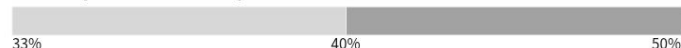
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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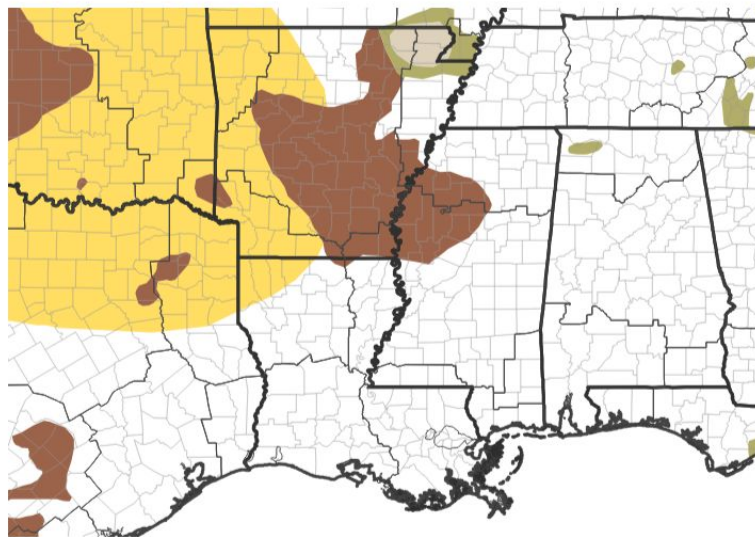


Drought Outlook

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- Through the late October, most areas of the state are expected to experience drought conditions.

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