



Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

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 - 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 70% of Arkansas is in drought conditions.
 - Nearly 40% of the state is in severe drought or greater (D2 or greater).



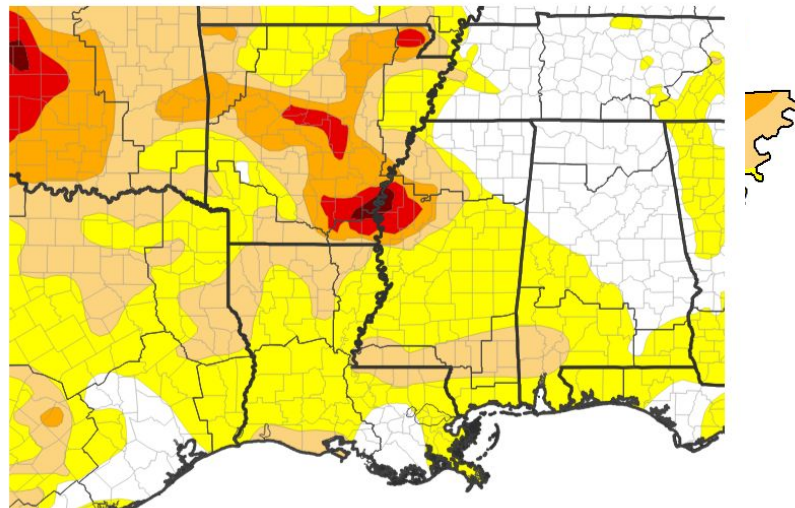


U.S. Drought Monitor

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, and southeast Arkansas.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Portions of northwest, northeast, and south central Arkansas.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of the state not in a drought category (D1 or greater).

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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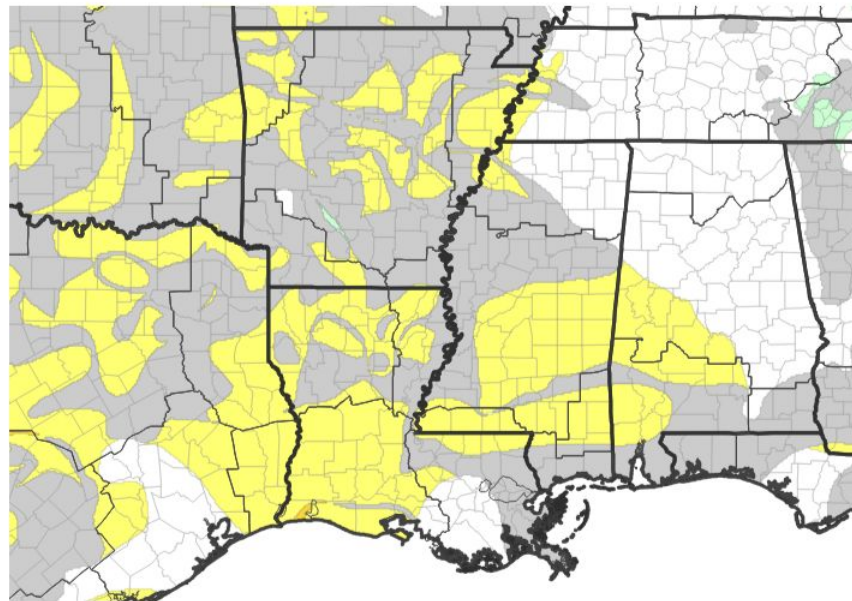


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

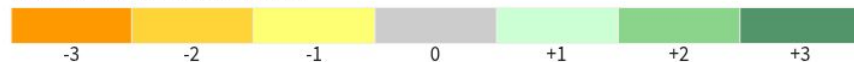
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Arkansas

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought conditions worsened across various parts of the state.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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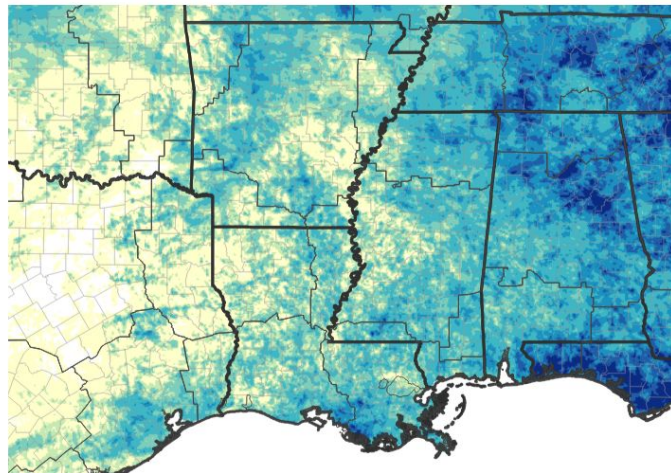




Precipitation

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

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



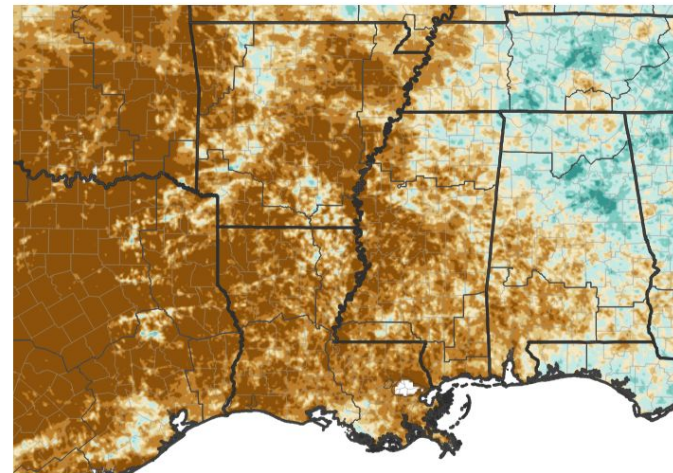
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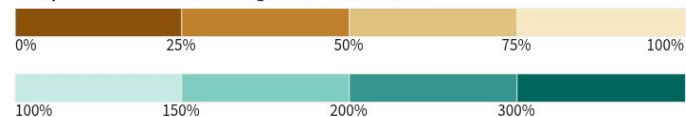
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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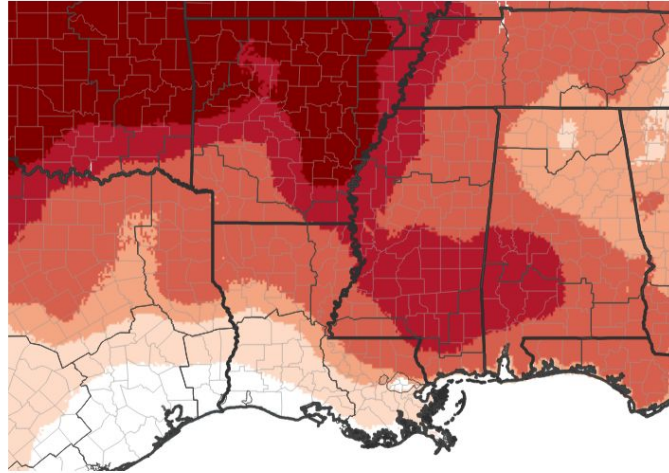




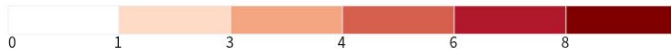
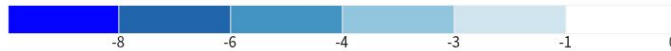
Temperature

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

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



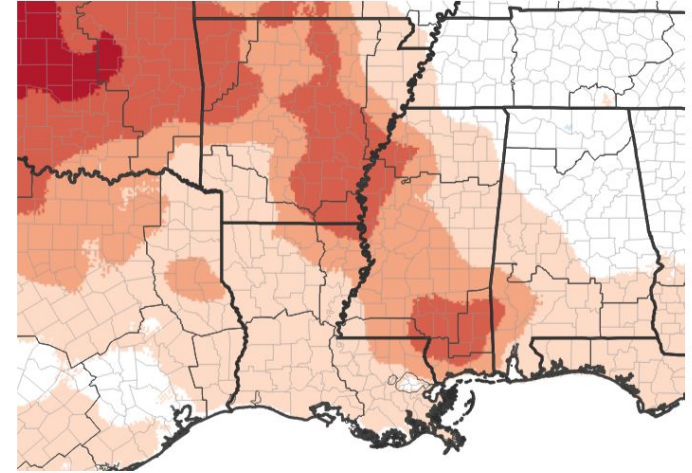
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



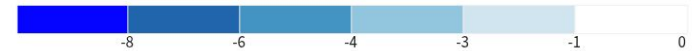
Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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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](#)

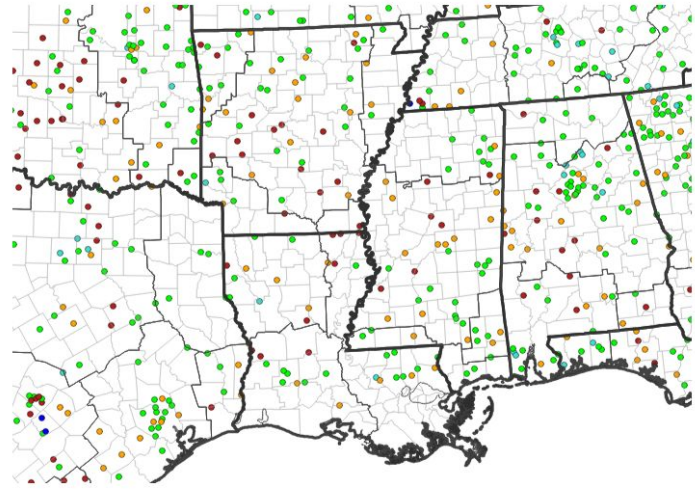




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Much below normal to low streamflow conditions were noted across a number of rivers across the state.

1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions



Streamflow Conditions



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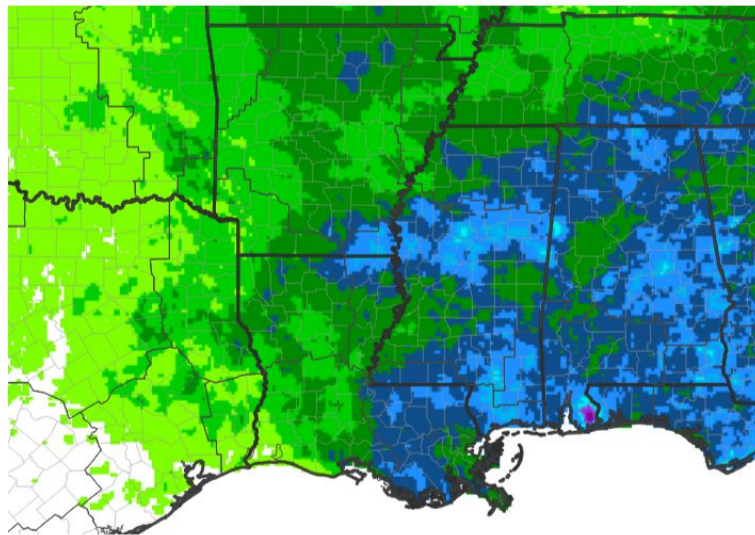




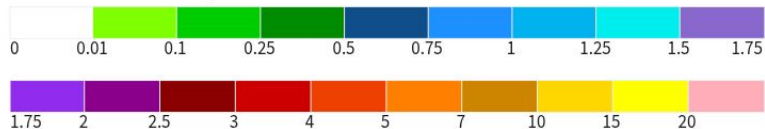
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for August 20, 2026–August 27, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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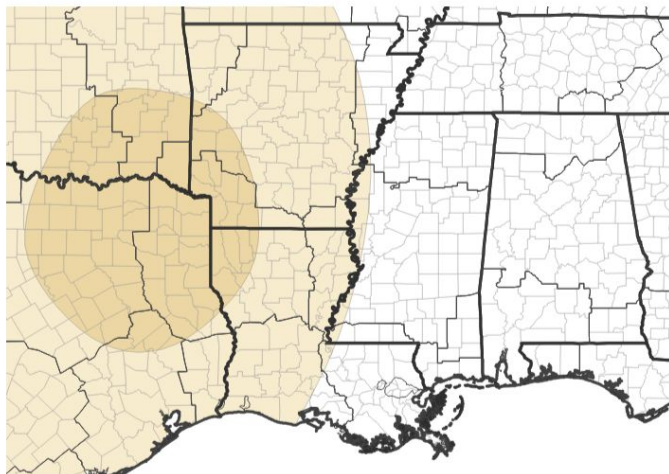


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Above normal temperatures, and below normal precipitation are forecast for Arkansas during the rest of the month of August.

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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



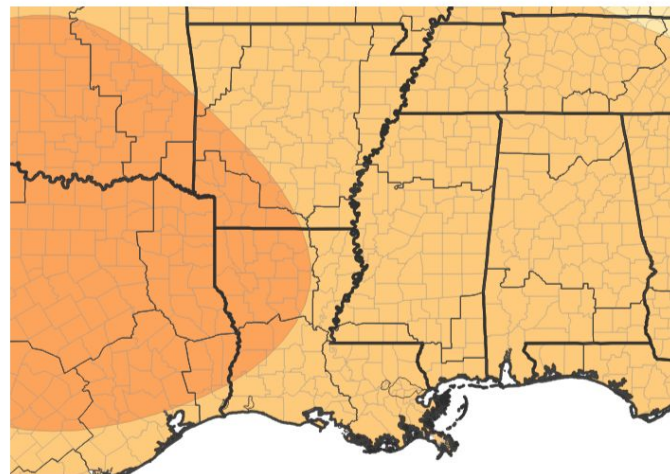
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



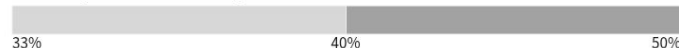
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



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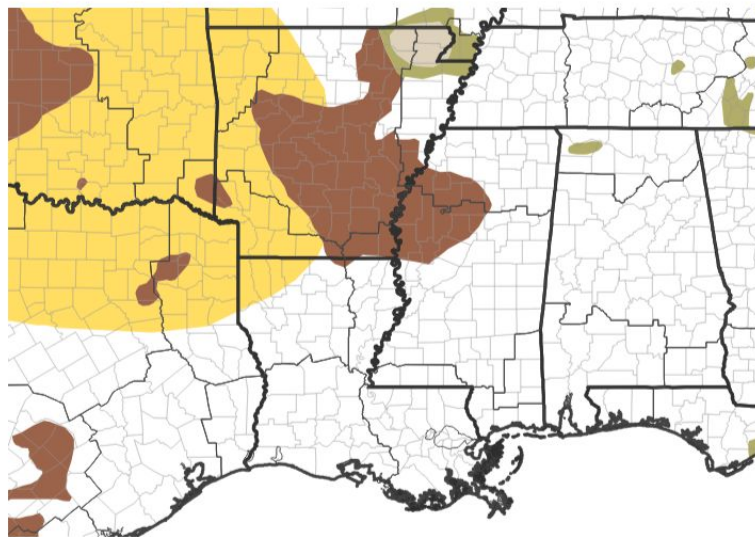


Drought Outlook

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- Through 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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