



Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

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- This product will be updated Oct. 9, 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.

- Most of Arkansas continues in drought conditions.
- Overall 60% of the state is categorized as at least severe drought (D2 or greater).



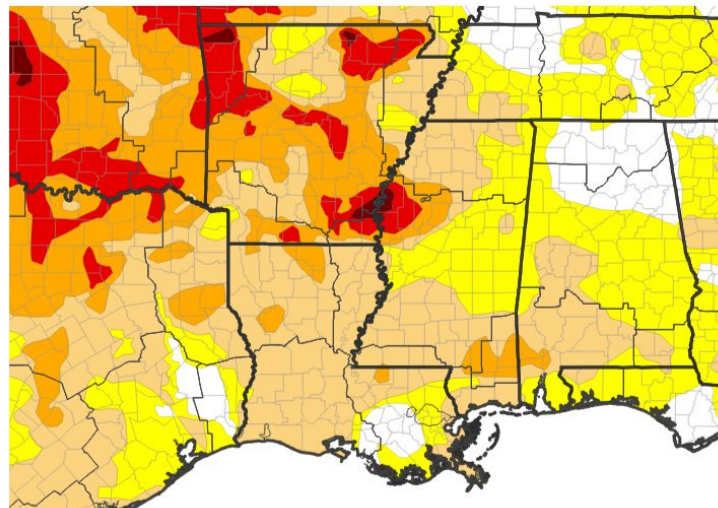


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and extent:
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Portions of northwest and southeast Arkansas.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Widely scattered areas of the state.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Scattered areas of the state.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Many areas of the state not classified as a higher category.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: The rest of the state not in a classification of drought (D1 or greater).

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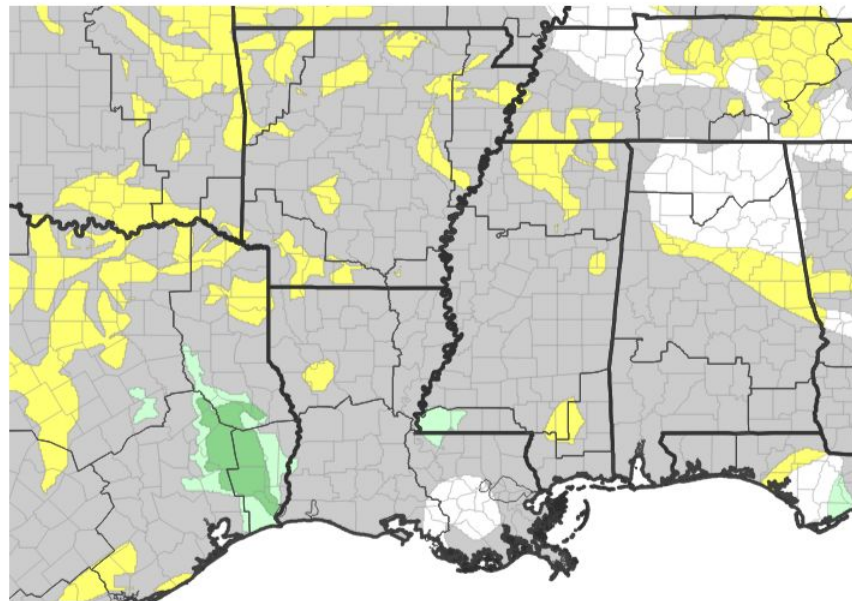


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

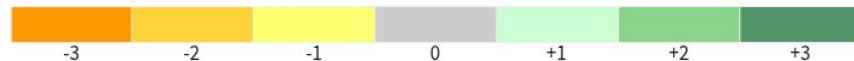
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Arkansas

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought condition degradations were noted across several sections of the state.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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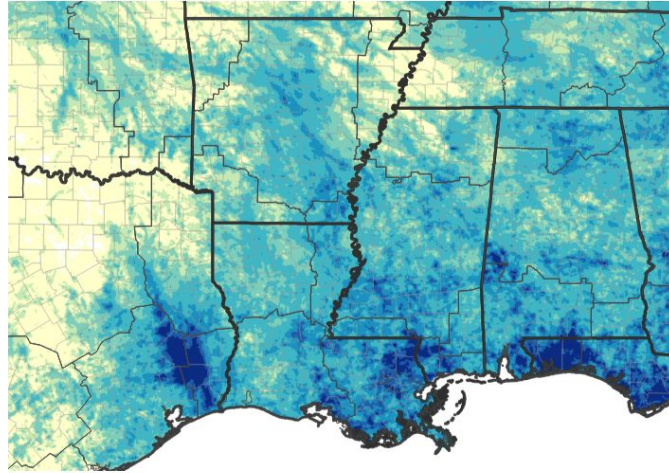




Precipitation

- A majority of the state was below normal with precipitation during the past 30 days.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



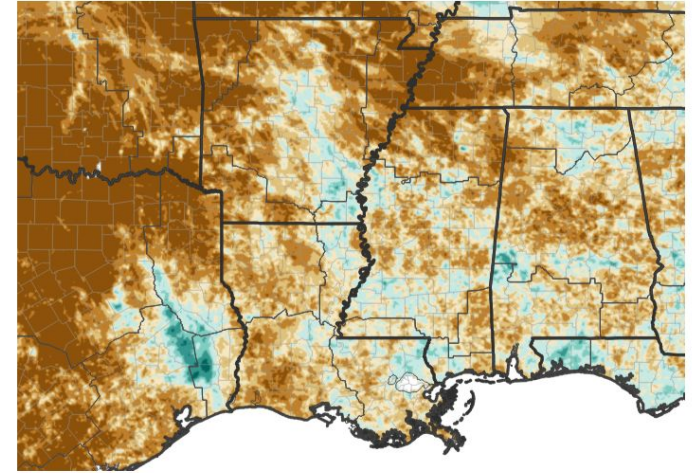
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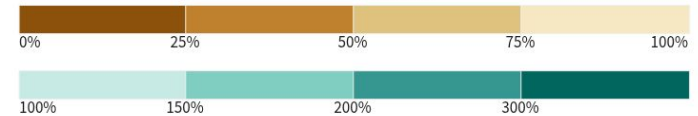
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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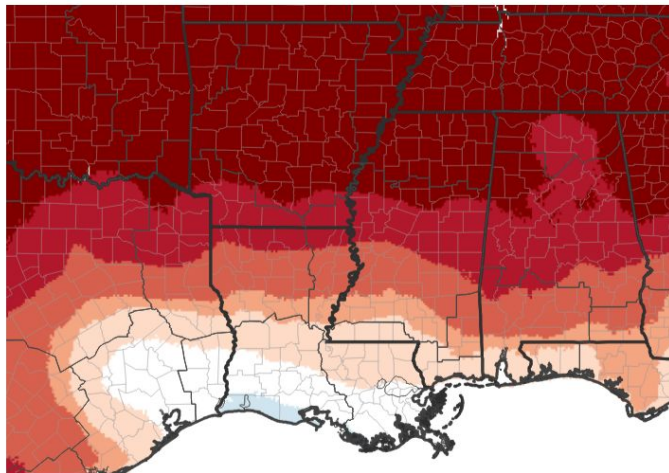




Temperature

- Temperatures were well above normal during the past 7 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly

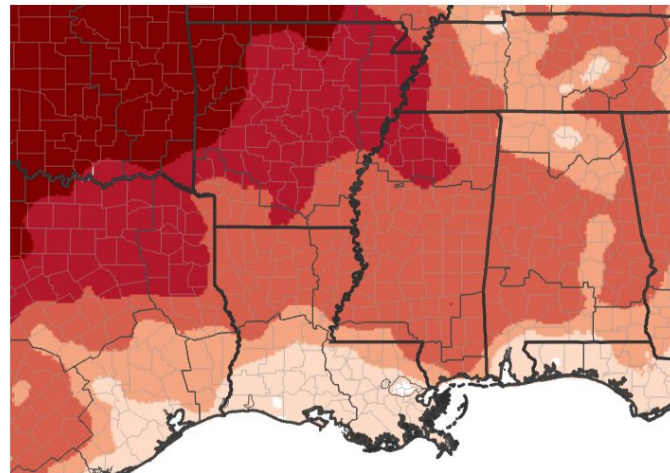


Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov Data Valid: 09/06/26

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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](#)

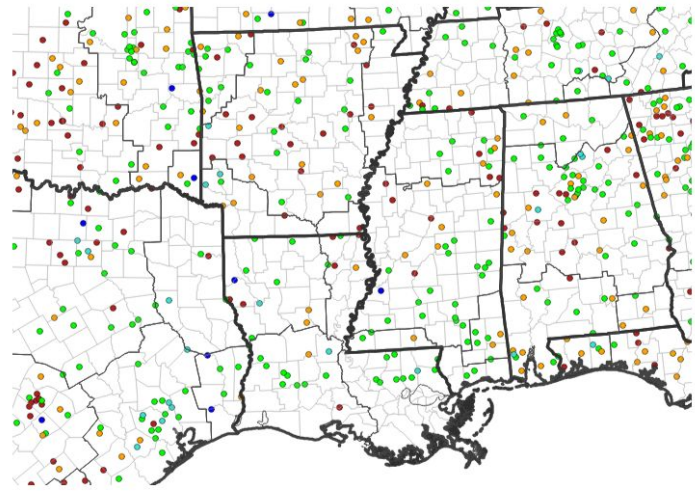




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

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

1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions



Streamflow Conditions



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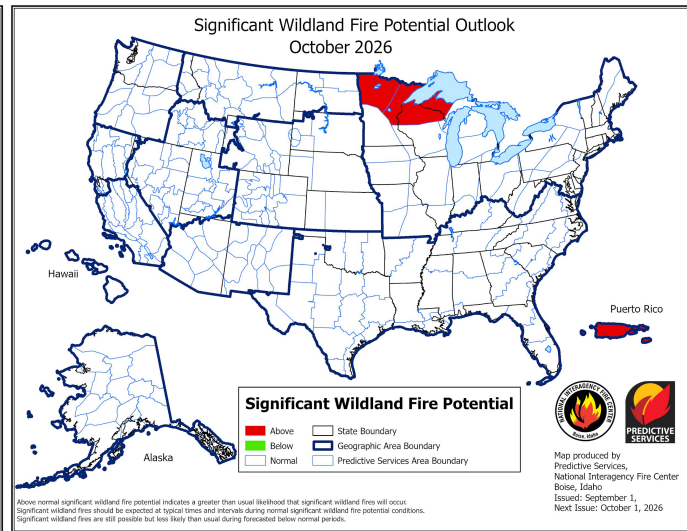
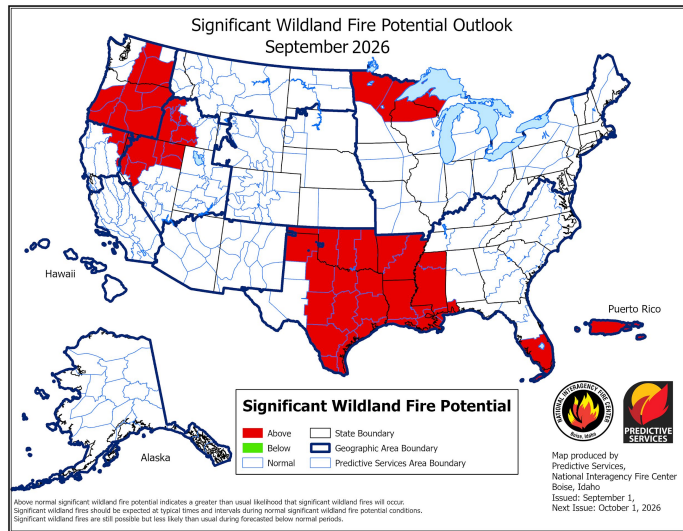




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- An overall increased fire danger is noted across the state.



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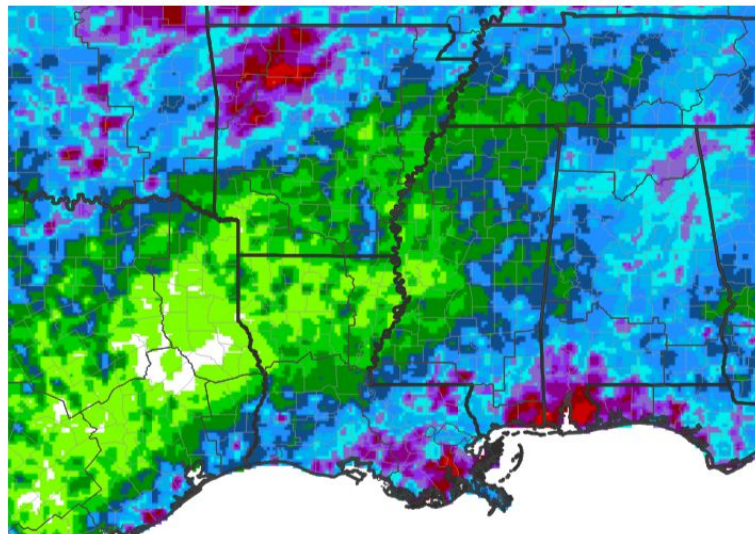
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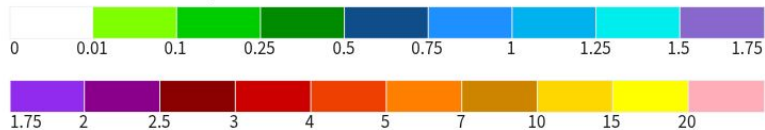
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The seven day precipitation forecast calls for over two inches of rain in northwest Arkansas, with lesser amounts expected lesser.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 10, 2026–September 17, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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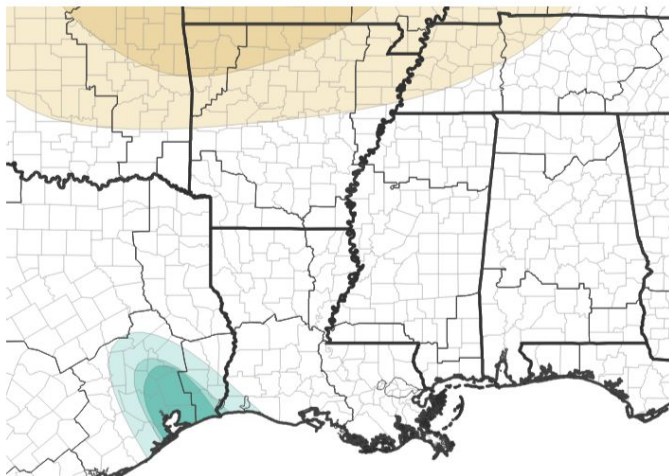


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Above normal temperatures, are forecast for September. Below normal precipitation is forecast for the northern half of the state.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for September 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



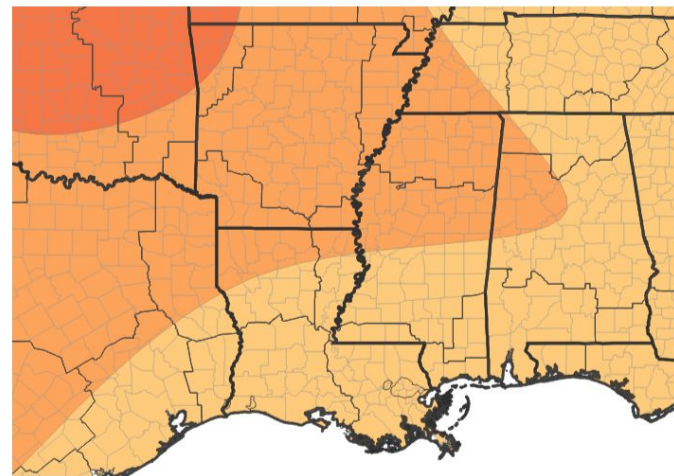
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for September 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



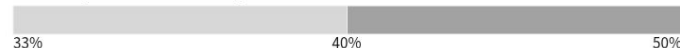
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



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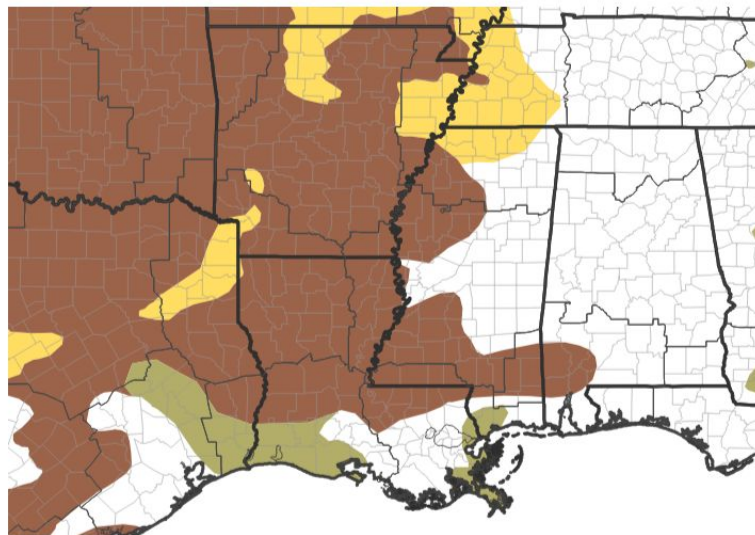


Drought Outlook

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

**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 31,
2026–November 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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