



# Drought Information Statement for Arkansas

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  - Please visit [https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/?dews\\_region=131](https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/?dews_region=131) for regional drought status updates.
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- D2 (severe) conditions have expanded across northern sections of Arkansas.
  - D3 (extreme) conditions have been introduced to a small portion of Arkansas.

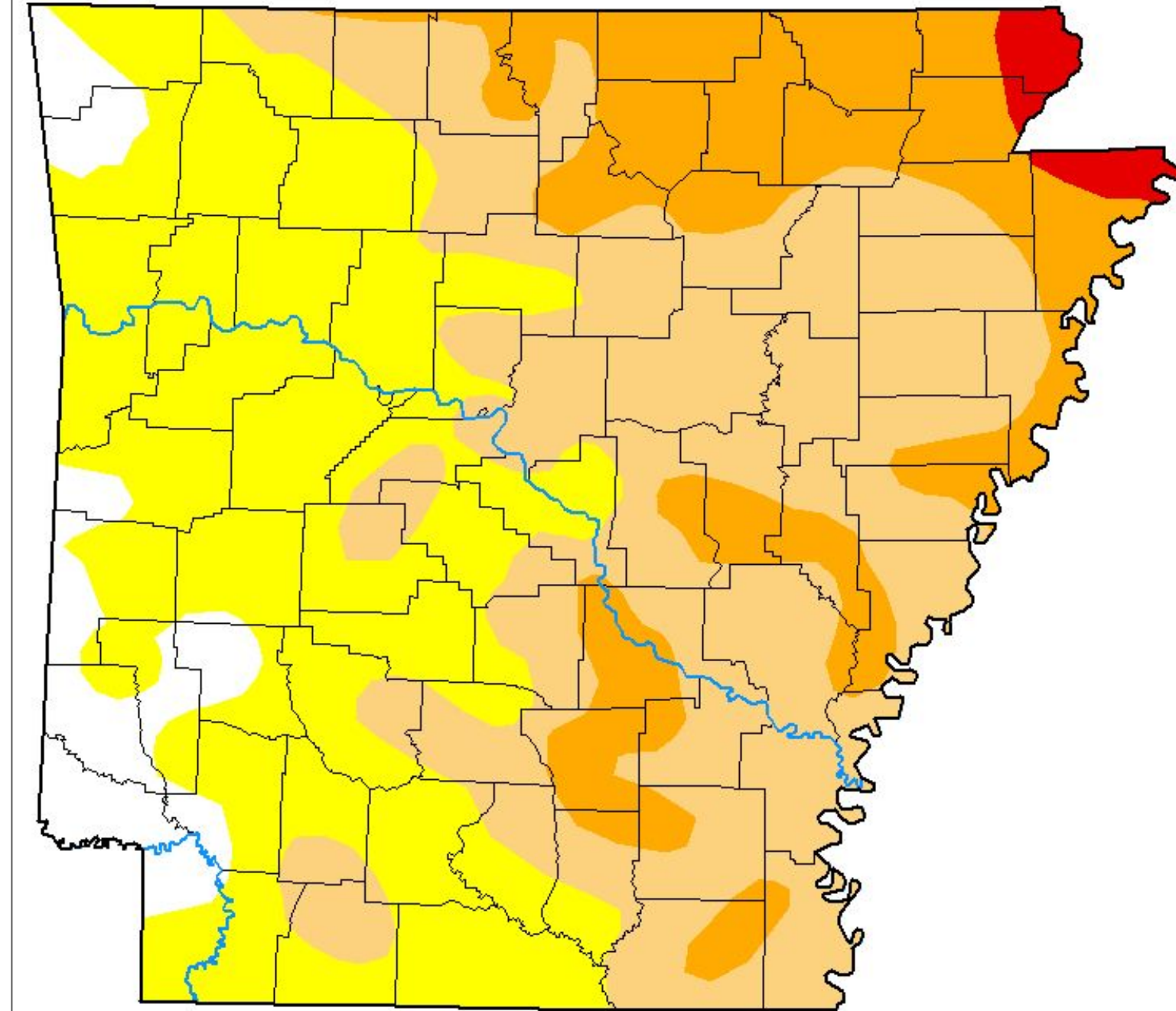




Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Arkansas

## Drought Intensity and Extent

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** none
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Small portion of northeast Arkansas (1.4% of Arkansas)
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Portions of northern, central, and southeast Arkansas (18% of Arkansas)
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Portions of northern, central, and southeast Arkansas (37% of state)
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Portions of northern, central, and southeast Arkansas (37% of state)





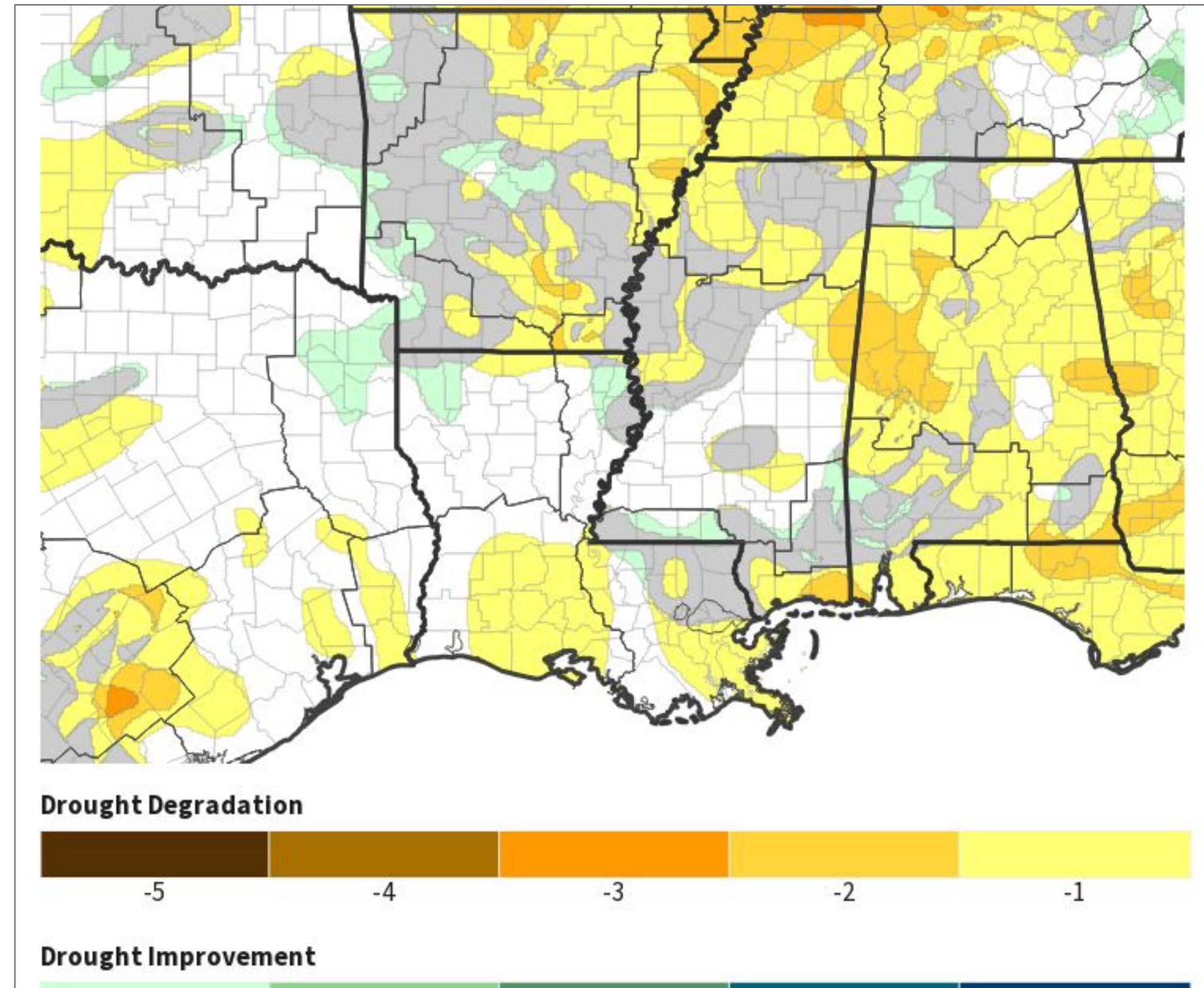
# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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Link to the latest [1-month change map](#) for Arkansas.

## 4-Week Drought Monitor Class Change.

- **Drought Worsened:**  
Much of northern Arkansas, as well as south central portions.
- **Drought Improved:**  
A portion of central Arkansas.
- **No Change:**  
Northwest and west central Arkansas.

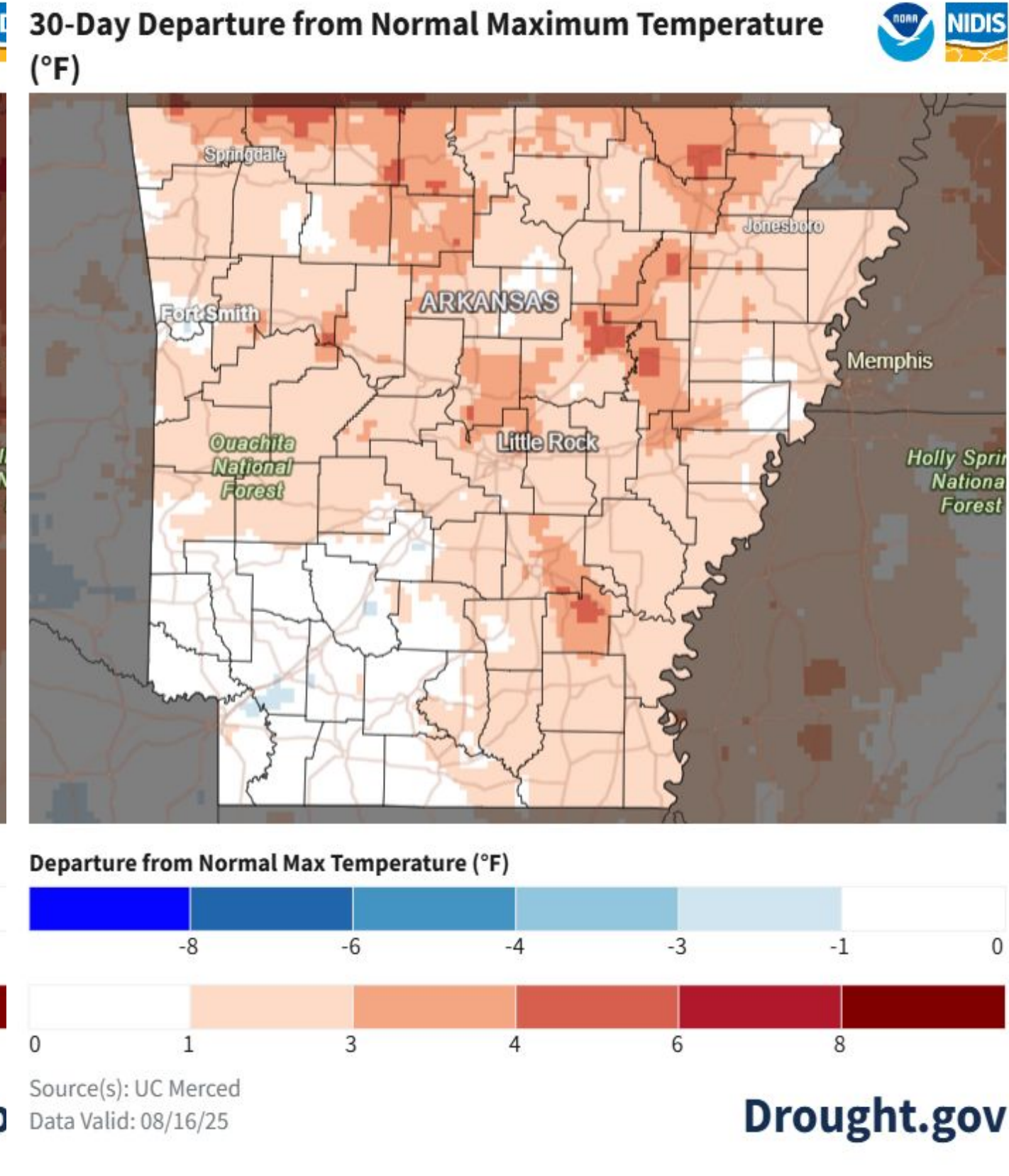
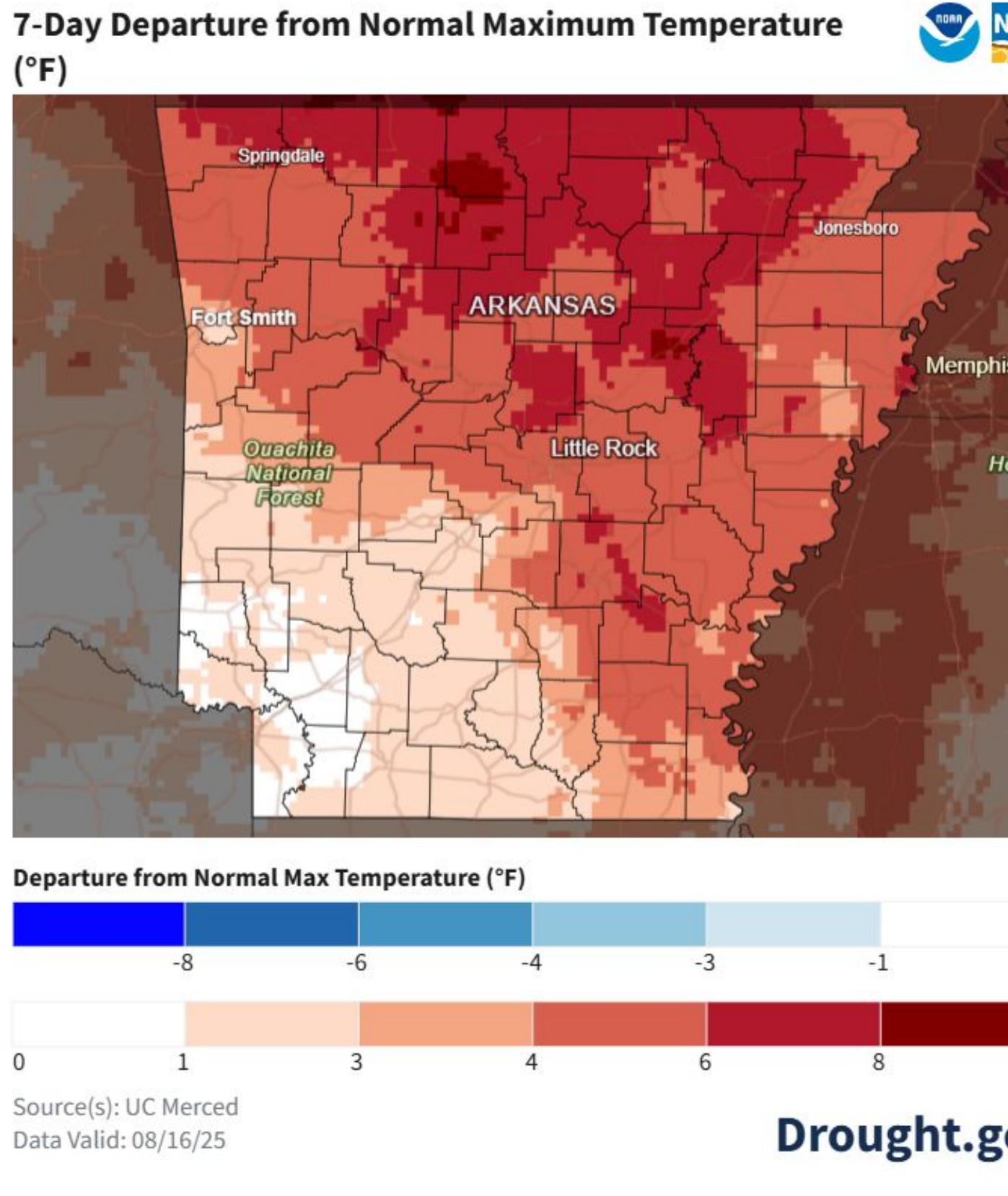


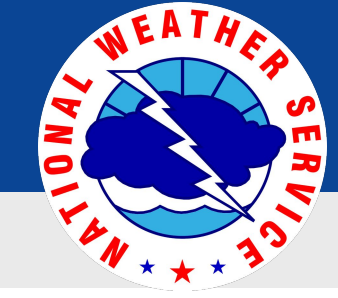


# Temperature

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- 7 day temperatures above normal north, central, and east.
- 30-day temperature anomalies generally above normal.



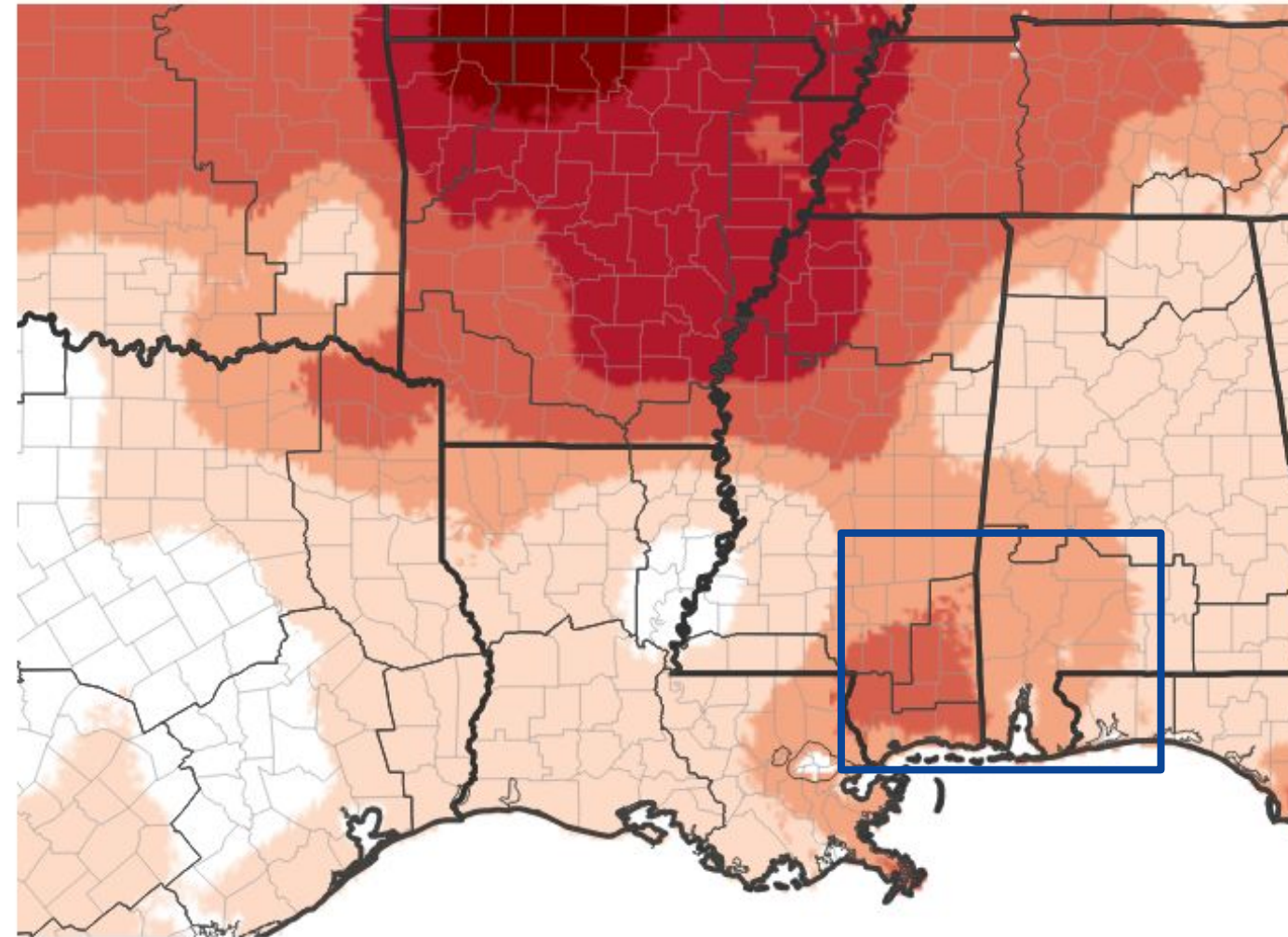


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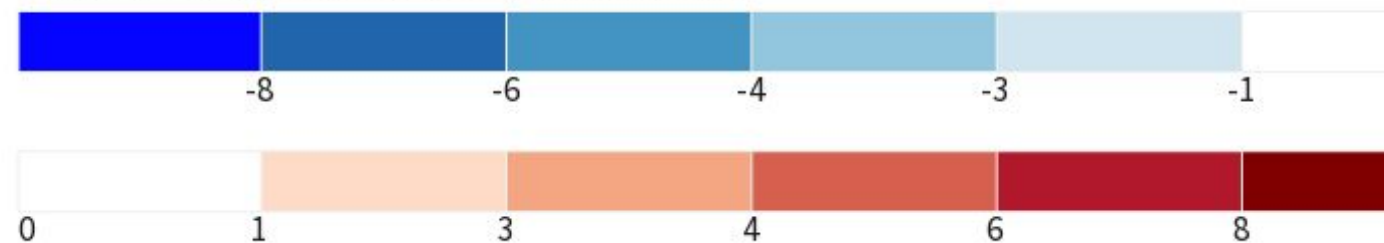
[Link to HPRCC](#)

- Warmer than normal conditions prevailed, more noticeably in the 7-day data.

### 7-Day Temperature Anomaly



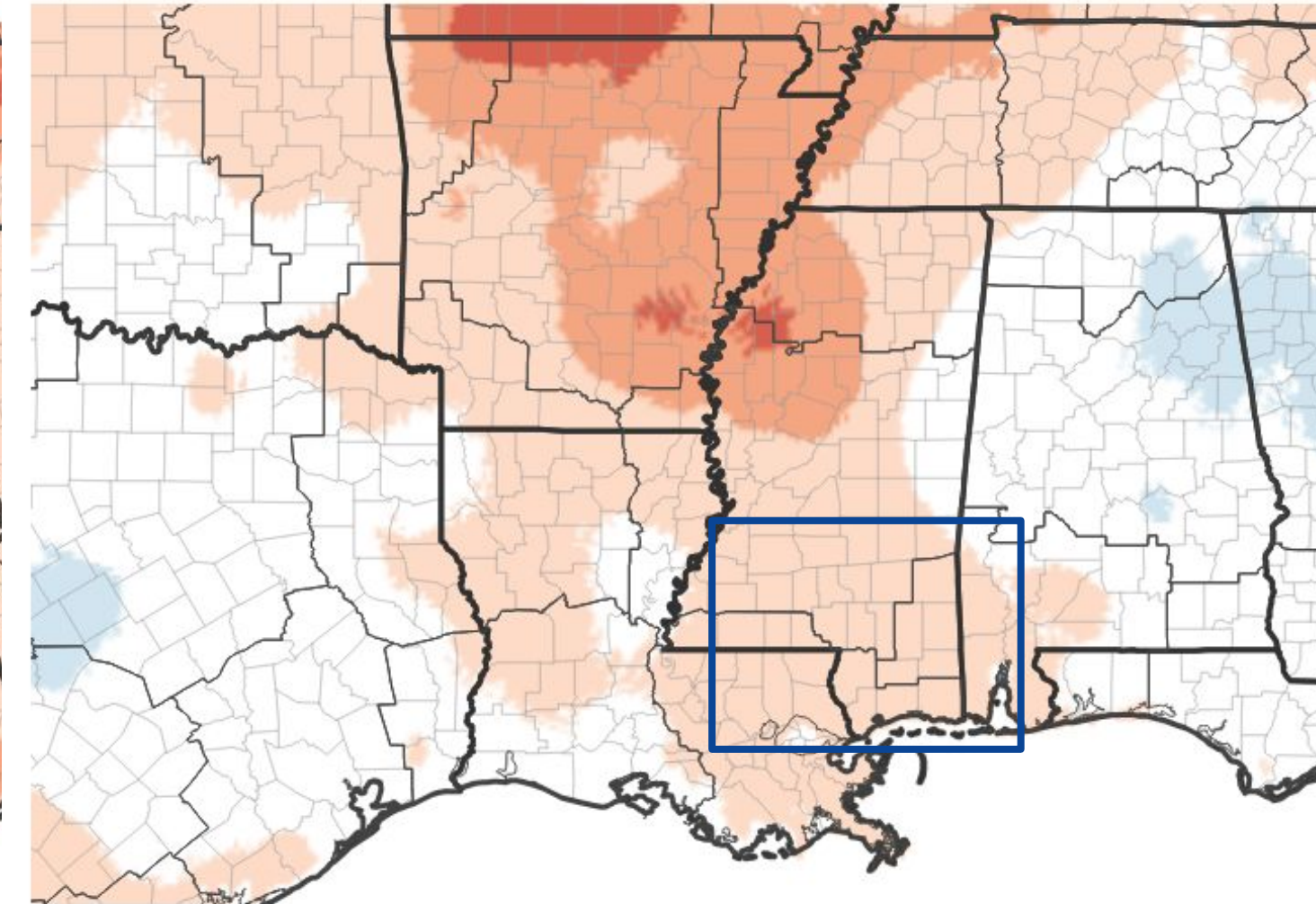
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



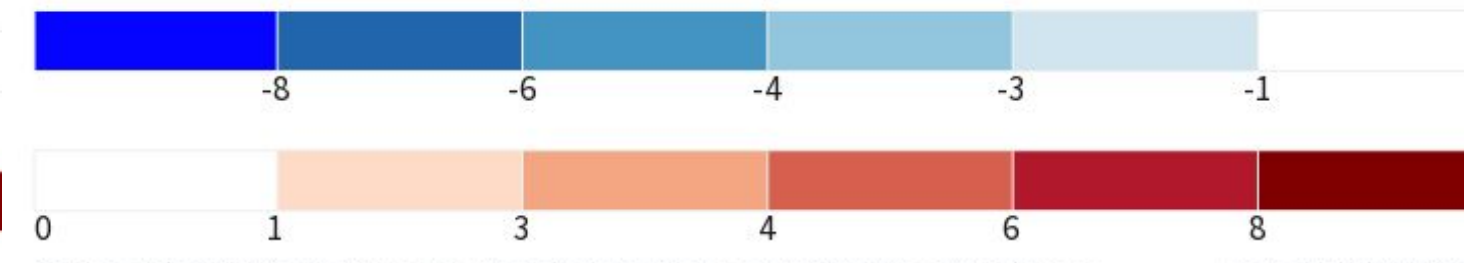
Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 08/

### 30-Day Temperature Anomaly

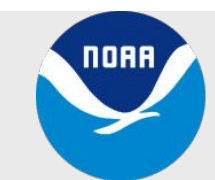


Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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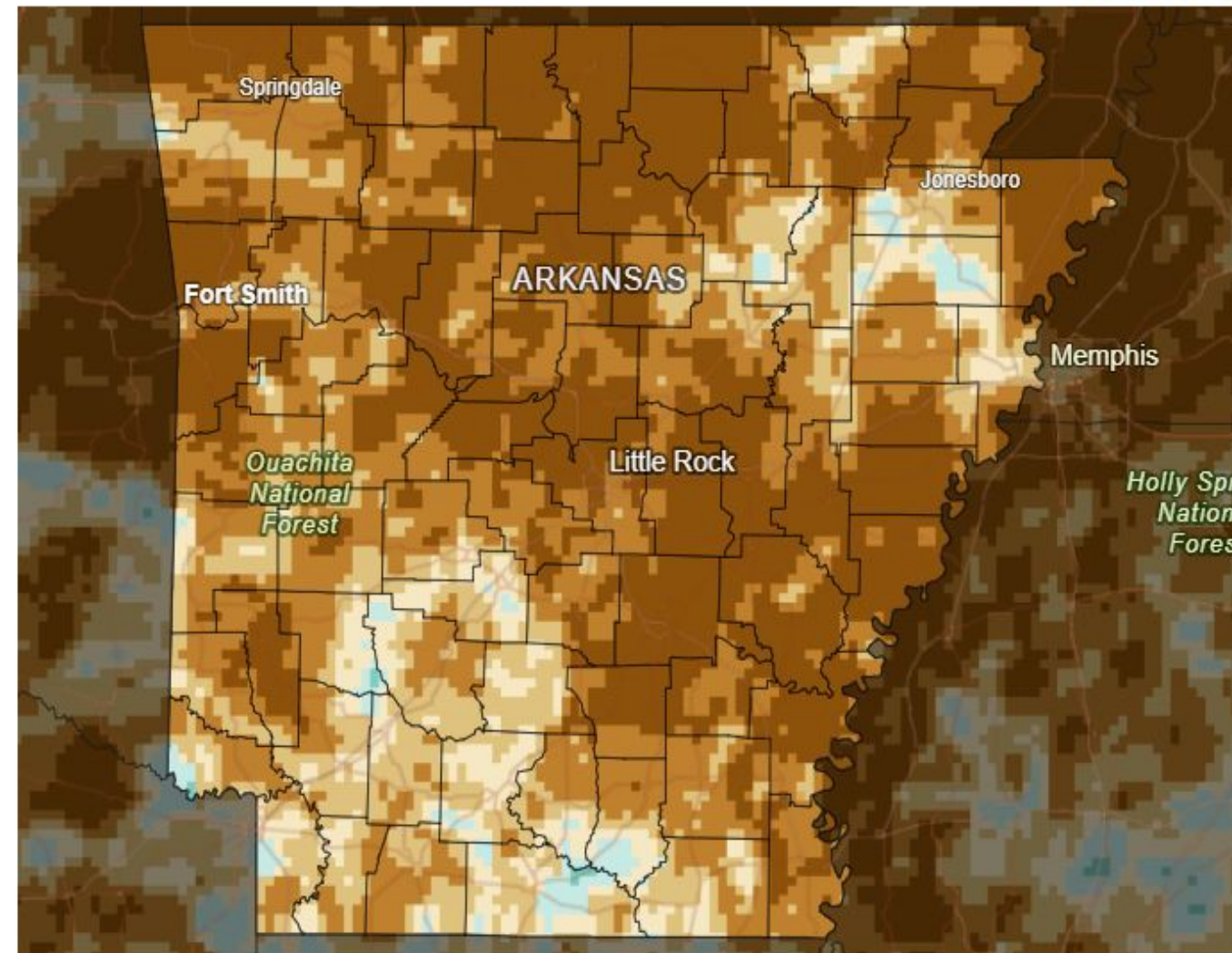
# Precipitation

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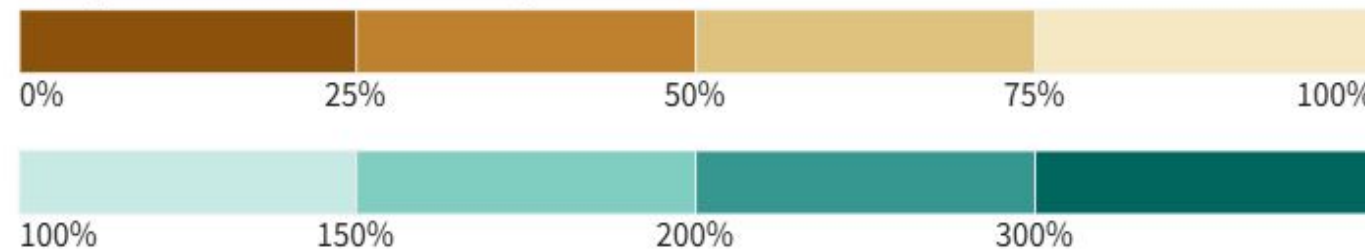
30-day precipitation totals are well below normal in most areas across the state.

60-day precipitation totals are generally below normal.

### 30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



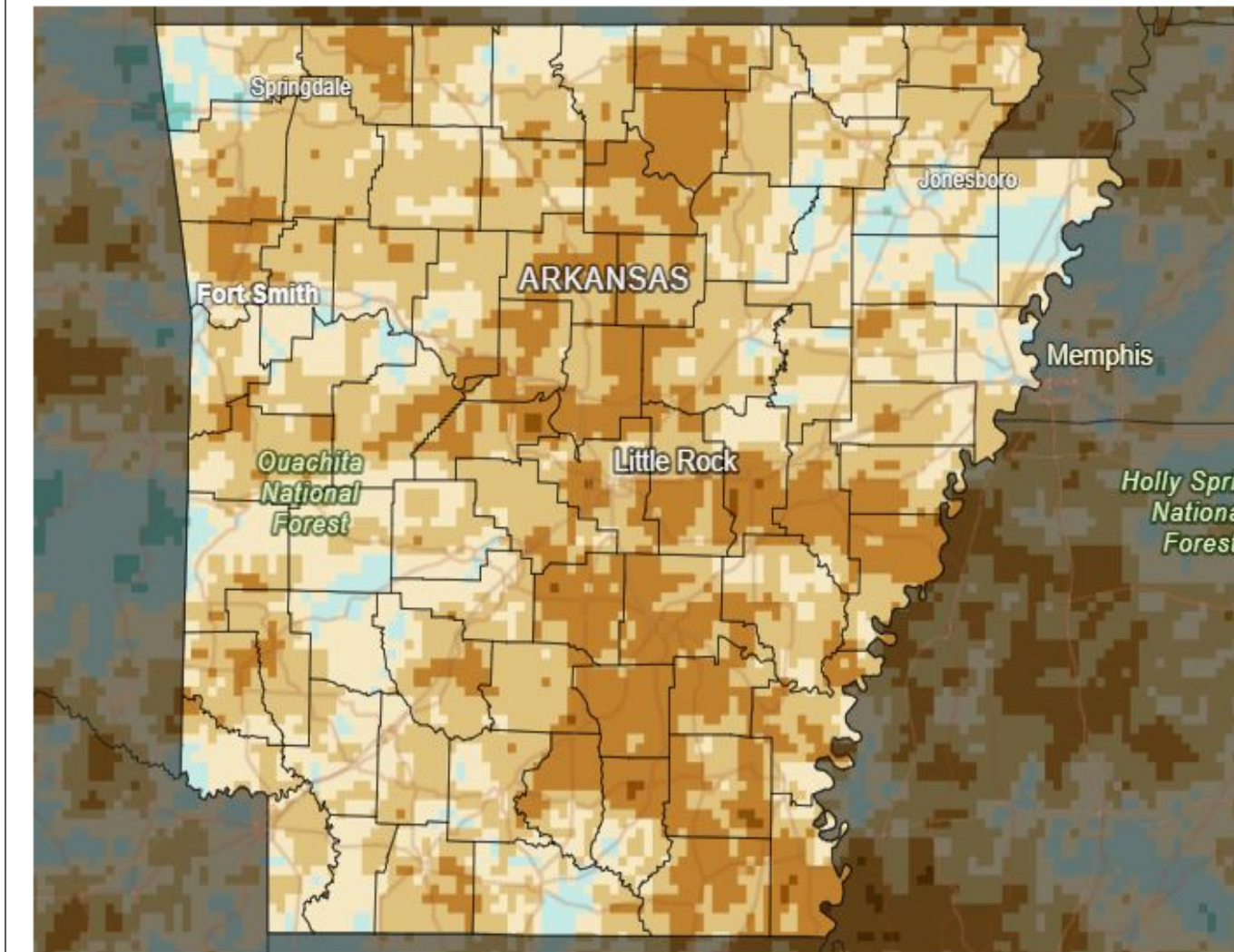
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



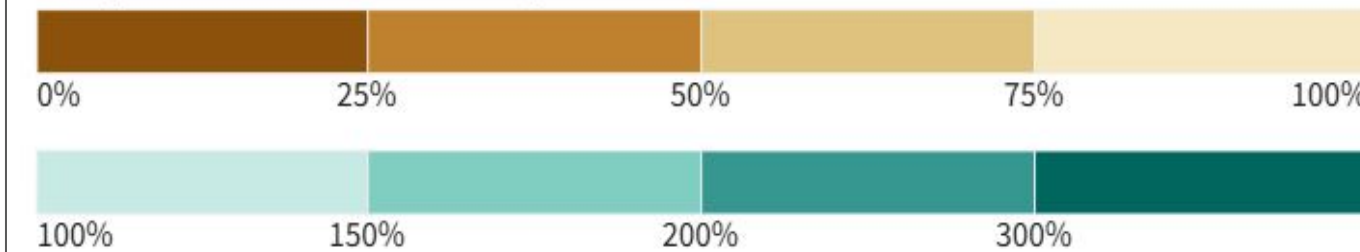
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### 60-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



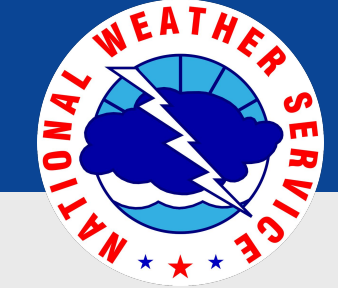
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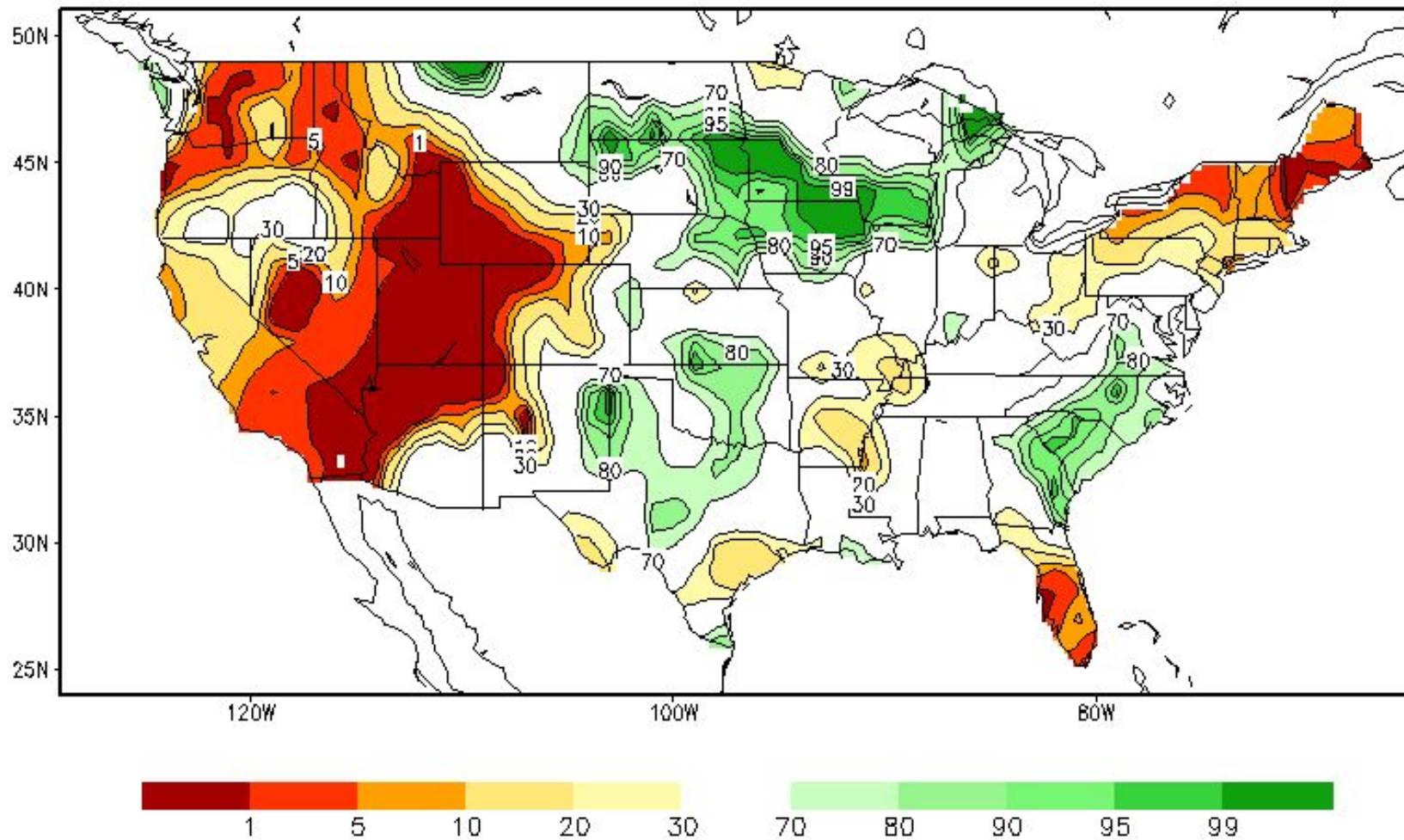




# Agricultural Impacts

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Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile  
AUG 19, 2025



Drought Severity Index  
Value for the August 10 - 16, 2025  
Long Term Palmer

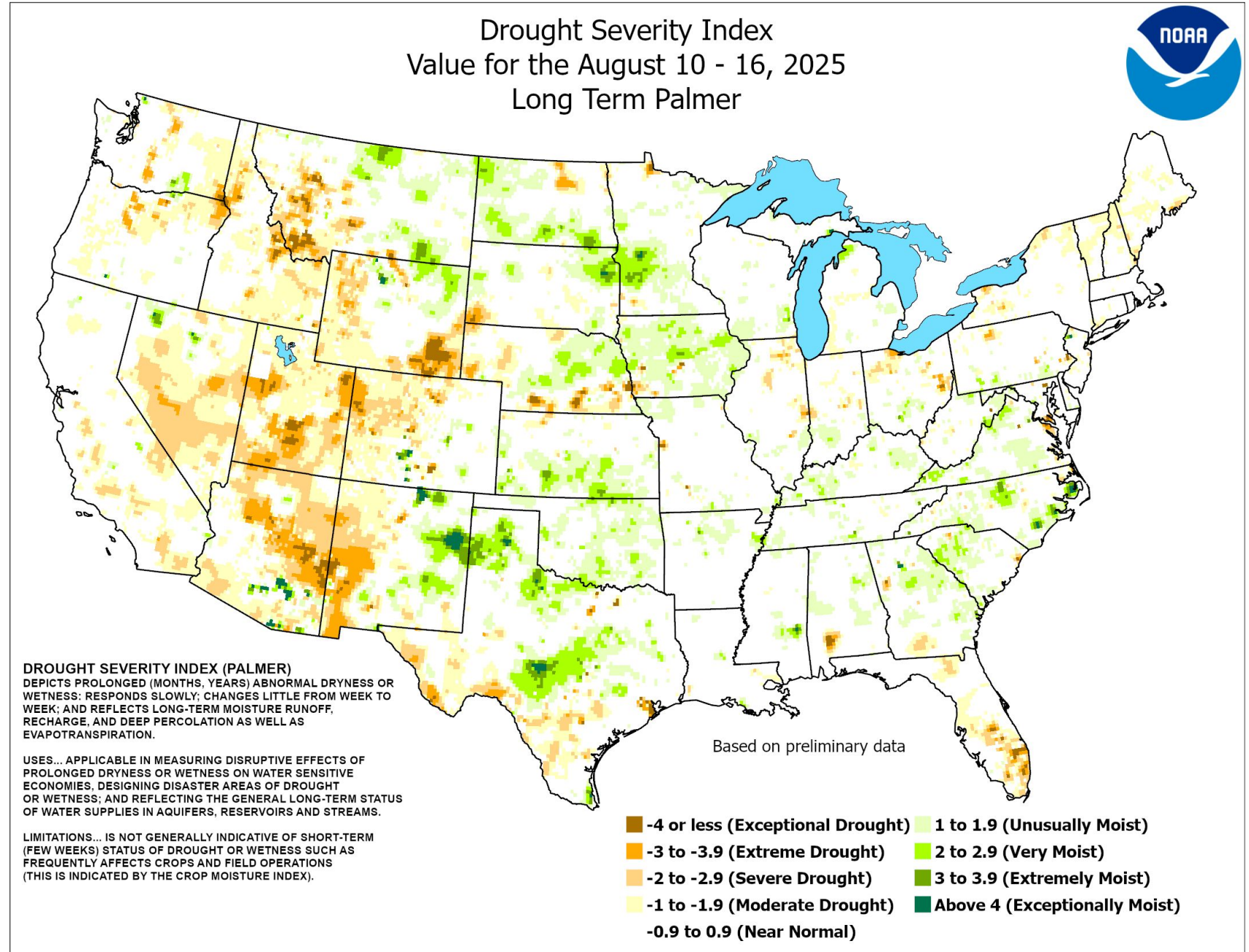


Image Captions:

Left: CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#) valid August 18, 2025

Right: [Palmer Drought Severity Index](#). Weekly value for period ending August 2, 2025



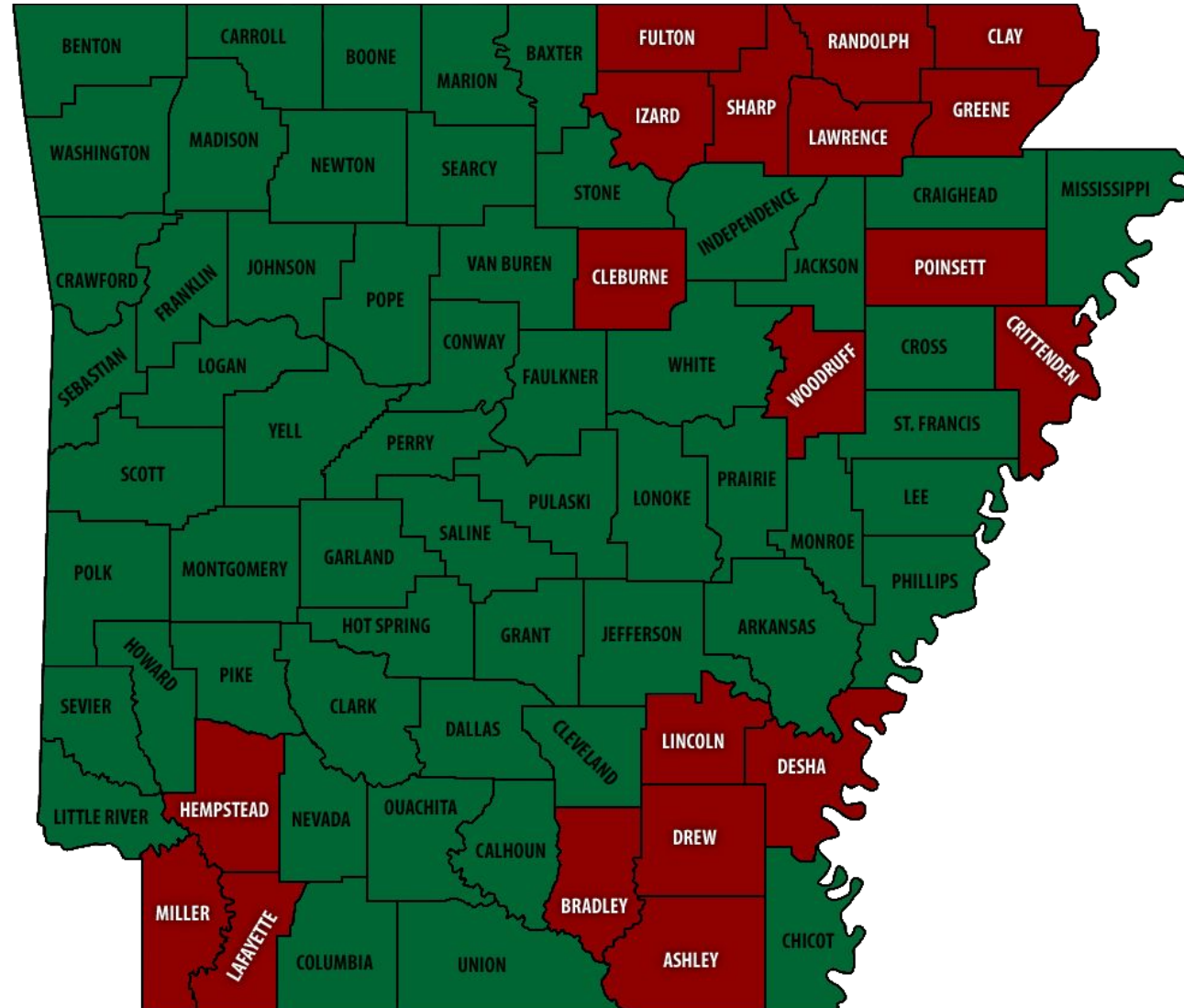


# Fire Hazard Impacts

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

Latest Arkansas Burn Ban map available [here](#)



- Red = burn ban in effect

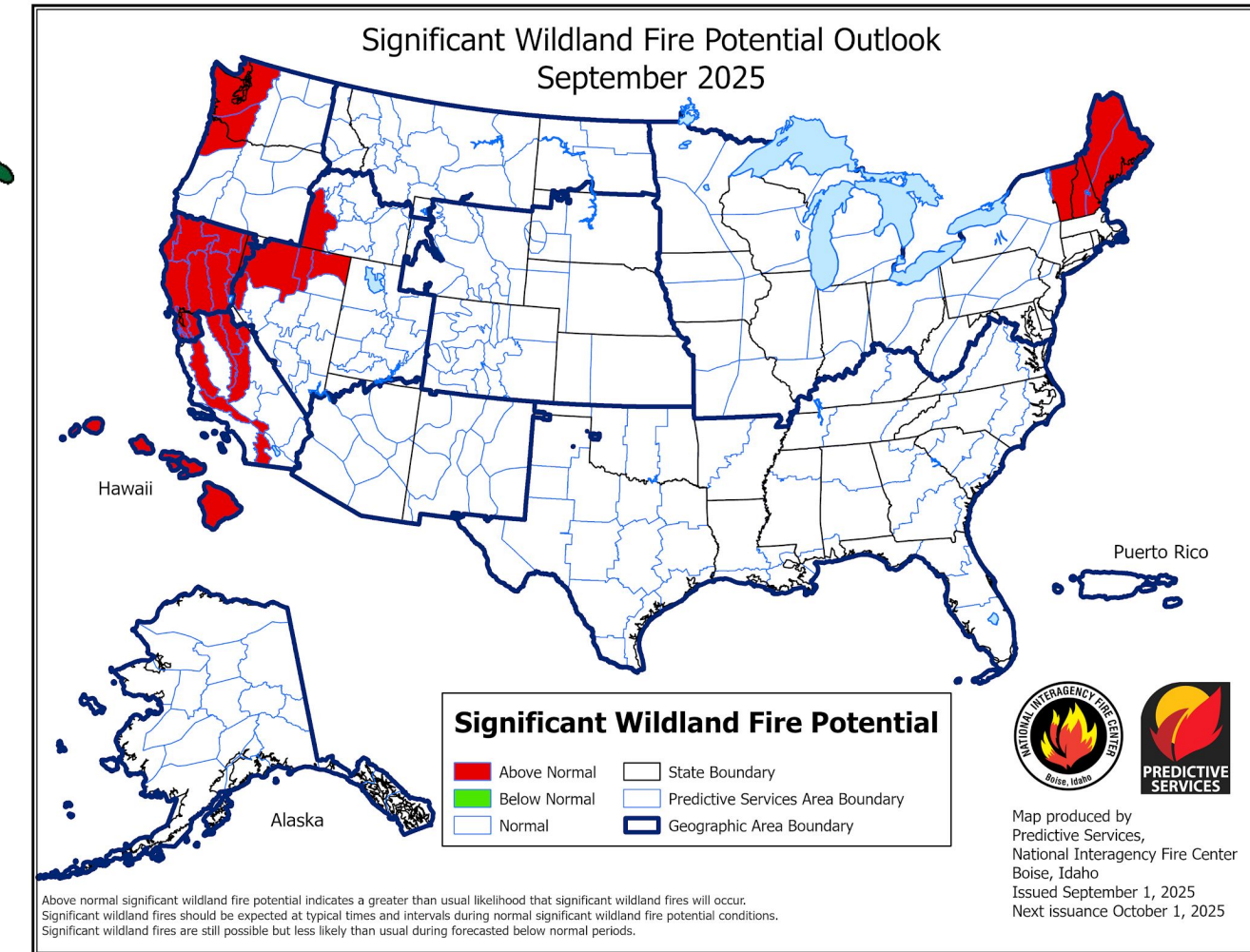


Image Caption: [Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook](#) for September 2025

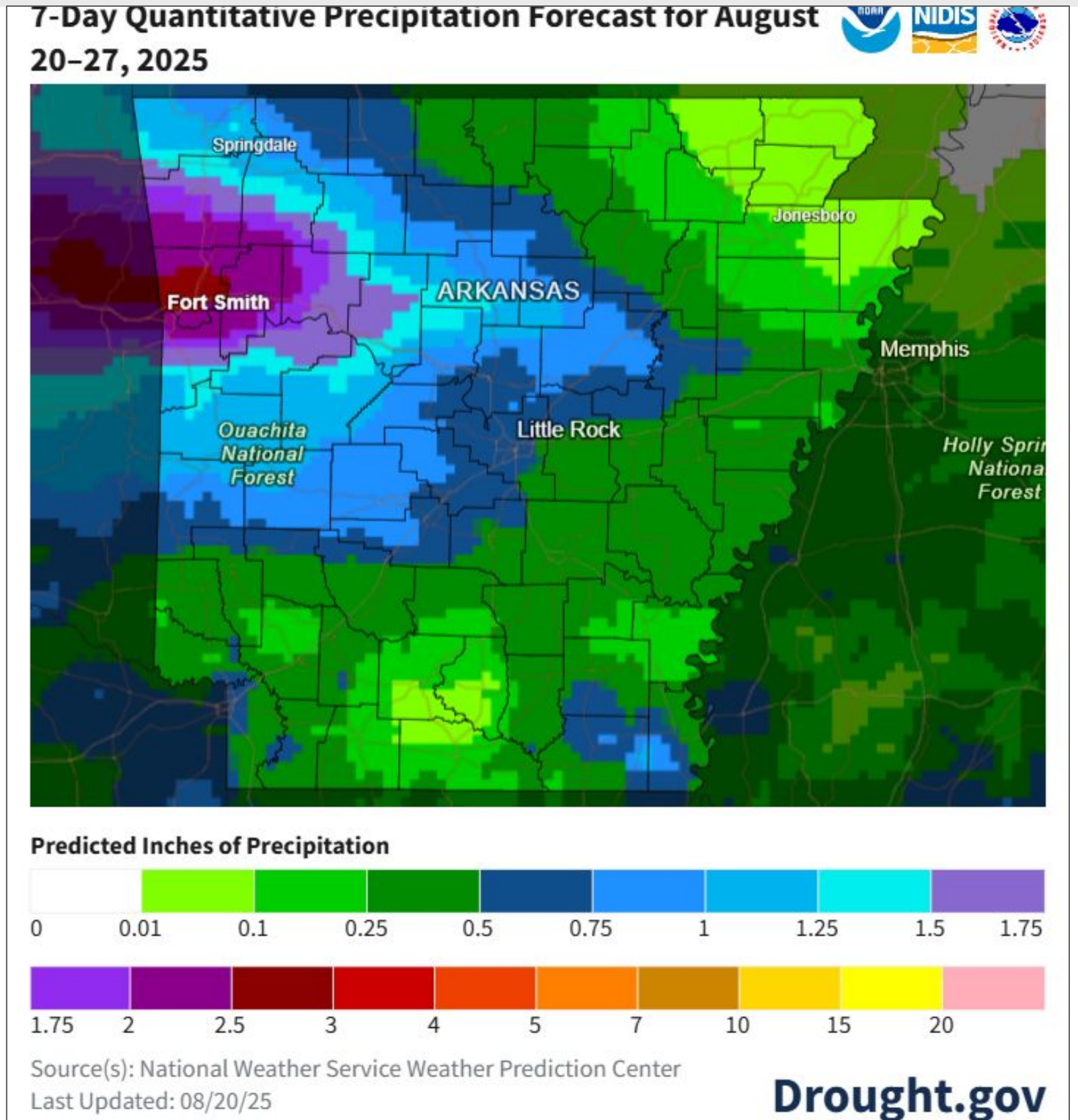




# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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- Conditions promoting precipitation development will increase next week, particularly across northwest sections of the state.
- Below normal temperatures are expected to prevail next week.





# Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

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

- Forecasts from the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) indicate conditions exist to promote development of rapid onset/flash drought across portions of eastern Arkansas.

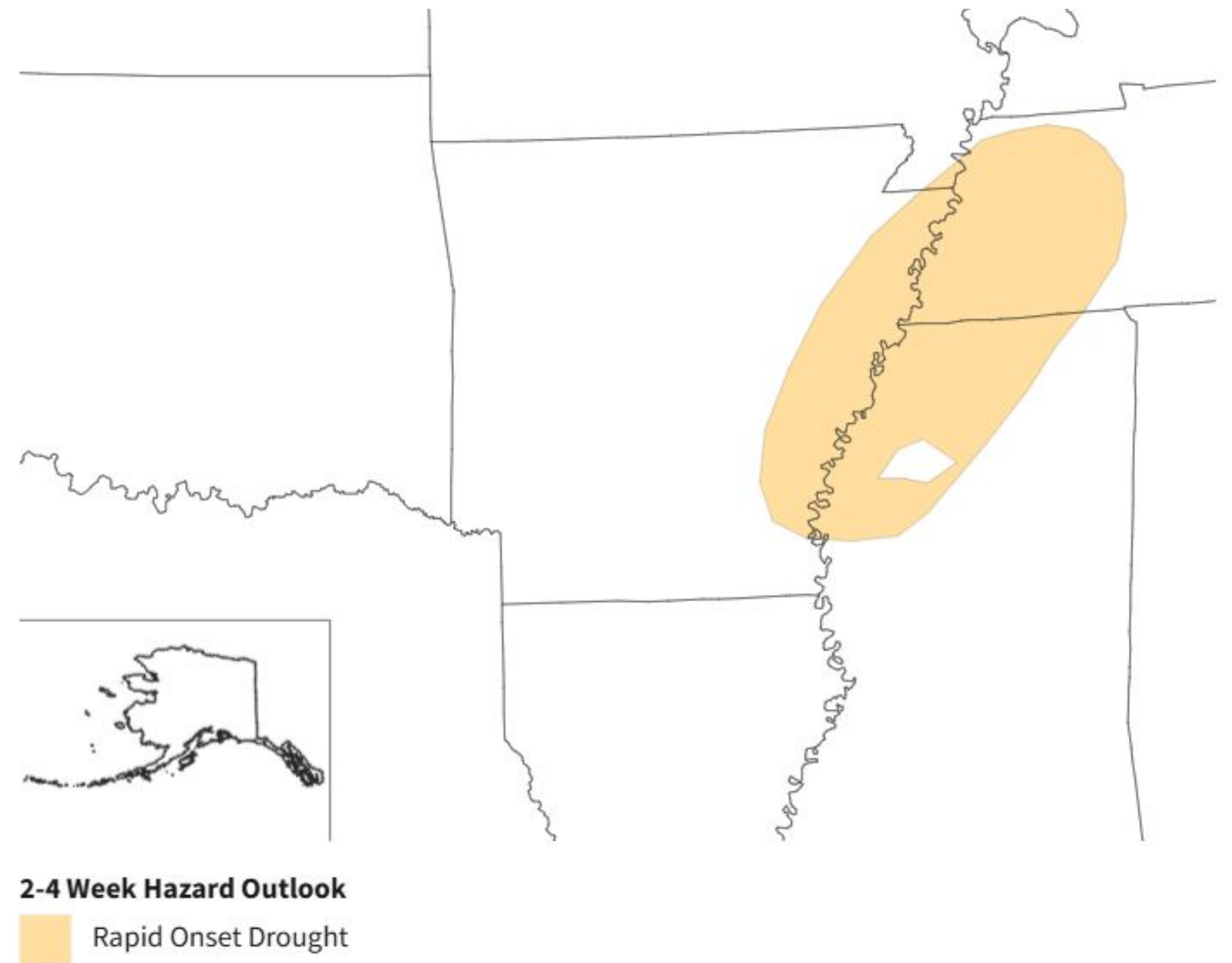


Image Caption:  
[Days 8 to 14 U.S. Hazards Outlook](#) Valid August 28 to Sept. 3

