



Drought Information Statement for North Louisiana, East Texas, Southwest Arkansas, and Extreme Southeast Oklahoma

Valid February 12th, 2026

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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/shv/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.

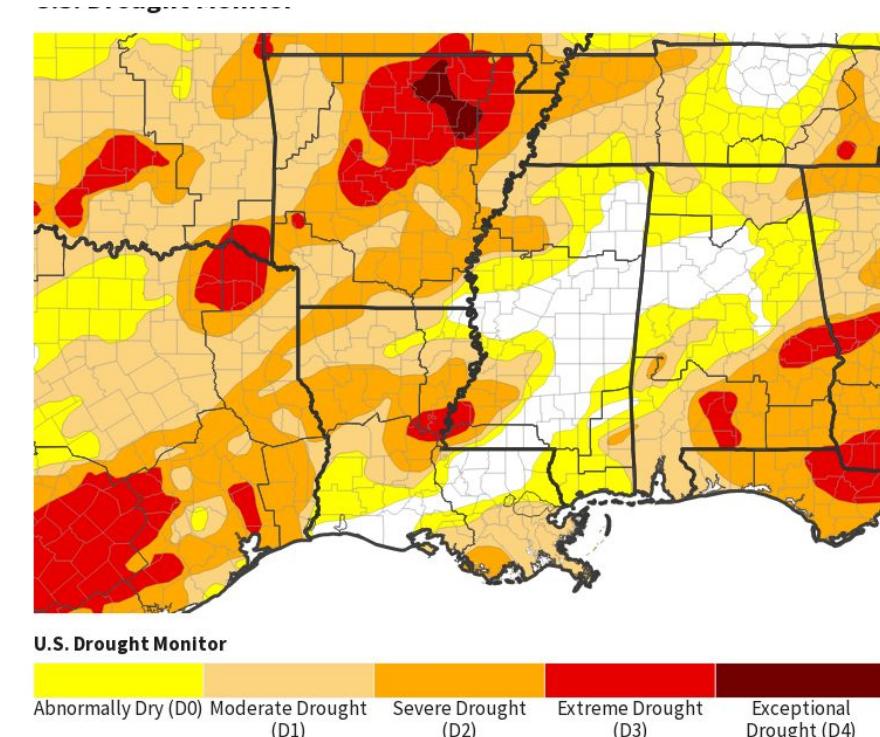




U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Southeast OK, Southwest AR, East TX, and North LA

- Extreme (D3) and Severe (D2) drought conditions have developed across much of the Four State Region, as a result of a prolonged period of above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation observed since the summer of 2025.
- Drought conditions are worst across extreme Northeast TX, Southern McCurtain County OK, and Northern Howard County AR, with drought continuing to amplify elsewhere across the area.



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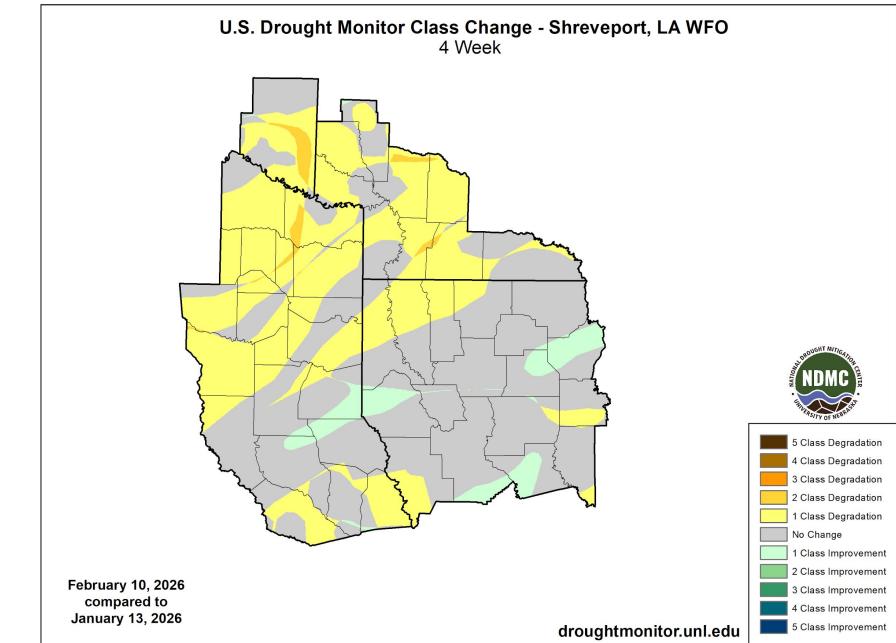
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Southeast OK, East TX, Southwest AR, and North LA

- 4 Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - A prolonged period of below normal rainfall over the last month has led to a 1-2 category drought degradation across Northeast TX, Southeast OK, Southwest AR, Northwest LA, as well as portions of Deep East TX and Sabine Parish LA.
 - Very little in the way of drought improvements have been seen over the last month elsewhere across the region.



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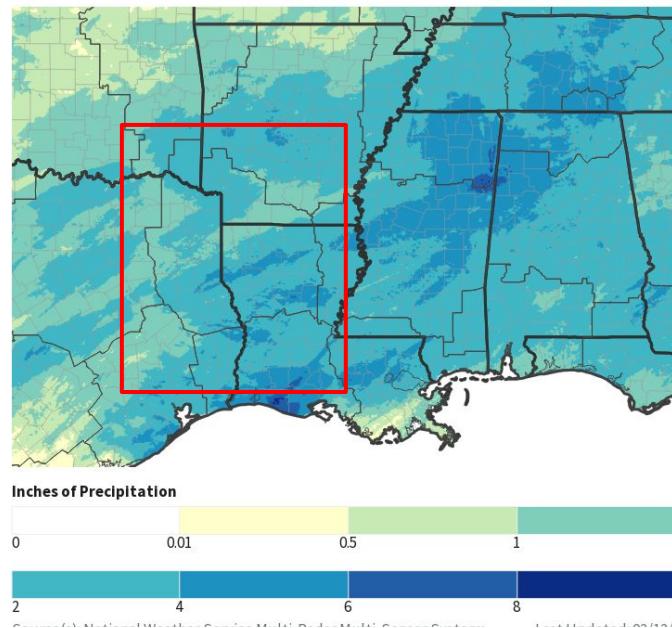
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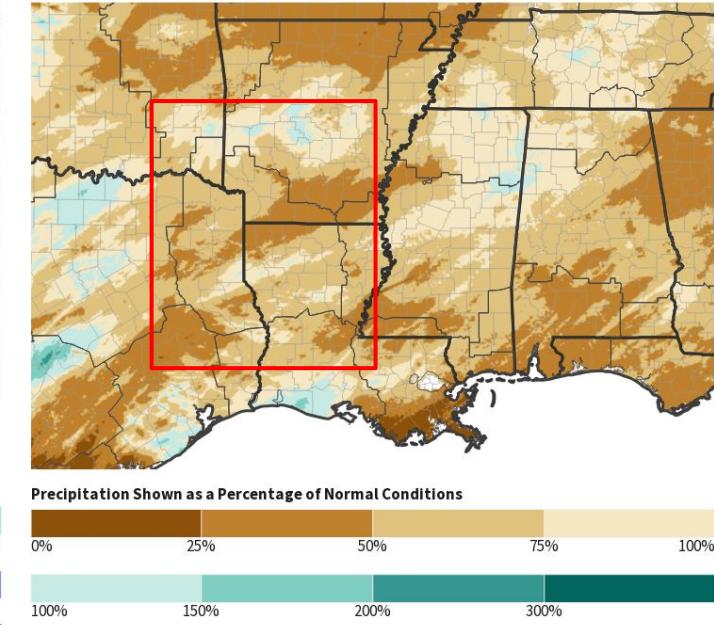
Precipitation

- Rainfall amounts of 1.5 - 4+ inches have fallen across the area since mid-January, with isolated 5+ inch totals observed across Northern Ouachita Parish Louisiana. These totals remain below normal areawide, with the greatest deficits noted generally along and north of the I-20 corridor of East TX and North LA, including Southwest AR and Southeast OK.

30 Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



30 Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



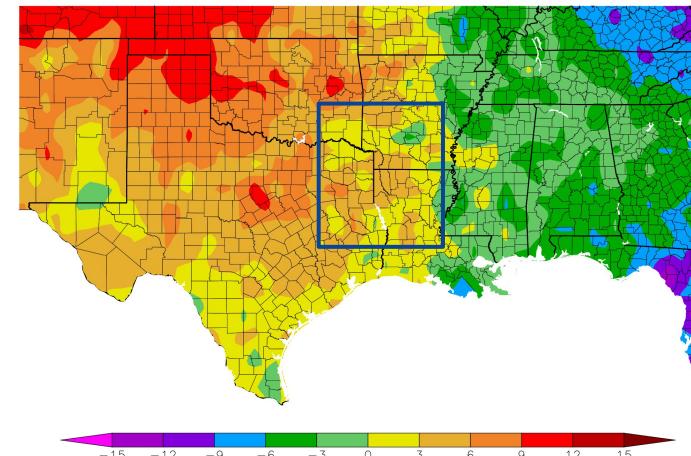


Temperature

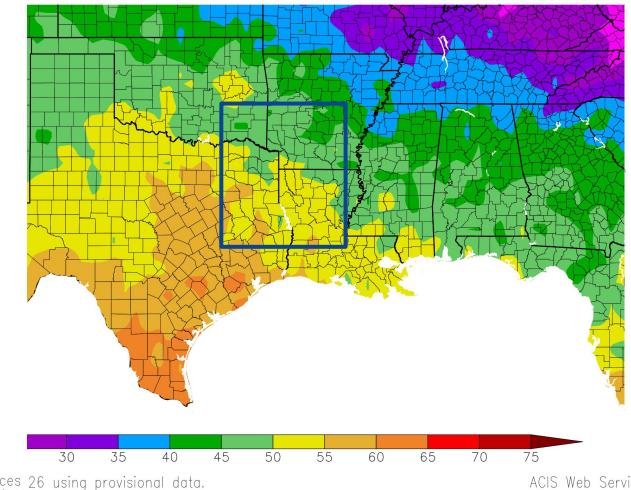
Imagery from the High Plains Regional Climate Center

- Since the late January winter storm, above normal temperatures have been observed areawide, with average temperatures 3-7+ degrees above normal.

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
2/1/2026 – 2/11/2026



Temperature (F)
2/1/2026 – 2/11/2026



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Given that the dryness extends back into the early and mid summer months of 2025, below to much below normal streamflow continues across area rivers, bayous, and creeks. Multiple lakes also remain below normal pool stage as well.

Agricultural Impacts

- Area pastures remain dormant and have produced little to no grass, with stock ponds very low or dry especially across portions of Northeast Texas and West-central Louisiana. Local producers have had to provide supplemental feeding to cattle for much of the fall and winter months, with the lack of freshwater creating considerable hardships for farmers and ranchers. Thus, producers have had to sell some of their cattle herd due to the lack of food and water. While 40-100 cm soil moisture has slowly recharged in wake of the recent winter storm, 10- 40 cm soil moisture has begun to dry out again given the extended period of dryness that has developed since the final week of January.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire danger is expected to remain low into early next week, as an increase in relative humidities will occur Friday into the weekend, with showers and embedded thunderstorms becoming widespread areawide Saturday and Saturday night, February 14th. Widespread rainfall amounts of 1-2+ inches are expected, which will mitigate fire danger.

Mitigation Actions

- None. Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

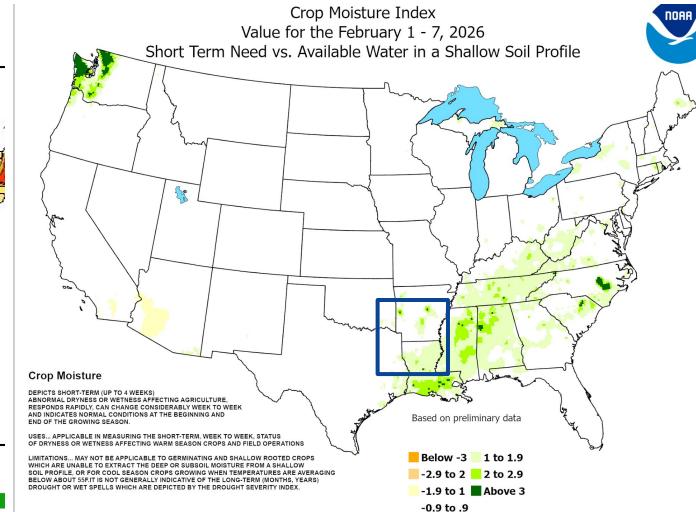
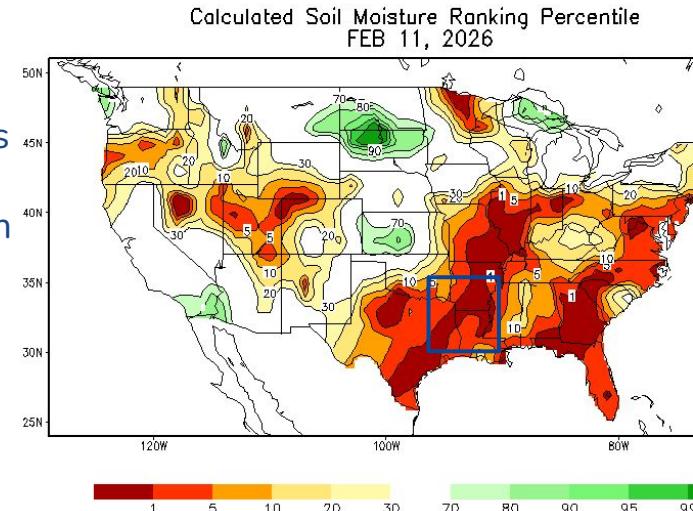




Agricultural Impacts

Left Image: Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile for Feb. 11th from CPC; Right Image: Crop Moisture Index Ending Feb. 7th from CPC.

- Soil moisture continues to dry out given the above normal temperatures and persistent dryness since late January. Given the winter storm that affected the region in late January, grasses and pastures have gone dormant again after some greenup was noted in late December through mid-January.

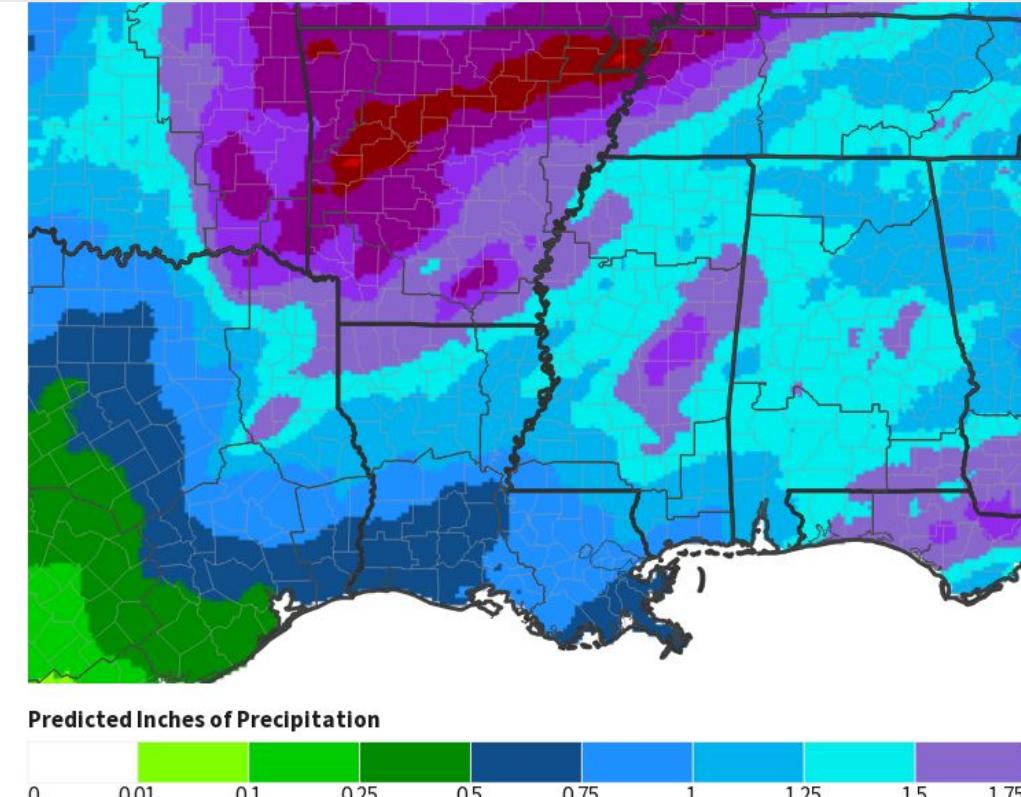




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast (Update)

Imagery Below: Weather Prediction Center [7-day precipitation forecast](#) Valid Thursday, February 12th to Thursday, February 19th

- Showers and thunderstorms are expected to spread into the Four State Region during the day Saturday and Saturday night, February 14th. Widespread rainfall amounts of 1-2+ inches are expected before the rains diminish from west to east Sunday morning.
- These rains should help to in slow soil moisture recovery, but additional, better-timed widespread wetting rains are needed to produce adequate runoff to result in considerable improvements to the drought.
- No additional rainfall is expected through February 19th.



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Long-Range Outlooks

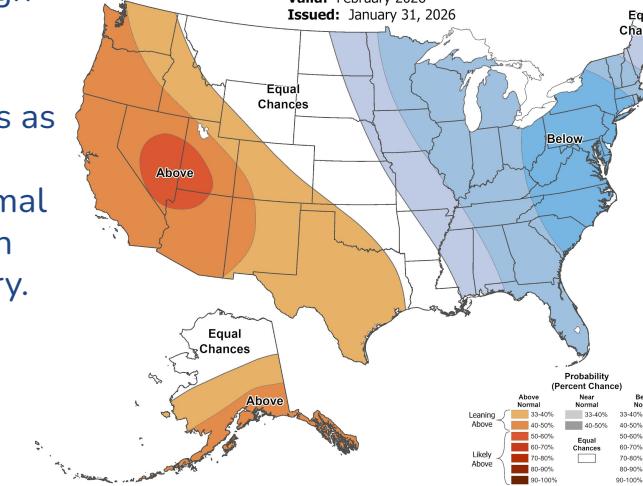
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Near to above normal probabilities exist for above normal temperatures continuing areawide through the end of February.
- Very little confidence exists as to whether above normal, near normal, or below normal rain will fall over the region through the end of February.

Monthly Temperature Outlook

Valid: February 2026

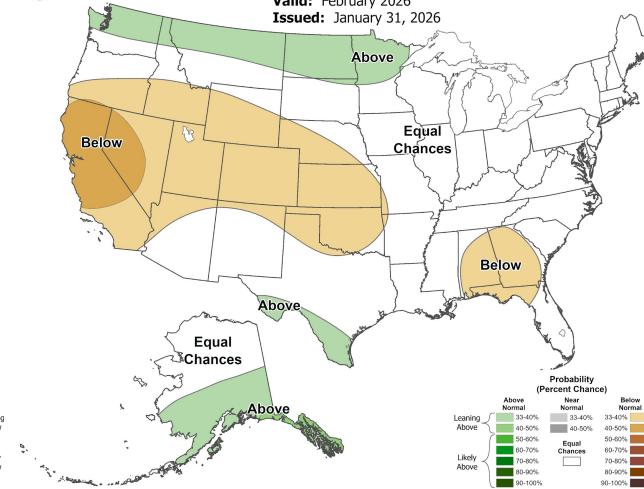
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Monthly Precipitation Outlook

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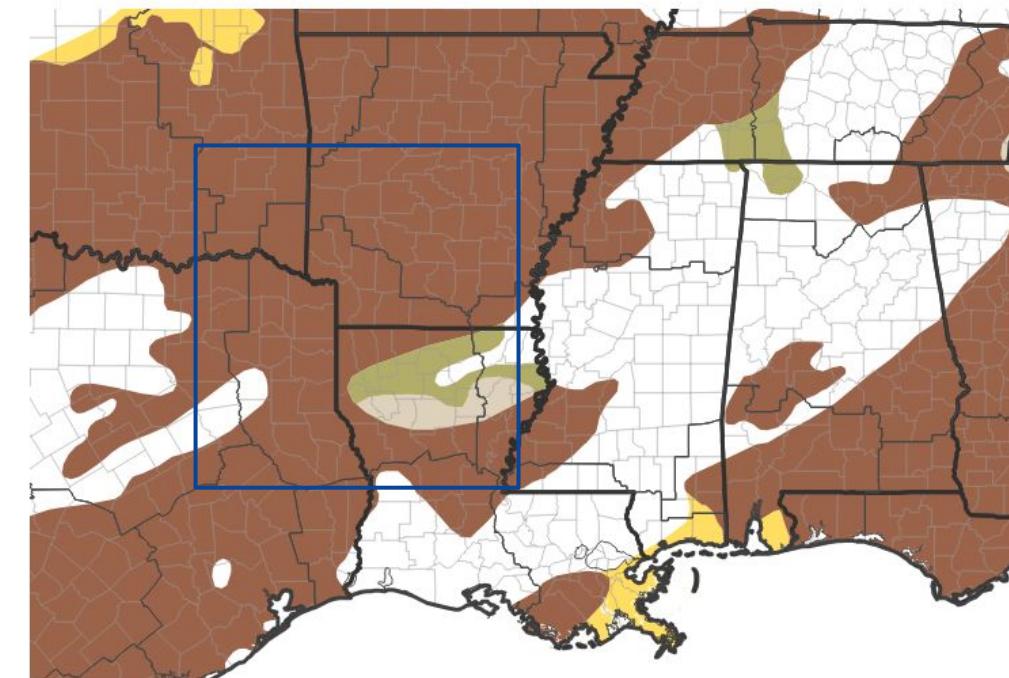


Drought Outlook

Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook Released January 31, 2026 - Valid through April 2026

- Drought conditions are expected to persist across much of the region through much of this coming spring.
- Some improvement may continue though across portions of Northcentral and Northeast Louisiana, which have seen more wetting precipitation since the start of the year, which has already eased drought conditions.

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Drought Is Predicted To...



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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