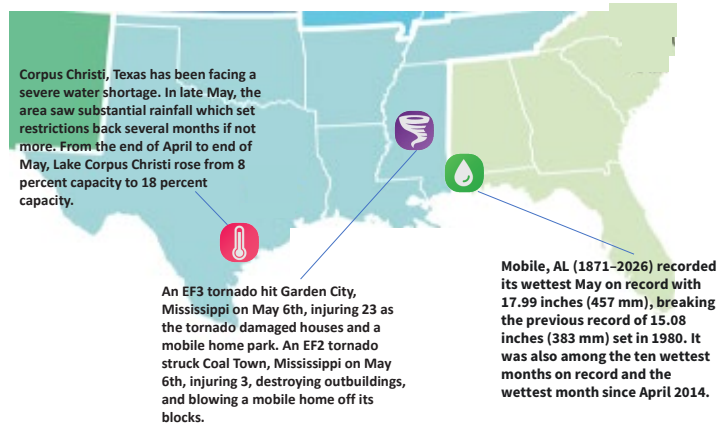


Gulf Coast Region Significant Events — Spring 2026



Overview

Spring began with above normal temperatures across the Gulf States with more moderate conditions right on the Coast. Precipitation well below normal for much of the Region with stations Texas and Florida reporting zero to five percent of normal.

Temperatures were again well above normal for much of the Region during April, the exceptions being Far South Texas and the Southern Florida Panhandle where temperatures were near normal. Far South Texas and Southern Florida saw substantial rainfall.

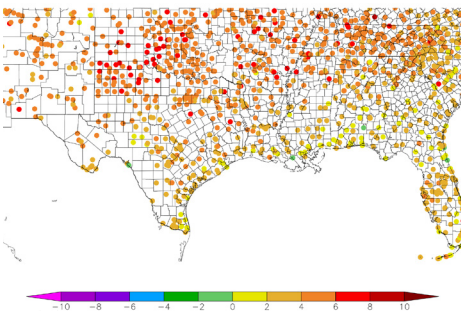
Temperatures were one to two degrees below normal for the Region except for the Florida Peninsula where temperatures were four to five degrees above normal. Precipitation was well above normal along the Gulf Coast.

Moderate and wet conditions were the theme of Spring 2026 in the Gulf Region, several rounds of heavy rain throughout the season led to widespread drought improvements.

Regional Climate Overview — Winter 2025-2026

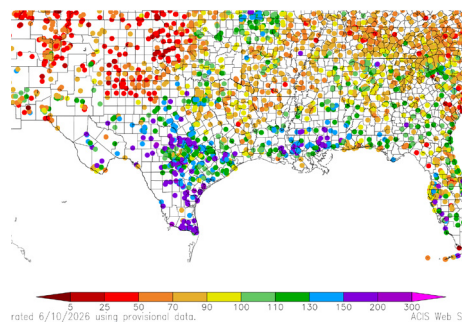
Temperature and Precipitation

Departure from Normal Temperature °F
3/1/2026 – 5/31/2026



Spring 2026 temperatures were above normal for the Gulf Coast Region, with temperatures being more moderate towards the coast than inland portions of the Gulf states. In interior portions of the Region temperatures were two to six degrees F above normal. Near the coast, temperatures were more moderate ranging from normal to two degrees F above normal.

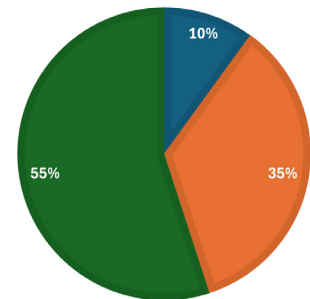
Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
3/1/2026 – 5/31/2026



Precipitation was well above normal in South Texas, along the Gulf Coast of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and in the southern half of the Florida Peninsula with most stations observing 100 percent of normal to 200 percent of normal. Less precipitation was common in East Texas, inland Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the northern half of Florida ranging from 25 percent to 110 percent of normal.

Atlantic Hurricane Season

■ Above Normal ■ Near Normal ■ Below Normal



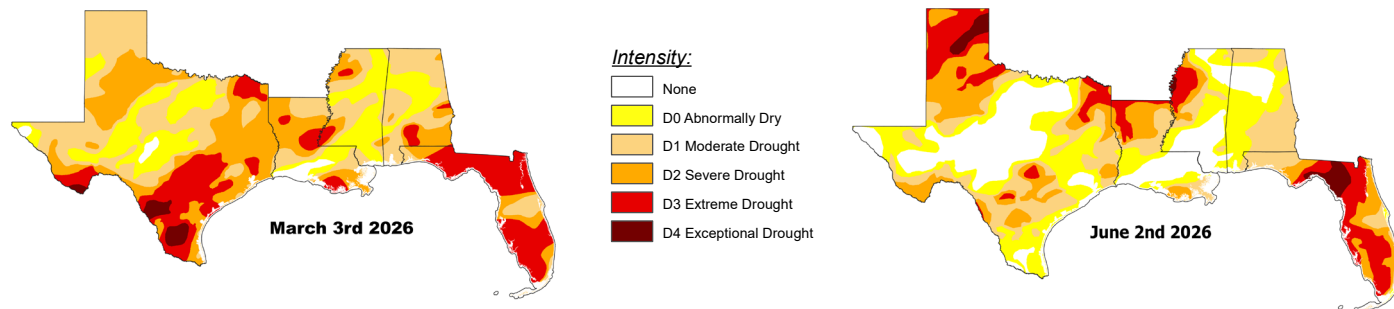
NOAA has released their forecast for the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season calling for a fifty-five percent chance of a Below Normal season, thirty-five percent chance of a Near Normal season, and a ten percent chance of an Above Normal hurricane season. This is typical of El Niño events, which tend to have Below Normal tropical activity in the Atlantic and Gulf of America.

Gulf Coast Regional Impacts

Drought, Agriculture, and Water Supply

Spring 2026 saw the extent of drought-free area in the Gulf Coast states increase from 23 percent on March 3rd to 48 percent on June 2nd. All categories saw decreases except for Exceptional Drought (D4), which held steady at two percent of the Region. Most areas saw improvements in drought status, as many as 5 classes in South Texas. The only areas to show degradation were Northern Louisiana, West Central Mississippi, and the western Florida Panhandle.

Overall the Gulf Region stands at 26 percent no dryness, 22 percent as Abnormally Dry (D0), 20 percent of the Region is in Moderate Drought (D1), 17 percent in Severe Drought (D2), 12 percent is in Extreme Drought (D3), and 2 percent is in Exceptional Drought (D4). Wet conditions dominated much of the Gulf Coast late in the season, where many areas along the Coast received in excess of 200 percent of normal rainfall for the month of May.



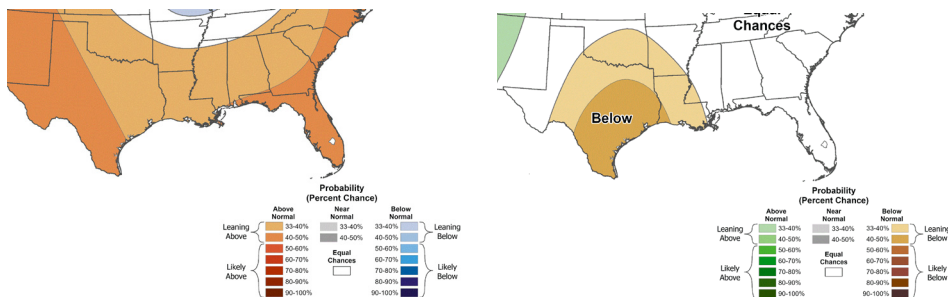
US Drought Monitor depiction of the Southern Region. The US Drought Monitor is produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center, the USDA, and NOAA.

Seasonal Outlook

Temperature

Precipitation

Outlook for July-September 2026



The seasonal temperature outlooks from NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center calls for enhanced probabilities of above normal temperatures across almost the entire Gulf Coast Region in July through September. At the eastern and western margins there’s a 40-50 percent chance of above normal temperatures. In the Central Gulf Coast probabilities of above normal temperature are more moderate with a 33-40 percent chance of above normal temperatures. Extreme northern Mississippi, and extreme northwestern Alabama show equal chances of above normal or below normal temperatures.

The precipitation outlooks for July through September 2026 calls for enhanced probabilities for below normal precipitation in much of Texas, much of Louisiana, and southwestern Mississippi. The Texas Gulf Coast and southwestern Louisiana show a 40 to 50 percent probability of below normal precipitation. As one looks north, and east probabilities decrease to 33 to 40 percent of below normal precipitation. Much of Mississippi, all of Alabama and Florida show equal chances of above or below normal precipitation.

ENSO Outlook

Currently, ENSO conditions in the Tropical Pacific are neutral and rapidly transitioning towards an El Niño event. El Niño events during the summer months tend to decrease tropical cyclone activity in the Gulf of America and Atlantic. El Niño conditions are projected to persist through the coming winter.

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