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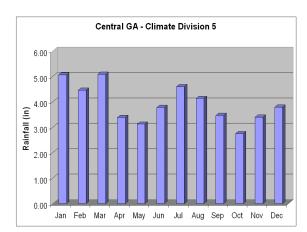


Location: Oconee River near Athens Georgia

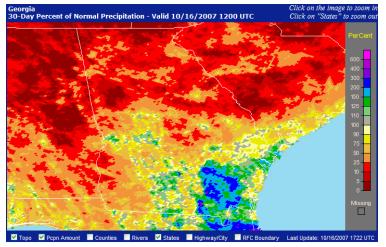
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## Hydrometeorological Basin Analysis

October is historically the driest month over the Oconee River Basin and river flows are typically quite low this time of the year. Both daily and 7-day average stream flows on the Oconee River near Athens are in the lowest 1% of record. Thus, the flow is at near record lows for the driest time of the year. The USGS is classifying the Oconee River stream flow as a "Severe" hydrologic drought.



Over the past 30 days rainfall over this basin has averaged 25% or less of normal. Depending on the intensity of future rains, due to the extremely dry upper soils, it would take several inches of rain before significant runoff into the river would commense.



Short-Medium Term Meteorological Outlook

Long Term Outlook

Technical Discussion

Our Forecast – Key Points

\* La Nina clearly settling in place