



Drought Information Statement for Northeast IA, Southeast MN, & Western, WI

Valid May 23, 2024

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- This product will be updated May 30, 2024 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/ARX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.

- **D2 (Severe Drought)** was removed in northeast Iowa and southwest Wisconsin.



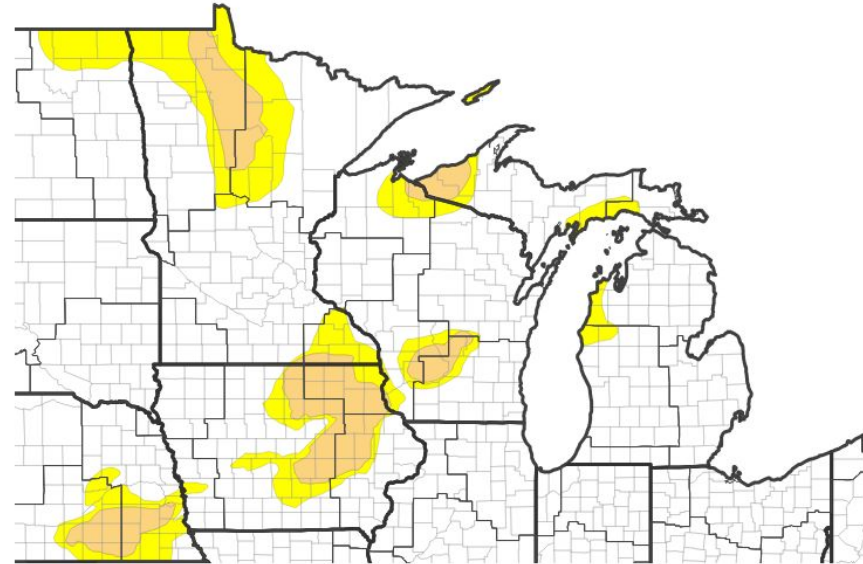


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)** to **D1 (Moderate Drought)** along and south of Interstate 90.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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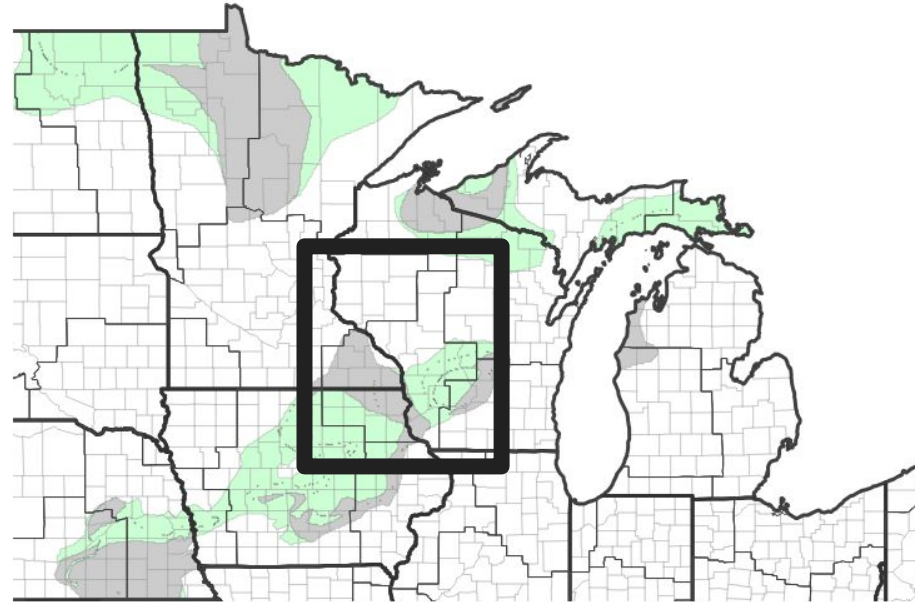


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Northeast IA, southeast MN, & Western IA

- 1-Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - During the past week, there was a 1-category improvement in the drought for southern half of the NWS La Crosse, WI Hydrologic Service Area (HSA).
 - There is no longer severe (D2) drought in northeast Iowa and southwest Wisconsin.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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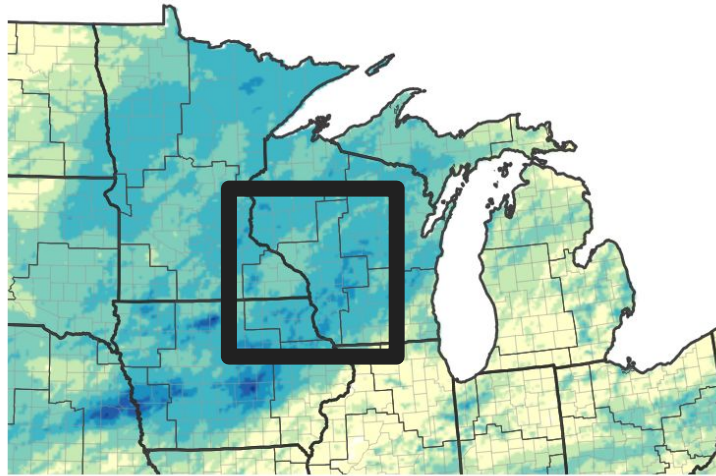




Precipitation

- From May 14 through May 21, rainfall totals ranged from 0.25" near Theilman, MN to 3.91" near Oelwein, IA.
- Normally, around 1" of precipitation falls during this period.
- The heaviest rainfall fell in the abnormally dry (D0) and drought areas.

NWPS 7-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



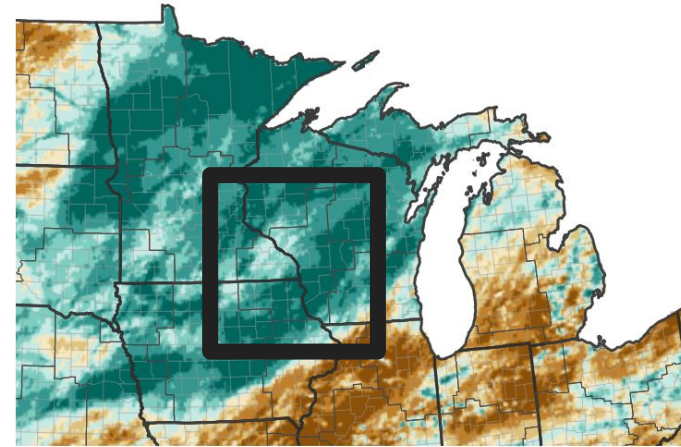
Inches of Precipitation



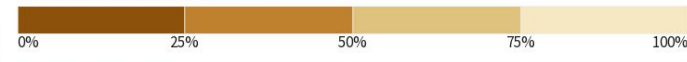
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7-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)



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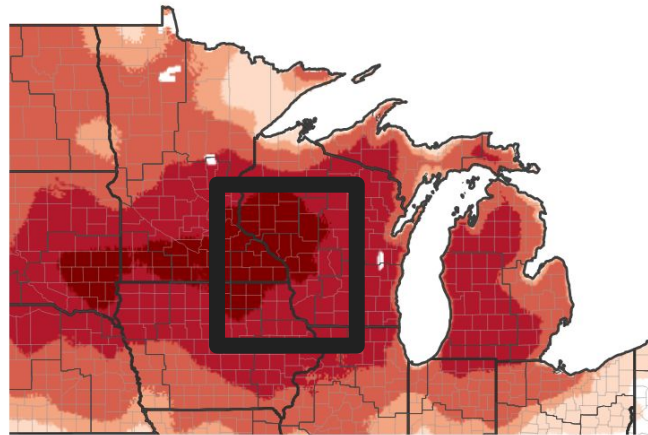




Temperature

- During the past week (May 15 through May 21), maximum temperatures ranged from 6°F to 10°F warmer than normal to normal.
- During the past month (April 22 through May 21), maximum temperatures ranged from 1°F to 3°F warmer than normal.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



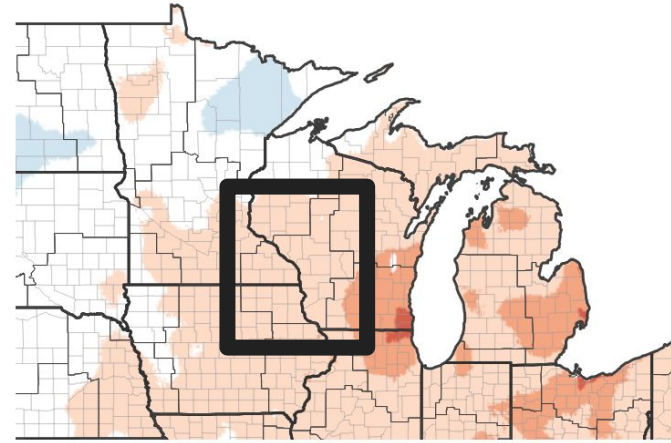
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



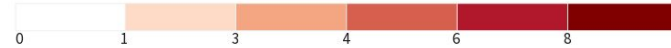
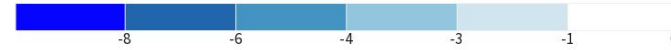
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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

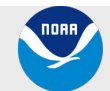
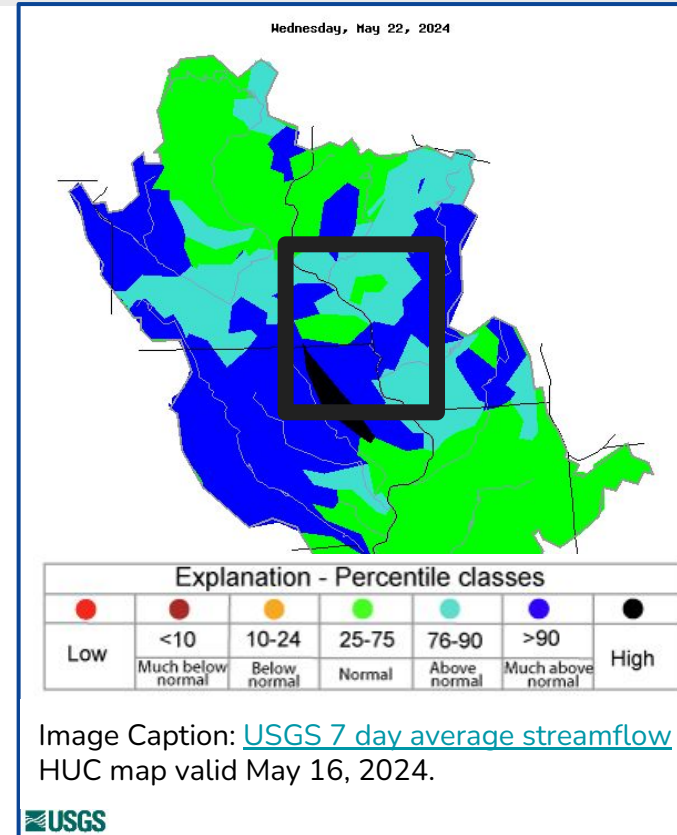
- No known actions are taking place in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and western Wisconsin.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

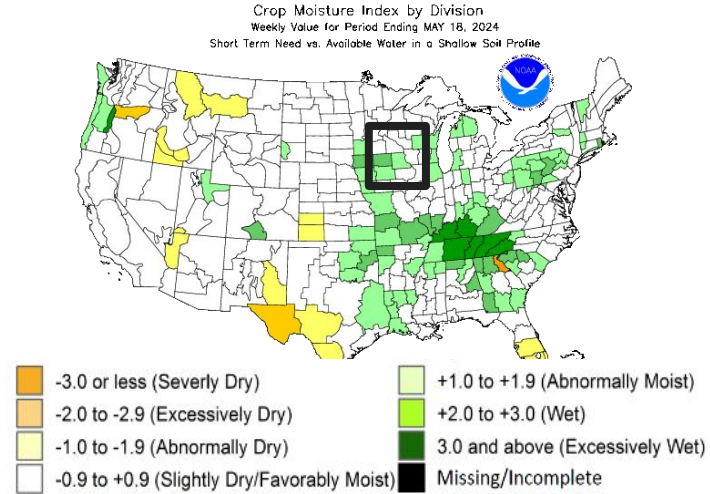
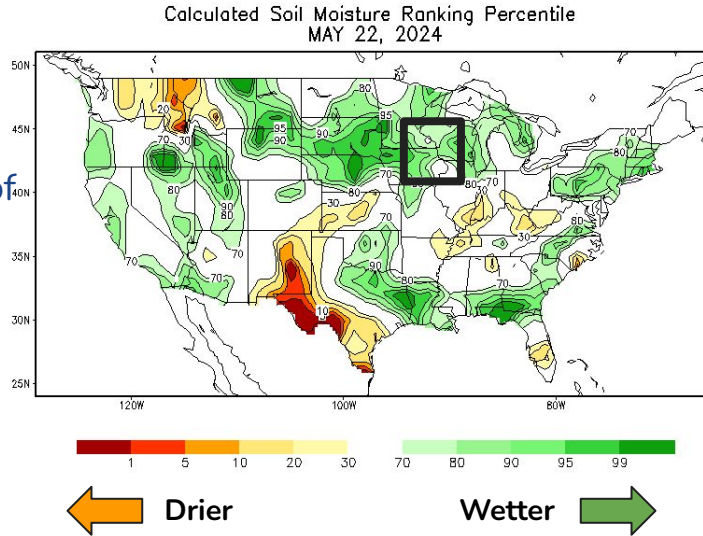
- From May 14 through May 21, rainfall totals ranged from 0.25" near Theilman, MN to 3.91" near Oelwein, IA.
- Normally, around 1" of precipitation falls during this period.
- The heaviest rainfall fell in the abnormally dry (D0) and drought areas. There has been enough precipitation this spring and year to alleviate the severe (D2) drought south of Interstate 90.
- As of the morning of May 22, rivers and stream flows range from normal to much above normal in southeast Minnesota, and from central to western Wisconsin, and much above normal in northeast Iowa.





Agricultural Impacts

- Due to precipitation during the past 2 to 3 months, top soil moisture has become wetter than normal across much of the La Crosse Hydrologic Service Area.



For more details:

- [Iowa](#)
- [Minnesota](#)
- [Wisconsin](#)



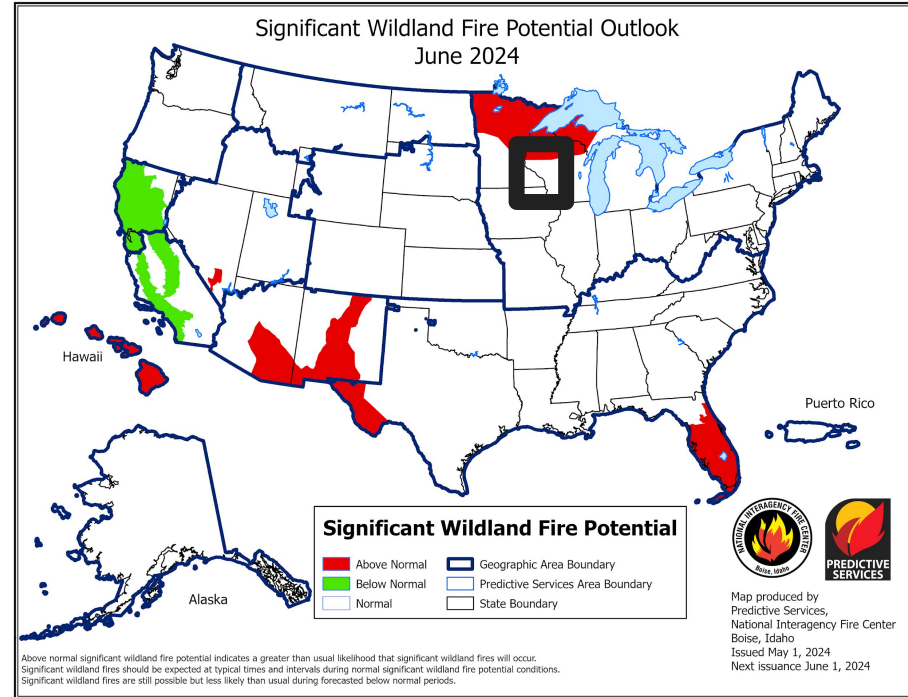


Fire Hazard Impacts

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

As of the morning of May 22, 2024...

- fire danger was low (fires are not easily started)
- fire danger in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and from southwest into central Wisconsin.



For updated DNR Fire Conditions consult the following Web Sites:

- [Iowa](#)
- [Minnesota](#)
- [Wisconsin](#)

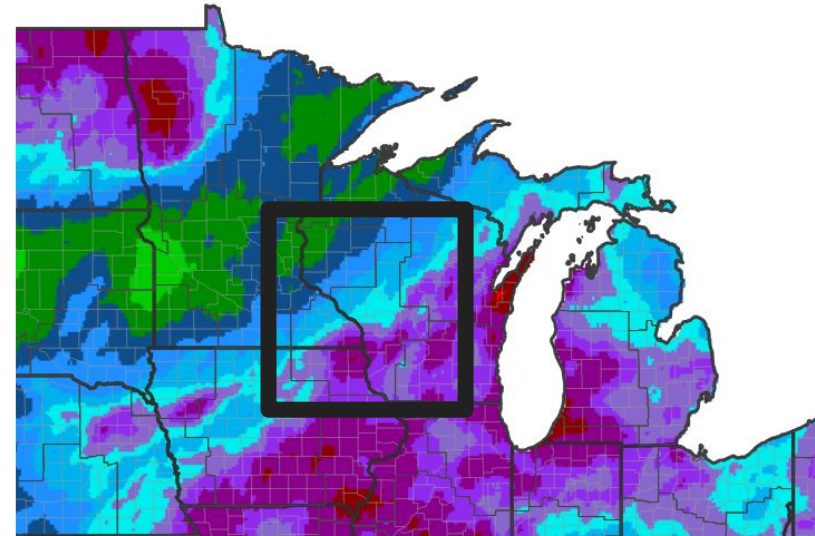




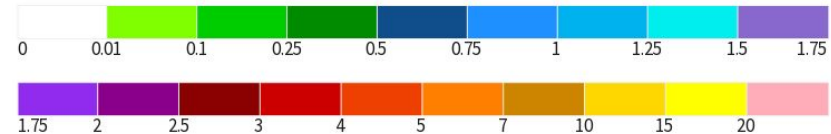
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- From May 23 through May 30, the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is forecasting 0.75" to 3" across the area.
- Normal precipitation is around 1.2" for this time period.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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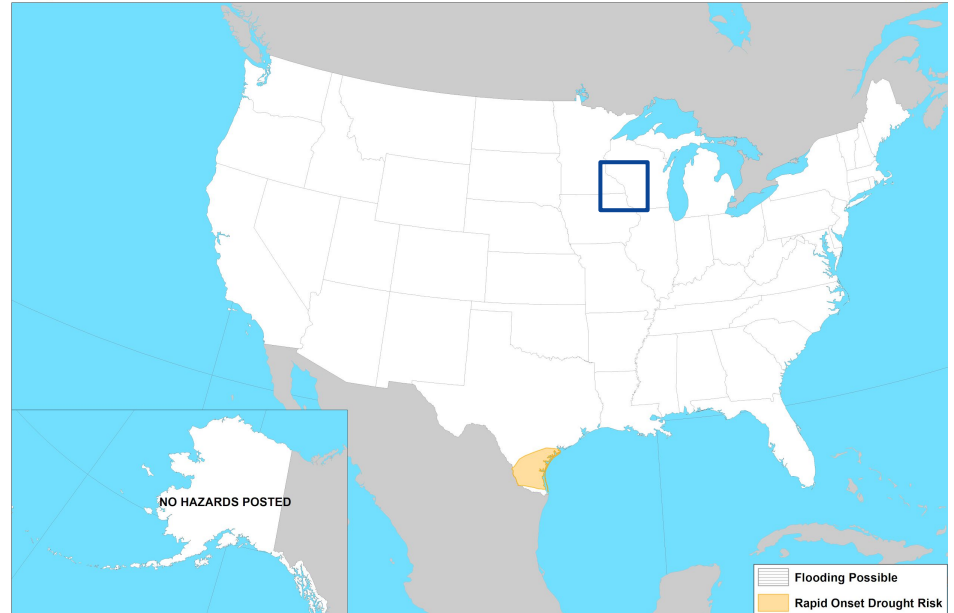
Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

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

- From May 31 through June 6, rapid onset drought (at least a 2-category degradation) is not expected.



Day 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook
Valid: 05/31/2024-06/06/2024



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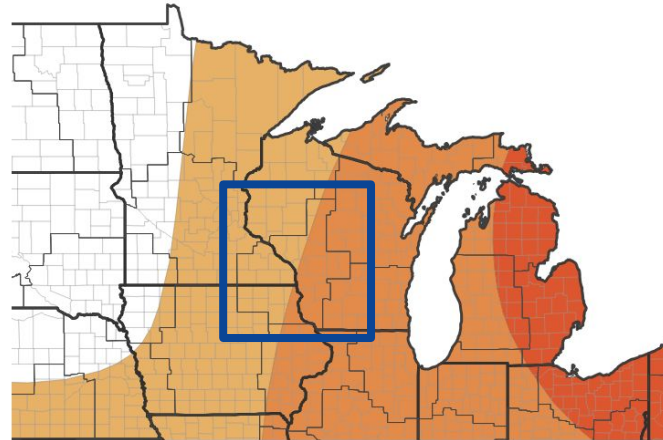


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- From June through August, there is enhanced chances for warmer-than-normal temperatures.
- Meanwhile, there are equal chances of wetter-, near-, and drier-than-normal.

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook



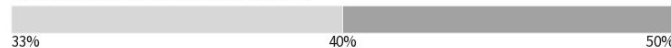
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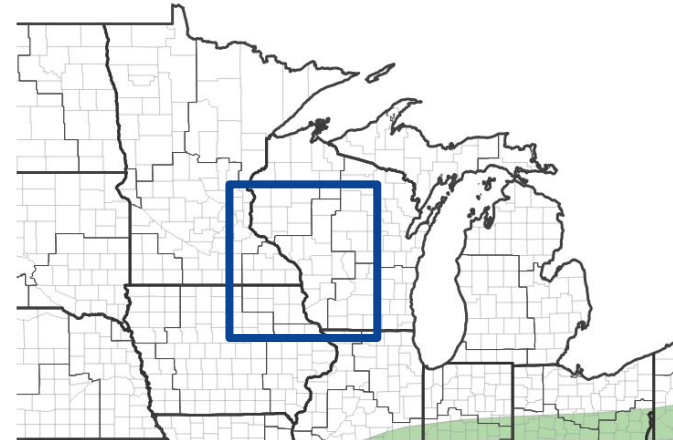
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook



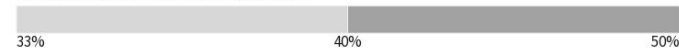
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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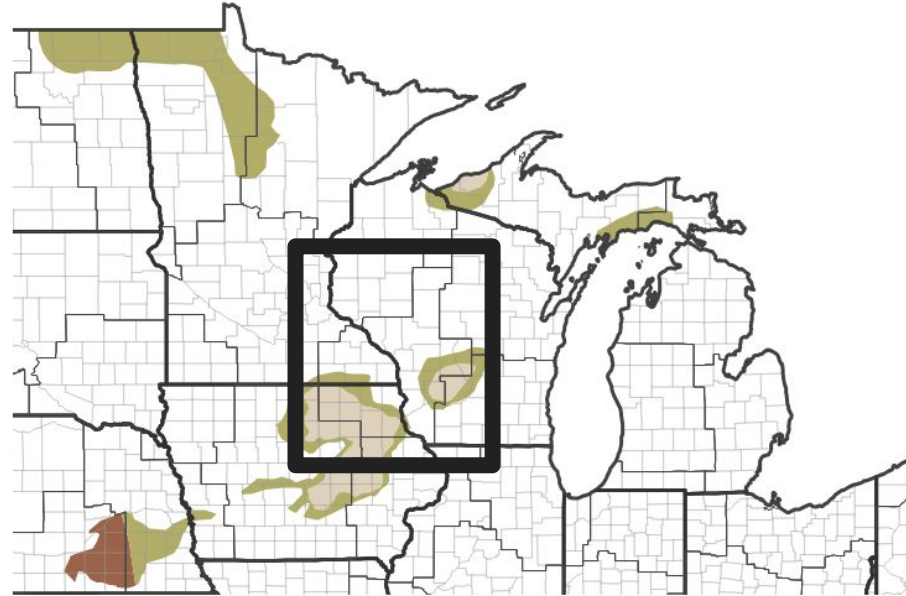


Drought Outlook

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- According to the latest U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook (May 16 through August 31), the drought is expected to improve along and south of Interstate 90.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook



Drought Is Predicted To...



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