



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

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- **Drought & Dryness Expands**



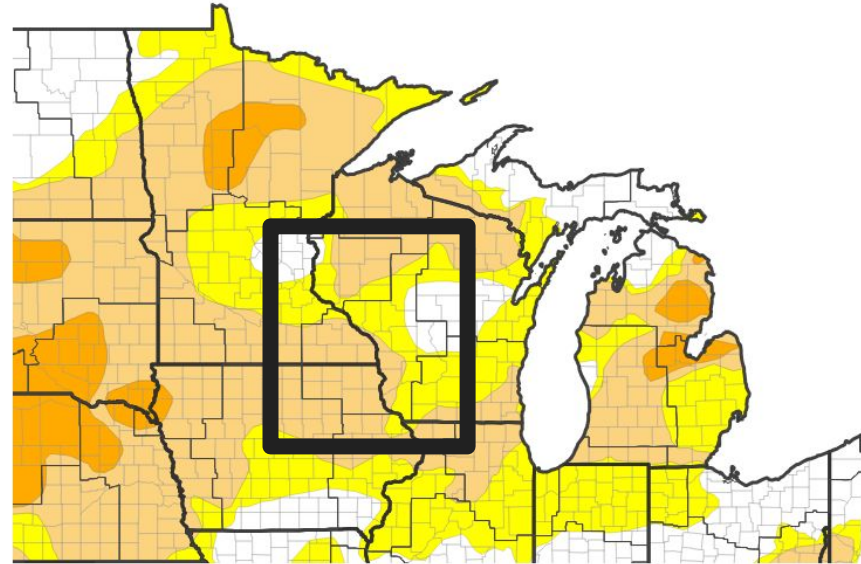


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and extent
  - **Moderate Drought (D1)** conditions has developed in northeast Iowa and southeast Minnesota.
  - **Abnormally Dry (D0) & Moderate Drought (D1)** conditions have expanded in western Wisconsin.

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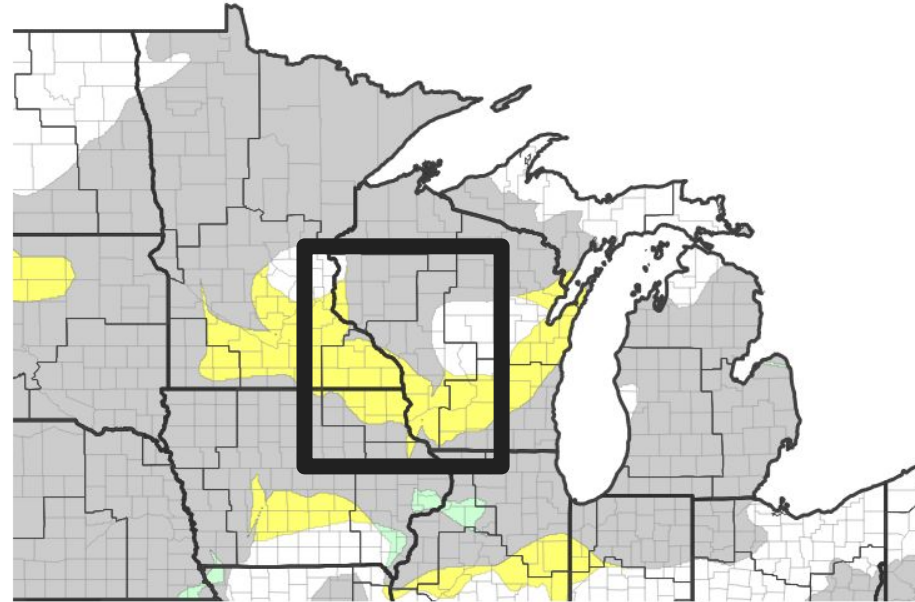


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- 1-Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - During the past month, there was a 1-category deterioration in the drought across much of northeast Iowa and southeast Minnesota, and parts of southwest and central Wisconsin.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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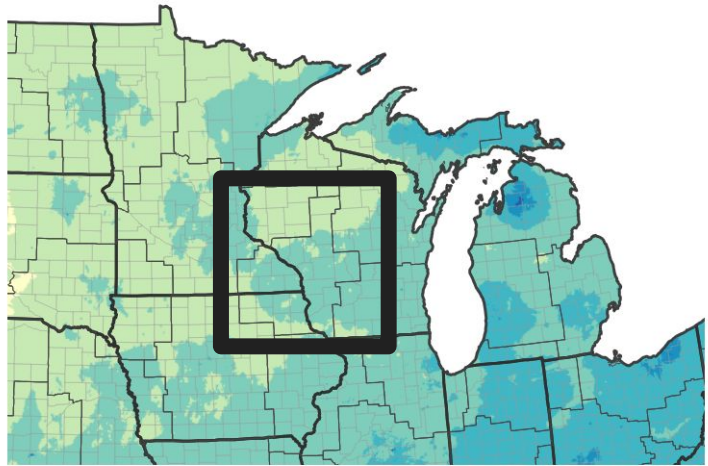




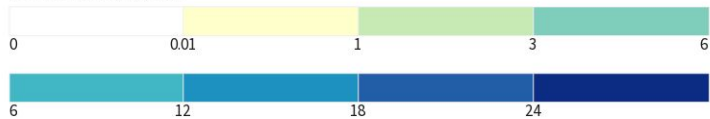
# Precipitation

- The dryness and warmer-than-normal temperatures from autumn continued into meteorological winter.
- From December through early February, precipitation totals ranged from 1.09" near Stewartville, MN to 2.46" near Warrens, WI.
- Precipitation anomalies ranged from near to 3" drier than normal.

90-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

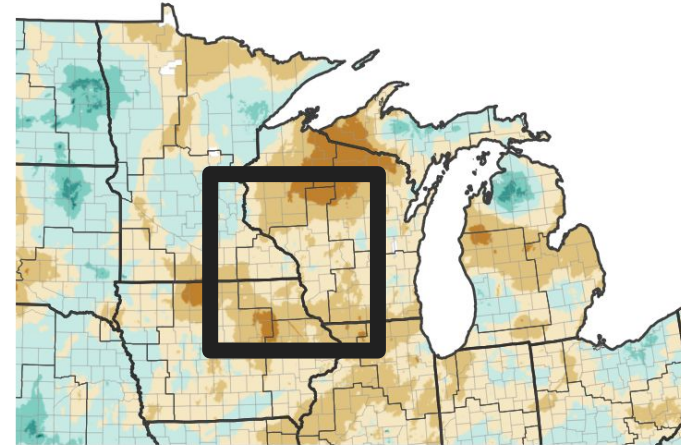


Inches of Precipitation

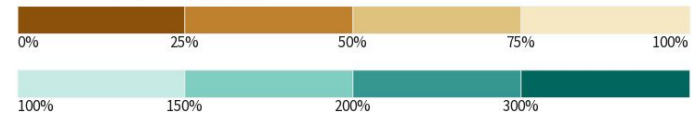


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 02/07/25

90-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)



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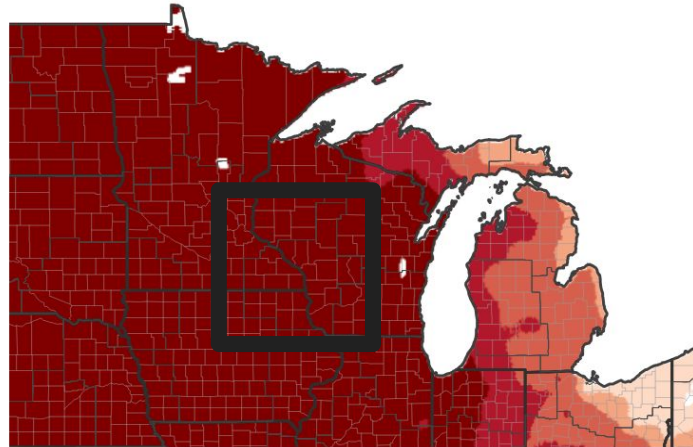




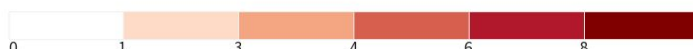
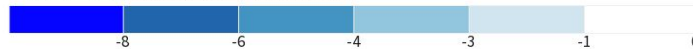
# Temperature

- Since December 1, temperatures anomalies ranged from near normal to 3°F warmer than normal.

### 7-Day Temperature Anomaly



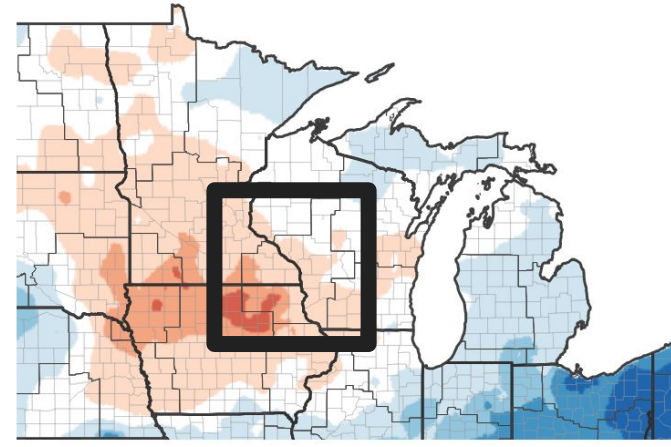
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



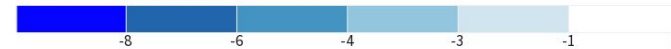
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### 30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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Data Valid: 02/03/25





# 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

- As of the morning of February 4, fire danger was moderate (fires start easily and spread at a moderate rate) in north-central Iowa and south of Interstate 90 in Wisconsin. Meanwhile, fire danger remained low (fires are not easily started) in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and north of Interstate 90 in Wisconsin.

## 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.

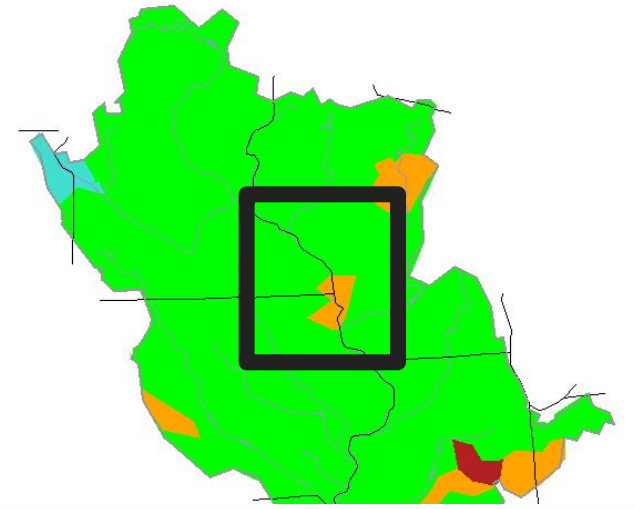




# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- From September 1 through November 30 (meteorological autumn), precipitation totals ranged from 3.58" near Oelwein, IA to 11.16" near Hillsboro, WI. Precipitation anomalies ranged from 4" drier than normal to 1" wetter than normal. During this same time period, temperatures anomalies ranged from 3 to 5°F warmer than normal.
- This dryness and warmer-than-normal temperatures continued into meteorological winter. From December through early February, precipitation totals ranged from 1.09" near Stewartville, MN to 2.46" near Warrens, WI. Precipitation anomalies ranged from near normal to 3" drier than normal. Temperatures anomalies ranged from near normal to 3°F warmer than normal.
- As of the morning of February 6, rivers and stream flows were near normal in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and from southwest into central Wisconsin.

Thursday, February 06, 2025



Explanation - Percentile classes						
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High

Image Caption: [USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map](#) valid February 6, 2025.



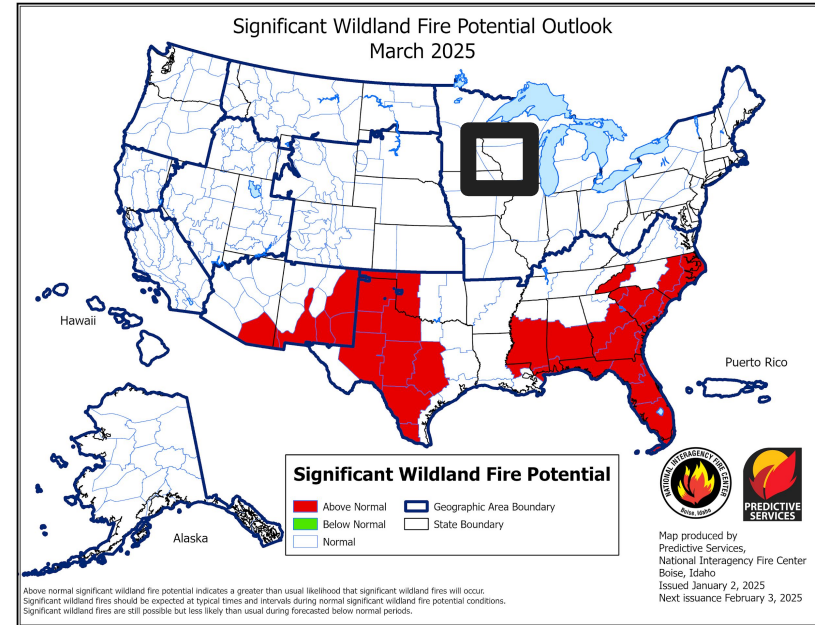


# Fire Hazard Impacts

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

As of the morning of February 4, 2025...

- fire danger was moderate (fires start easily and spread at a moderate rate) in north-central Iowa and south of Interstate 90 in Wisconsin. Meanwhile, fire danger remained low (fires are not easily started) in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota and north of Interstate 90 in Wisconsin.



For updated DNR Fire Conditions consult the following Web Sites:

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



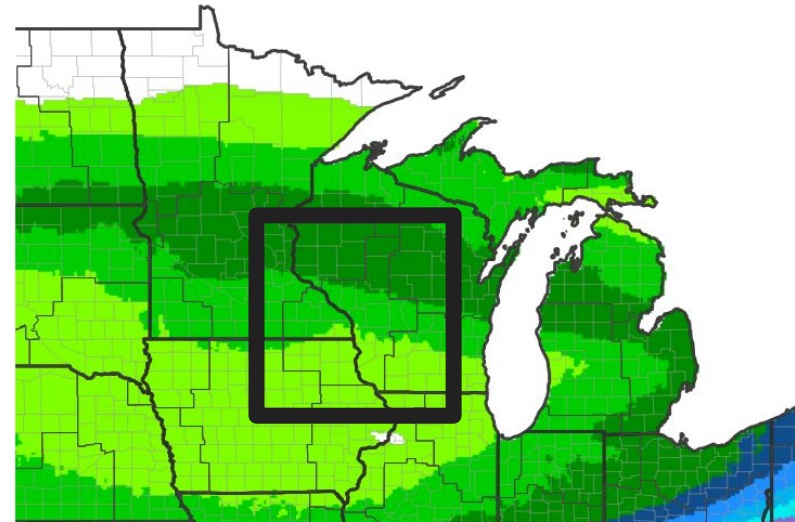




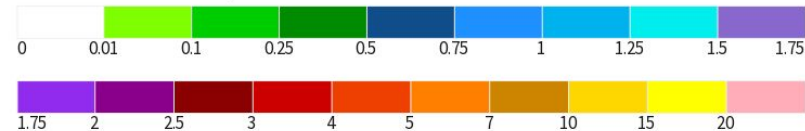
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- From February 7 through February 14, the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is forecasting a ¼” to a ½” of precipitation north of Interstate 90 and less than a quarter inch for the remainder of the area.
- Normal precipitation is around 1/4” for this time period.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for February 7, 2025–February 14, 2025



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 February 15 through February 21, rapid onset drought (at least a 2-category degradation) is not expected in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and from southwest into central Wisconsin.



Climate Prediction Center  
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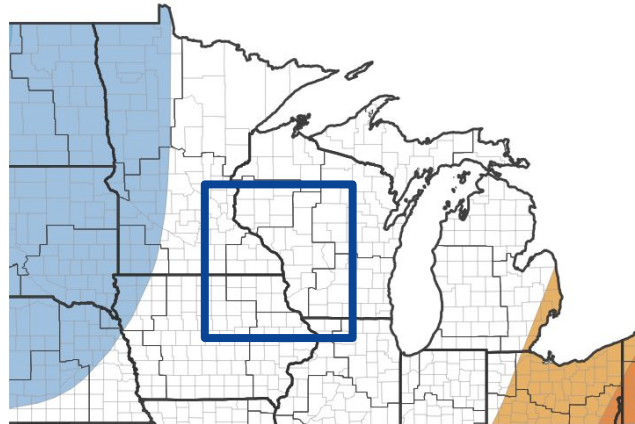


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- From February through April, the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) has equal chances of warmer-, near-, and colder-than-normal for the Upper Mississippi River Valley.
- The odds are tilted to wetter-than-normal (33 to 40%) in the Upper Mississippi River Valley.

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for February 1, 2025–April 30, 2025



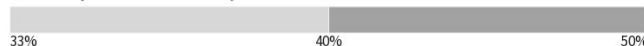
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Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



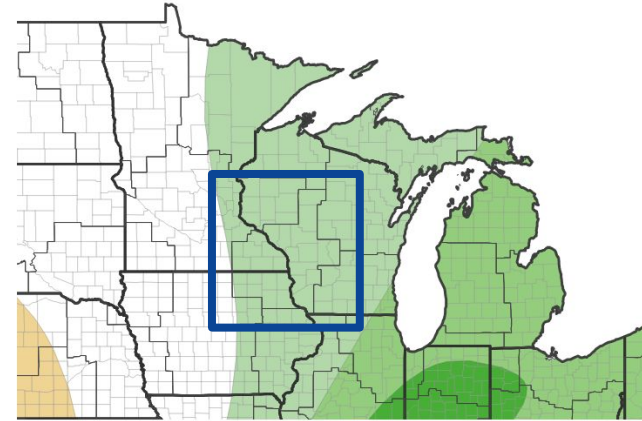
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2025–April 30, 2025



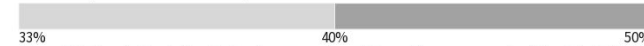
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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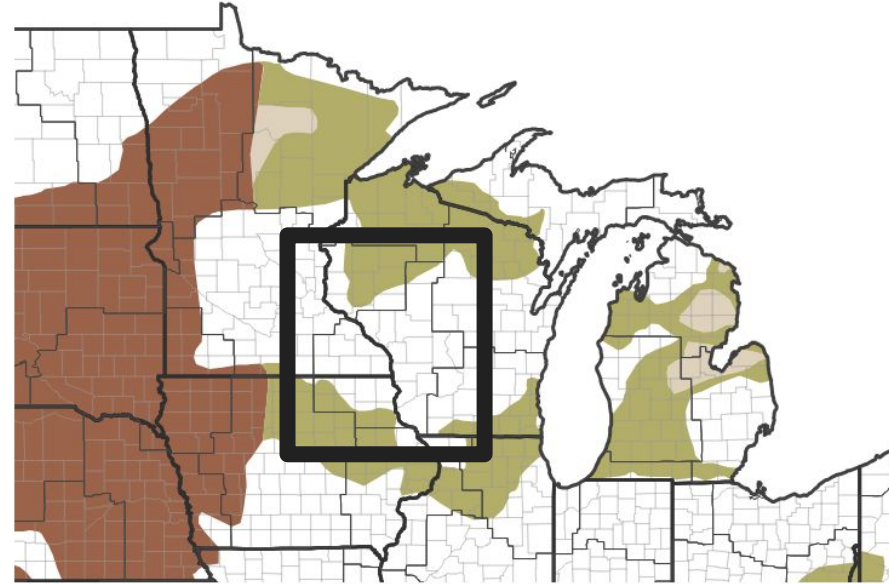


# Drought Outlook

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- The drought is expected to either improve or end by the end of April.

## Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 31, 2025–April 30, 2025



Drought Is Predicted To...



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