



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

Valid September 17, 2024

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- This product will be updated drought conditions are developing in the area.
- 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.

- **Moderate Drought (D1) develops south of Interstate 90**



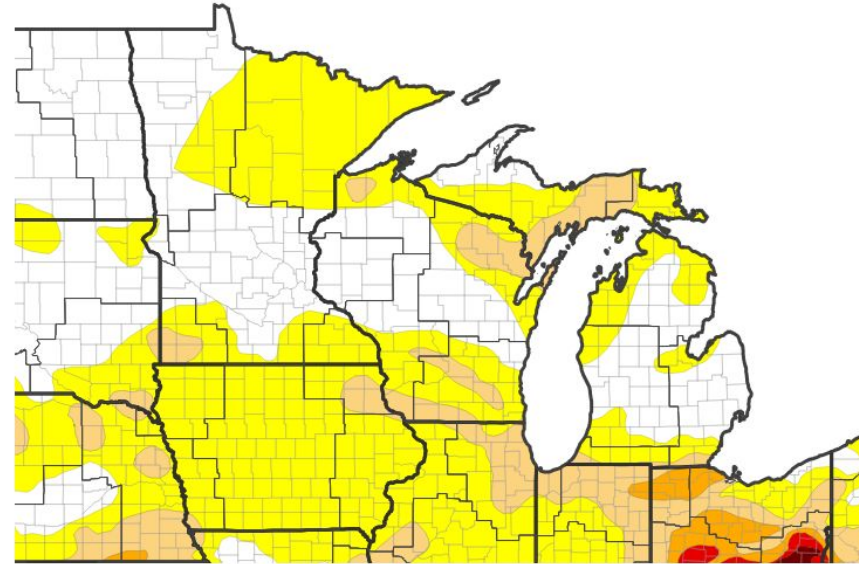


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

U.S. Drought Monitor



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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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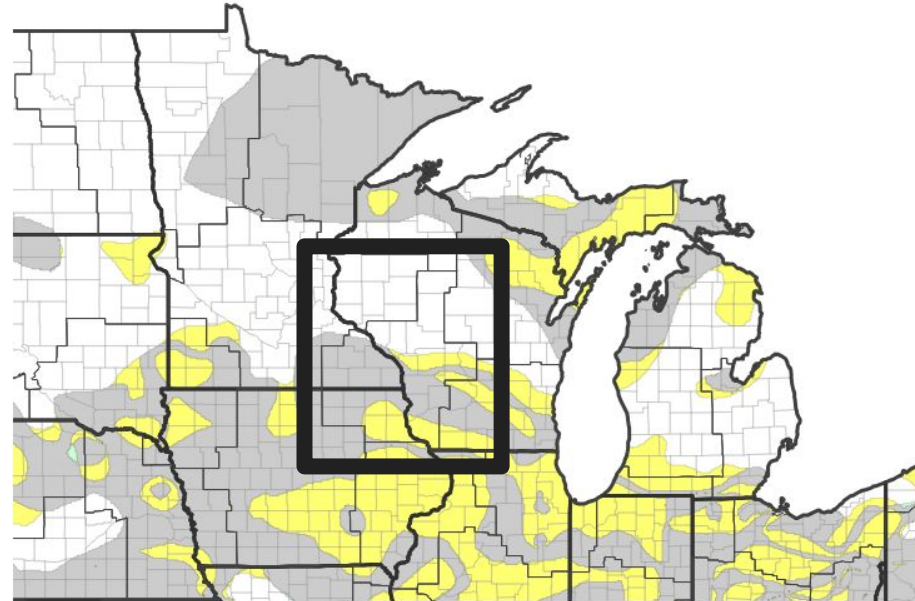


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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 deterioration in the drought across the southern half of the NWS La Crosse, WI Hydrologic Service Area (HSA).

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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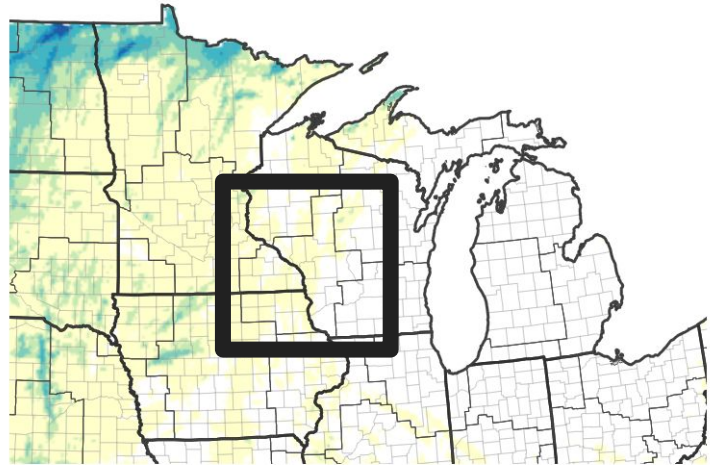




Precipitation

- From September 11 through September 17, rainfall totals ranged from no rain to 0.74" near Winona, MN.
- Normally, around 9/10" of an inch of rain falls during this time frame.
- Since mid-July, areas along and south of Interstate 90 have seen rainfall deficits anywhere from 2 to 6".

NWPS 7-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)

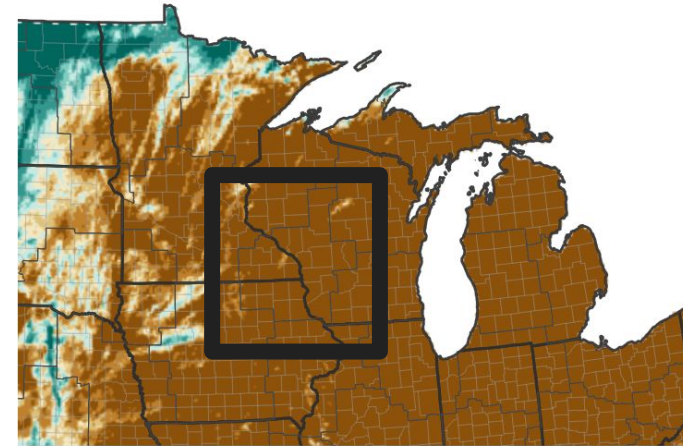


Inches of Precipitation

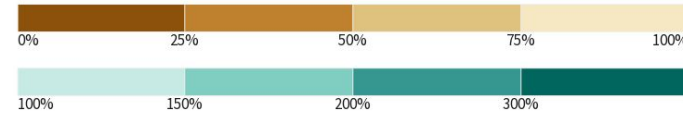


Source(s): National Weather Service National Water Prediction Service; Data Valid: 09/19/24

7-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)



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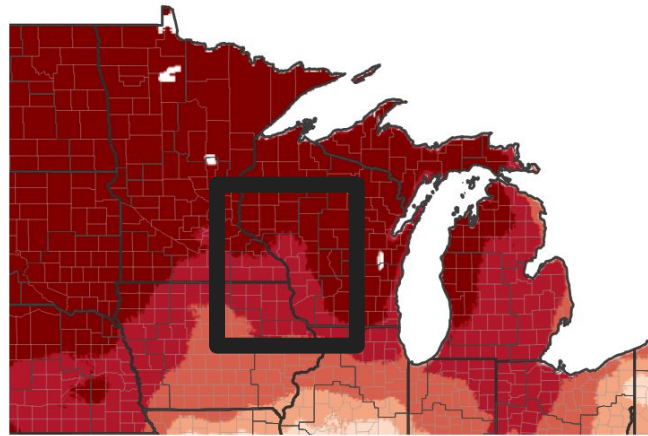




Temperature

- During the past week (September 10 to September 16), temperatures ranged from 4°F to 8°F warmer than normal to normal.
- During the past month (August 17 through September 16), average temperatures ranged from 1°F to 3°F warmer than normal.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



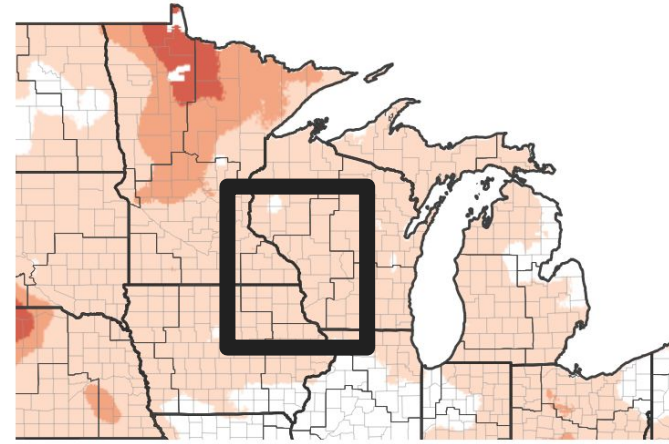
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



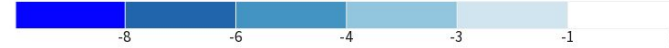
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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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 is moderate fire danger in southeast Minnesota and low fire danger elsewhere.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

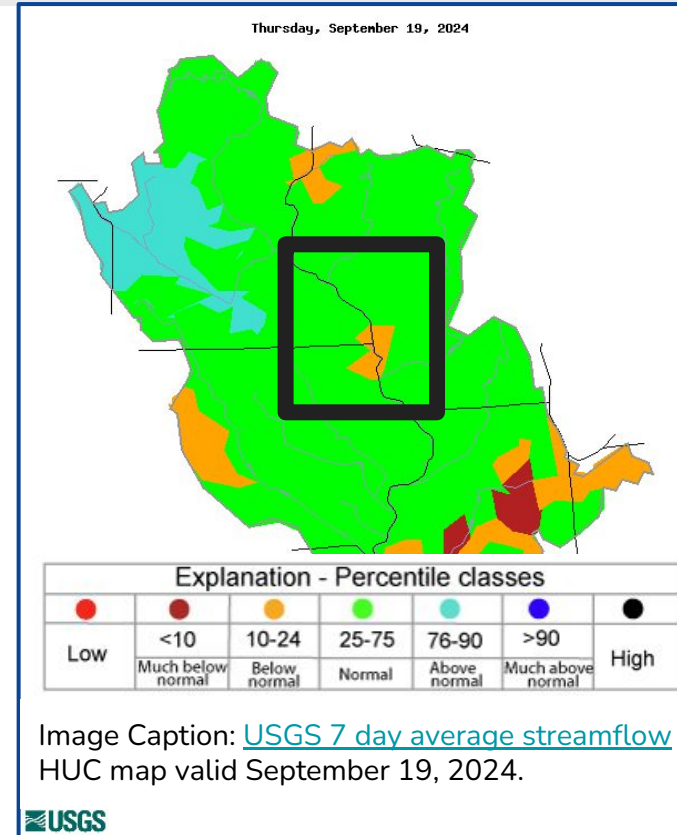
- No known actions are taking place in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and western Wisconsin.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

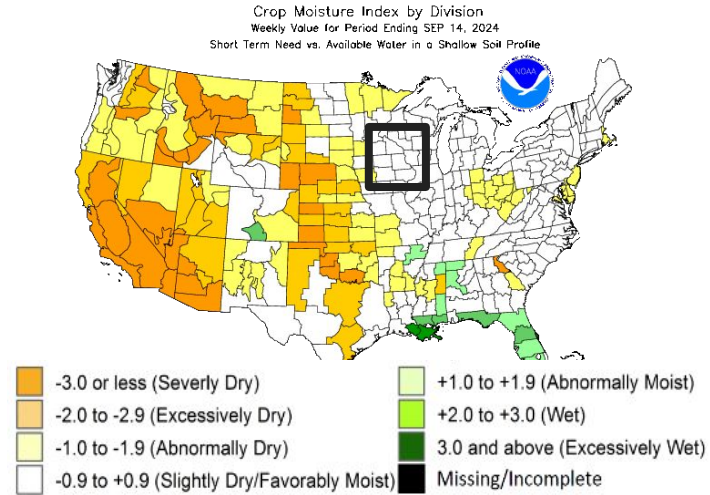
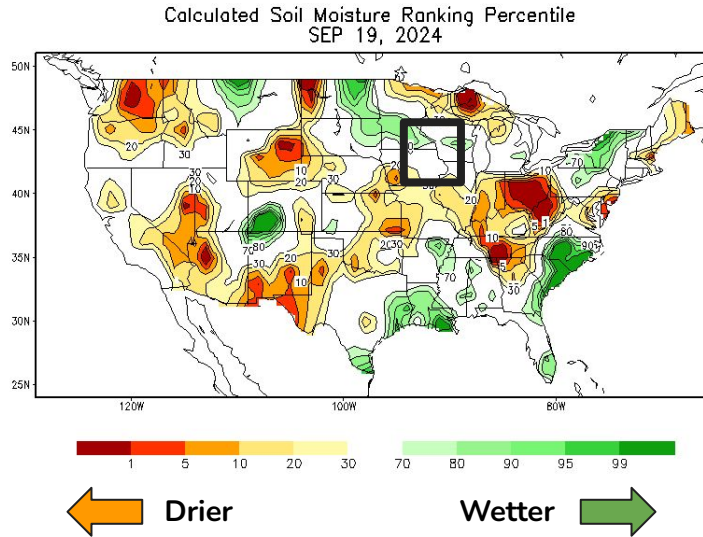
- From September 11 through September 17, rainfall totals ranged from no rain to 0.74" near Winona, MN.
- Normally, around 9/10" of an inch of rain falls during this time frame.
- As of the morning of September 19, rivers and stream flows range from below normal to normal in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and from central to western Wisconsin.





Agricultural Impacts

- Since mid-July, soils have been gradually drying.



For more details:

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



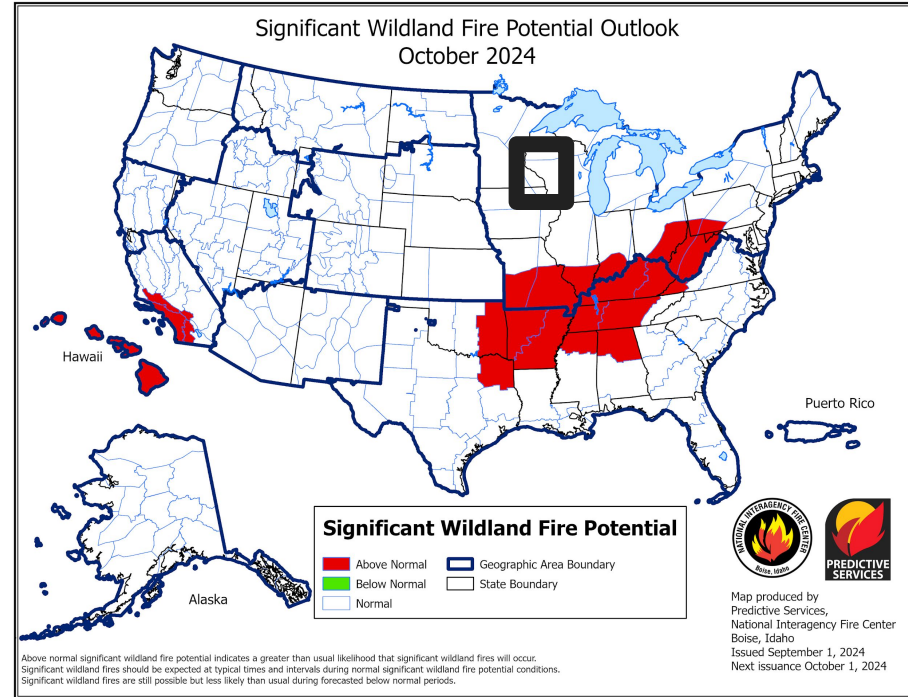


Fire Hazard Impacts

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

As of the morning of September 19, 2024...

- fire danger was moderate (fires spread at moderate rate) fire danger in southeast Minnesota, and low fire danger (fires spread at low rate) elsewhere.



For updated DNR Fire Conditions consult the following Web Sites:

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

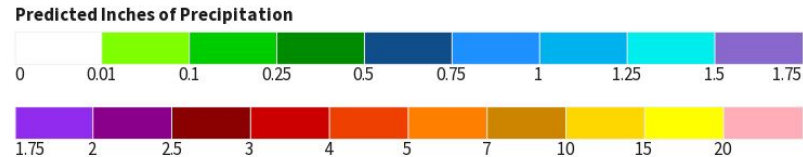
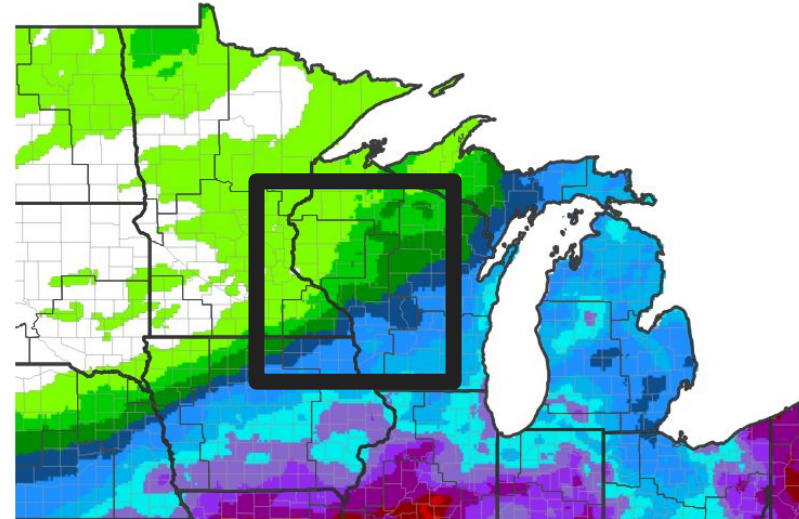




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- From September 20 through September 27, the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is forecasting up to a ½” north of St. Ansgar, IA to Black River Falls, WI, and from a ½” to 1 ¼” across the remainder of the area.
- Normal precipitation is around 1” for this time period.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 20, 2024–September 27, 2024



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 09/20/24



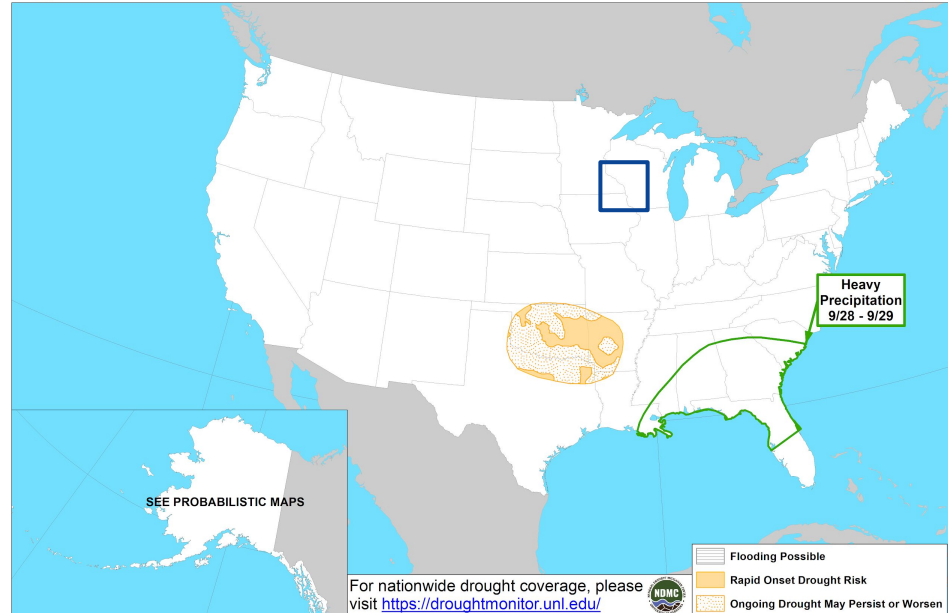
Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

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

- From September 28 through October 4, rapid onset drought (at least a 2-category degradation) is not expected.



Day 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook
Valid: 09/28/2024-10/04/2024



Climate Prediction Center
Made: 09/20/2024 3PM EDT

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Ongoing Drought May Persist or Worsen

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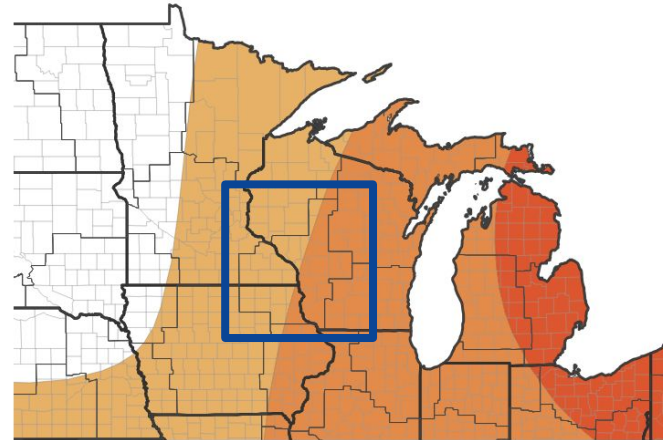


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- From October through December, 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



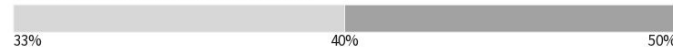
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Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



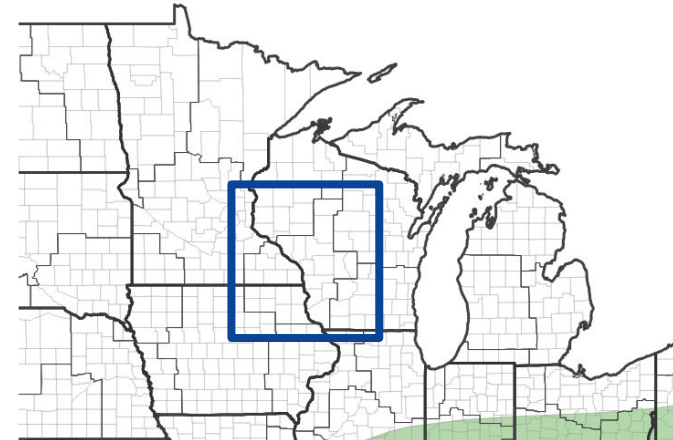
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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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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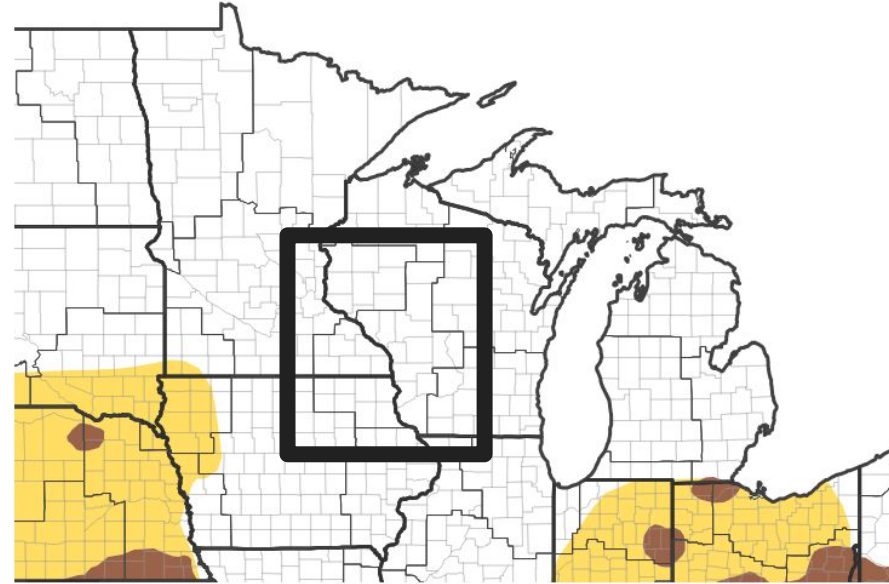


Drought Outlook

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- With this drought so short-lived, it is not covered in the seasonal drought outlook.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 31, 2024–November 30, 2024



Drought Is Predicted To...



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