



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

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- **Little Change in the Dryness South of I-90**



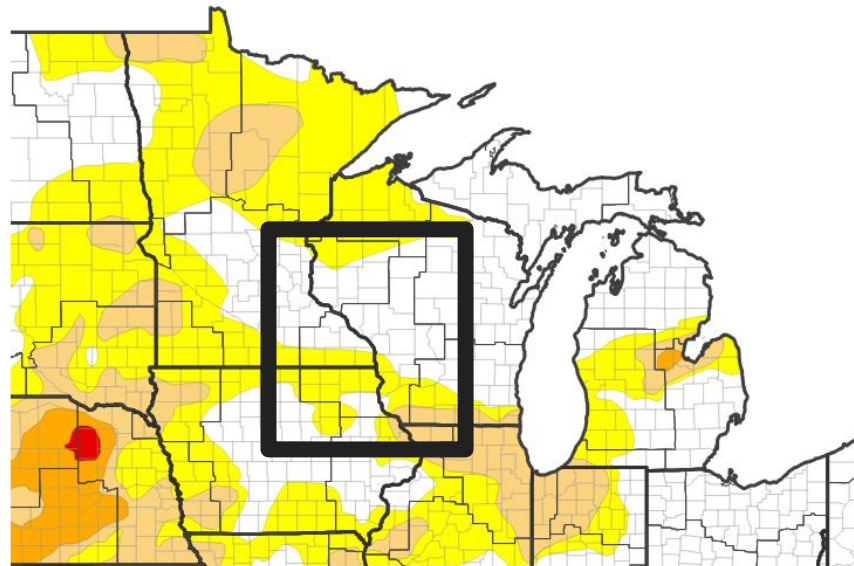


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and extent
  - **Abnormally Dry (D0)** and **moderate drought (D1)** conditions continue in southern Grant County (WI).
  - **Abnormally dry (D0)** conditions continue in parts of northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and southwest Wisconsin 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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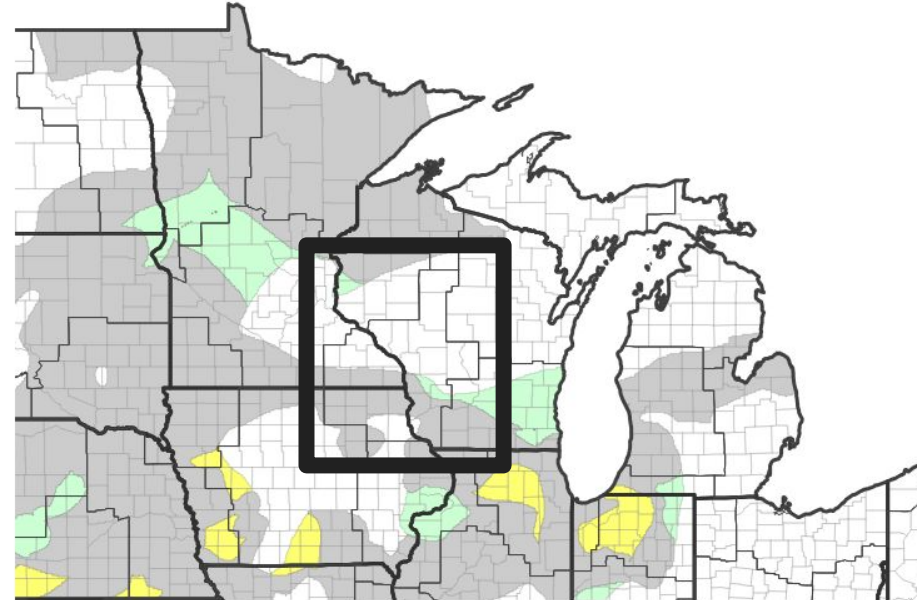


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

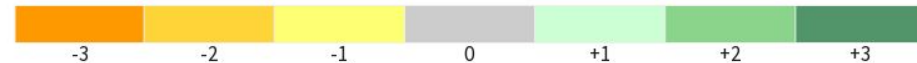
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Northeast IA, southeast MN, & Western IA

- 1-Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - During the past week, there was a little improvement in the **abnormally dry (D0)** conditions in central Vernon County and northern Richland County in southwest Wisconsin.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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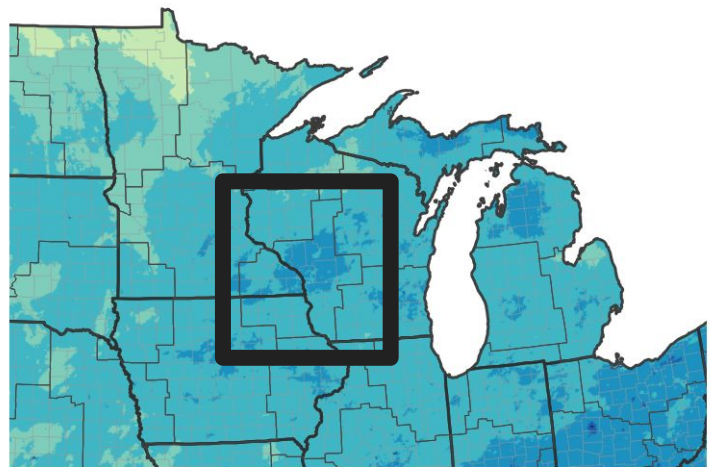




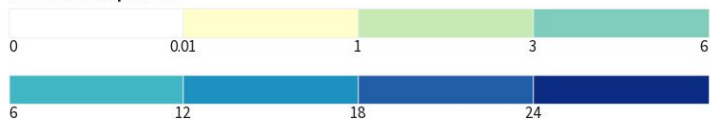
# Precipitation

- The dryness from meteorological autumn continued into meteorological winter.
- This resulted in 2 to 7" deficits along and west of the Mississippi River.
- Meteorological spring was near-normal to 2" drier than normal south of Interstate 90.

90-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

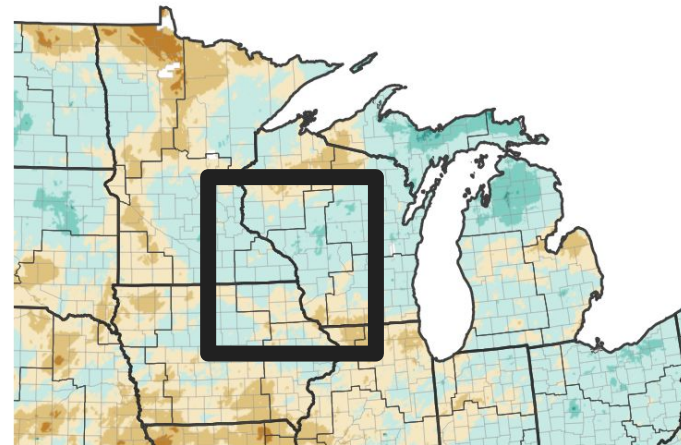


Inches of Precipitation

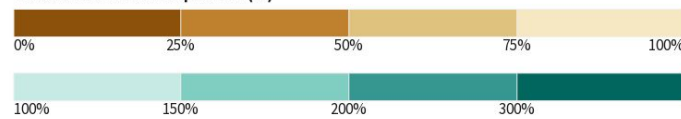


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 05/30/25

90-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)



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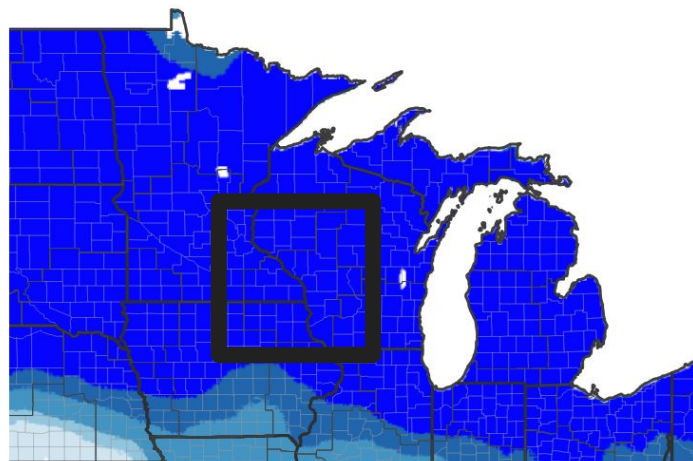




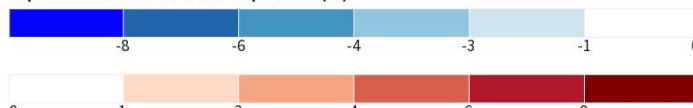
# Temperature

- During the last week of May, high temperatures were 8 to 10°F colder than normal.
- During the past 30 days, temperature departures ranged from near normal to 3°F warmer than normal.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



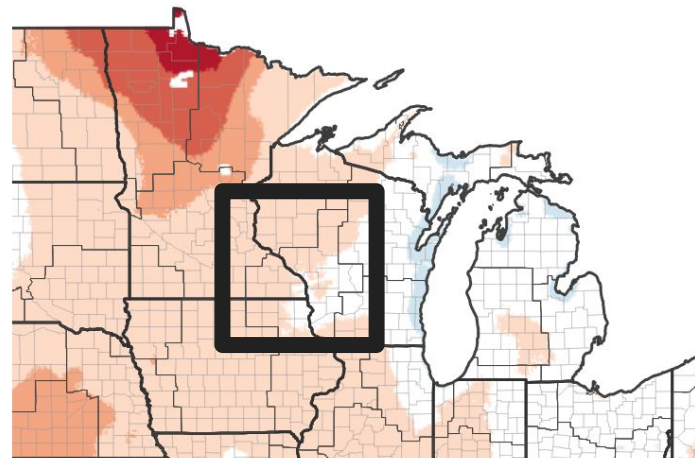
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



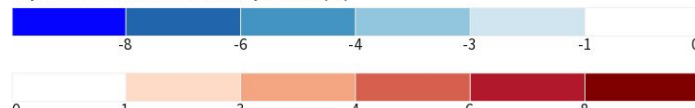
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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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# 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 May 30, fire danger was moderate (fires start easily and spread at a moderate rate) in Taylor County in north-central Wisconsin, and low (fires are not easily started) fire danger was seen in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and southwest and central 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

- The dryness from meteorological autumn continued into meteorological winter. This resulted in 2 to 7" deficits along and west of the Mississippi River.
- Meteorological spring (began on March 1) has been on the wetter side with precipitation surpluses up to 4".
- As of the morning of May 30, rivers and stream flows were near-normal in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and from southwest into central Wisconsin.
- At this time, only southern Grant County (WI) is in a **moderate drought (D1)**. **Abnormally dry (D0)** conditions still exists south of Interstate 90.

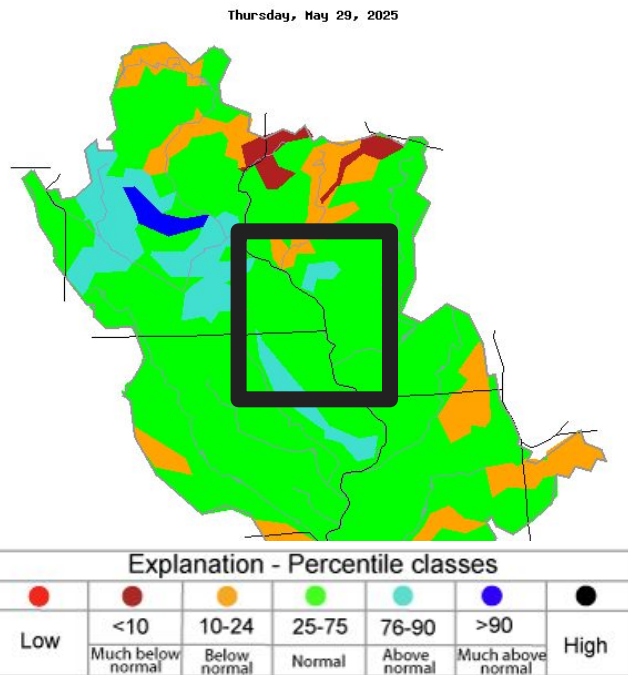


Image Caption: [USGS 7 day average streamflow](#)  
HUC map valid May 29, 2025.





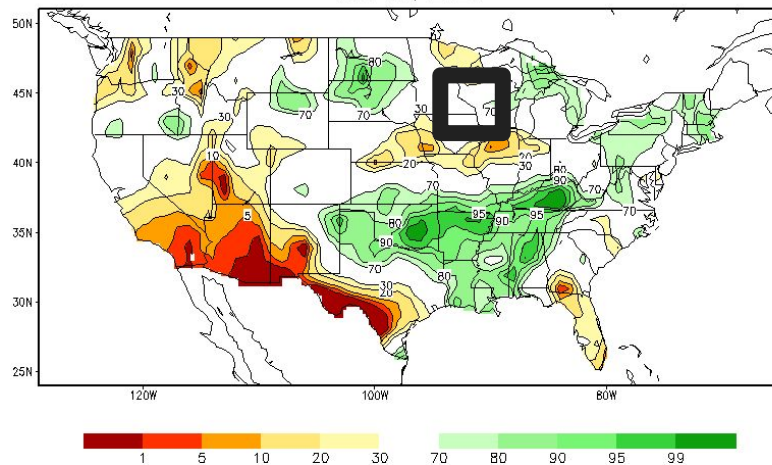
# Fire Hazard Impacts

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

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- fire danger was moderate (fires start easily and spread at a moderate rate) in Taylor County in north-central Wisconsin, and low (fires are not easily started) fire danger was seen in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and southwest and central Wisconsin.

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile  
MAY 29, 2025



For updated DNR Fire Conditions consult the following Web Sites:

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



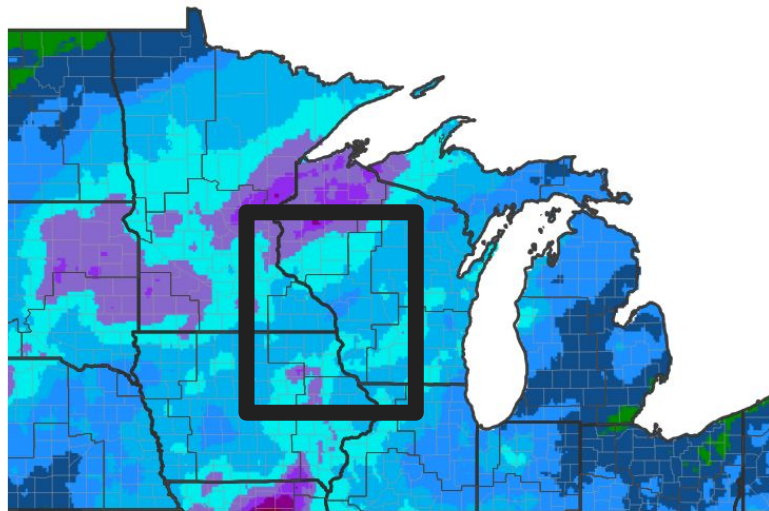




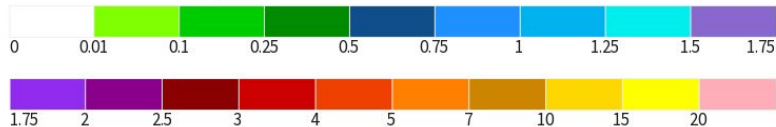
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- From May 30 through June 6, the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is forecasting anywhere from 1 to 2" of rain across the Upper Mississippi River Valley.
- Normal precipitation is around 1.3 inches for this time period.

## 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for May 30, 2025–June 6, 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

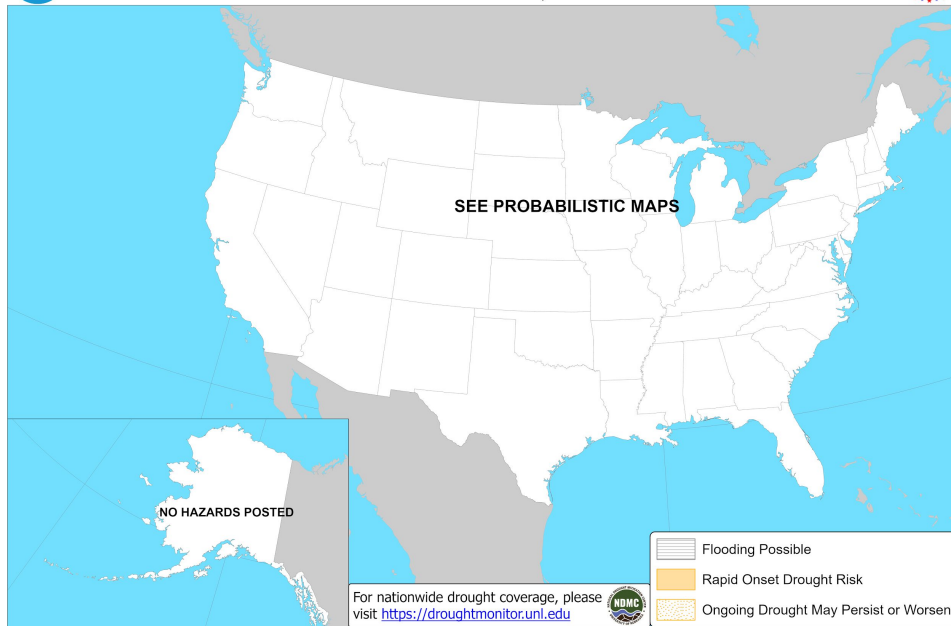
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- From June 7 through June 13, rapid onset drought (at least a 2-category degradation) is not expected in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and from southwest into central Wisconsin.



## Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: June 7 - 13, 2025



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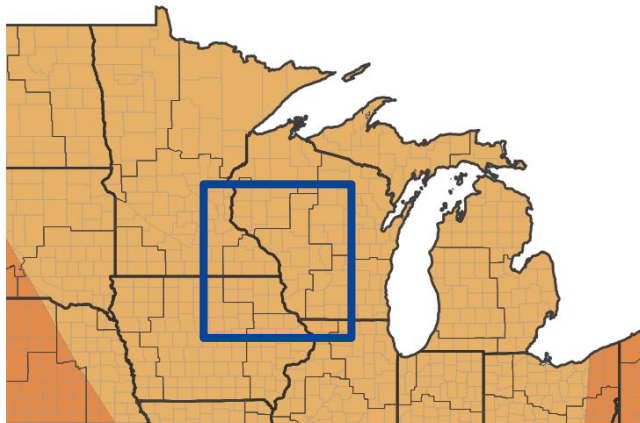


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- From June-August, the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) has tilted the odds toward temperatures warmer than normal (33-40%) across the Upper Mississippi River Valley.
- Drier-than-normal is favored near and west of Interstate 35. Meanwhile, there are equal chances for drier, near, and wetter than normal across the remainder of the area.

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for June 1, 2025–August 31, 2025



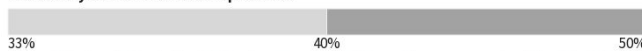
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



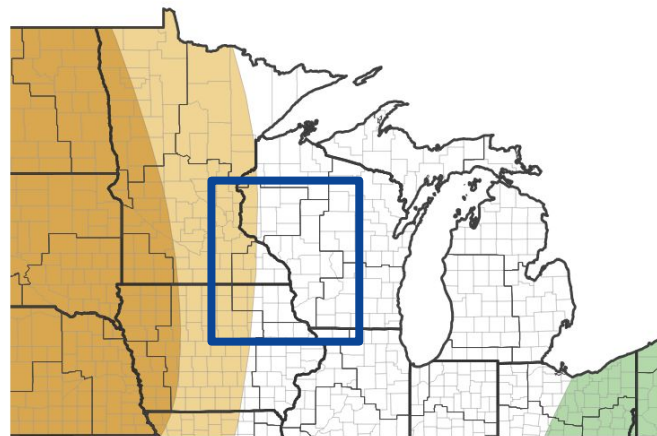
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for June 1, 2025–August 31, 2025



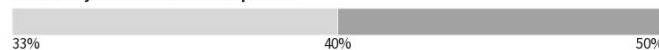
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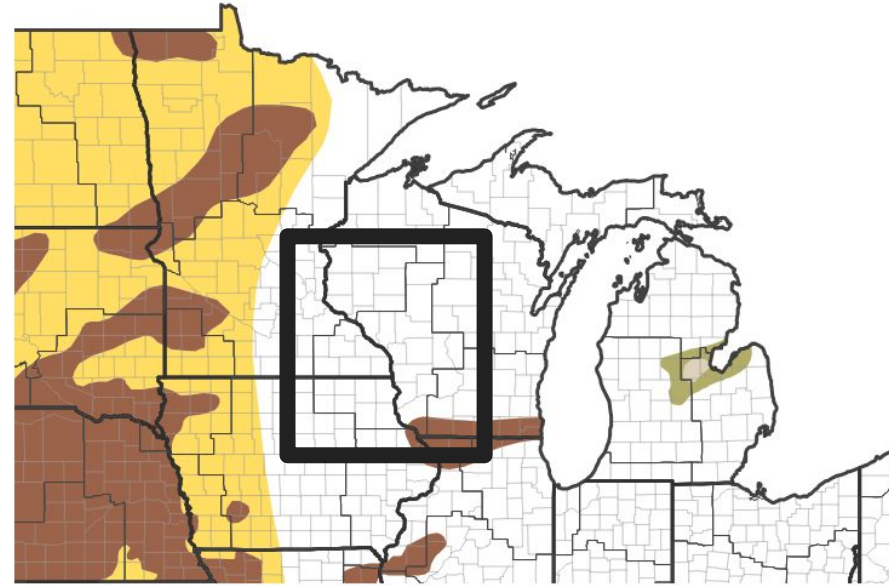


# Drought Outlook

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- **Moderate drought (D1)** conditions are expected continue in southern Grant County (WI) through meteorological summer.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for May 15,  
2025–August 31, 2025



Drought Is Predicted To...



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