



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

Valid July 15, 2025

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- This product will be updated when abnormally dry or drought conditions once again develop in the area.
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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ARX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- **2024-25 Drought Ends**



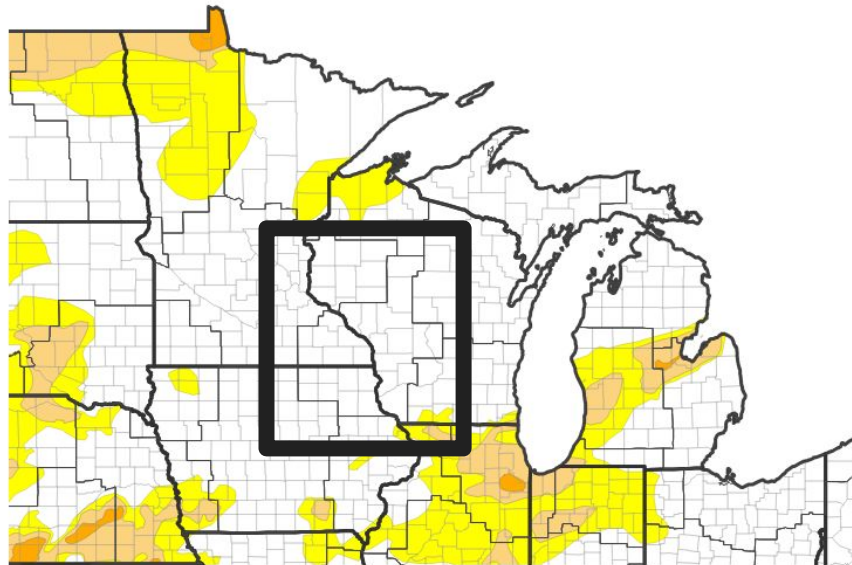


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- For the first time since mid-July 2024 (July 23), no part of the La Crosse Hydrologic Service Area (HSA) is **abnormally dry (D0)** or in **drought (D1-D4)**.
- The drought maxed out with 40% of the area in **severe drought (D2)** in late October 2024 (October 29).

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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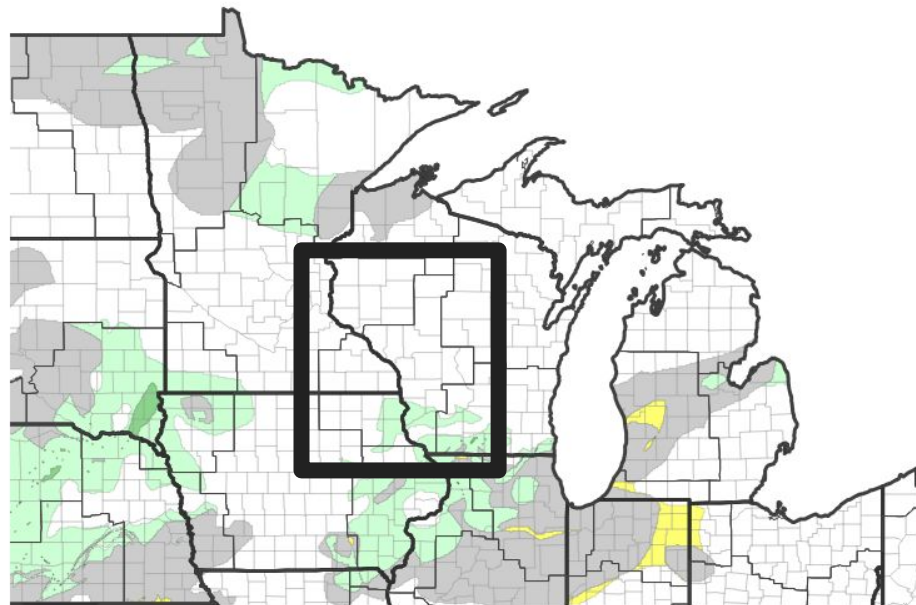


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

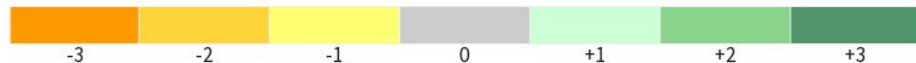
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Northeast IA, southeast MN, & Western IA

- 1-Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Abnormally dry (D0)** was removed from Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, and Winneshiek counties in northeast Iowa; and Crawford, Grant, and Richland counties in southwest Wisconsin.
 - For the first time since mid-July 2024 (July 23), no part of the La Crosse Hydrologic Service Area (HSA) is **abnormally dry (D0)** or in **drought (D1-D4)**.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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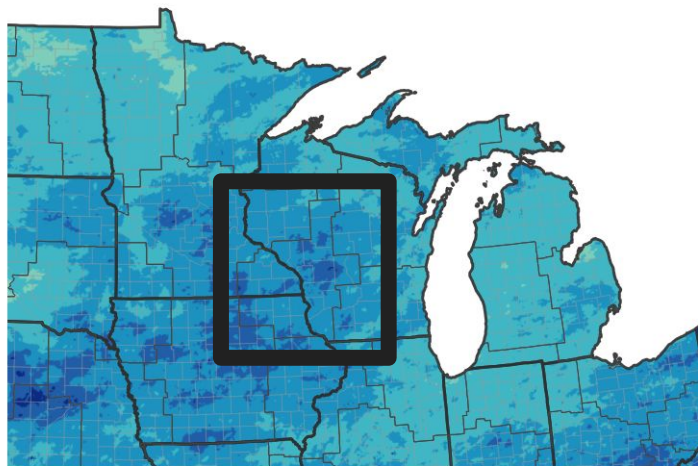




Precipitation

- Recent rain has alleviated the **abnormally dry (D0) conditions** across Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, and Winneshiek counties in northeast Iowa; and Crawford, Grant, and Richland counties in southwest Wisconsin.

90-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

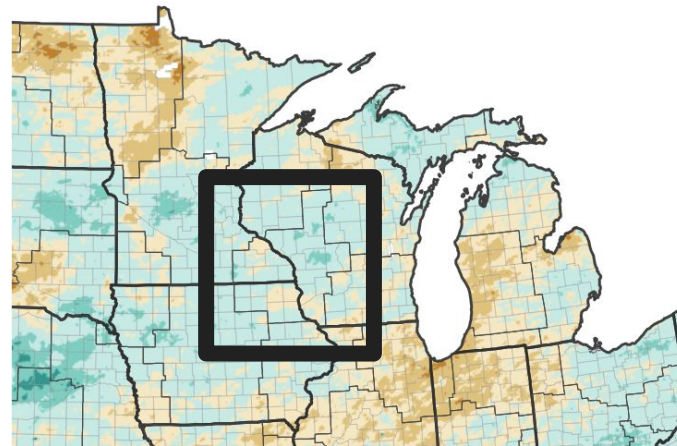


Inches of Precipitation

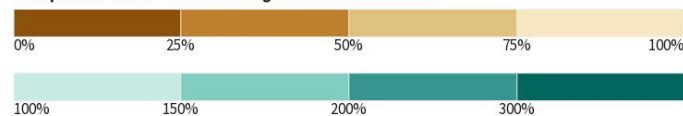


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 07/17/25

90-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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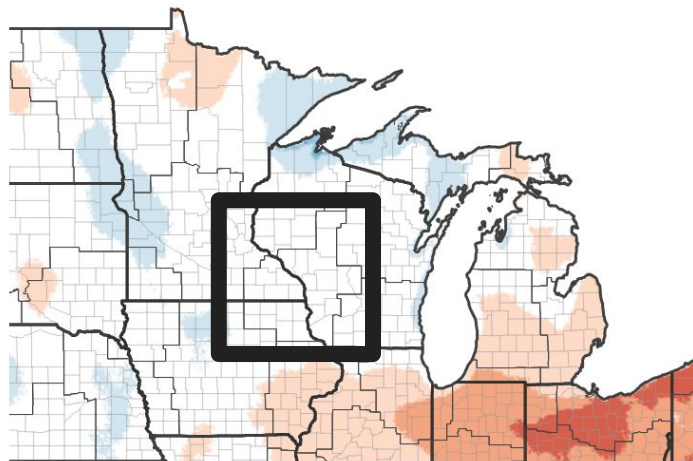




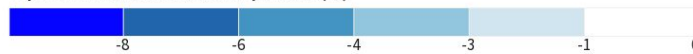
Temperature

- During the past 7 days, high temperatures averaged within 1°F of normal.
- During the past 30 days, temperature departures ranged from near normal to 4°F warmer than normal. The largest anomalies were near and south of Interstate 80.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



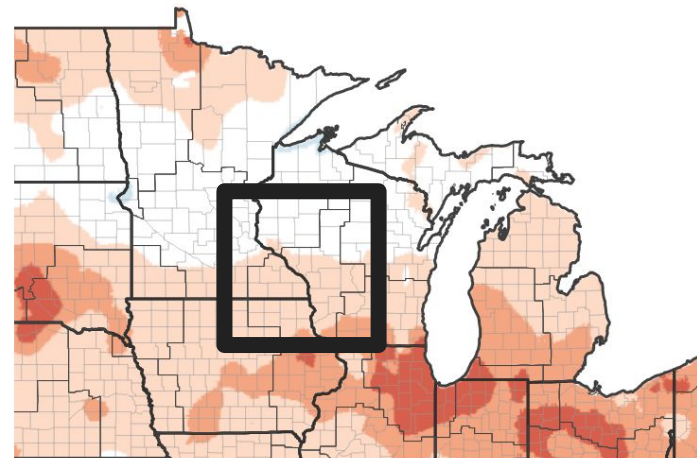
Departure from Normal Max Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{F}$)



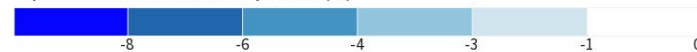
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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{F}$)



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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 July 15, fire danger was low (fires are not easily started) across northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and from southwest into central Wisconsin.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

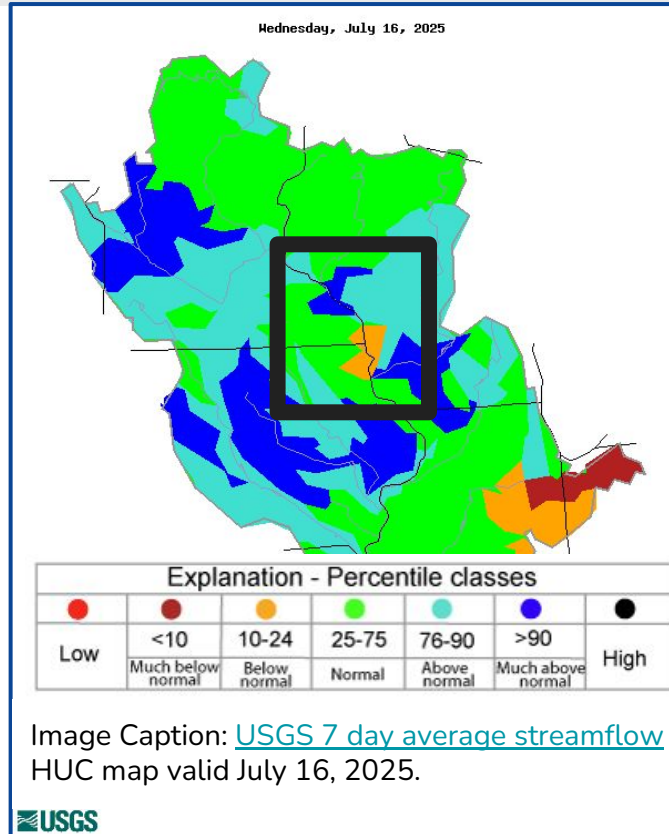
- No known actions are taking place in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and western Wisconsin.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Recent rain has alleviated the abnormally dry (D0) conditions across Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, and Winneshiek counties in northeast Iowa; and Crawford, Grant, and Richland counties in southwest Wisconsin.
- As of the morning of July 15, rivers and stream flows were near to much-above normal in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and southwest into central Wisconsin.
- There currently is no place in the La Crosse Hydrologic Service Area (HSA) which is **abnormally dry (D0)** or in **drought (D1-D4)**.





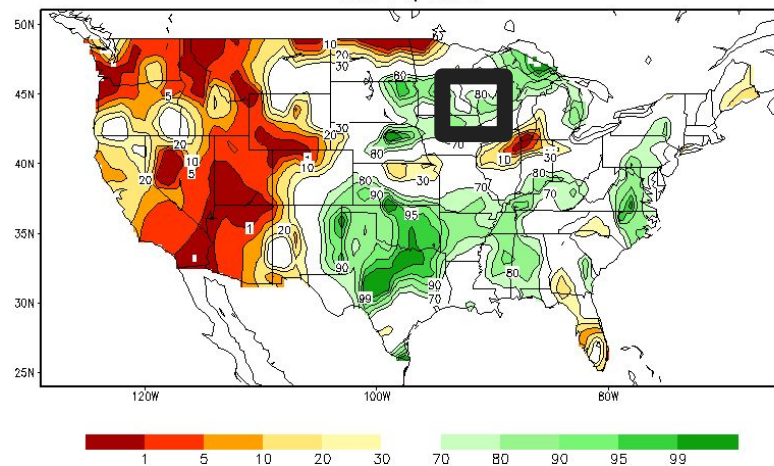
Fire Hazard Impacts

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

As of the morning of July 15...

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

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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For updated DNR Fire Conditions consult the following Web Sites:

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

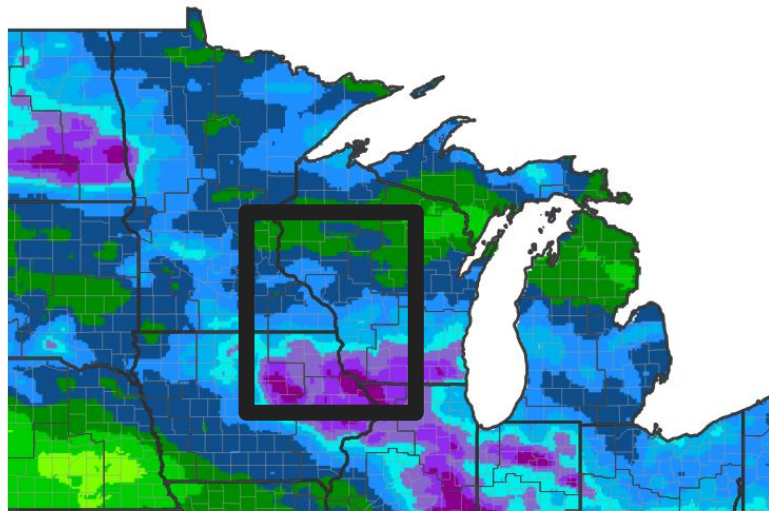




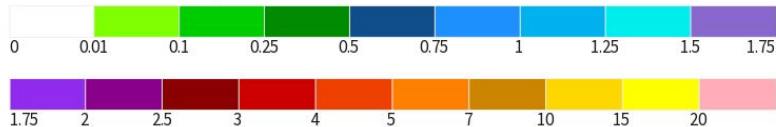
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- From July 17 through July 24, the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is forecasting anywhere from a ½” to 3” of rain across the Upper Mississippi River Valley. The wettest area is expected to be in northeast Iowa and southwest Wisconsin.
- Normal precipitation is around 0.9” for this time period.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for July 17, 2025–July 24, 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

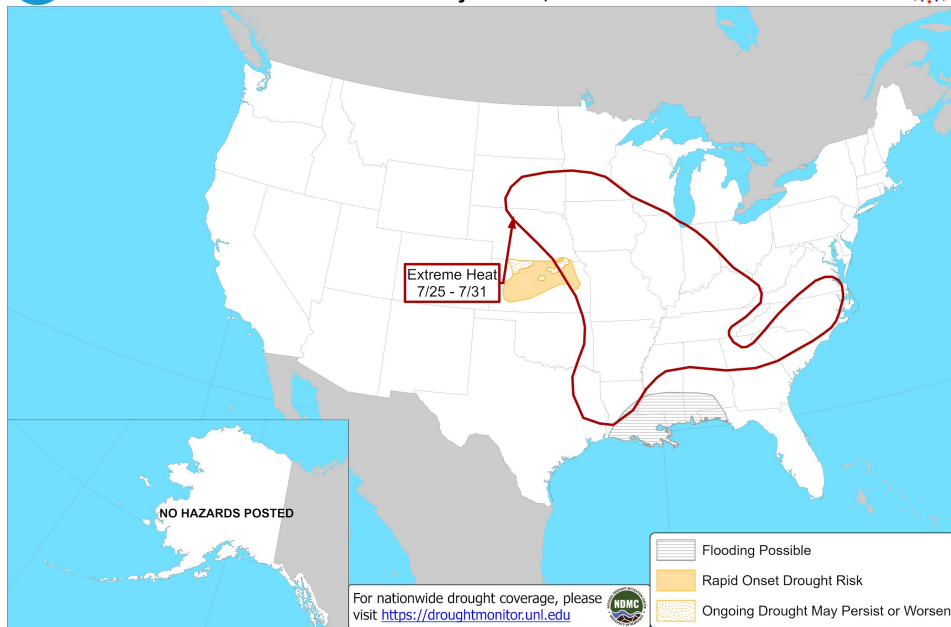
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- From July 25 through July 31, 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

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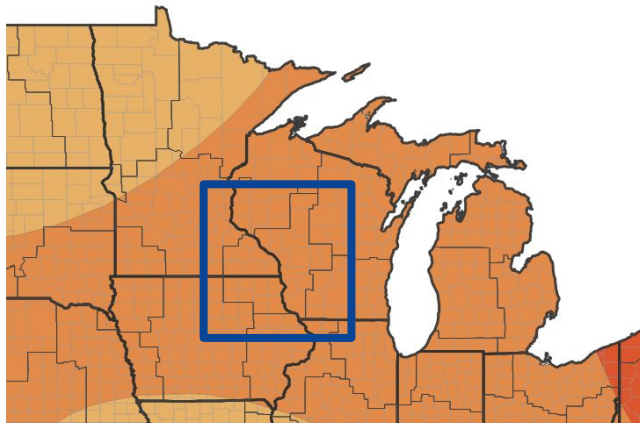


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- From August-October, the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) has tilted the odds toward temperatures warmer than normal (40-50%) across the Upper Mississippi River Valley.
- Below-precipitation is favored (33-40%) in northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and from west-central into central Wisconsin. Elsewhere equal chances of precipitation is expected.

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



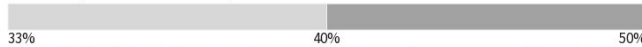
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



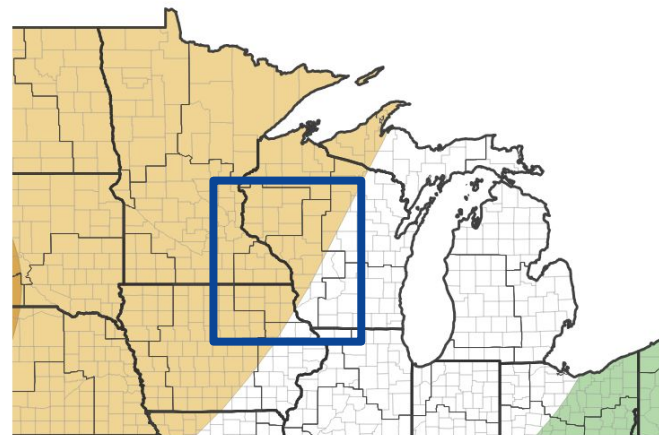
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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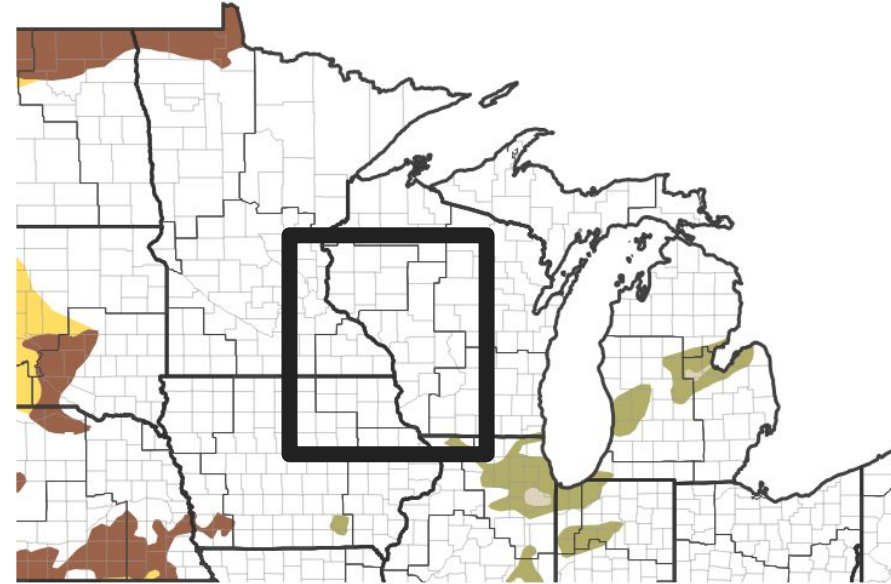


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is not anticipated to develop through the end of October 2025.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for July 17, 2025–October 31, 2025



Drought Is Predicted To...



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