



# Drought Information Statement for NE Minnesota & NW Wisconsin

Valid March 19, 2026

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Contact Information:

- Next Update: Friday, April 17, 2026
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/DLH/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.

- **Much of the Northland is in Moderate (D1) or Severe (D2) Drought conditions as of mid March.**
- **Drought conditions have improved over the last month for much of northwest Wisconsin and parts of Arrowhead.**





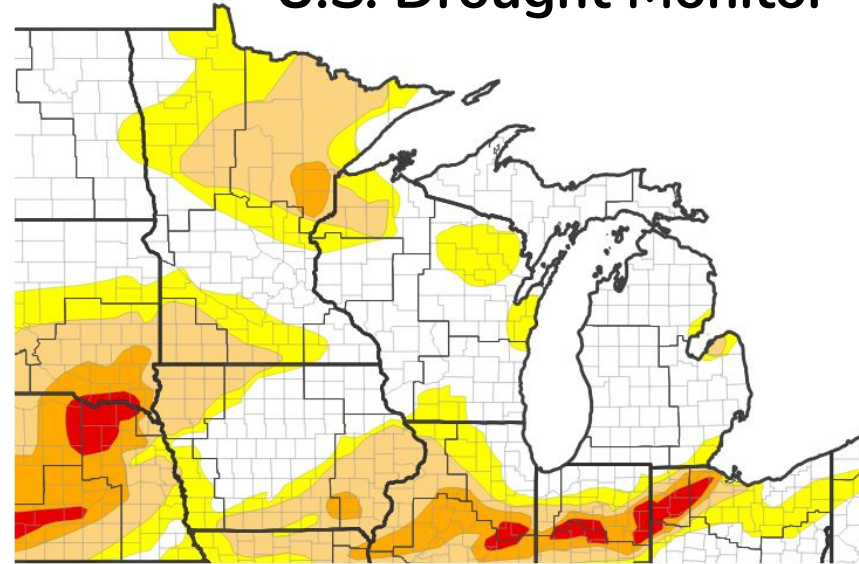
# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Interstate 35 corridor.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Limited area of northwest WI and much of northeast MN.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Pockets of Borderlands, Arrowhead, far southern Crow Wing / Cass / Pine County and northwest WI.

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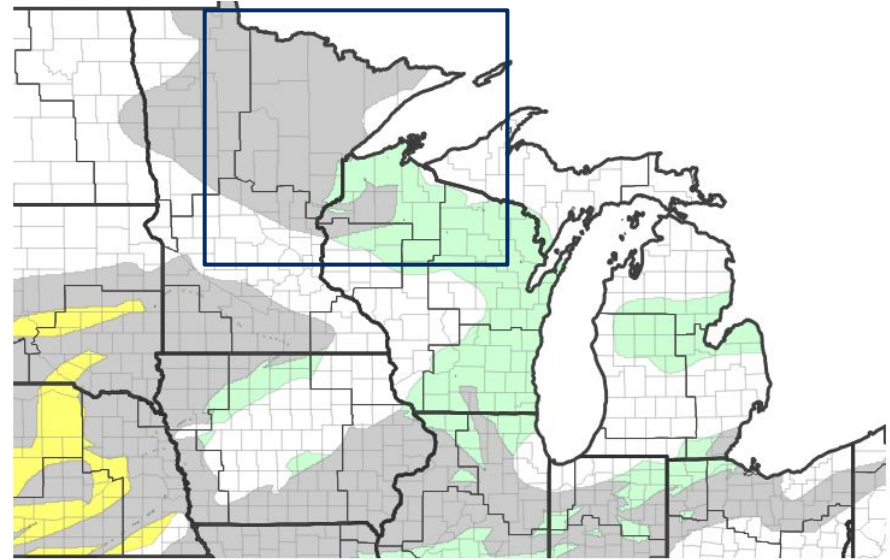


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

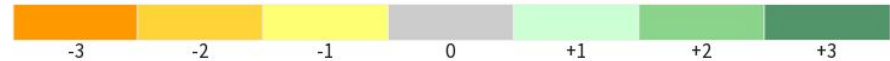
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Worsened: Not applicable.
  - No Change: Remainder of the area.
  - Drought Improved: Much of Northwest WI and sliver of the MN/WI stateline area.

## U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change 1 Week



Drought Change Since Last Week



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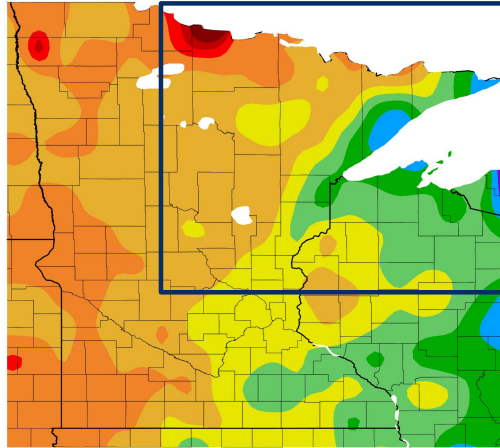


# Precipitation

Precipitation (sum of liquid and melted frozen) that was observed in the Northland over the last month

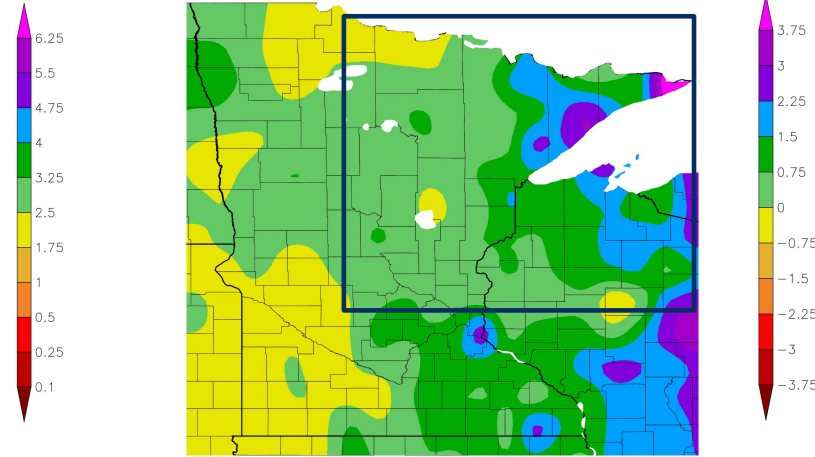
- Regional precipitation in the past month is at or above normal over the last month.

Precipitation (in)  
2/17/2026 – 3/18/2026



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Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)  
2/17/2026 – 3/18/2026



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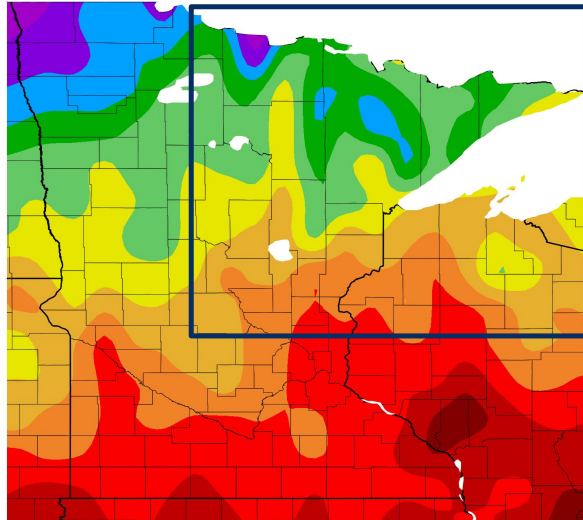


# Temperature

Temperatures that were observed in the Northland over the last month

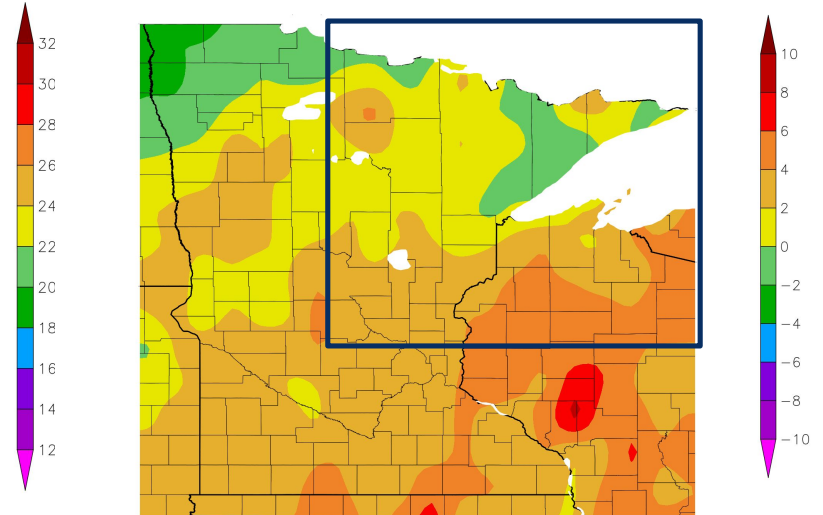
- Average temperatures have been -2 to +4 degrees either side of normal over the past month.

Temperature (F)  
2/17/2026 - 3/18/2026



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Departure from Normal 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

- Streamflows are largely running near to below normal where streams are not frozen over. ([USGS Streamflow](#)).

## Other Impacts

- Unknown at this time.

## Mitigation Actions

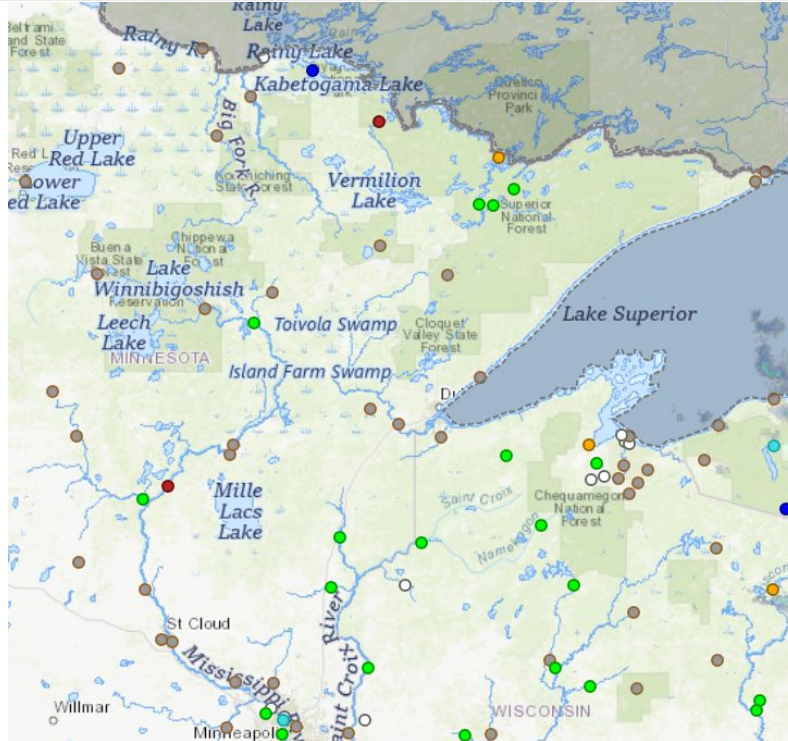
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# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streams are running near to below normal for most of the region where streams are not frozen over.



**Streamflow: Status**

- Above flood stage
- All-time high for this day 100<sup>th</sup> percentile (maximum)
- Much above normal >90<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Above normal 76<sup>th</sup> - 90<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Normal 25<sup>th</sup> - 75<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Below normal 10<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Much below normal <10<sup>th</sup> percentile
- All-time low for this day 0<sup>th</sup> percentile (minimum)
- Not flowing
- Not ranked
- Measurement flag
- Recent measurement unavailable

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow map valid 3/19/2026





# Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

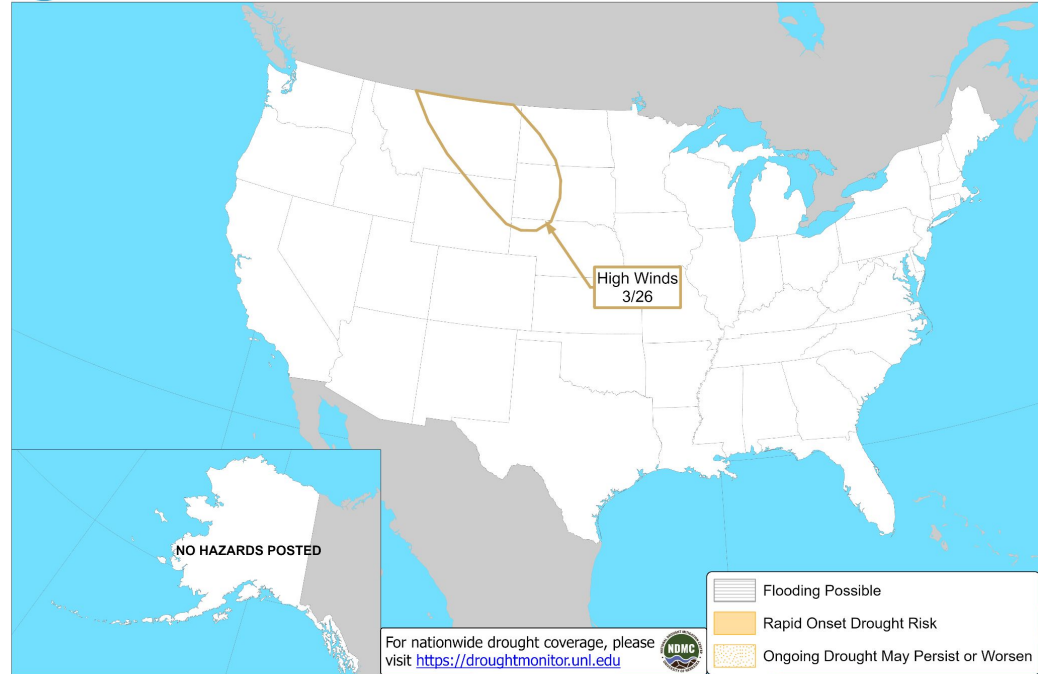
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- No rapid onset drought expected.



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

Valid: March 26 - April 1, 2026



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