



Drought Information Statement for NE Minnesota & NW Wisconsin

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- Next Update: Friday, July 10, 2026
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- 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.

- **Moderate (D1) to Severe (D2) Drought conditions in north-central Minnesota.**
- **Abnormally dry conditions in northwest Wisconsin and the rest of northern Minnesota aside from the Arrowhead.**
- **No drought is being highlighted in the Arrowhead.**



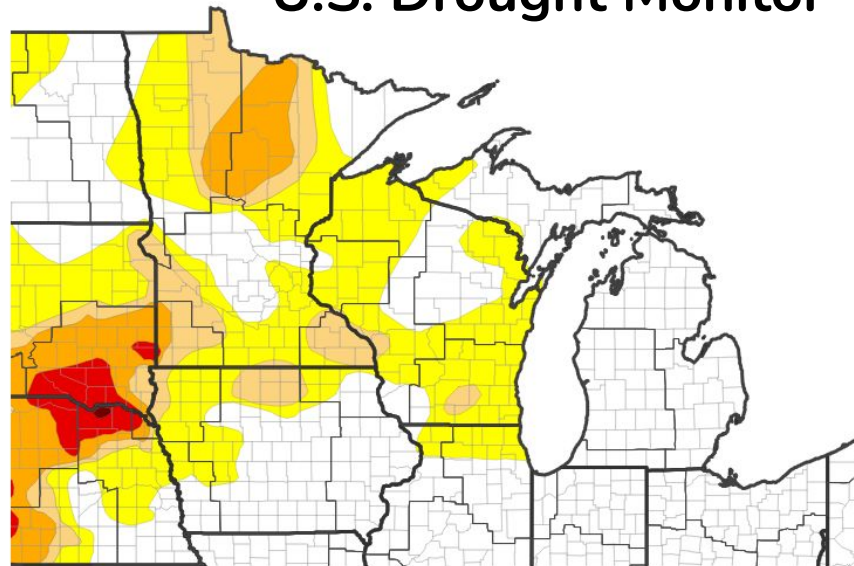
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: North-central Minnesota.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Remainder of north-central Minnesota into eastern Iron Range and Brainerd Lakes.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Northwest Wisconsin and rest of northern Minnesota besides the Arrowhead.

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

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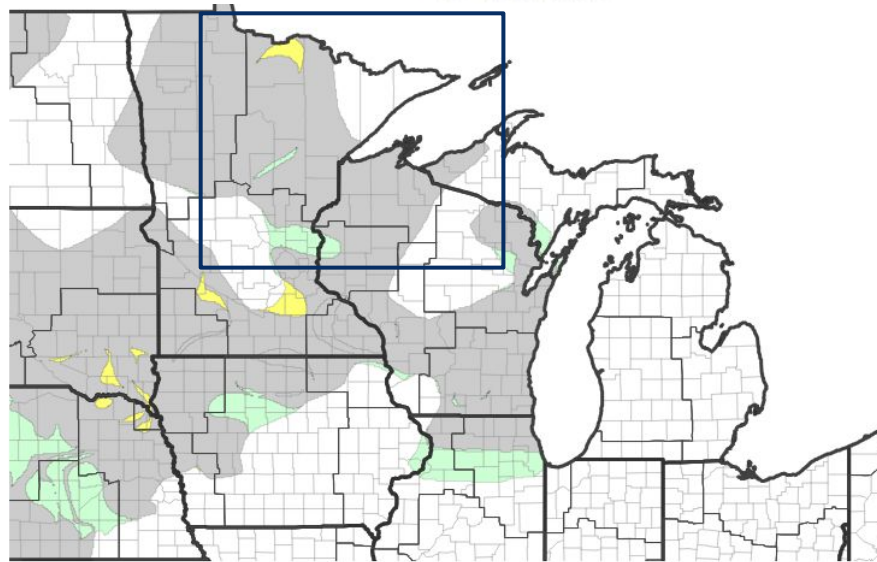


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

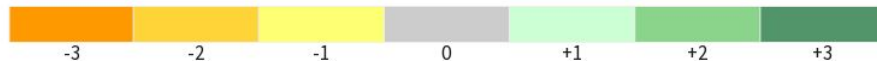
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Northern Koochiching County.
 - Drought Improved: Small sliver from central Crow Wing County into northern Aitkin County.
 - No Change: Remainder of the area.

U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change 1 Week



Drought Change Since Last Week



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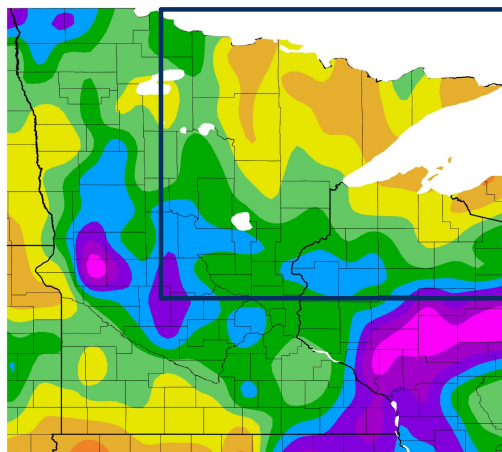


Precipitation

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

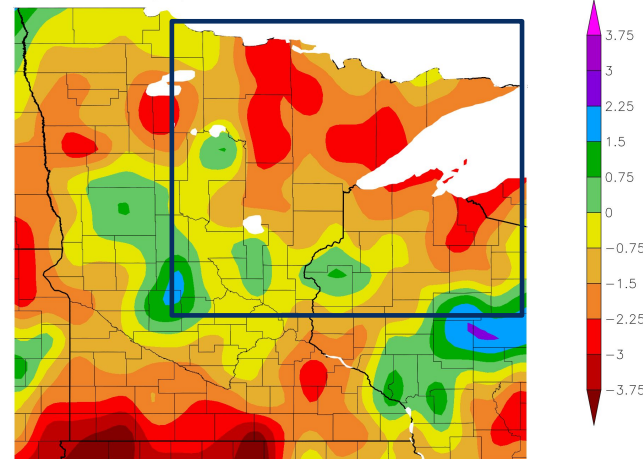
- Near normal precipitation mainly in Cass County, the St. Croix River Valley, and portions of inland northwest Wisconsin.
- Regional precipitation in the past month is 1 to 3 inches below normal for the remainder of the Northland.

Precipitation (in)
5/26/2026 – 6/24/2026



Generated 6/25/2026 using provisional data.

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
5/26/2026 – 6/24/2026



ACIS Web Service generated 6/25/2026 using provisional data.

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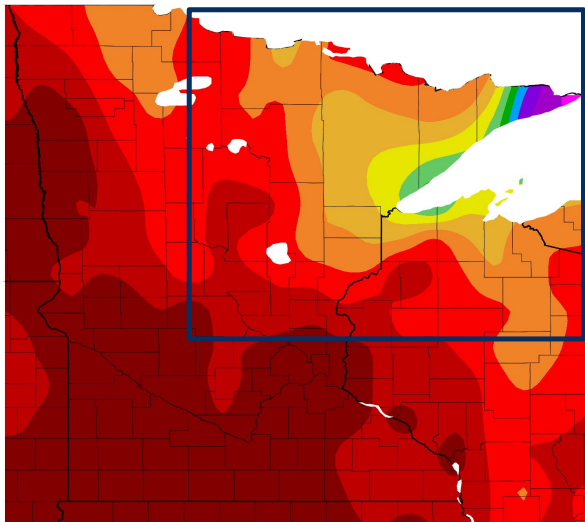


Temperature

Temperatures that were observed in the Northland over the last month

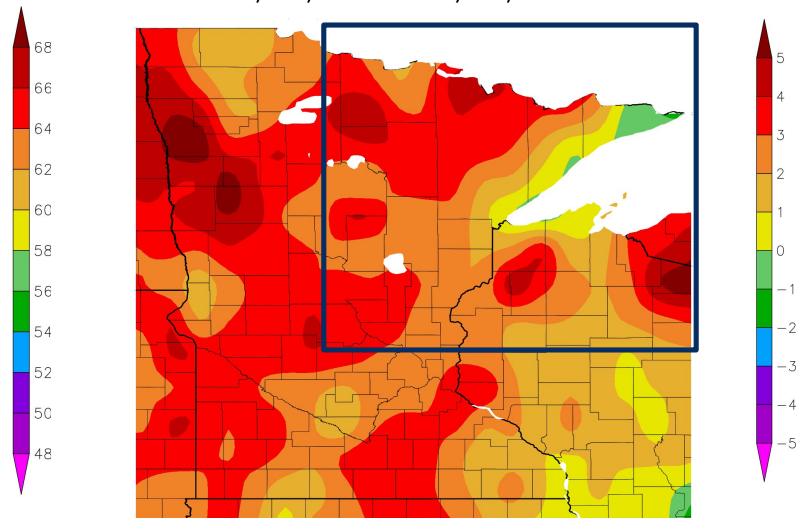
- Average temperatures have been 0 to +5 degrees above normal over the past month, being the closest to normal along the North Shore.

Temperature (F)
5/26/2026 – 6/24/2026



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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 below to much below normal for most river basins in the Northland, with the exception of some basins in northwest Wisconsin ([USGS Streamflow](#)).

Agricultural Impacts

- Below normal soil moisture in most of northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin.
- Near normal precipitation in north-central Wisconsin and the Minnesota Arrowhead. ([Soil Moisture](#)).

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire danger is Low to Moderate in northern and eastern Minnesota ([MN Fire Danger](#)). Fire danger is Low in northwest Wisconsin ([WI Fire Danger](#)).

Other Impacts

- Unknown at this time.

Mitigation Actions

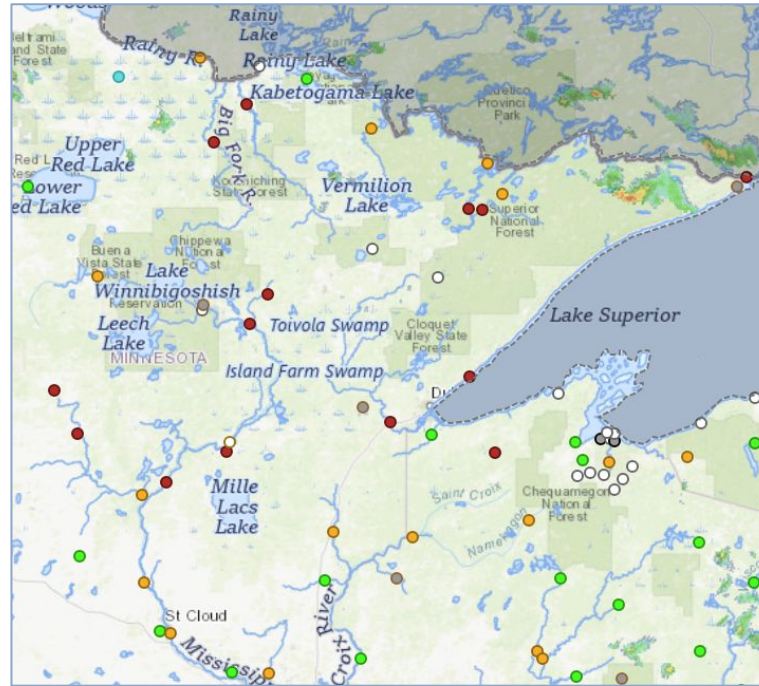
- Burn Restrictions - No burn restrictions.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streams are running below to much below normal for most of the region, aside from some basins in northwest Wisconsin.



Streamflow: Status

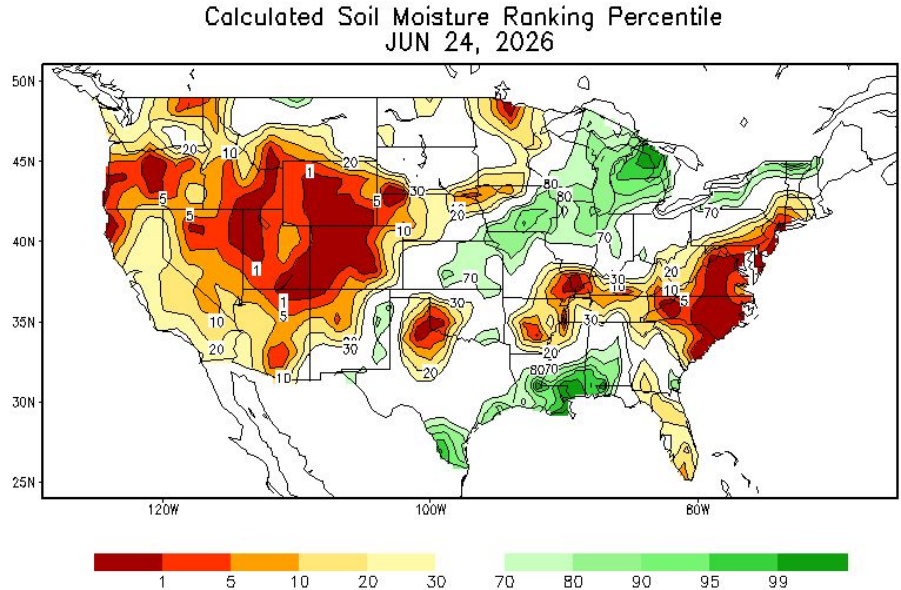
	Above flood stage	
	All-time high for this day	100 th percentile (maximum)
	Much above normal	>90 th percentile
	Above normal	76 th – 90 th percentile
	Normal	25 th – 75 th percentile
	Below normal	10 th – 24 th percentile
	Much below normal	<10 th percentile
	All-time low for this day	0 th percentile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

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow map valid 6/12/2026



Agricultural Impacts

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- Near normal soil moisture in north-central Wisconsin and the Minnesota Arrowhead.

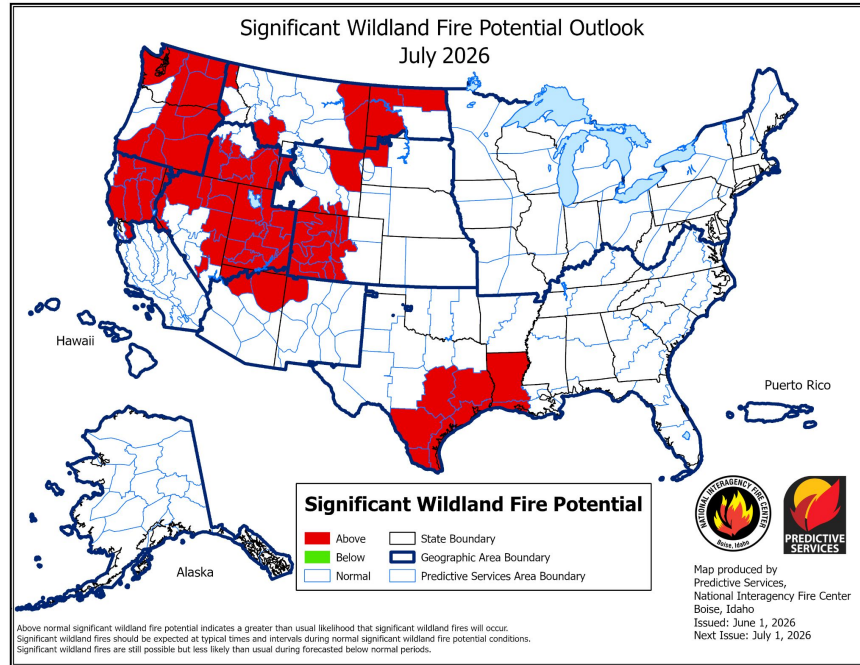




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- **Significant Wildland Fire Potential**
conditions are normal for July.



Latest MN burn ban and fire danger information available [here](#).

Latest WI burn ban and fire danger information available [here](#).



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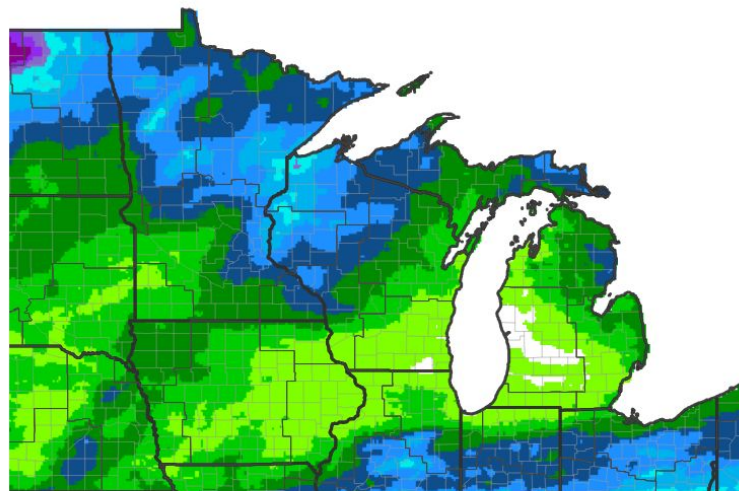


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

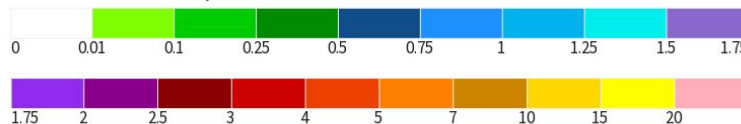
Amount of liquid equivalent precipitation forecast over the next seven days

- 0.25 inches to 1.25 inches of precipitation is forecast for late June into early July, with the highest forecast amounts near the Twin Ports and St. Croix River Valley.
- Areas that see repeated rounds of thunderstorms could see locally higher precipitation amounts.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for June 25, 2026–July 2, 2026



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

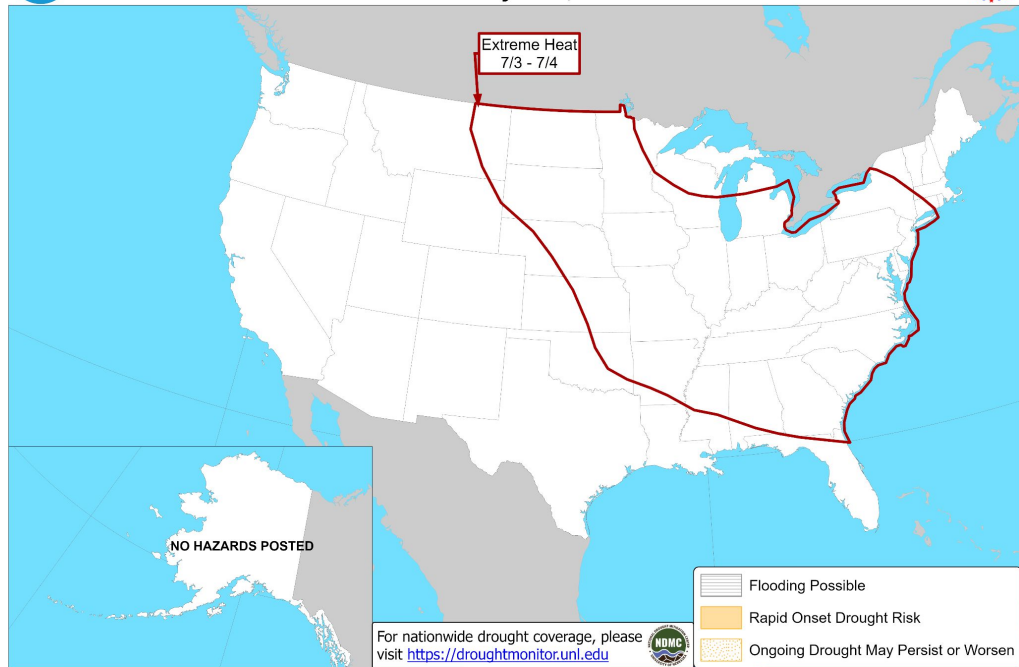
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- No rapid onset drought expected.
- Extreme heat potential in early July.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

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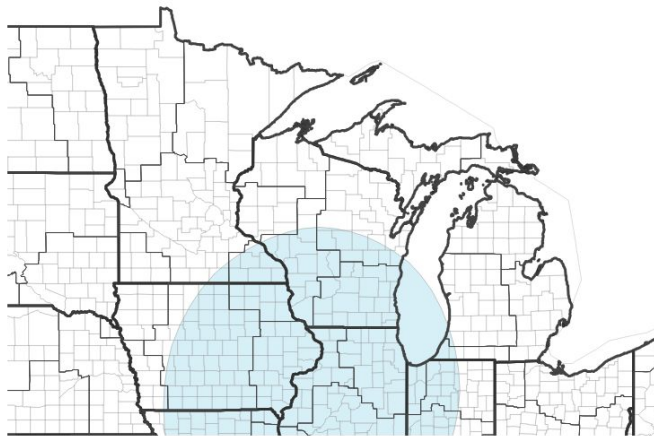


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Longer-term forecasts show equal chances for above, below, or near normal temperatures through September.
- Longer-term forecasts lean slightly towards below normal precipitation through September.

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



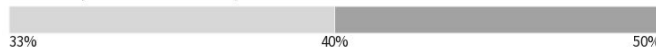
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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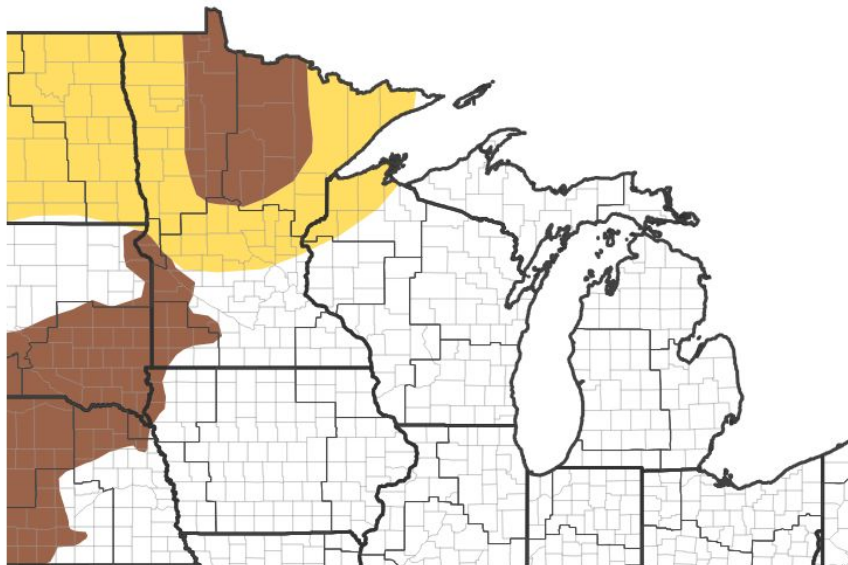


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to persist in north-central Minnesota and expand across much of the remainder of northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin through September.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 18, 2026–September 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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