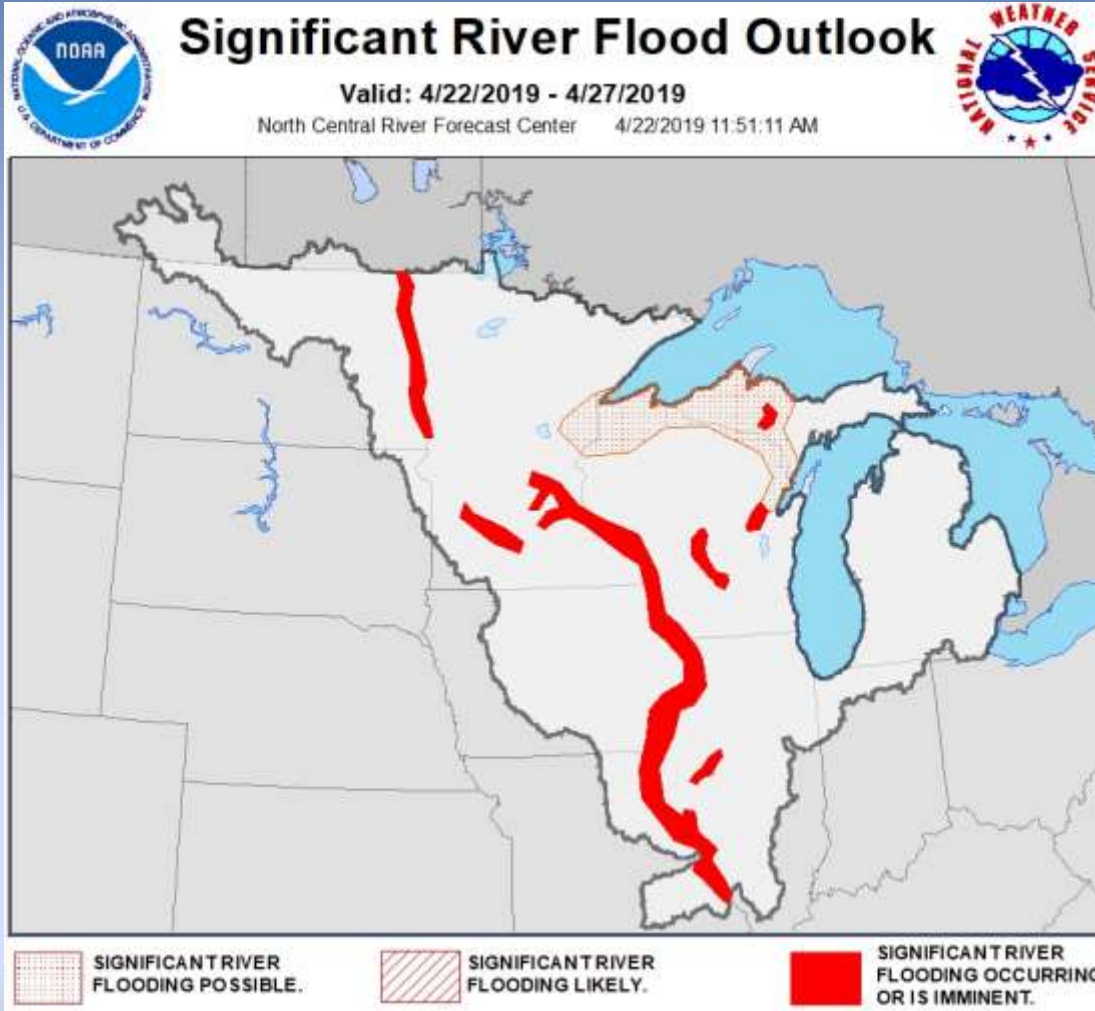




# NWS Quad Cities Flood Update

## April 22, 2019



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# Main Points

- Rises have begun again from Dubuque through Bellevue
- Downstream of Bellevue levels will continue to recede before starting to rise again through this week.
- Keokuk and downstream won't see rises starting again until next weekend.
- The lower levels will be temporary!
- Levels are expected to rise to near previous crests reached a few weeks ago or higher than previous crests upstream of Muscatine.
- Snowmelt runoff is all in the system. Snowmelt crests are now moving through the Minnesota and Wisconsin River systems
- The entire region remains very susceptible to additional river rises with heavy rains.
- There is a risk for heavy rain accumulations through Tuesday morning.
- The longer the rivers stay at high levels, the more chances there will be to have heavy rains and then subsequent river rises.





# Current Warnings



Last Map Update: Mon, Apr. 22, 2019 at 9:37:26 am CDT

## Mississippi River – ongoing flooding

Northern reaches experiencing rises beginning. Downstream, levels are falling with renewed rises starting through the weekend.





# MISSISSIPPI RIVER INFO

4/22/2019

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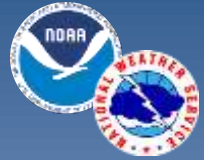
**Major  
Flooding**

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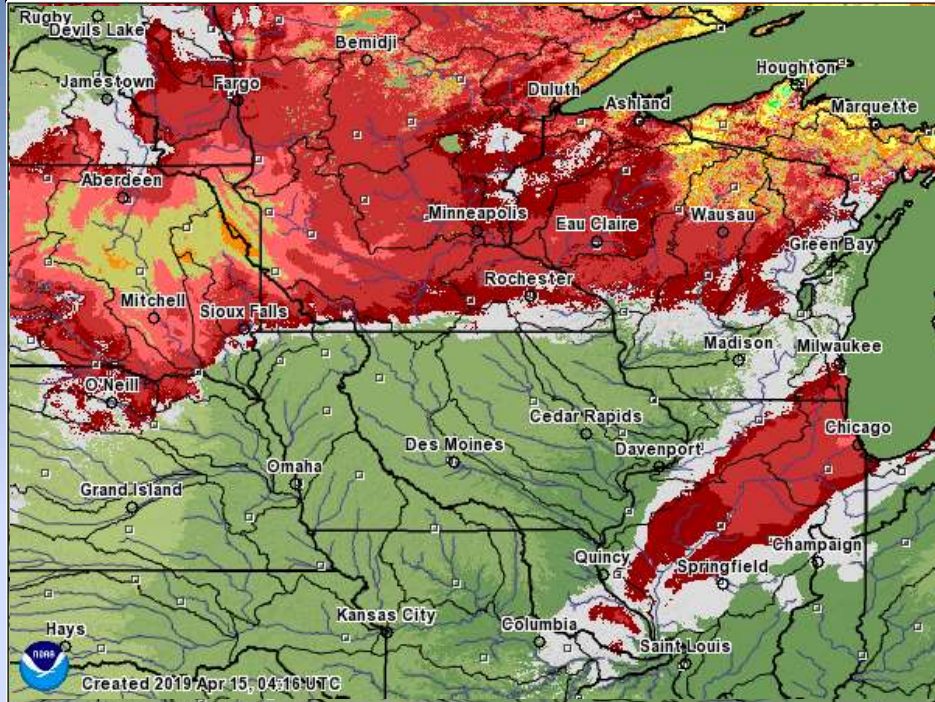
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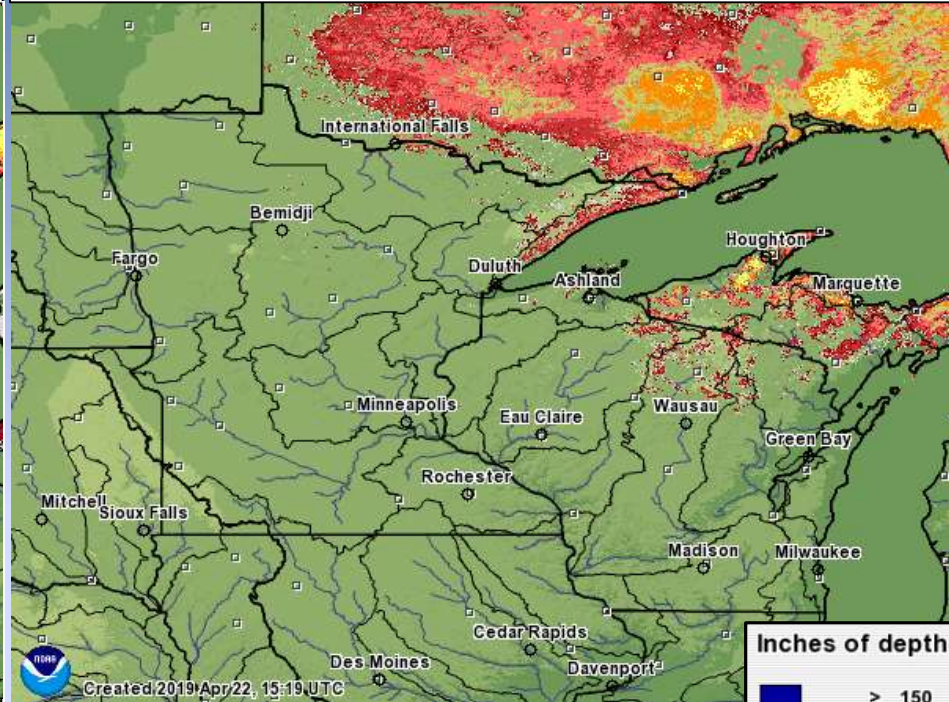


# Snowpack Change in the Past 7 Days

Snow Depth – April 15, 2019

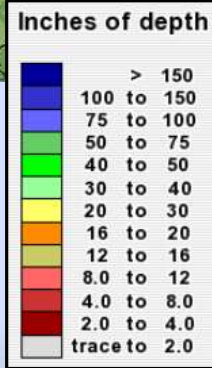


Snow Depth – April 22, 2019



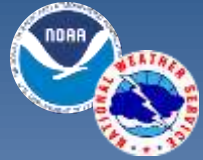
Very little snow remains on the ground in the watershed.

No additional impact on river levels  
from snowmelt runoff.



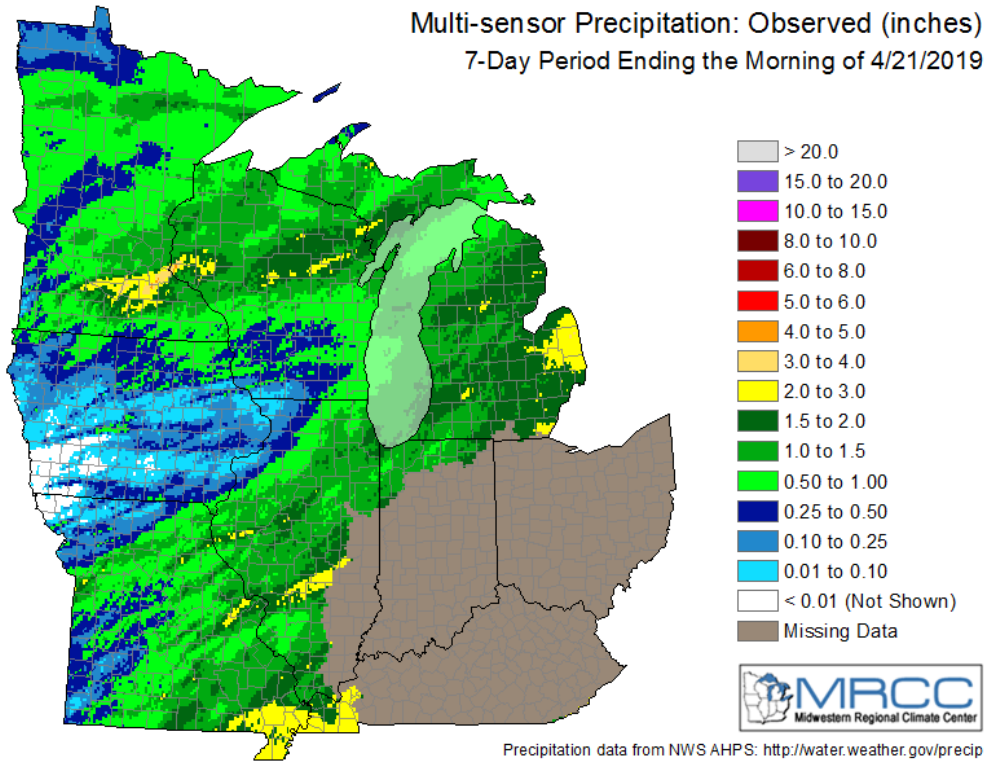
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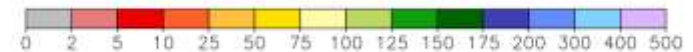
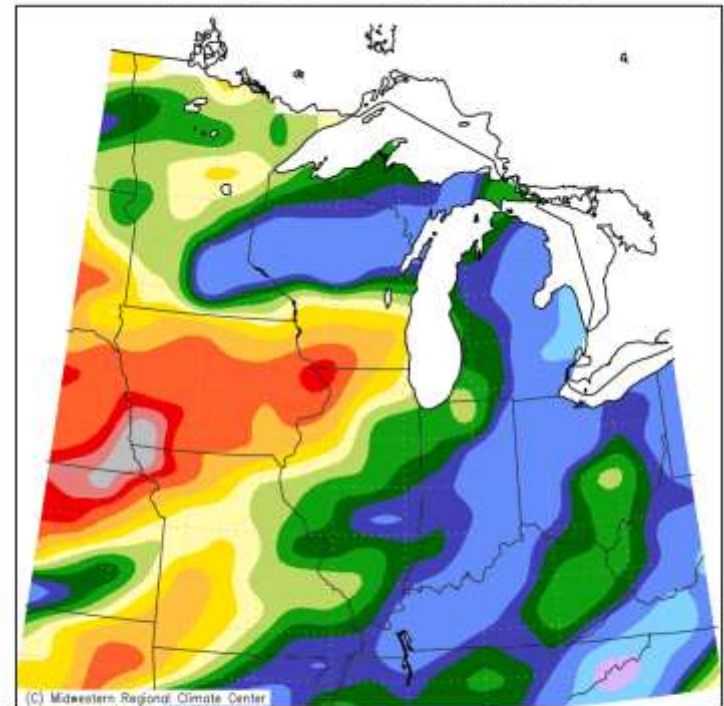
# Observed Precipitation: 4/15 – 4/21

Multi-sensor Precipitation: Observed (inches)  
7-Day Period Ending the Morning of 4/21/2019



**2 to 4 inches of rain fell in the northern parts of the Mississippi River watershed last week. In general, impacted the same areas where the heavy snows fell the week prior. This is leading to the more significant upcoming.**

Accumulated Precipitation: Percent of Mean  
April 15, 2019 to April 21, 2019



Midwestern Regional Climate Center  
Illinois State Water Survey, Prairie Research Institute  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



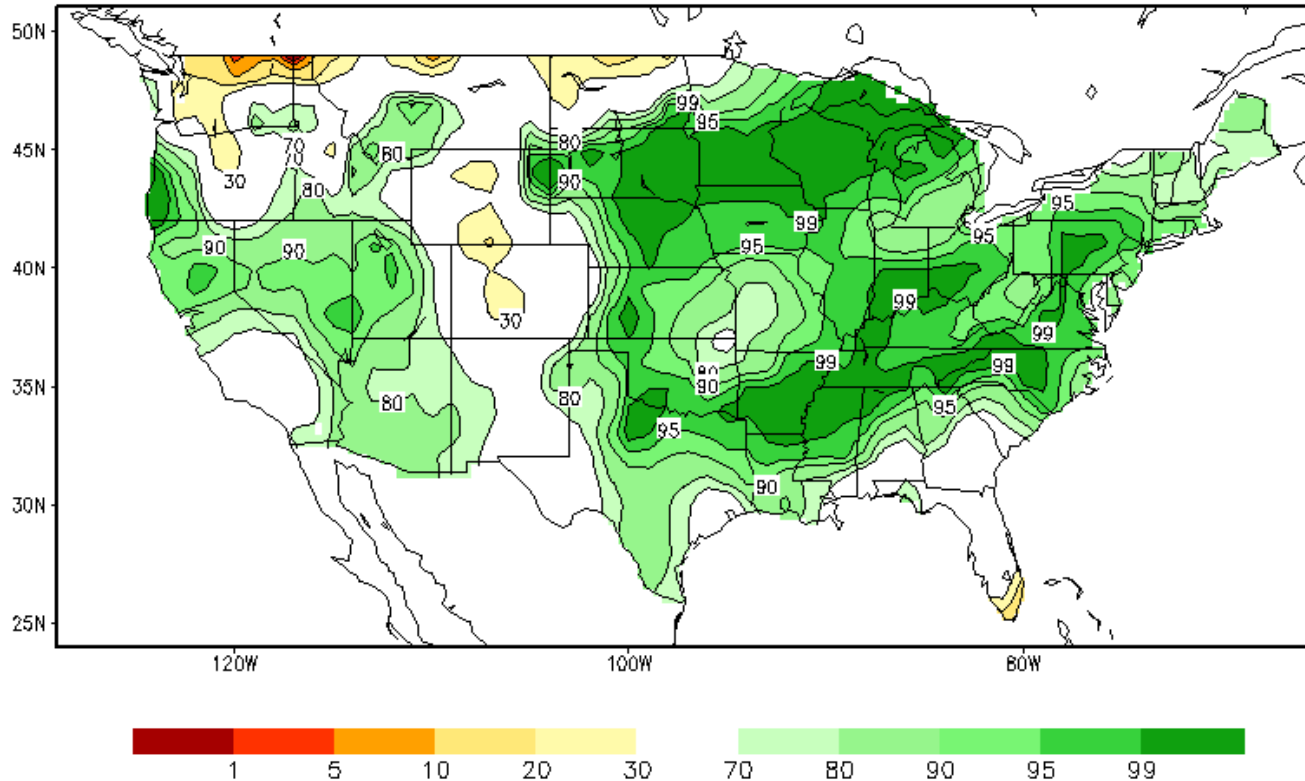
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# Current Soil Moisture

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile  
APR 21, 2019

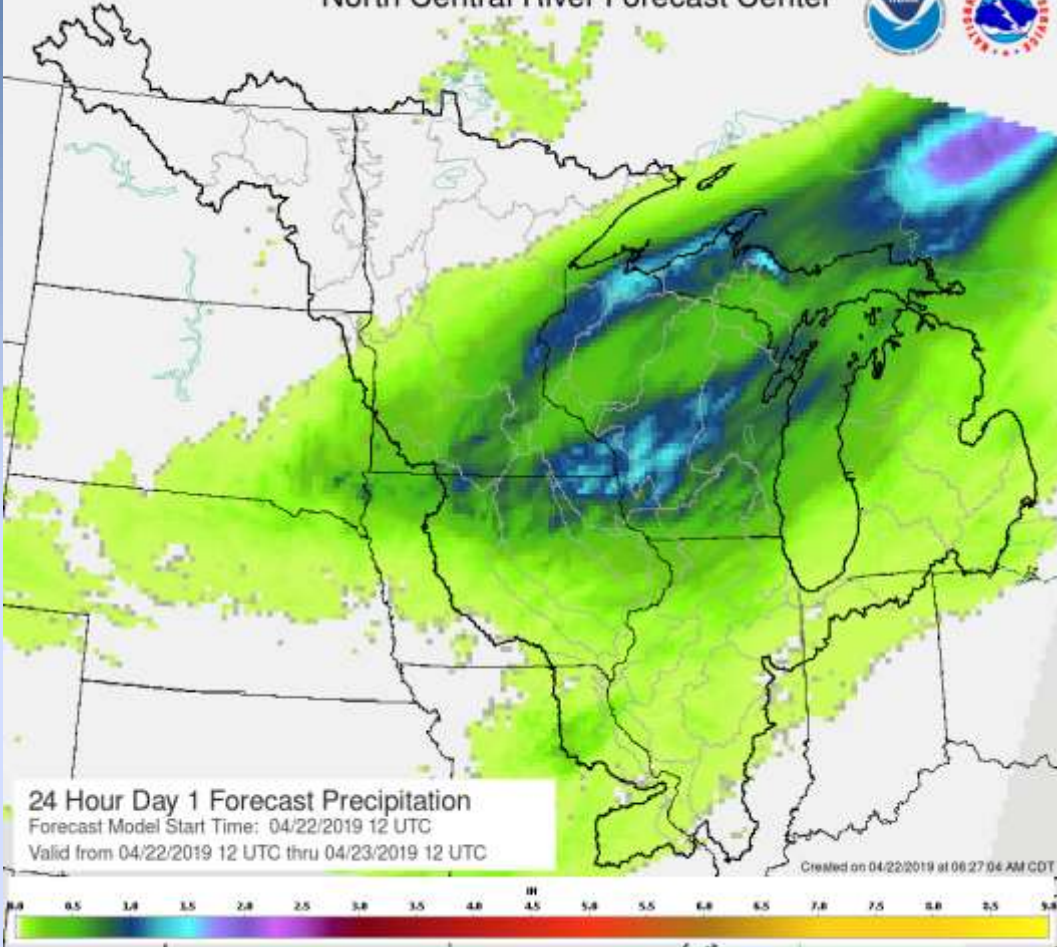




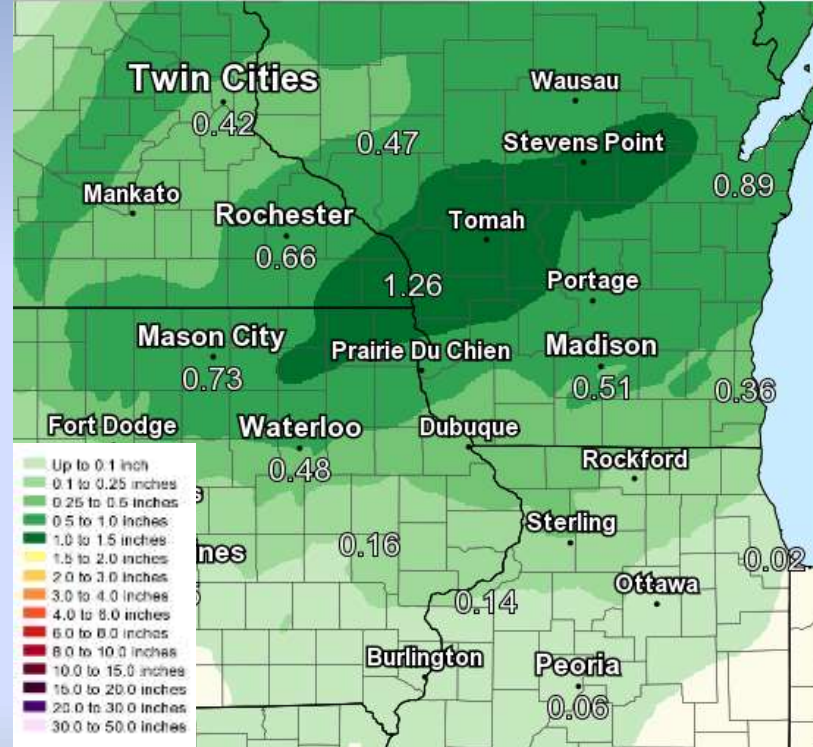
# Day 1 Forecast Precipitation

Rainfall amounts included in today's river forecasts.

North Central River Forecast Center



Valid Ending Tuesday April 23rd, 2019 at 7 AM CDT



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# Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Outlook

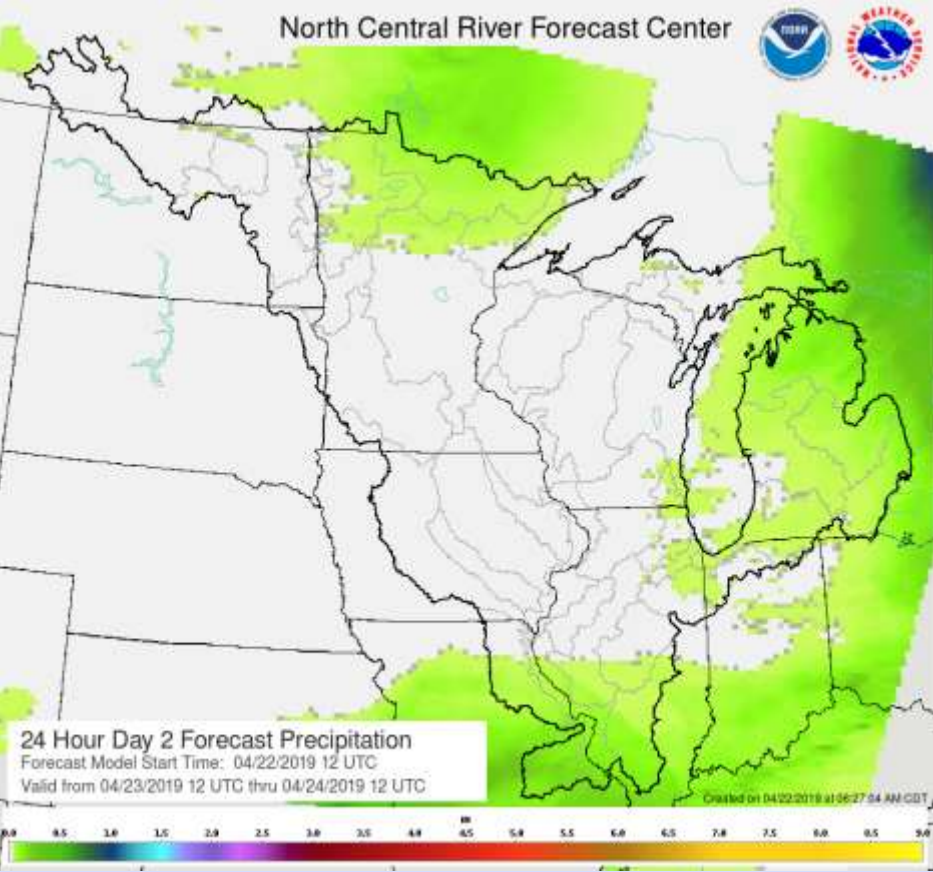




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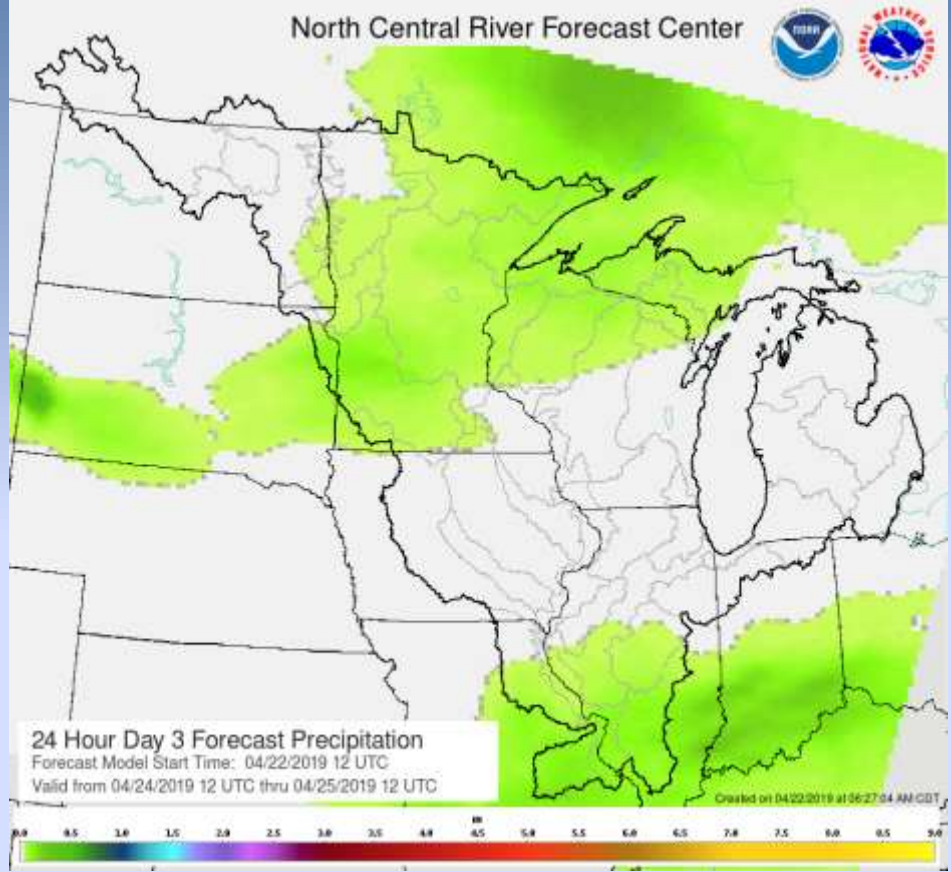
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**Tuesday and Tuesday Night**

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**Wednesday and Wednesday Night**



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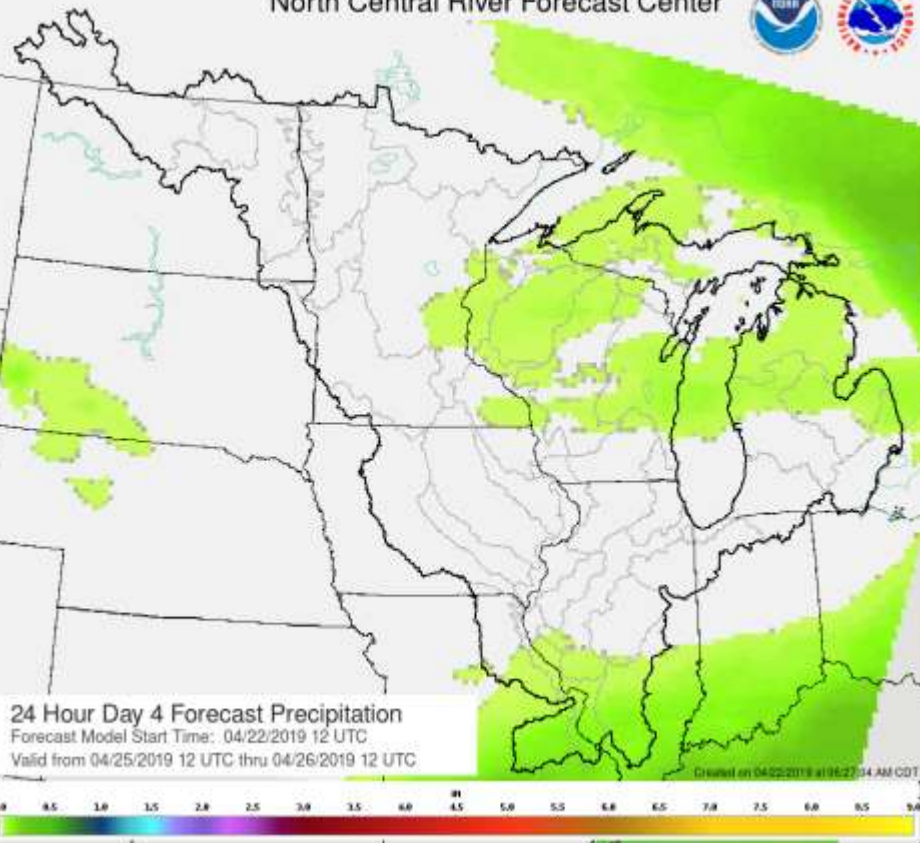
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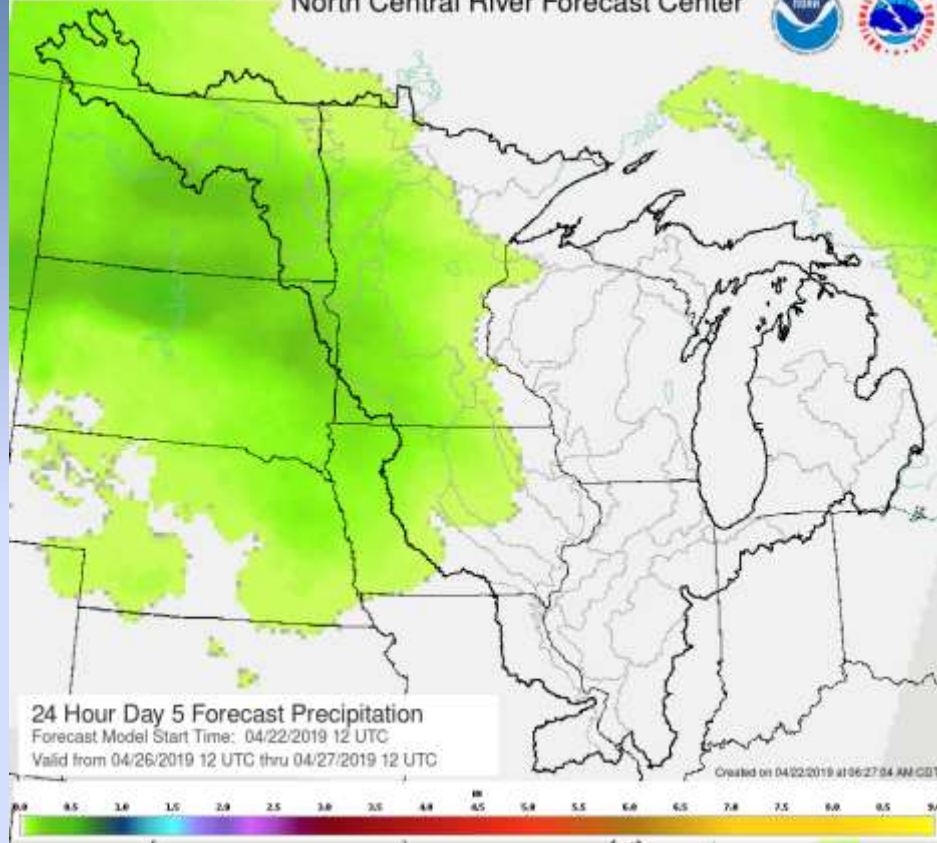
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**Thursday and Thursday Night**

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**Friday and Friday Night**  
(next system starts to move in for the weekend)

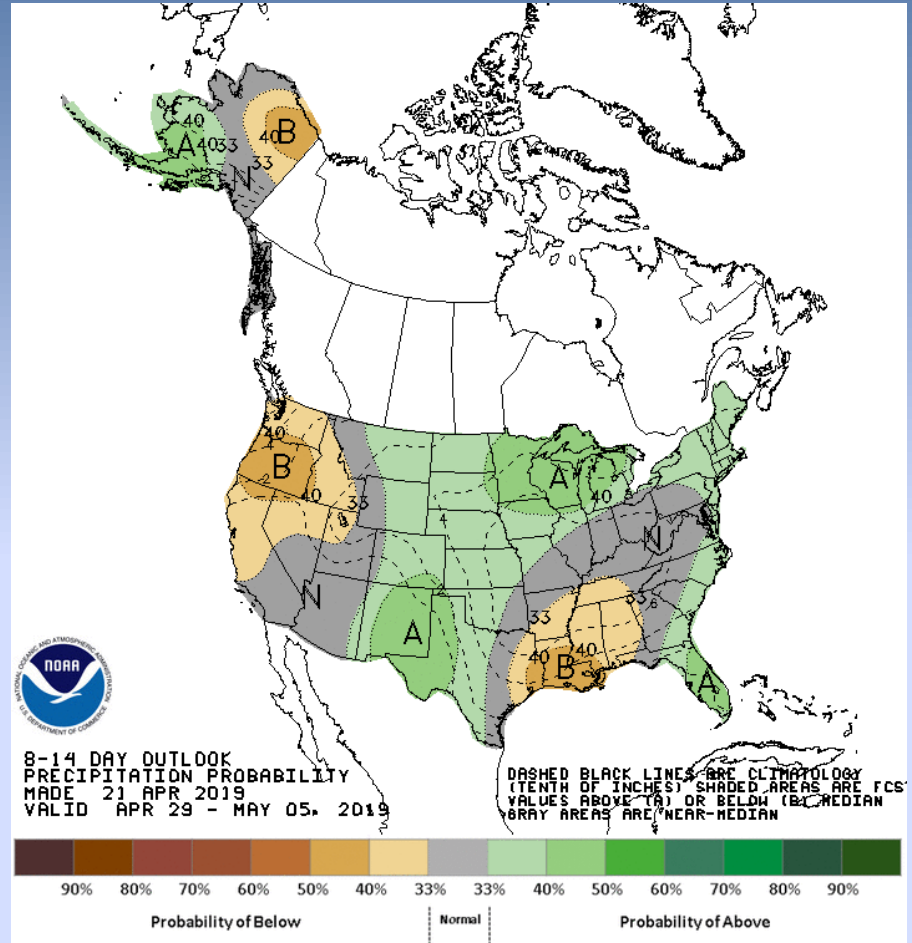
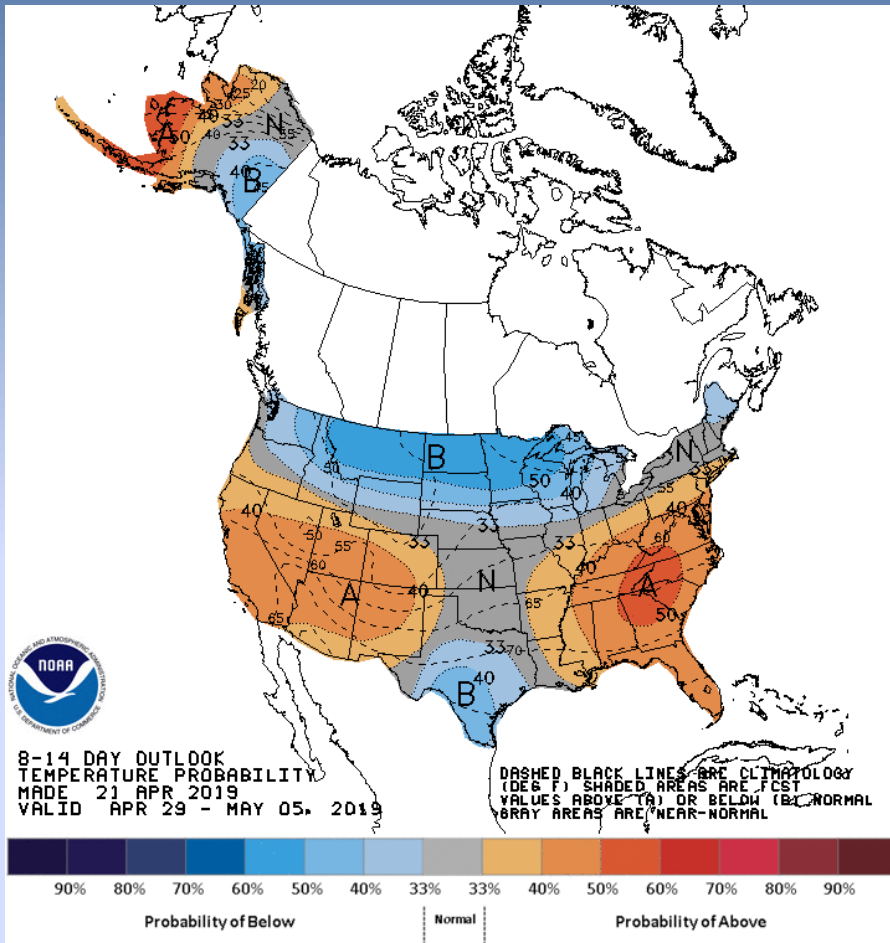


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# Week 2 Outlook



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# Week 2 Precipitation Risk





# MISSISSIPPI RIVER CREST INFO 4/22/2019

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Expected Crest Level</u>	<u>Expected Crest Timing</u>	<u>Today's Trend</u>
Dubuque LD 11	●	4/26-4/29	↗
Dubuque Railroad Bridge	●	4/26-4/29	↗
Bellevue	●	4/26-4/29	↗
Fulton	●	4/27-4/30	↘
Camanche	●	4/27-4/30	↘
Le Claire	●	4/28-5/1	↘
Rock Island	●	4/28-5/1	↘
Illinois City	●	4/29-5/2	↘
Muscatine	●	4/29-5/2	↘
New Boston	●	4/29-5/2	↘
Keithsburg	●	4/29-5/2	↘
Gladstone	●	4/30-5/3	↘
Burlington	●	4/30-5/3	↘
Keokuk	●/●	5/1-5/4	↘
Gregory Landing	●	5/1-5/4	↘

Major  
Flooding

Moderate  
Flooding



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# Bottom Line for This Week

- **Nearing crest values in the 7 day forecast from Dubuque through Bellevue. Beyond 7 day forecast downstream.**
- **Levels will continue to fall downstream of Bellevue before beginning to rise again.**
- **Crests are likely to reach values near prior high levels.**
- **High river levels will continue at least into mid May. Additional rains will prolong the high levels possibly into late May.**





# Information Sources

- Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) (observations and forecasts, etc) — [water.weather.gov](http://water.weather.gov)
- Local Quad Cities WFO AHPS — [water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=DVN](http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=DVN)
- North Central River Forecast Center — [weather.gov/ncrfc](http://weather.gov/ncrfc)
- National Operational Hydrologic Remote Sensing Center (snow information) — [nohrsc.noaa.gov](http://nohrsc.noaa.gov)
- NWS Weather Prediction Center — [wpc.ncep.noaa.gov](http://wpc.ncep.noaa.gov)
- NWS Climate Prediction Center — [cpc.ncep.noaa.gov](http://cpc.ncep.noaa.gov)

**Quad Cities WFO Forecast Discussions (technical weather and hydrology discussion)**  
**[forecast.weather.gov/product.php?site=DVN&issuedby=DVN&product=AFD](http://forecast.weather.gov/product.php?site=DVN&issuedby=DVN&product=AFD)**

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