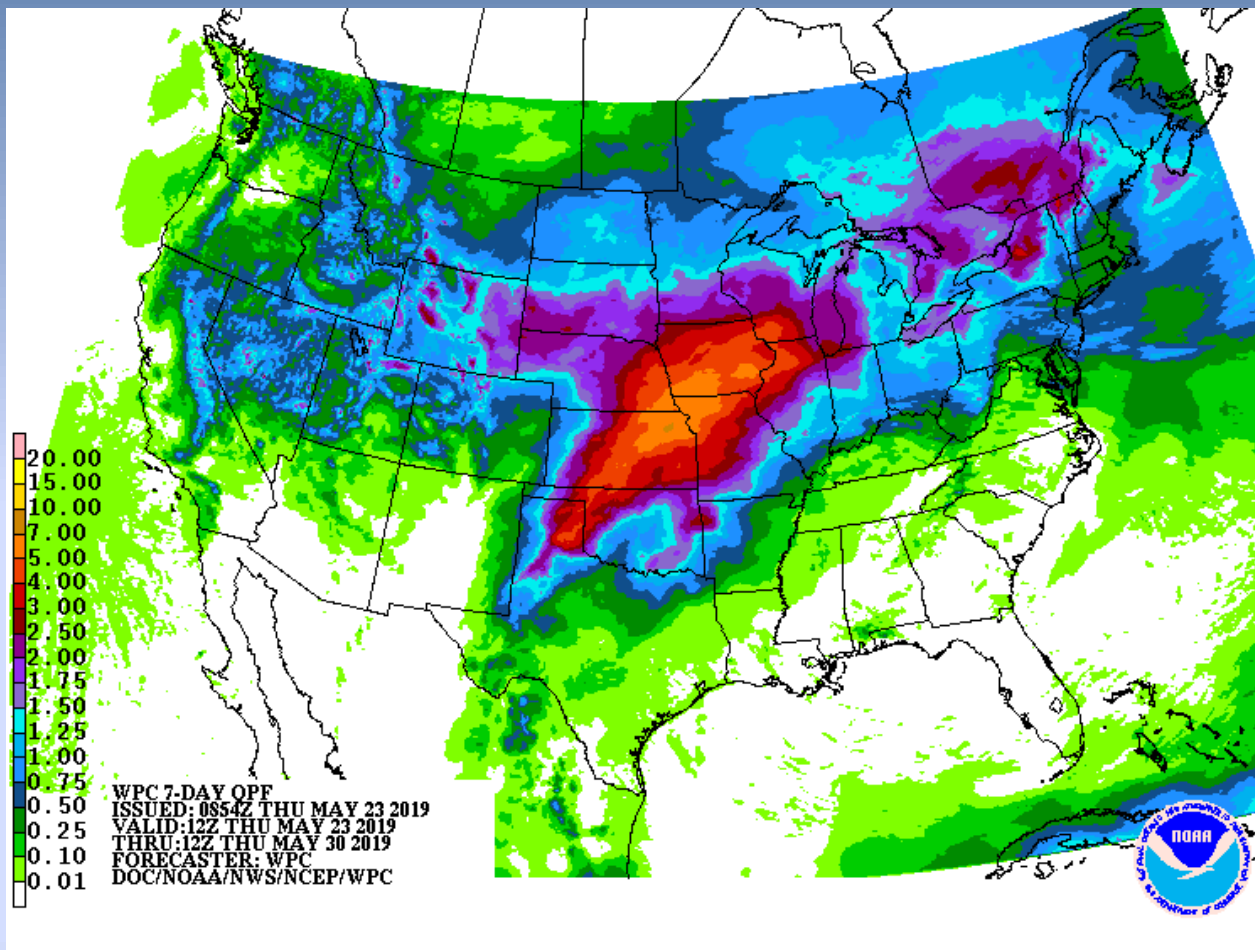




# NWS Quad Cities Flood Update

May 23, 2019



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# Main Points

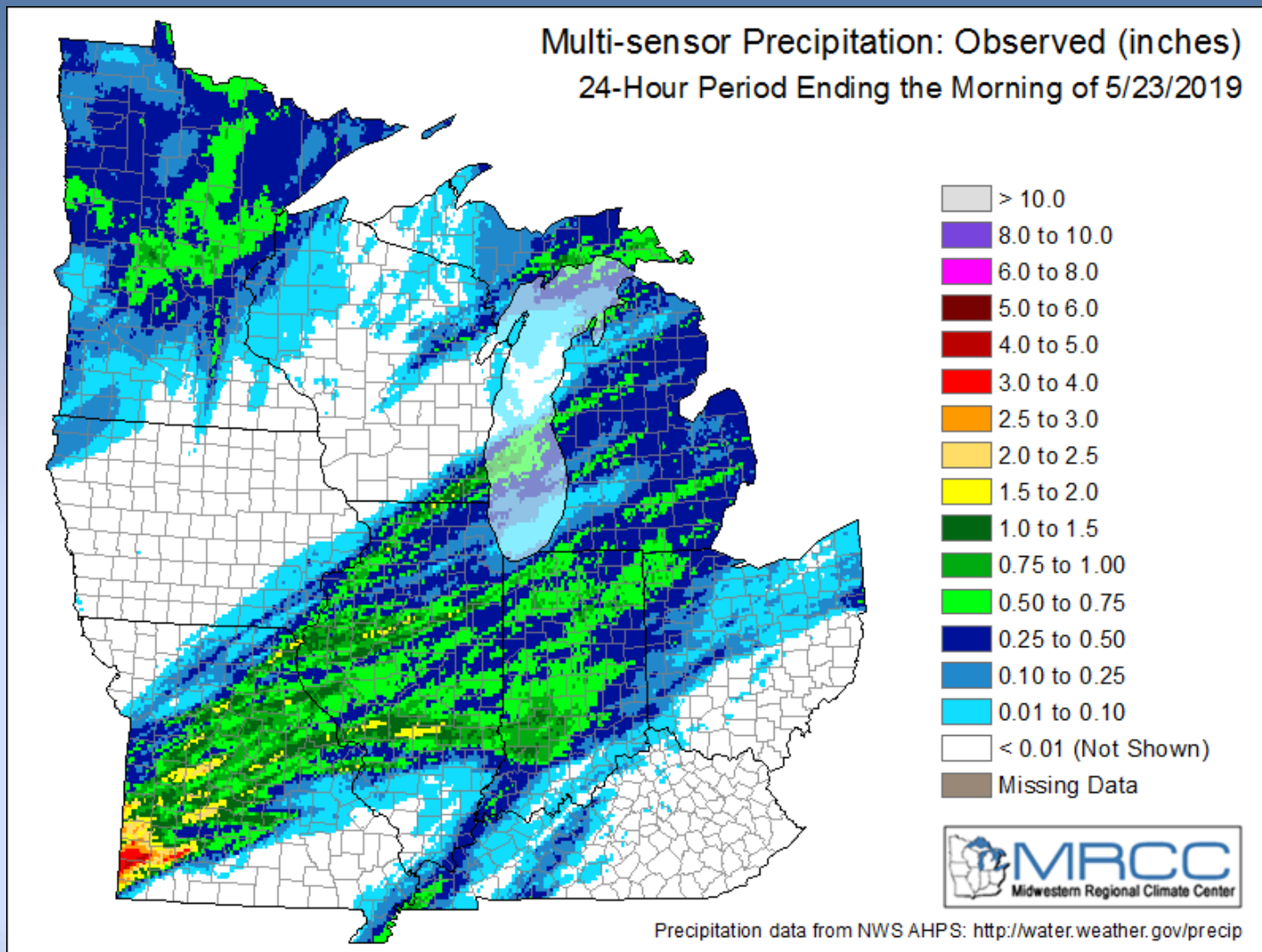
- **Mississippi River – rises are expected to begin over the weekend!**
  - Confidence is high that renewed rises will occur.
  - Confidence is not high on the degree of rises, fairly wide potential range
- **Tributary Rivers – rises are likely with most watersheds getting moderate to heavy rain at some point over the next week.**
  - **Flooding?? Near Bankfull??**
- **Chances for Excessive Rainfall/Flash Flooding tonight through Sunday**
- **Rain is expected daily for the next week.**
- **Active weather through week 2.**

**Current forecasts viewed on the NWS webpage only incorporate 24 hours of forecast rainfall. These forecasts show what would occur with dry weather beyond 24 hours.**



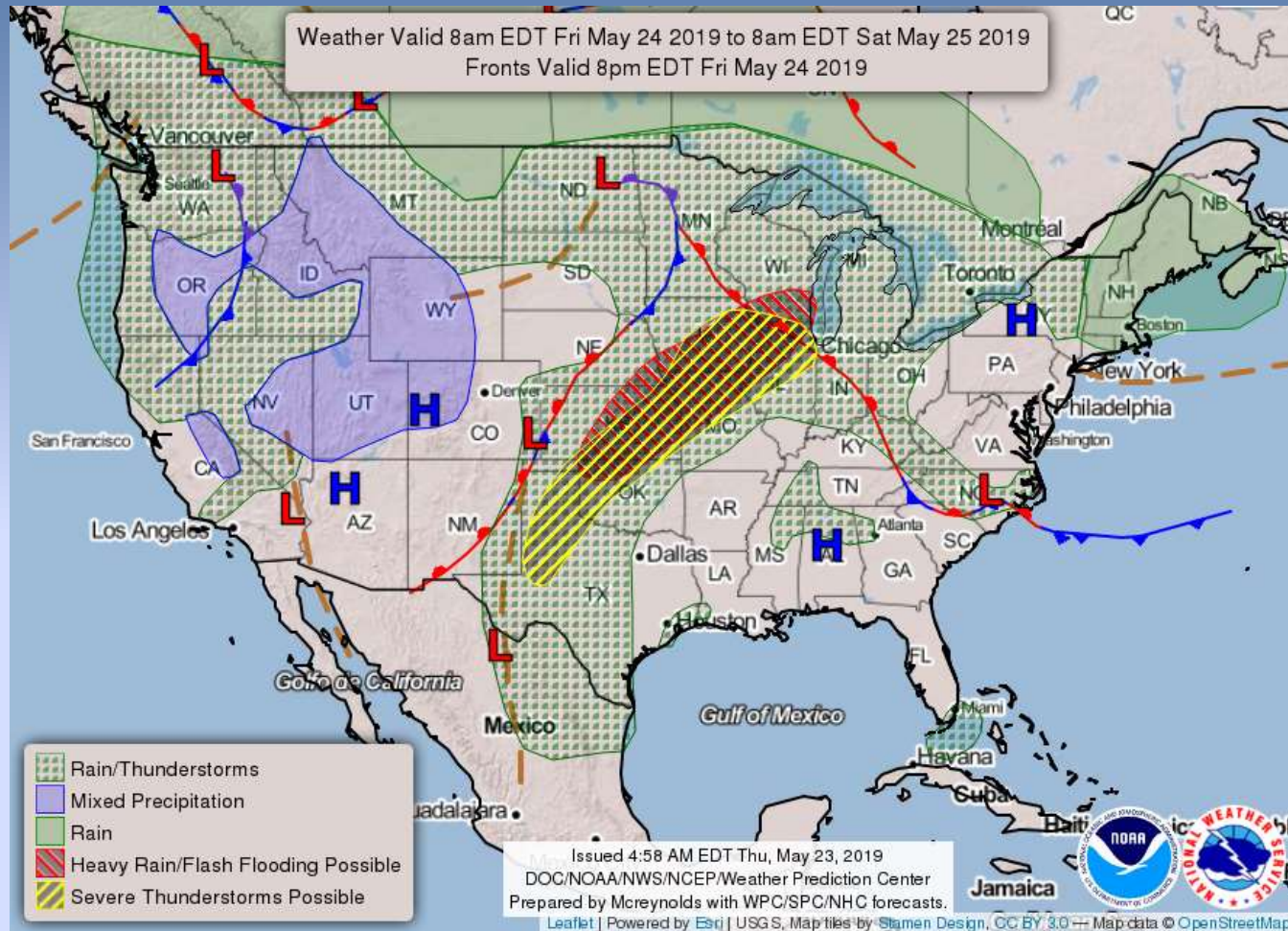


# Observed Rainfall: Past 24 hours





# Weather Scenario for this Week



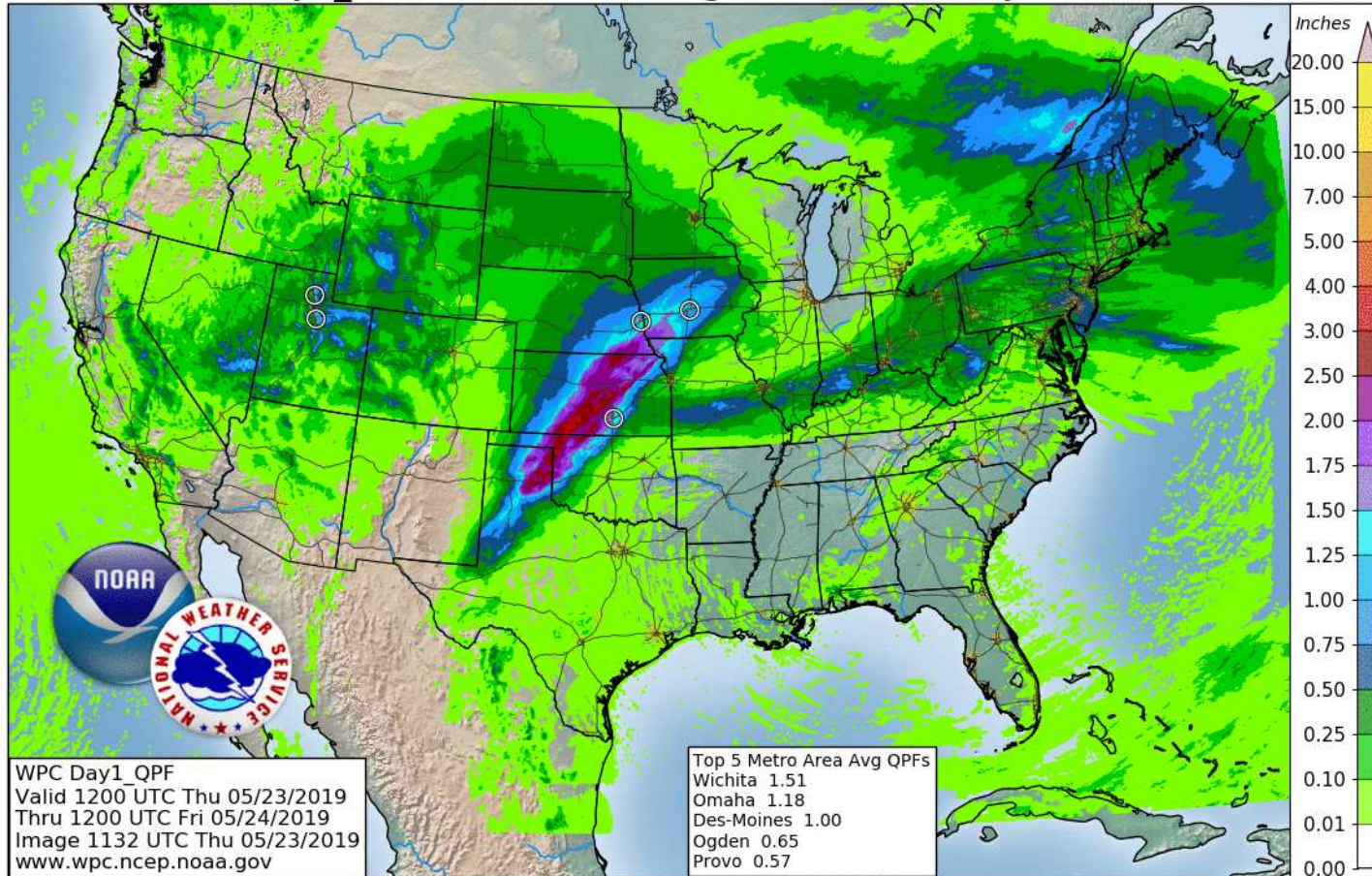
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# Weather Scenario for this Week

WPC Day1\_QPF Valid 24h ending 1200 UTC Friday 05/24/2019



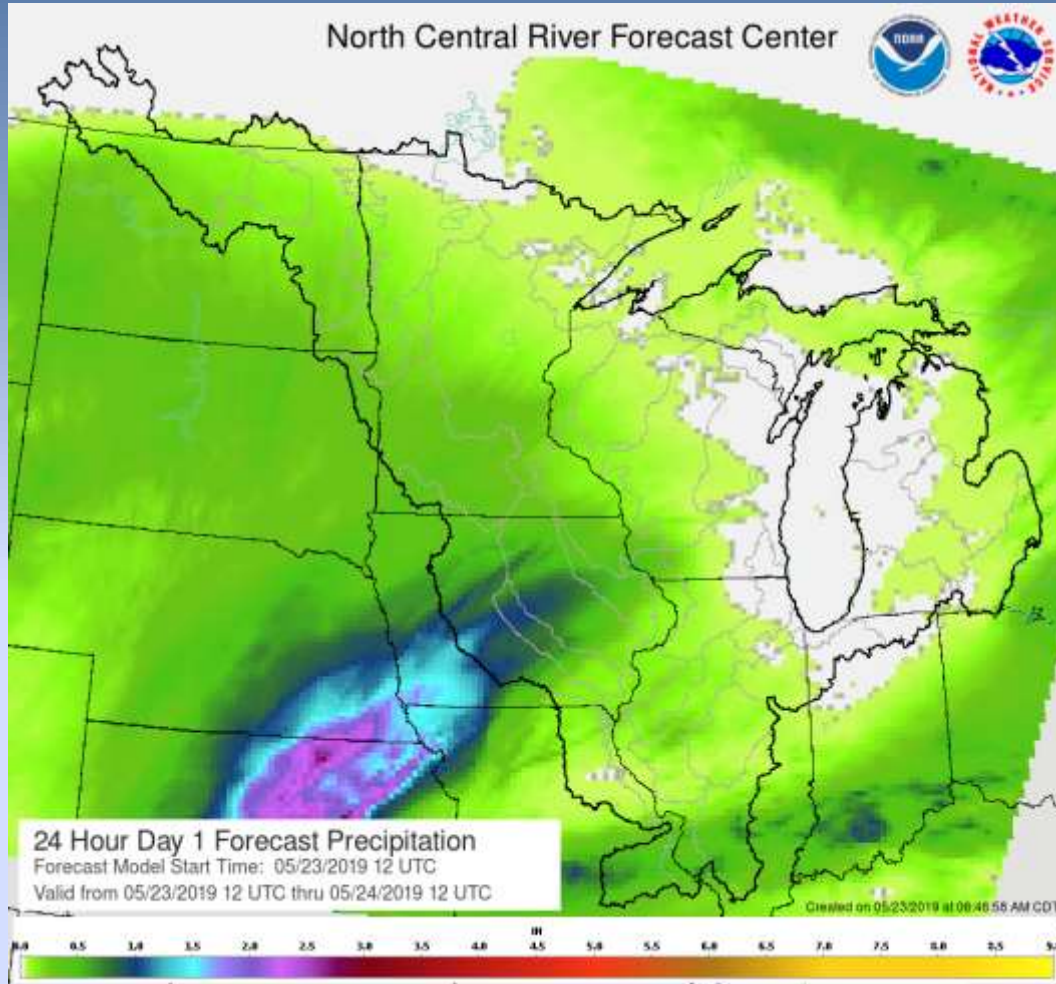
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# Day 1 Rainfall Forecast

(this rain IS included in today's river forecasts)



through 7 am Friday



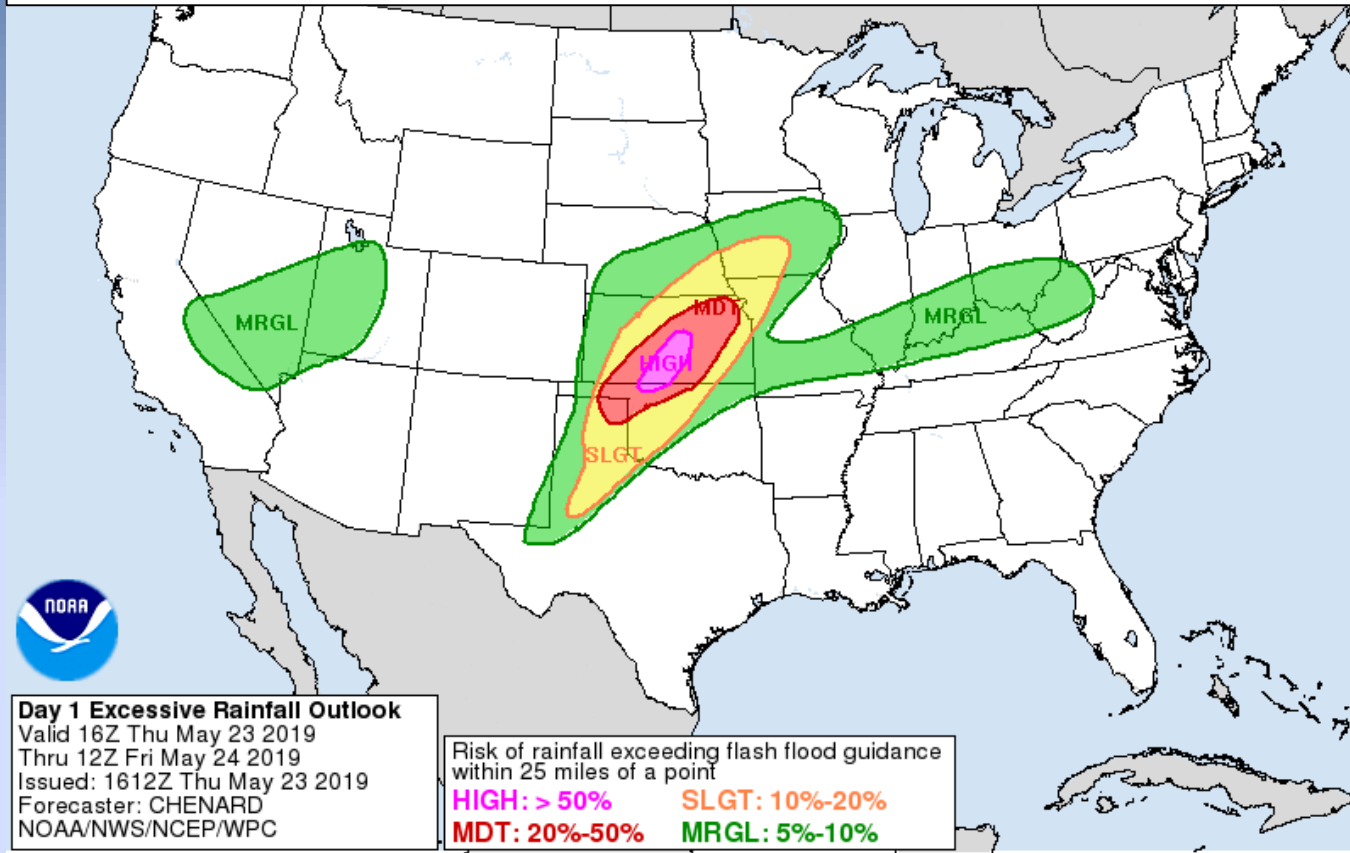
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# Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Forecast

## Through 7 am Friday



**This graphic highlights areas that have potential to receive rainfall amounts or rainfall rates that could lead to flash flooding.**



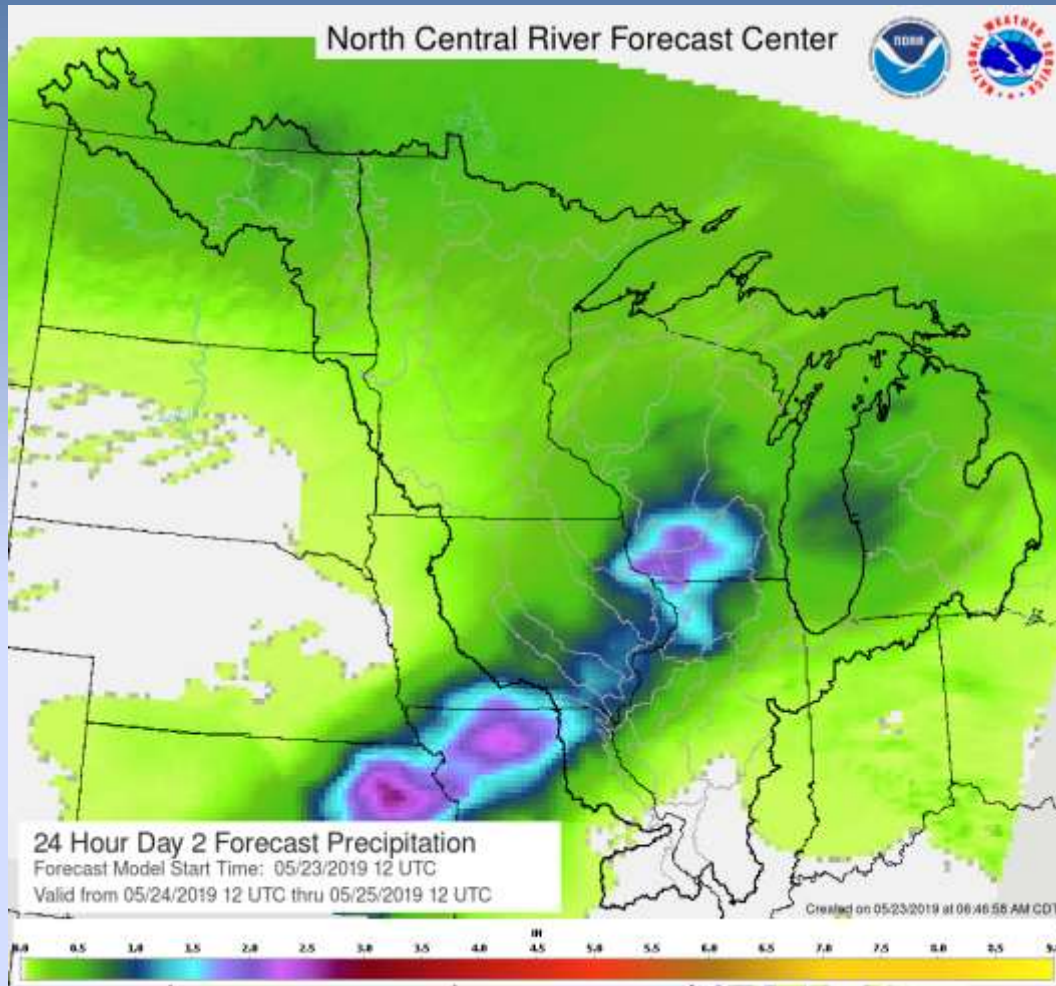
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# Day 2 Rainfall Forecast

(amounts are NOT included in today's river forecasts)



**7 am Friday through 7 am Saturday**

The entirety of this rainfall will not be included in the river forecasts until Friday morning.

Expect the updated forecasts on Saturday to be higher than previous forecasts along the Mississippi River as well as on tributaries that see rainfall.



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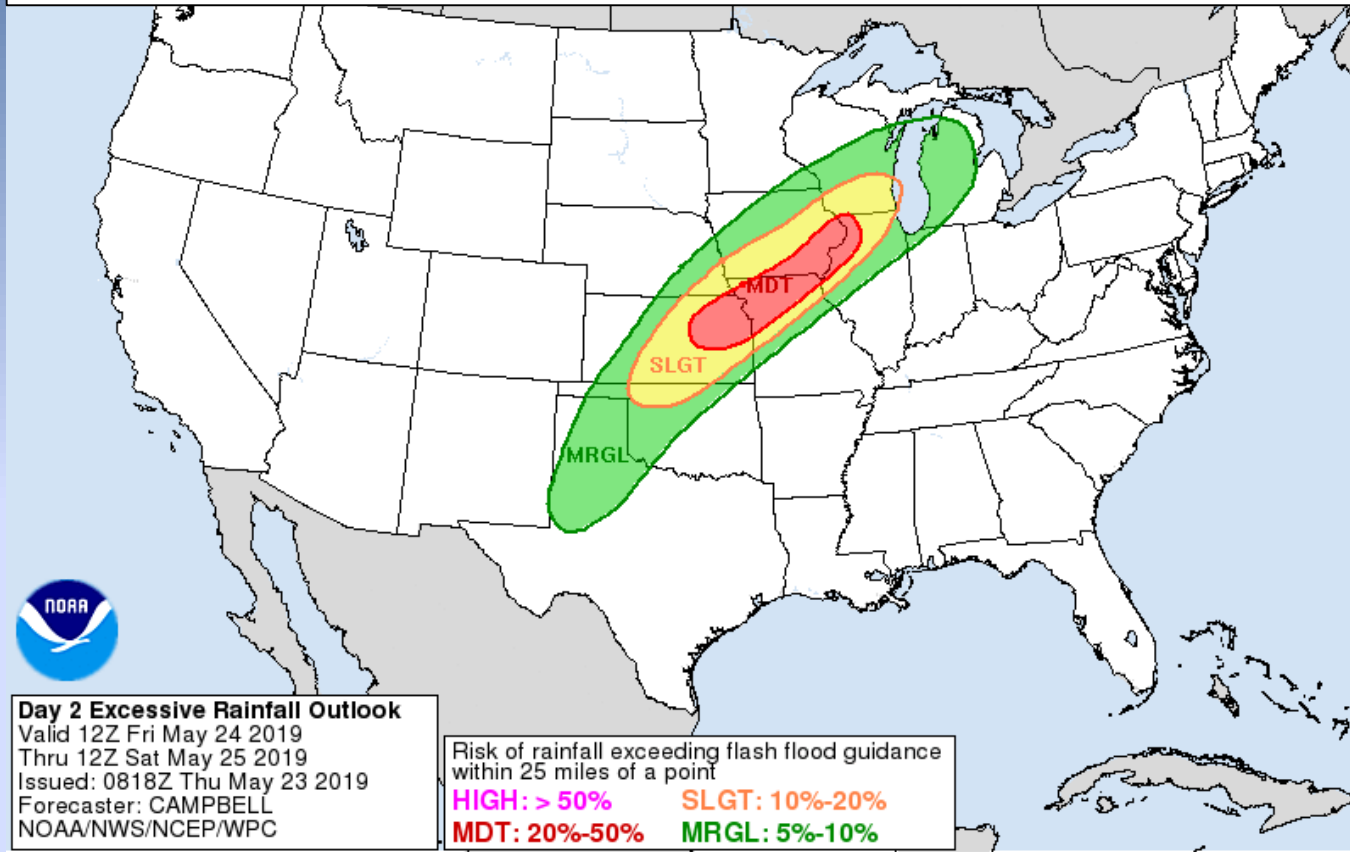
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# Day 2 Excessive Rainfall Forecast

7 am Friday through 7 am Saturday



This graphic highlights areas that have potential to receive rainfall amounts or rainfall rates that could lead to flash flooding.



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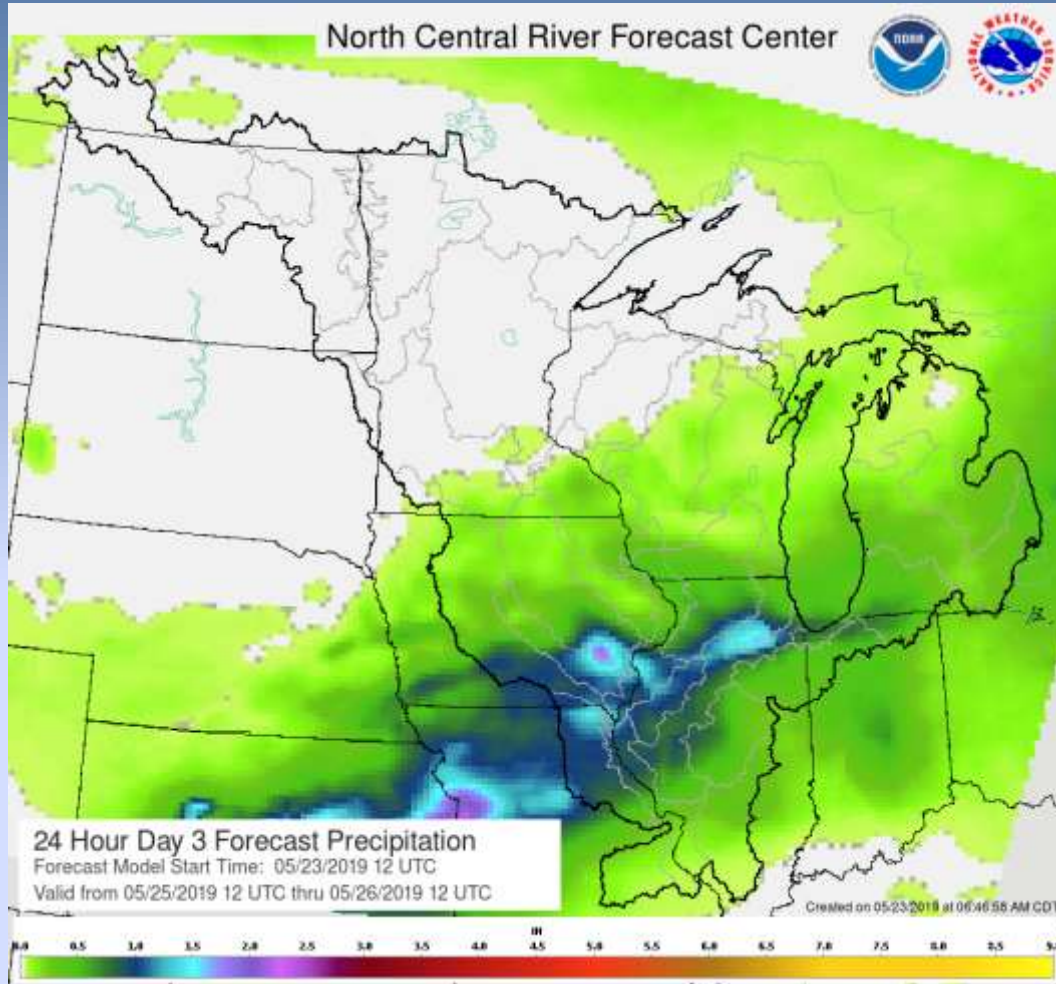


# Day 3 Rainfall Forecast

(amounts are NOT included in today's river forecasts)

Adding more water to the river systems through this 24 hour period will likely cause additional rises to the forecasts once this rainfall is ingested into the river forecasts.

Still some uncertainty in the amounts and location of heaviest rains for this time period.



7 am Saturday through 7 am Sunday



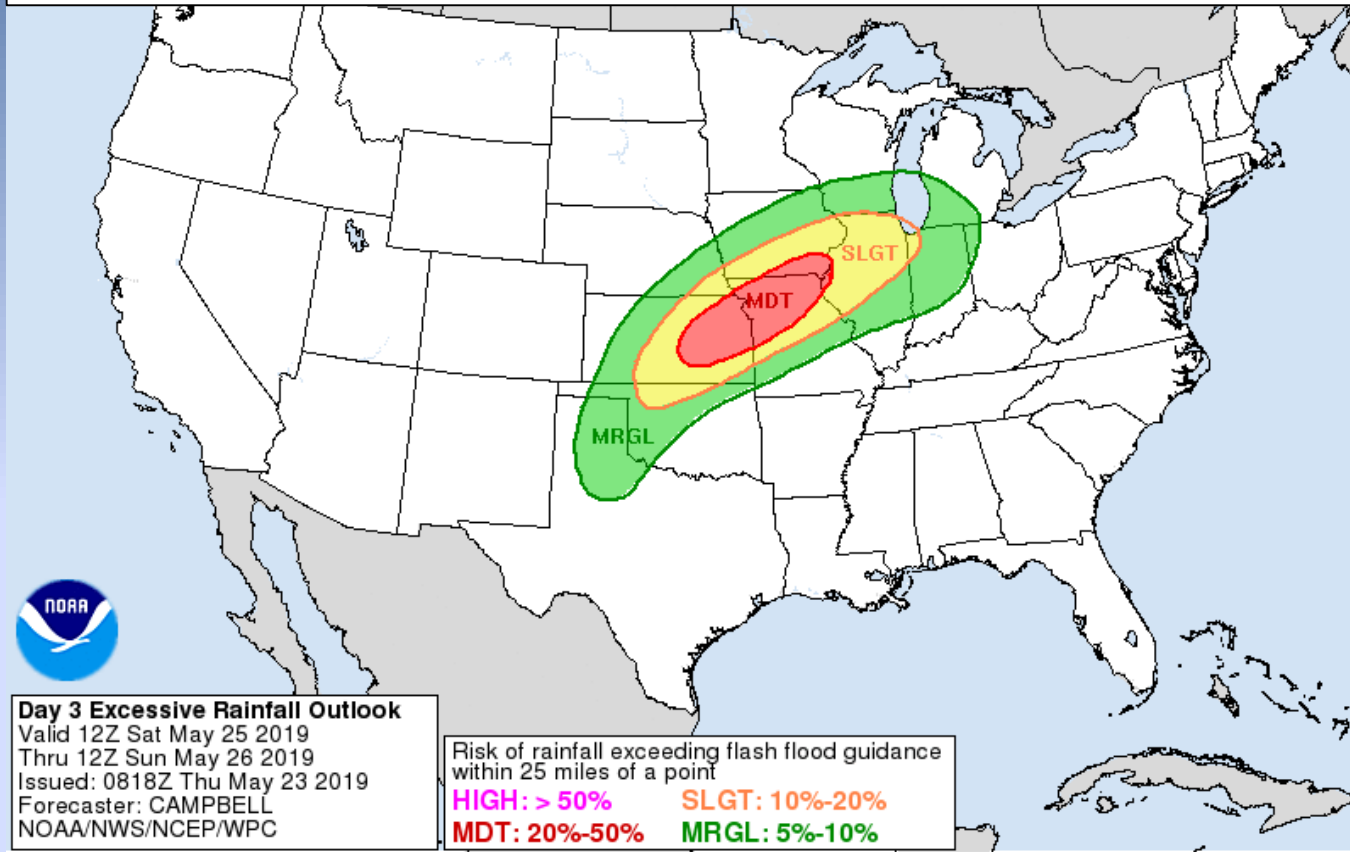
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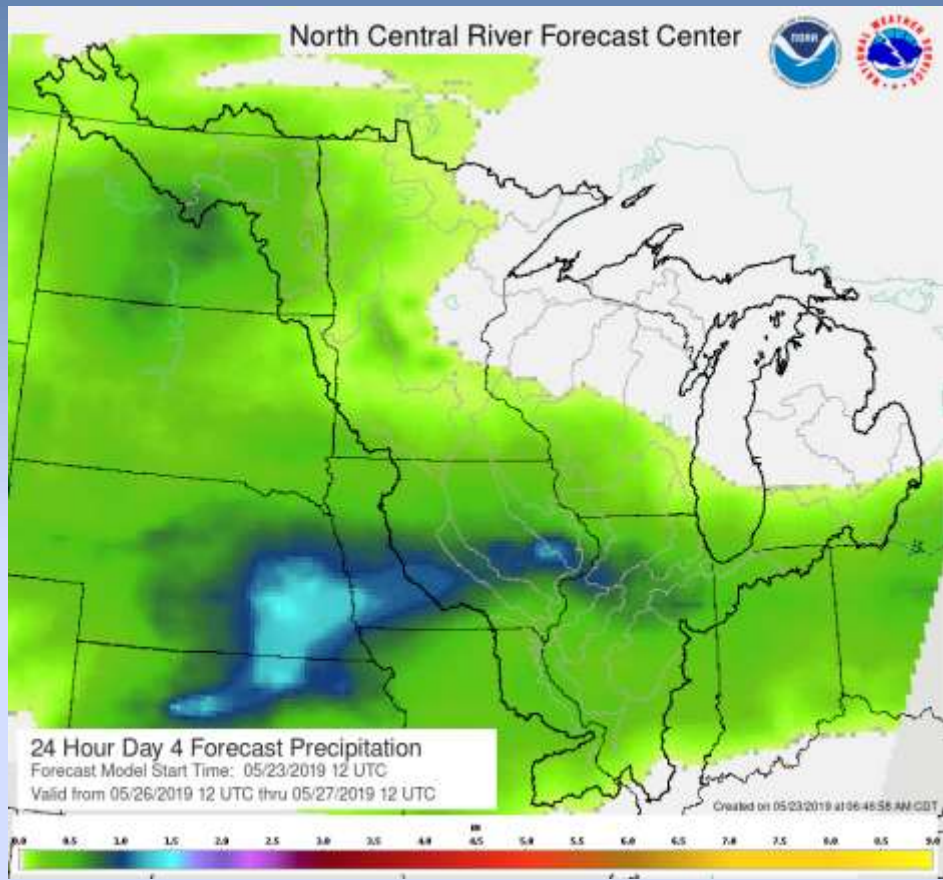
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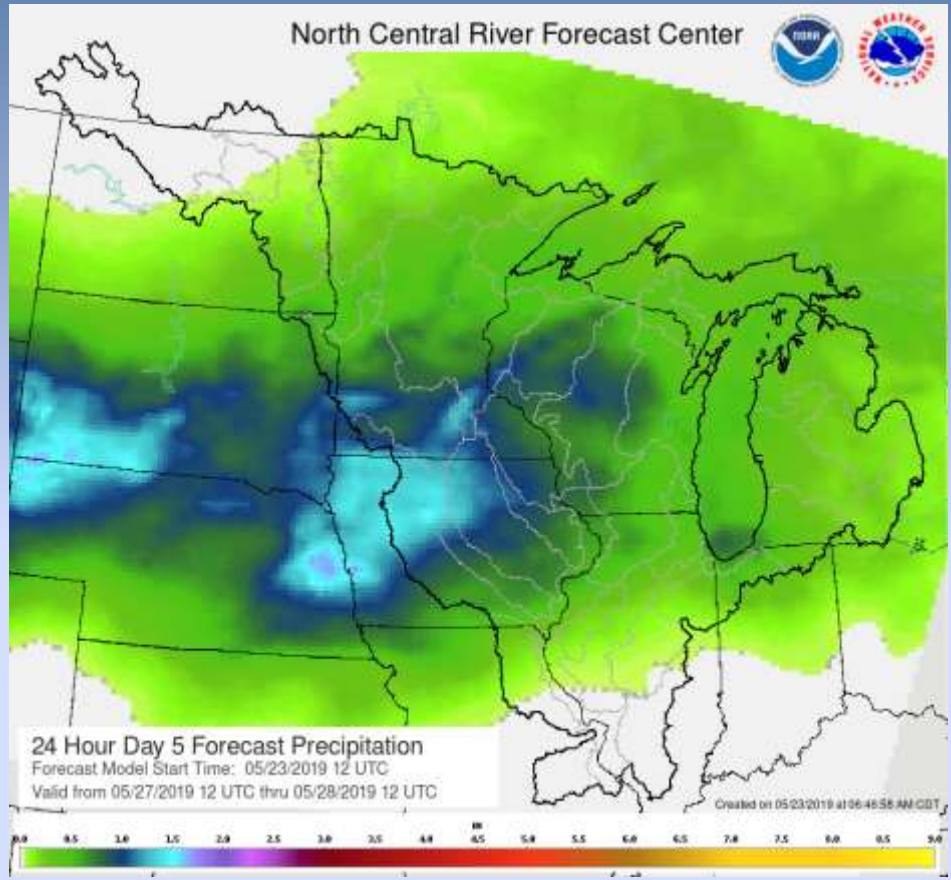


# Days 4 & 5 Forecast Precipitation

(amounts are NOT included in today's river forecasts)



**Sunday and Sunday Night**



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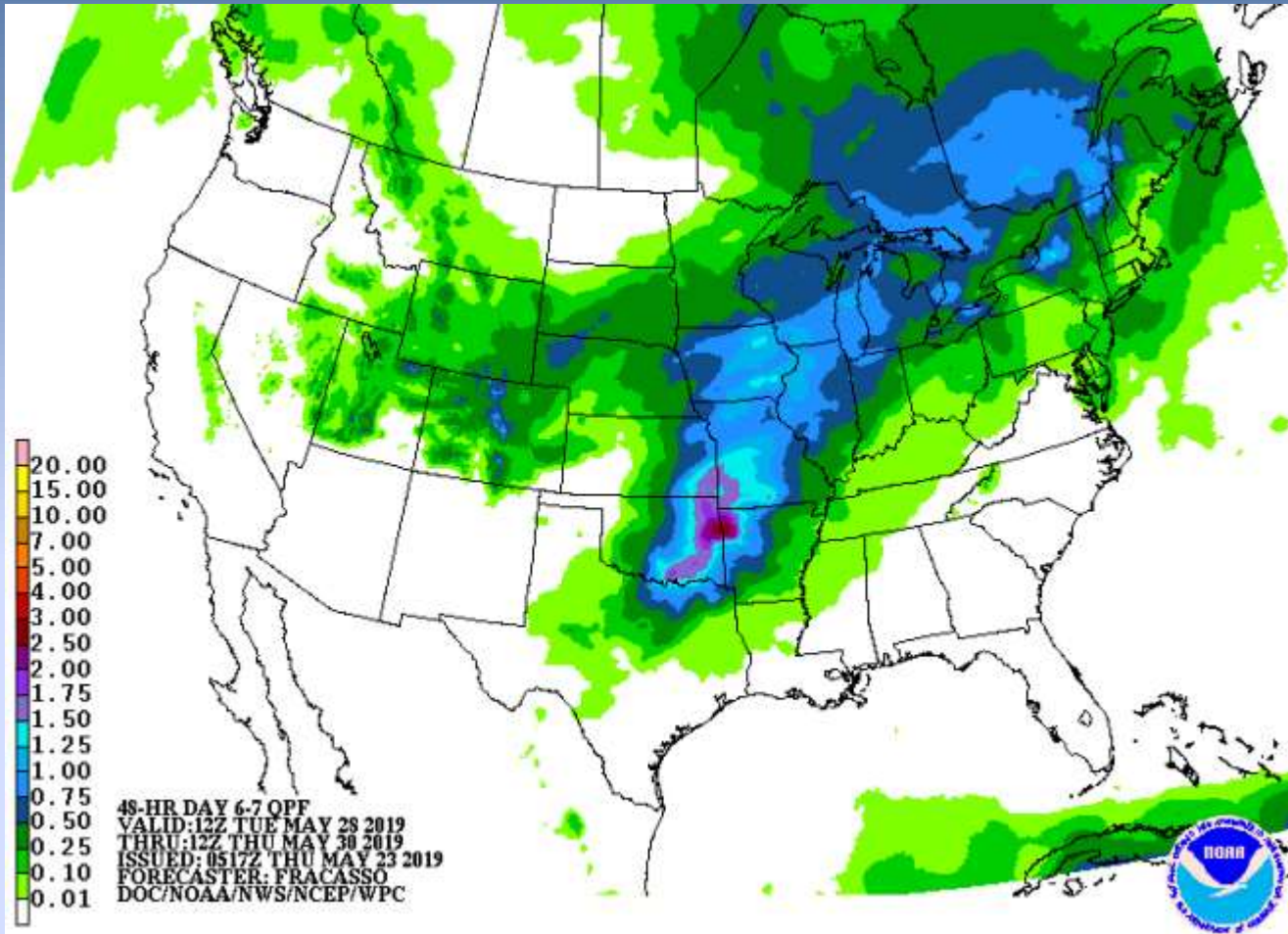
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# Days 6 & 7 Forecast Precipitation

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**Next week: Tuesday through Wednesday Night**



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# Potential Mississippi River Rises



**MISSISSIPPI  
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CREST  
FORECASTS**

*Timing of inflows  
from tributaries  
will be key to  
timing and heights  
of peak crests.*

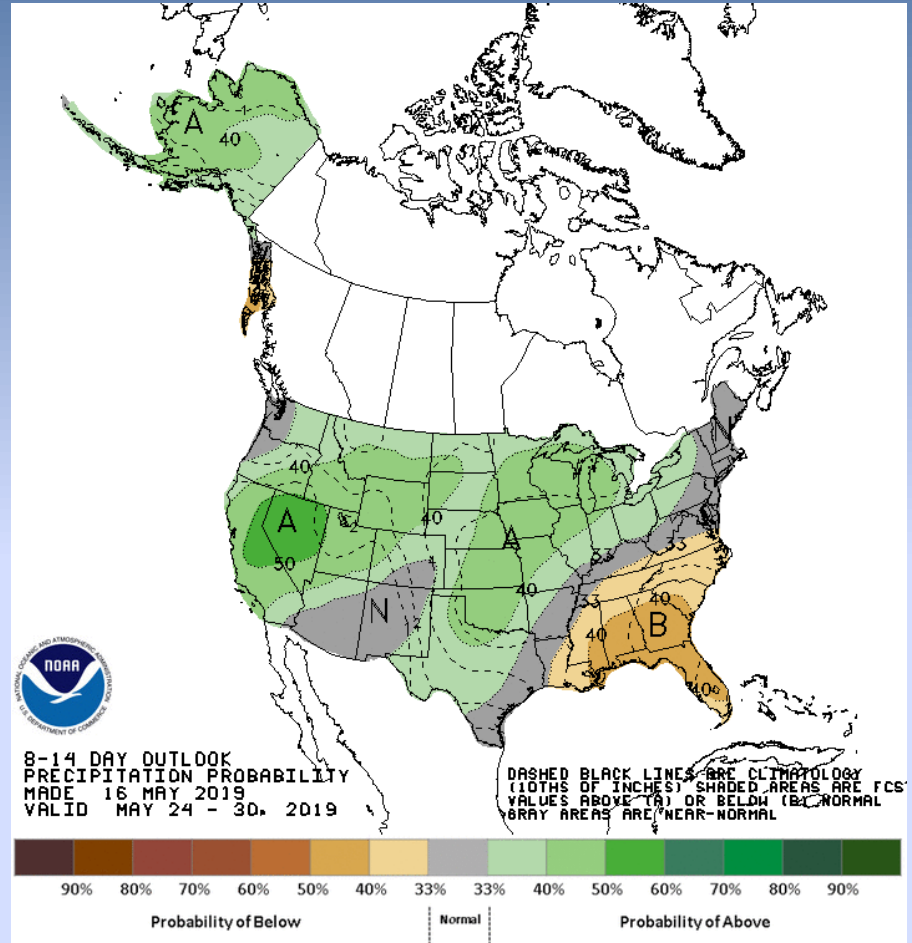
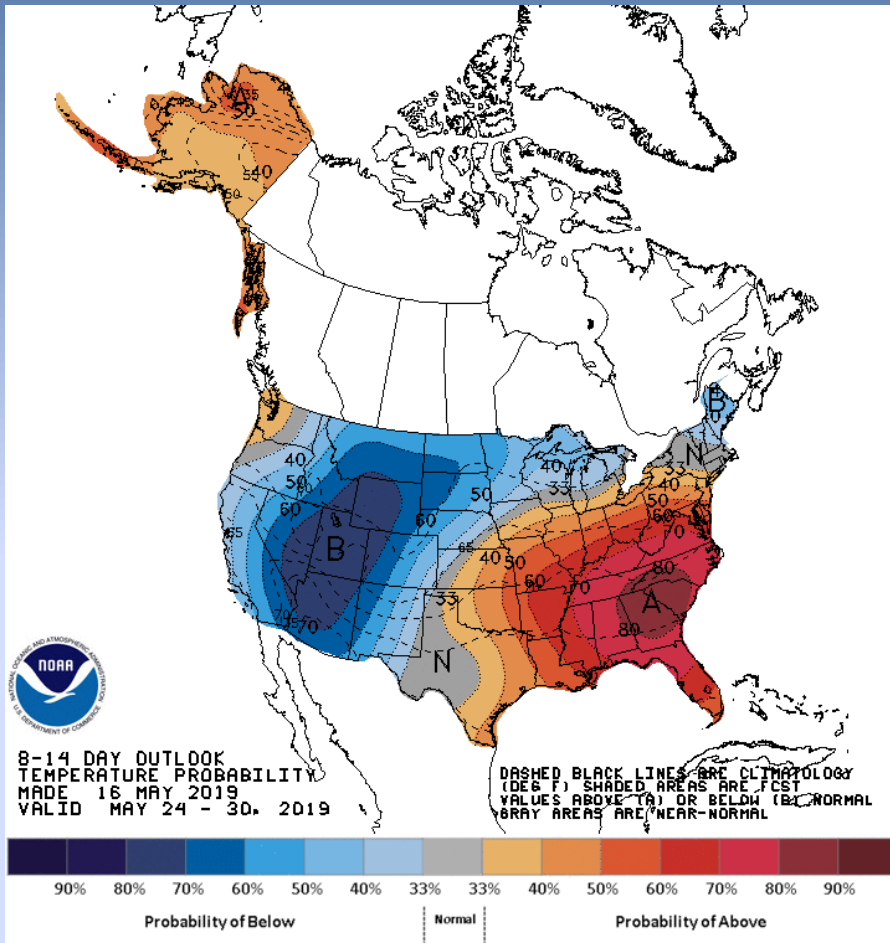
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Location	Reach At Least (feet)	Most Likely Crest Range	Crest
	<u>High Confidence</u>	<u>(top is high end/low confidence)</u>	<u>Timing</u>
Dubuque LD 11	18.5	18.5 → 21.5	5/31 → 6/3
Dubuque RR Bridge	20.0	20.0 → 23.5	5/31 → 6/3
Bellevue LD12	18.0	18.5 → 21.0	5/31 → 6/4
Fulton LD13	18.0	18.5 → 21.5	5/31 → 6/5
Camanche	19.5	20.0 → 23.0	5/31 → 6/5
Le Claire LD14	12.5	13.0 → 16.0	5/31 → 6/5
Rock Island LD15	18.0	19.0 → 22.0	5/31 → 6/6
Illinois City LD16	18.0	19.0 → 23.5	5/31 → 6/6
Muscatine	19.5	20.5 → 24.5	5/31 → 6/6
New Boston LD17	19.5	20.0 → 23.5	6/1 → 6/6
Keithsburg	18.5	19.0 → 22.0	6/1 → 6/4
Gladstone LD18	15.5	16.5 → 20.0	6/1 → 6/4
Burlington	20.0	21.0 → 24.5	6/1 → 6/4
Keokuk LD19	20.0	21.0 → 24.5	5/31 → 6/5
Gregory Landing	22.0	23.0 → 26.0	5/31 → 6/5





# Week 2 Outlook



May 24<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>

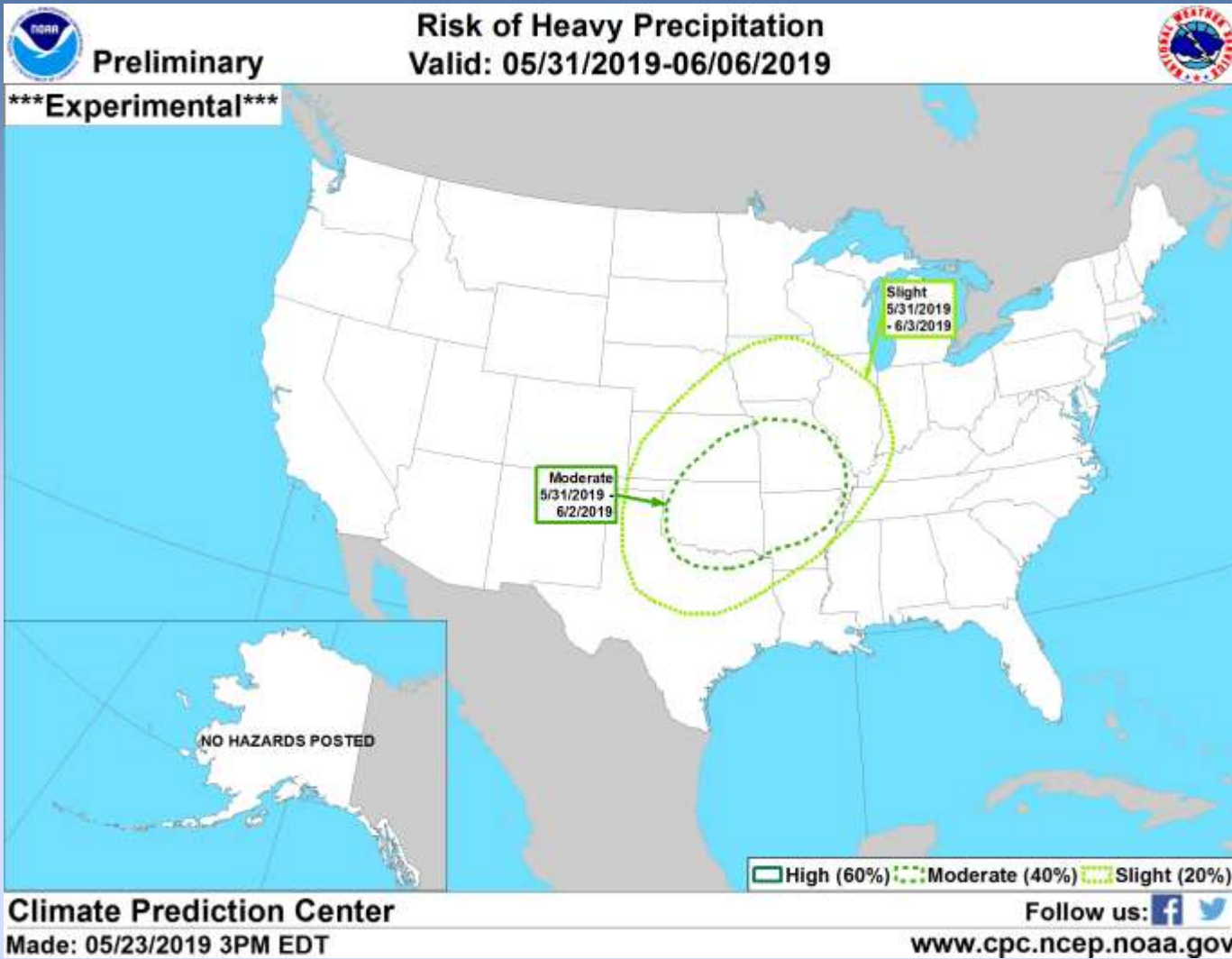


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# Week 2 Precipitation Risk



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# Bottom Line for the Next Week

- **River levels will be rising (both main-stem Mississippi River and Tributary Rivers that see heavy rain).**
- **The current rainfall forecast: 7 day totals have heaviest widespread rains across Iowa and into southern Wisconsin and northwest Illinois.**
- **Confidence in the amounts and placement of forecast rainfall through the next 7 days is not high, however confidence is high that some areas will receive heavy rain, leading to high confidence on Mississippi River rises.**
- **Very little confidence in the weather scenario beyond 7 days, but active weather will mean changes to projected crests could change.**





# 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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