



Drought Information Statement for Central and Northeast Wisconsin

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- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/drought-status-update-midwest-2024-04-25>

Severe Drought (D2) continues across portions of northeast WI from just east of Rhinelander and Wausau eastward to Marinette and the northern two-thirds Oconto counties. Recent rain and snow over the last few weeks has prevented drought conditions from worsening.



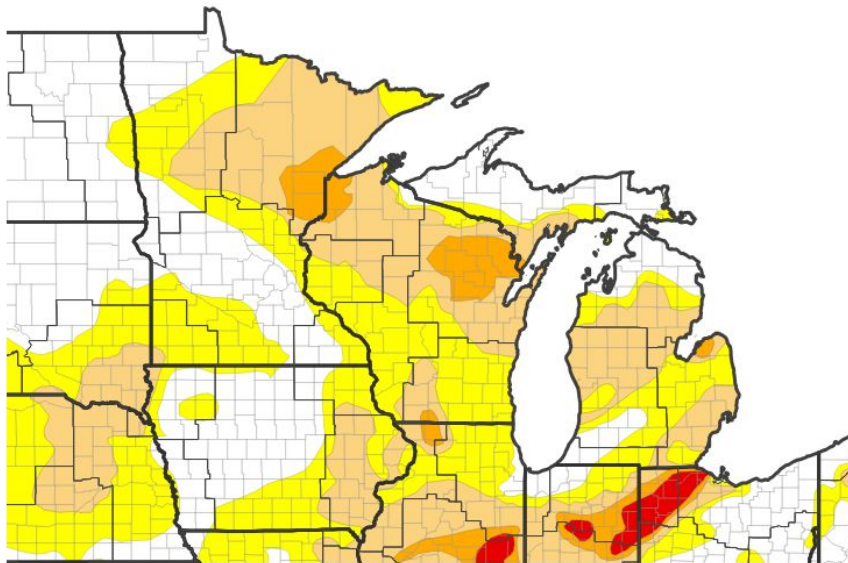


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: From southeast Oneida, eastern Lincoln and northeast Marathon counties eastward through Marinette and the northern two-thirds of Oconto counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Areas outside the Severe Drought (D2) area except across the far north and across portions of south-central Marathon, the southeast two-thirds of Wood, the southwest half of Portage and the southwest two-thirds of Waushara counties.
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: South-central Marathon, the southeast two-thirds of Wood, the southwest half of Portage and the south west two-thirds of Waushara counties.

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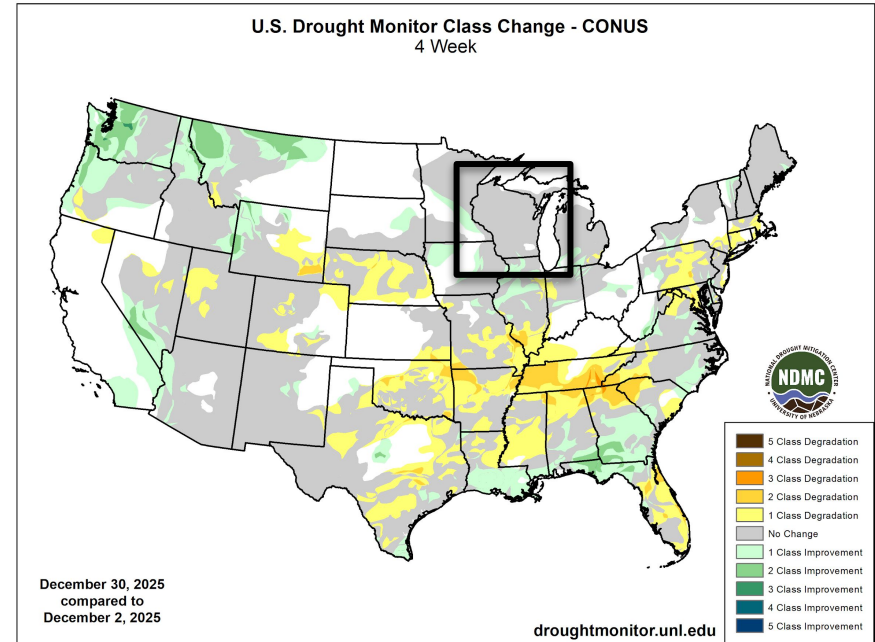
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for [region]

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Improvement:** None.
 - **No Change:** The entire area. Recent rain and snow with low water content during December into early January has prevented the drought from worsening.
 - **Worsening:** None.



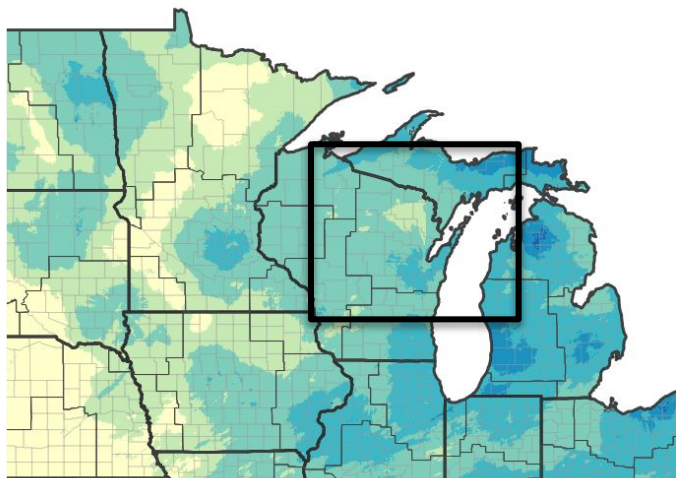


Precipitation

- Precipitation over the last month are running 50-75% of normal across the north and closer to near normal to slightly above across central and east-central WI.

30 Day Precipitation Accumulation (inches)

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation

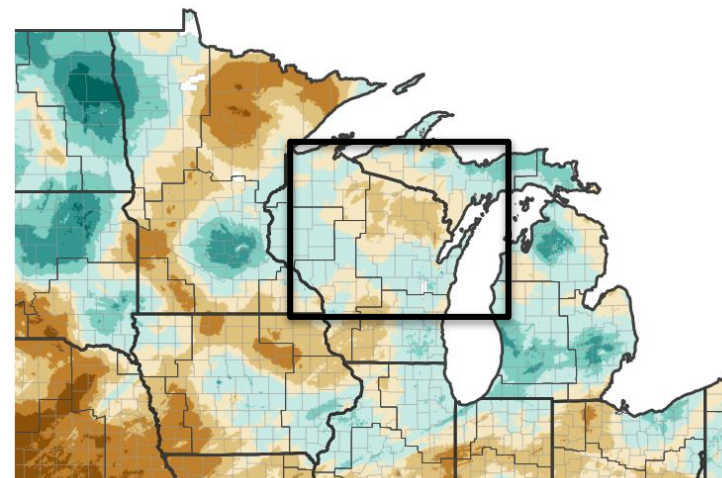


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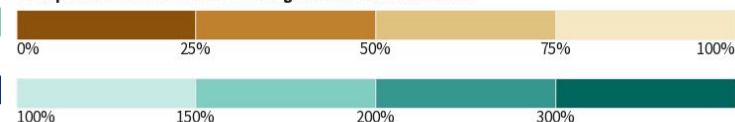
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30 Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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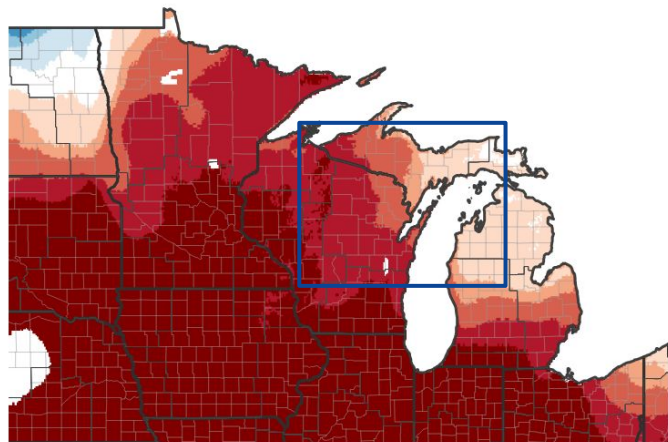


Temperature

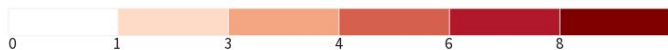
The 7 day temperature anomalies (left image) capture a mild spell on Christmas that ended on the 30th of December with below normal temperatures again on the 1st and 2nd of January.

The 30 day temperature anomalies (right image) indicated temperatures ranged 3-6 degrees below normal. It was the coldest first half of December in nearly 20 years at Green Bay.

7 Day Temperature Anomaly
7-Day Temperature Anomaly



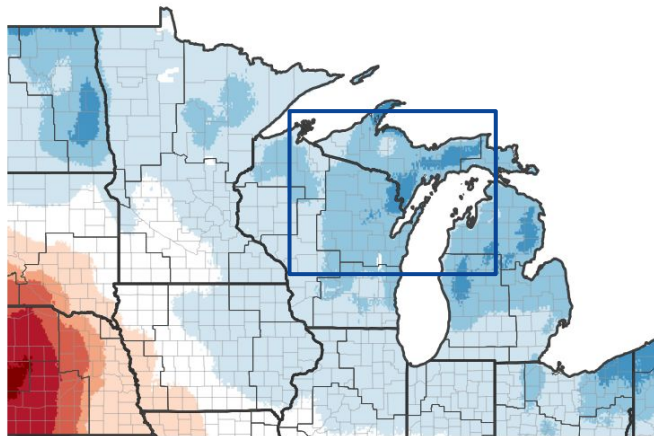
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



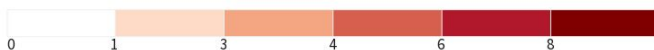
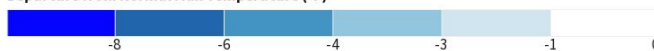
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30 Day Temperature Anomaly
30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max 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

- Recent rainfall and snowmelt from a mild stretch of weather around Christmas has brought river levels up and stream flows closer to normal.

Agricultural Impacts

- There should be minimal impacts to agricultural interest since the main growing ended. Winter crops could be impacted if the dry weather continues through the winter. .

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The risk of fires is very low due to recent precipitation and a snowpack across the region.
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Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

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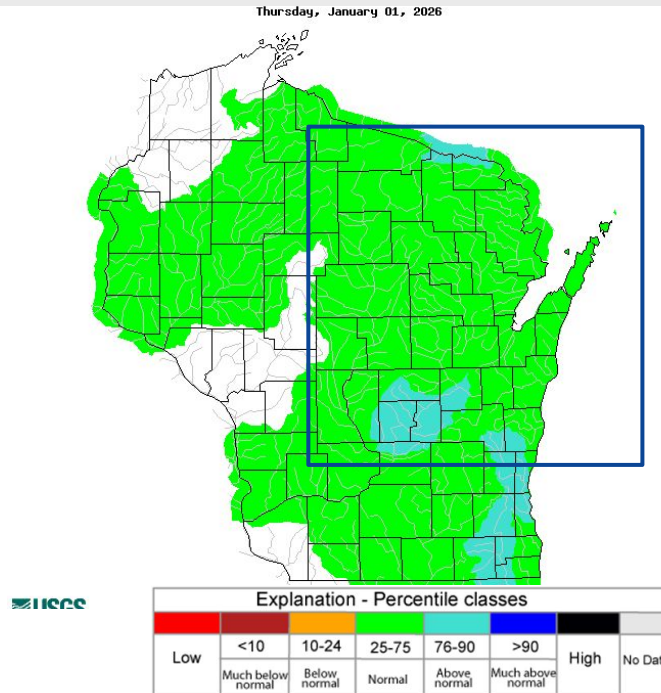
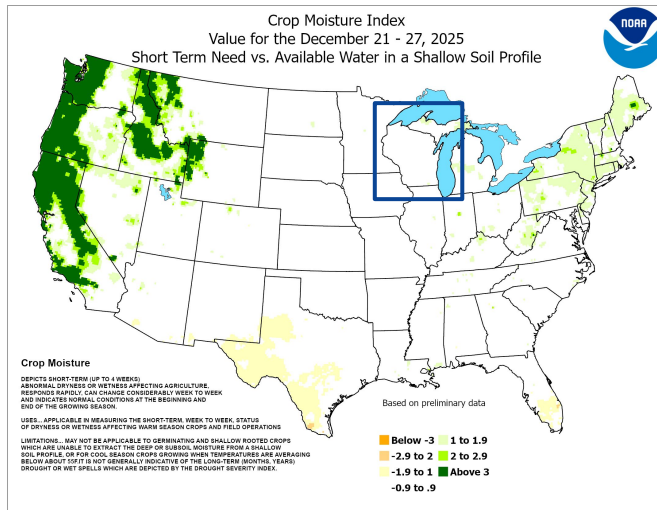
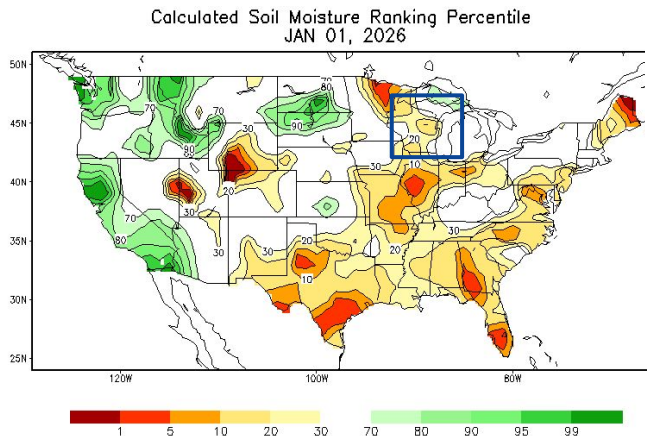


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 12 11 2024



Agricultural Impacts

- Much of the area continues to indicate a frost depth of several inches during the mild stretch of weather at the end of December, resulting in snow melt and some rain ran off and did not soak into the soil.

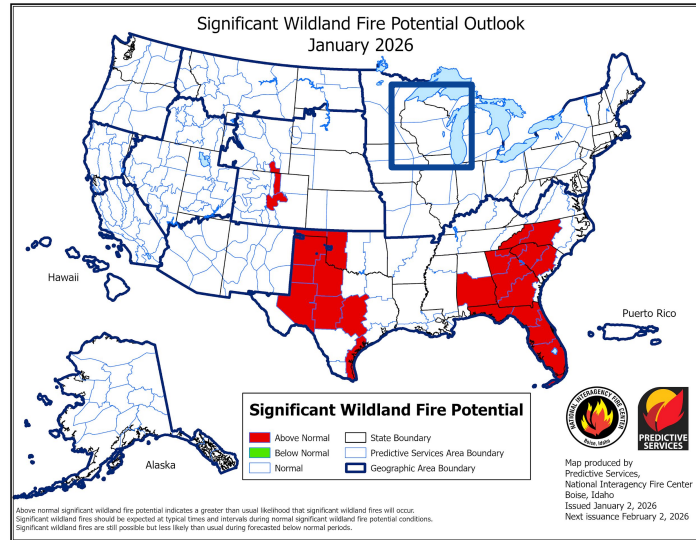




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- The risk of wildland fires is low due to a snowpack and recent precipitation across the region.



Wisconsin Fire Danger Map



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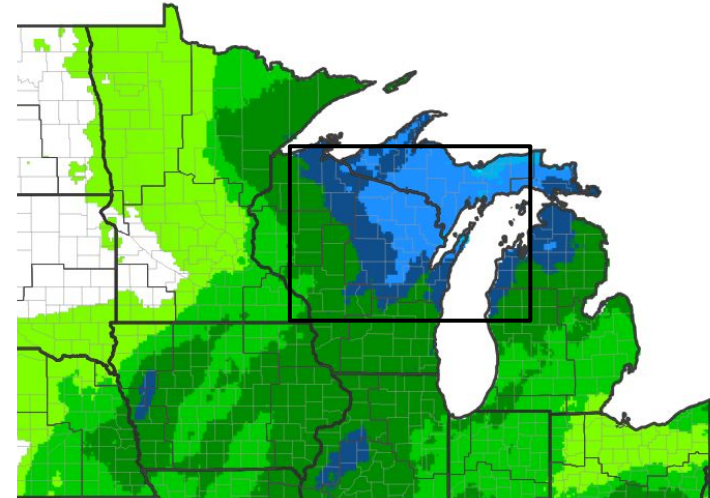
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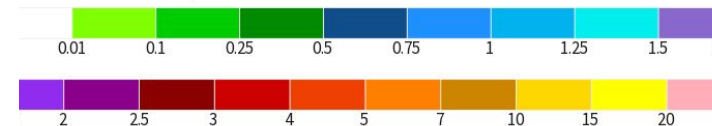
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- There is a chance of light snow Saturday, and then a more substantial snow event Sunday afternoon and Sunday night. There is a chance of wintry mix on Tuesday.

Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for January 2, 26-January 9, 2026



dicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 01/01/2026





Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

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

- Looking out for the next two weeks suggests that only minor changes in drought conditions across north-central and northeast WI.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: January 10 - 16, 2026



Climate Prediction Center

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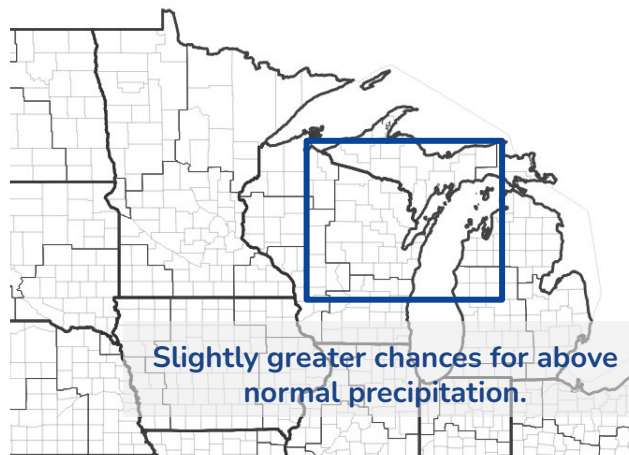


Long-Range Outlooks

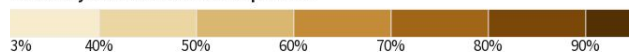
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- There are nearly equal chances of above, below or near normal precipitation during January.
- There is a greater chance for below normal temperatures during January.

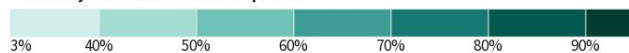
Monthly Precipitation Outlook for January 1,
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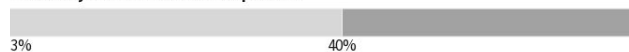
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

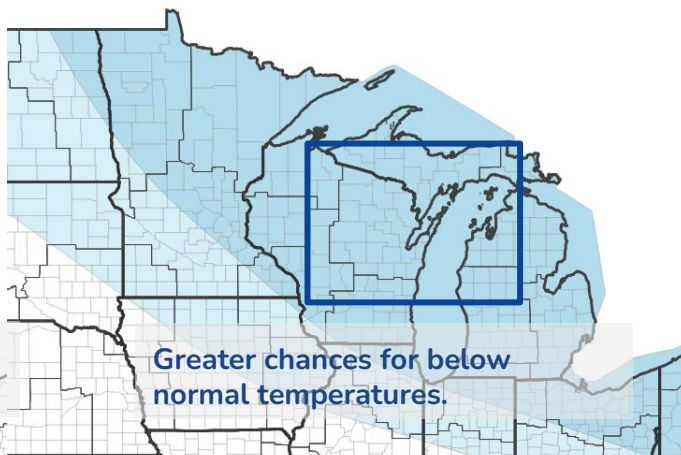


Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for January 1,
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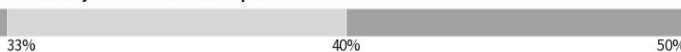
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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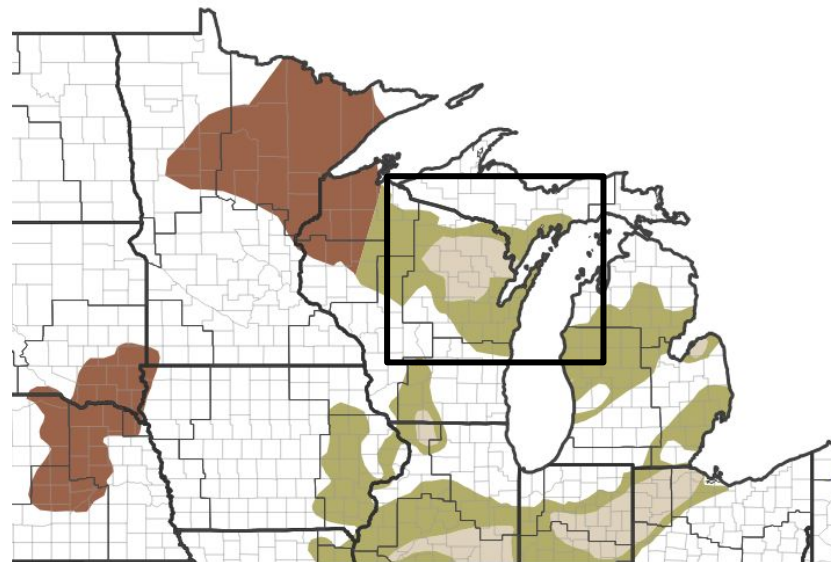


Drought Outlook

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- The latest Drought Outlook for the winter into early spring is calling for at least an improvement in drought conditions and may come to an end in some spots.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for December 31, 2025–March 31, 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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