Drought Information Statement for Central and Northeast Wisconsin

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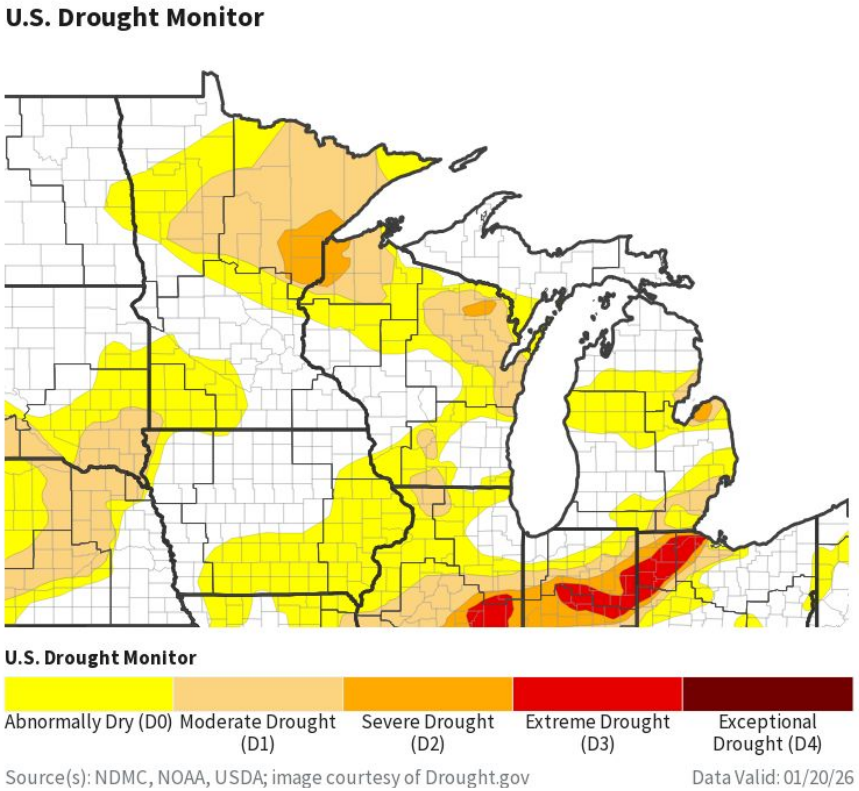
- This product will be updated around December 20, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/grb/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
- Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/drought-status-update-midwest-2024-04-25

Above normal precipitation (rain and melted snow) over the past month has reduced the area of the Severe Drought (D2) across northeast WI. Based on the January 20th Drought Monitor, Severe Drought (D2) still persisted across southeast Forest and far northwest Marinette counties. The remainder of north-central and northeast WI remained in Moderate Drought (D1) or Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions due to long term precipitation deficits.

U.S. Drought Monitor

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

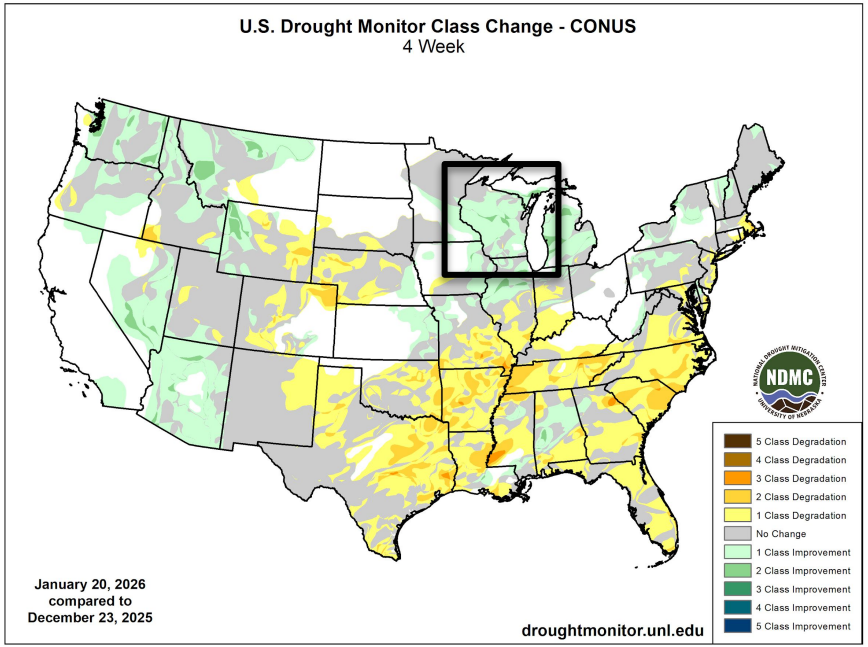
- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Southeast Forest and far northwest Marinette counties.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: From Rhinelander and Merrill southeast through Antigo, Shawano, Oconto, Green Bay and then to the lakeshore counties of Kewaunee and Manitowoc.
  - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Areas shaded in yellow on the map that surround Moderate Drought (D1).
  - **No Category of Drought:** Northern Vilas, southwest third of Marathon, Portage except far northeast, southwest third of Waupaca, western two thirds of Waushara and all of Wood counties.



Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

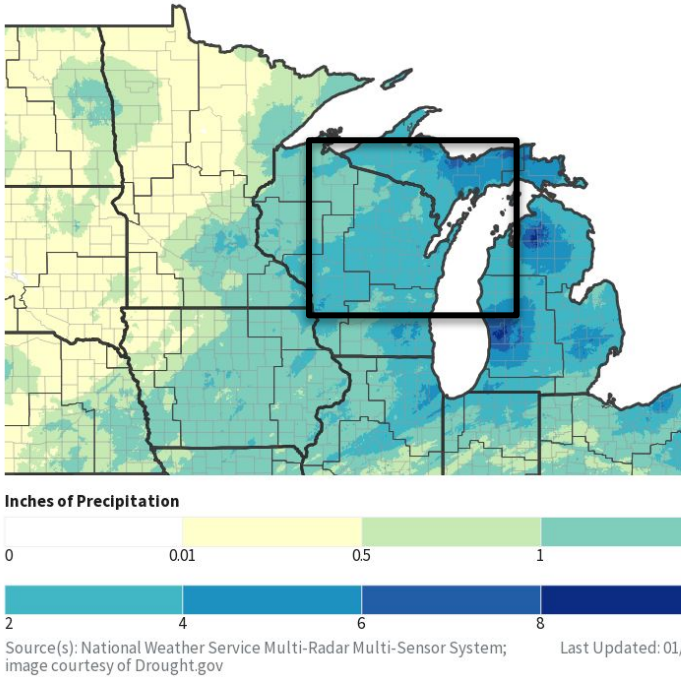
- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - **Drought Improvement**: Much of the area has seen a one class improvement in the drought, with pockets of 2 class improvement over central WI.
  - **No Change**: There are pockets of no change across portions of north-central WI, with a larger area of no change from Oconto and Green Bay into southern Door County southward into Calumet, Kewaunee and Manitowoc counties.
  - **Worsening**: None.



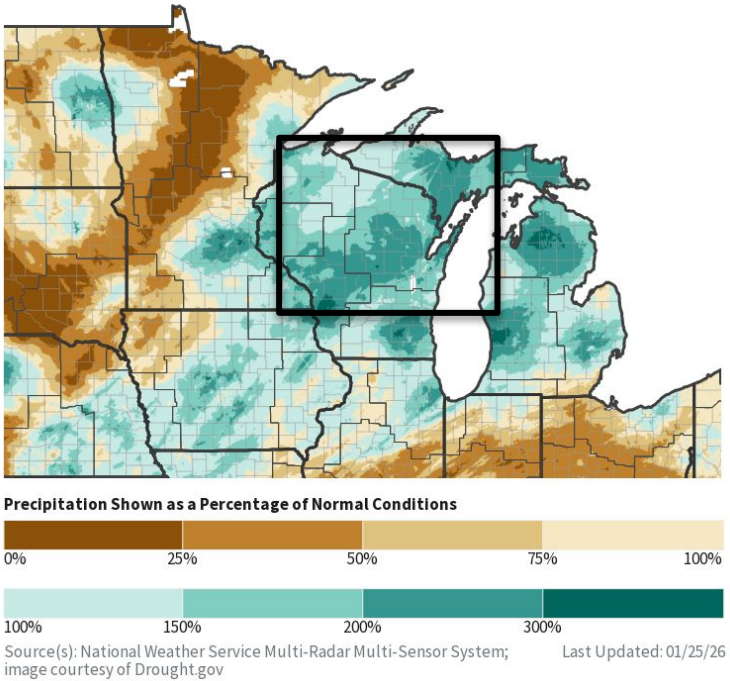
Precipitation

- Precipitation totals over the last month have been running 150-300% of normal due to an active La Nina pattern this winter.

30 Day Precipitation Accumulation (inches)



30 Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

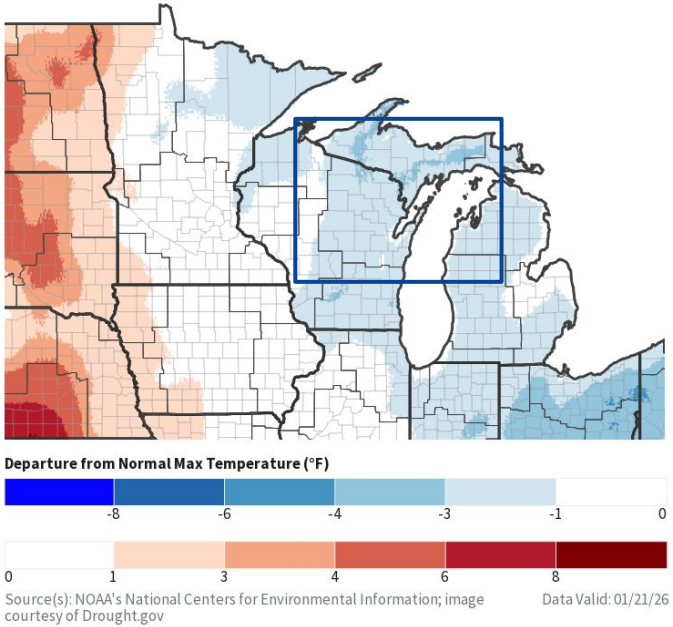


Temperature

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



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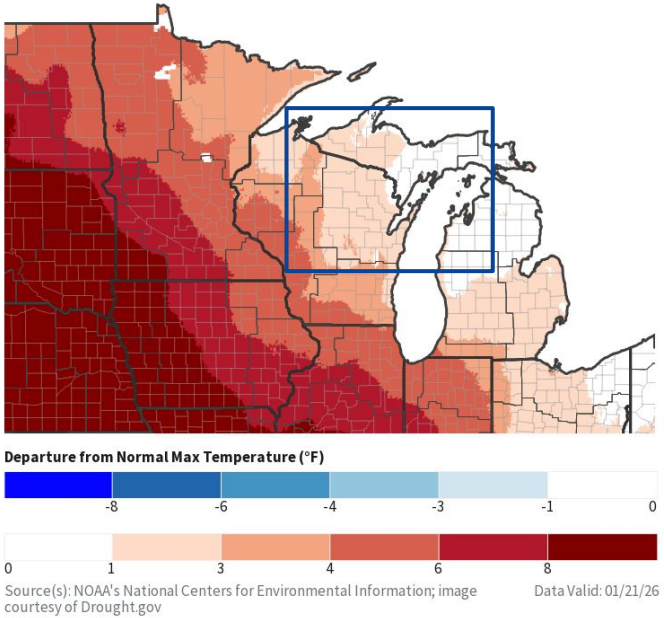

Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR) and view the Drought Impacts Reporter

Hydrologic Impacts

- Recent rain/snow and a few periods of snowmelt since the middle of December has brought stream flows closer to normal, and in some areas across northeast WI above normal for the latter half of January.

Agricultural Impacts

- There should be minimal impacts to agricultural interests.

Fire Hazard Impacts

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

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

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

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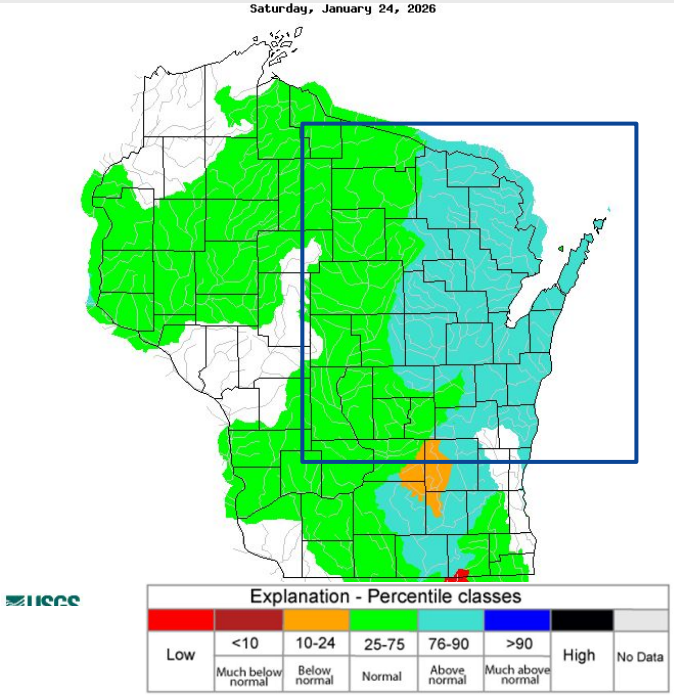

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 12 11 2024

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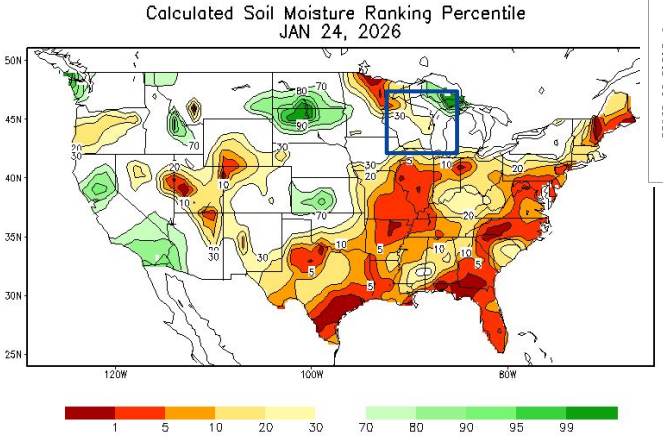
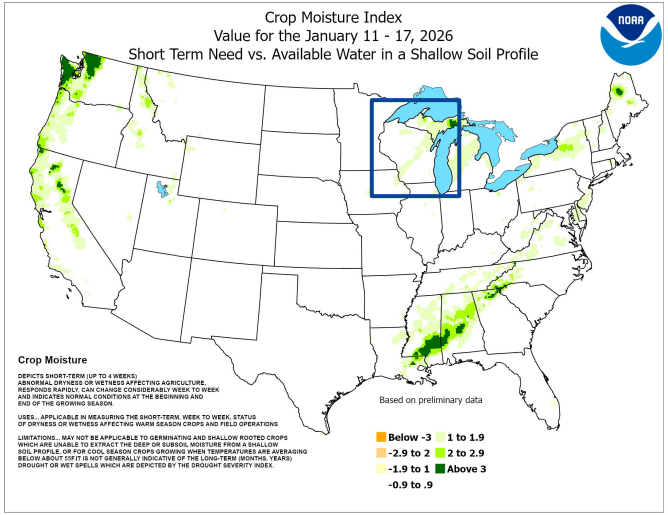
- Much of the recent rain/snow and a few periods of snowmelt since the middle of December has not helped soil moisture since the ground is frozen at most places.





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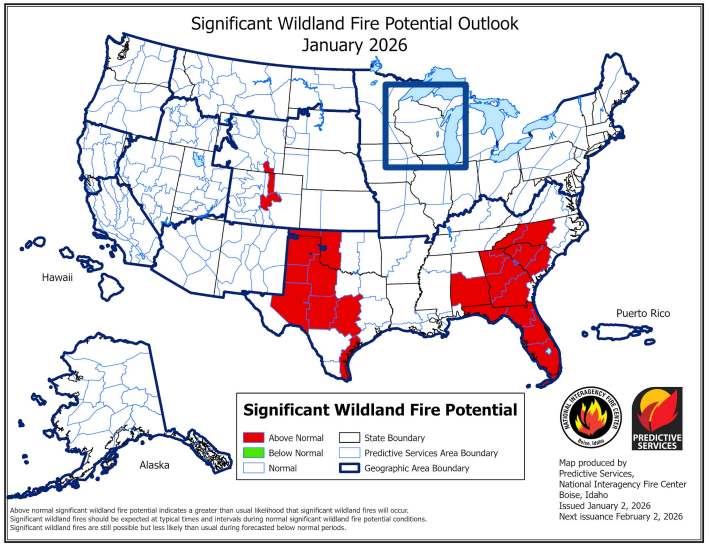
Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center.]

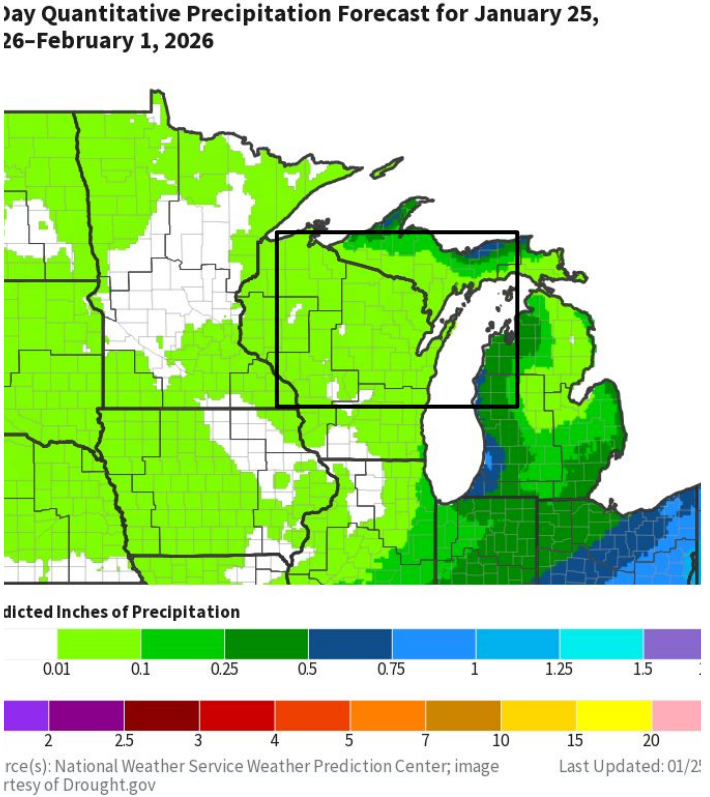
- The risk of wildland fires is low due to a snowpack and recent precipitation across the region.



[Wisconsin Fire Danger Map]

Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

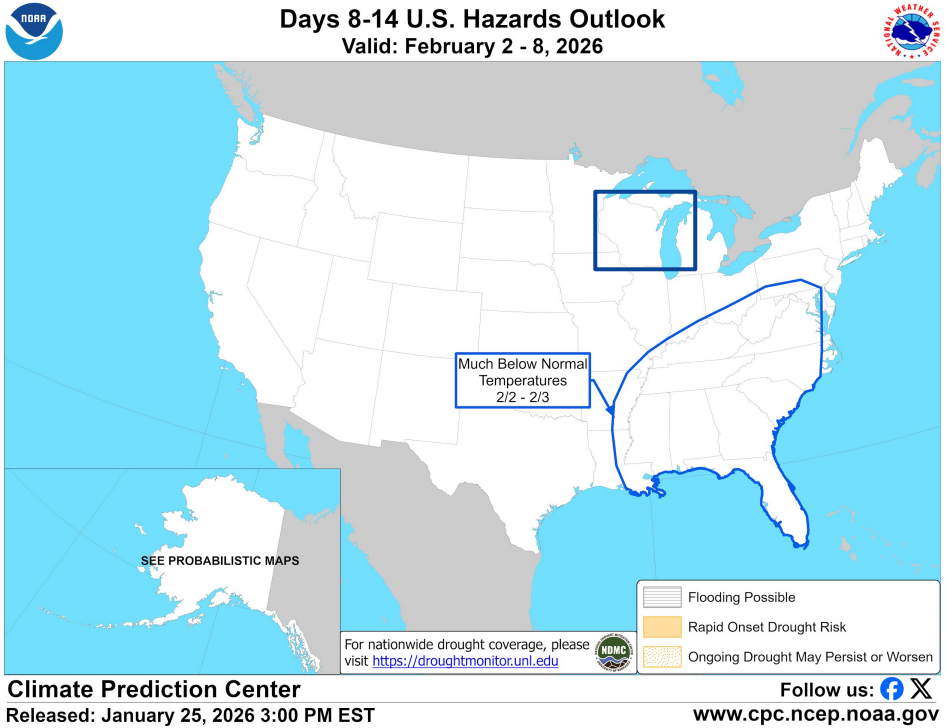
- Light precipitation totals are expected through the end of January.
- A clipper system will bring under an inch of snow Monday night to northern WI.



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.



Long-Range Outlooks

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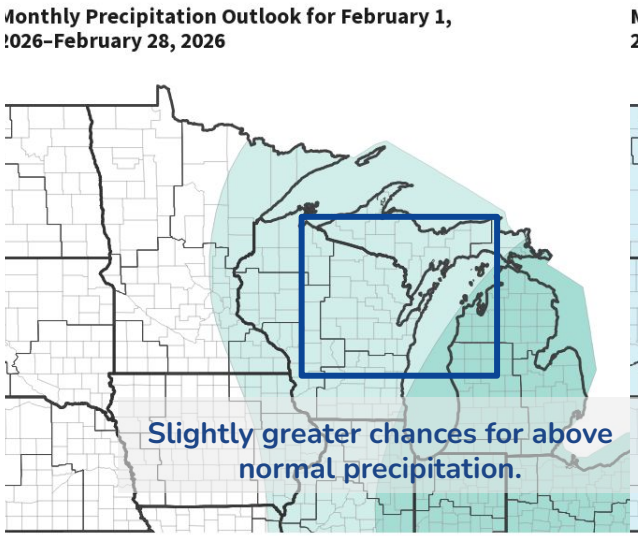
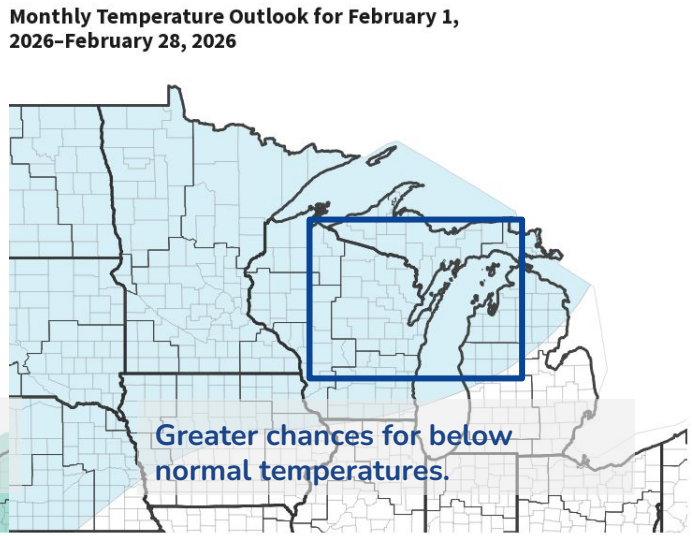
- There is a greater chance for below normal temperatures during February.





Monthly Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026

Monthly Temperature Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026

Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation

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Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation

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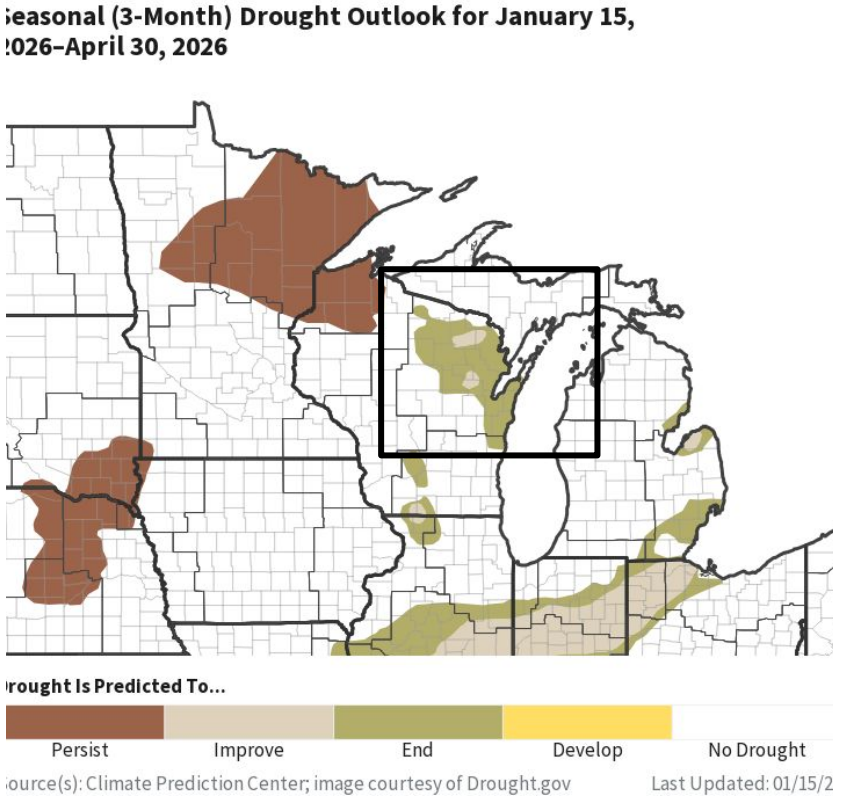
- The latest Drought Outlook for the winter into spring is calling for at least an improvement in drought conditions and may come to an end in some spots.



Links to the latest:
Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook