



Drought Information Statement for Central and Northeast Wisconsin

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Extreme Drought (D3) across all but far northern Vilas and all but far southeast Oneida counties expanded eastward into Florence, the northern half of Forest and far northern sections of Marinette counties. Moderate (D1) to Severe (D2) Drought continued north and east of a line from Babcock to Langlade to Green Bay to Algoma. To the south of this line, there was a very small area of Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions to no designation of drought across central and east-central WI.





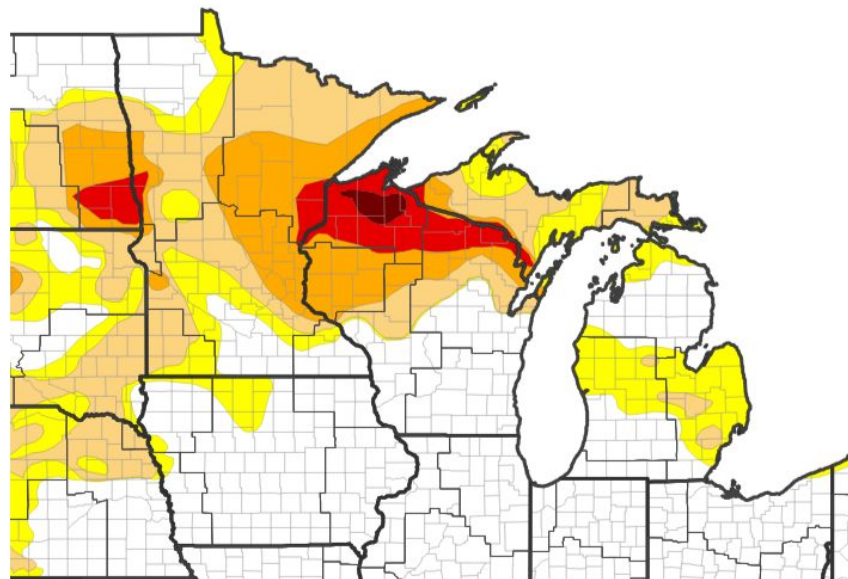
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Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Midwest

Drought intensity and Extent

- **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: All but far northern Vilas & all but far southeast Oneida counties eastward into Florence, the northern half of Forest and far northern sections of Marinette counties.
- **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Lincoln county eastward into Forest and Marinette counties, then southeast into central Door County.
- **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: North and east of a line from Babcock to Langlade to Green Bay to Algoma.
- **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Small area south of the Moderate Drought (D1) area and across the northern third of Door County.
- **No Category of Drought**: Generally south of a line from Babcock to Langlade to Green Bay to Algoma.
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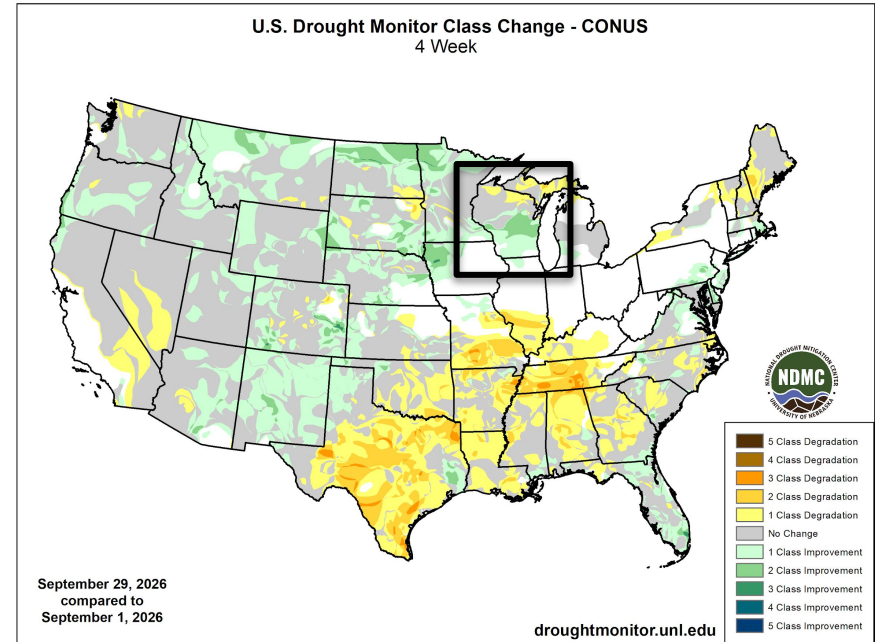




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Improvement:** Central, east-central and portions of northeast WI.
 - **No Change:** Portions of north-central and far northeast WI.
 - **Worsening:** Vilas and Oneida counties eastward into Florence, Forest and northern Marinette counties.



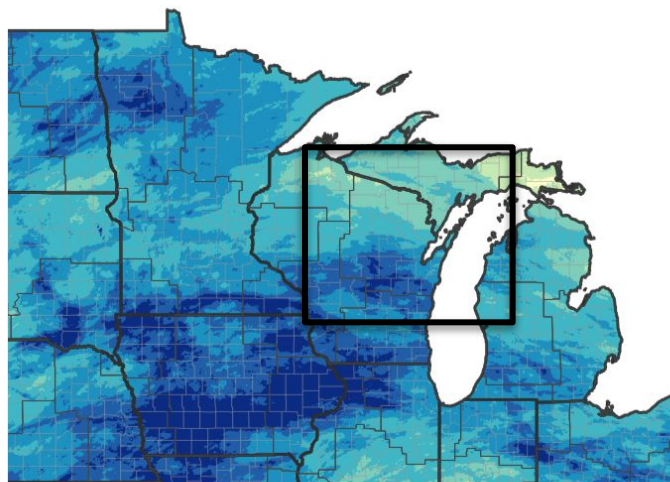


Precipitation

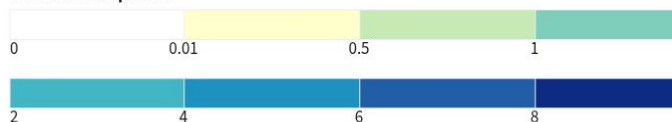
- There was a sharp contrast in rainfall totals across the region in September.
- 1-2 inches, or 30-60% of normal were reported across the far north.
- The worst drought conditions were along the Michigan border.
- Across east-central WI, rainfall totals of 6 to 10 inches were recorded. The highest total was 9.83 inches at St. Nazianz. Brillion recorded 9.44 inches (301% of normal) and Chilton 8.43 inches (254% of normal).

30 Day Precipitation Accumulation (inches)

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



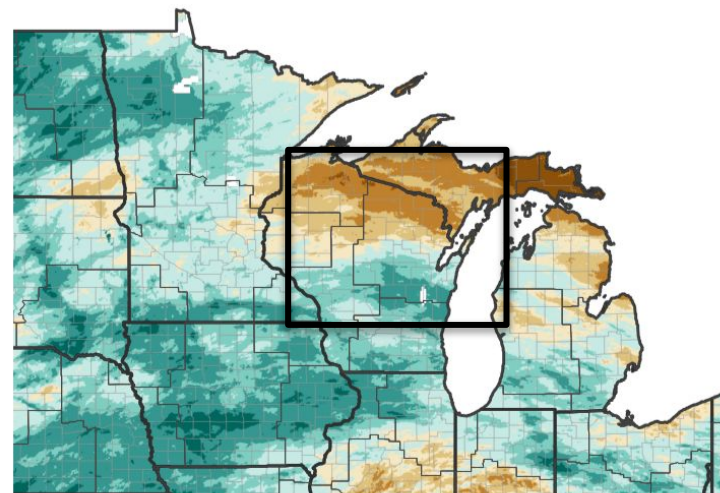
Inches of Precipitation



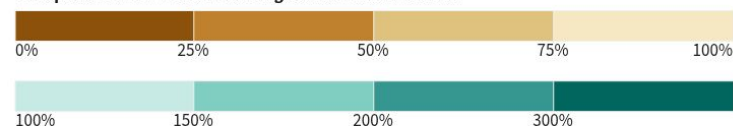
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30 Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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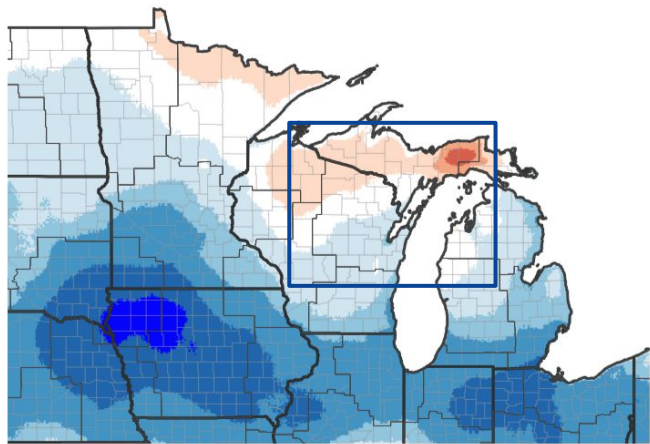


Temperature

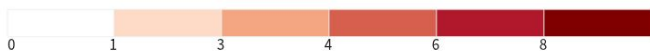
Temperature anomalies during the past week (left image) were running a few degrees below normal in central and east-central WI, while running a few above normal across far north-central WI.

The 30 day temperature anomalies (right image) indicated temps were near normal to 1 to 3 degrees above normal.

7 Day Temperature Anomaly
7-Day Temperature Anomaly



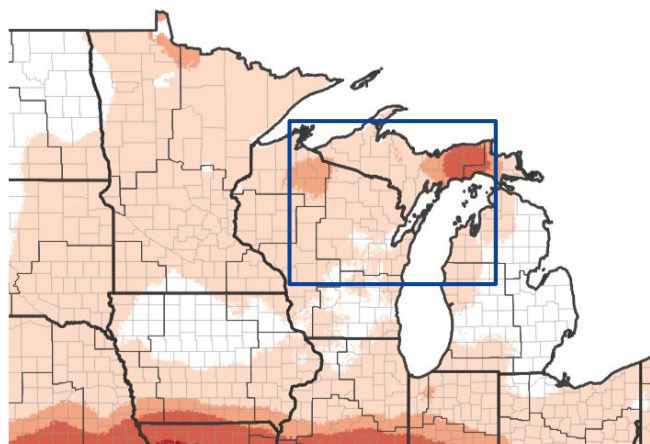
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30 Day Temperature Anomaly
30-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

- Dam operators have reduced the flows through the dams over the summer and early fall. The impacts are expected to continue for the foreseeable future as no significant rainfall is expected over the next two weeks. River levels across east-central WI returned to near normal levels due to the heavy rainfall in September.

Agricultural Impacts

- Local farmers indicated that the corn, soybean and oat crops were extremely stressed by the dry conditions up until the recent heavy rainfall across central into northeast WI.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential remains above normal across northern WI. The continued extremely dry weather has brought a little higher potential for fires despite “green up”. If drier than normal conditions continue through the fall, there would be an increased risk of fires especially on mild, windy days with low humidity after a frost or freeze into early winter until a snowpack arrives.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

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

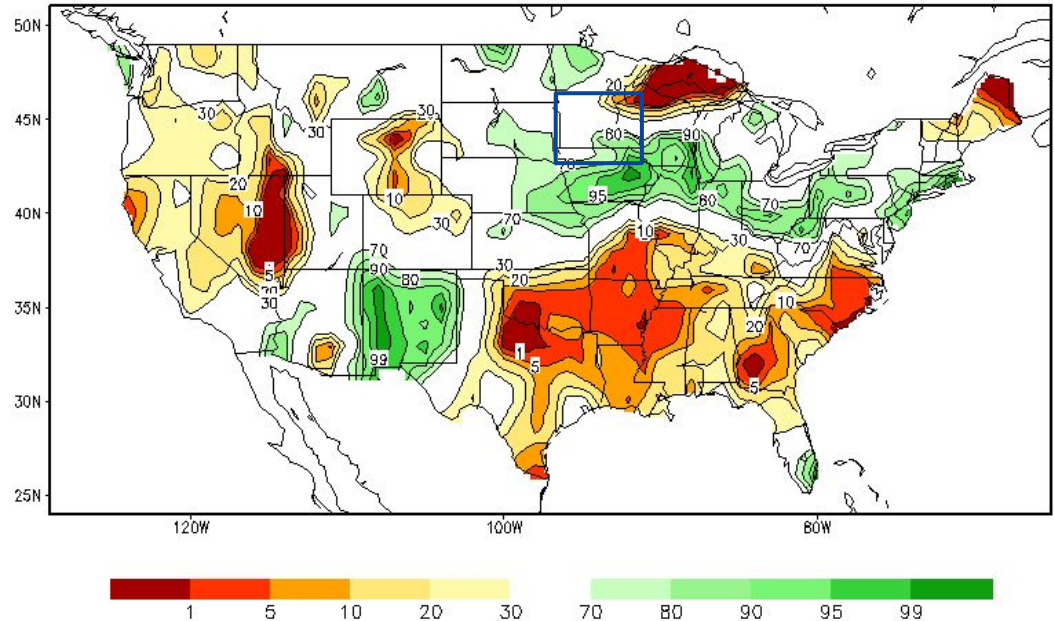




Agricultural Impacts

- A tale of two stories during September, with extremely dry conditions over the far north and very wet conditions over east-central WI.
- The soil moisture across the far north, especially across Vilas and northwest Oneida counties were in the top 1 to 5 percentile ranking for dryness.
- The soil moistures over east-central WI were in the 70-80 percentile ranking for wetness, especially along and south of Highway 10.

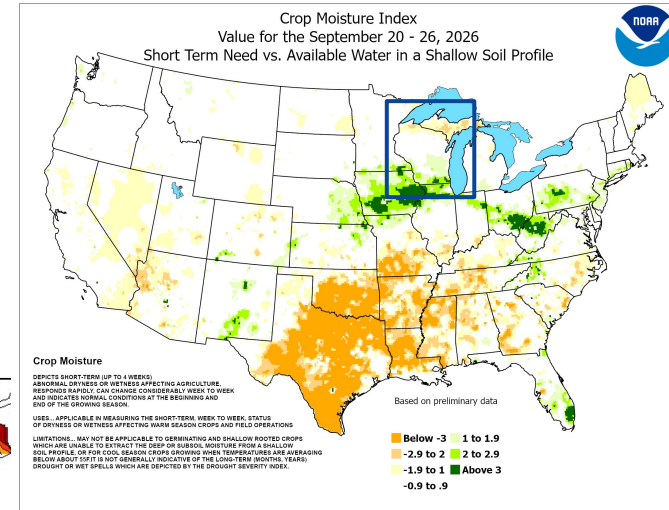
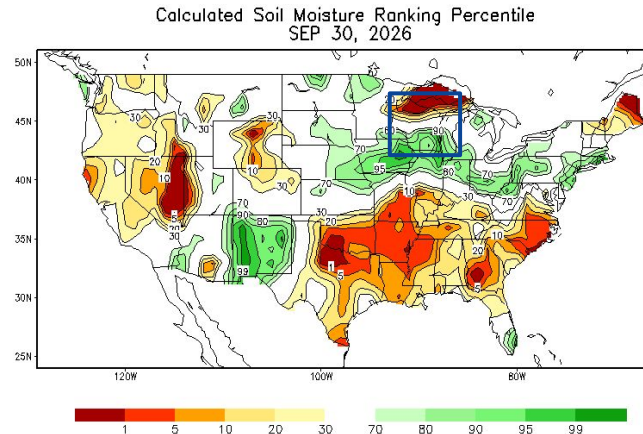
Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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Agricultural Impacts

- A tale of two stories in September with extremely dry conditions across the far north, and very wet conditions across east-central WI.
- Rainfall totals in September were 30-60% of normal over the far north and 150-300% of normal across portions of central and east-central WI.

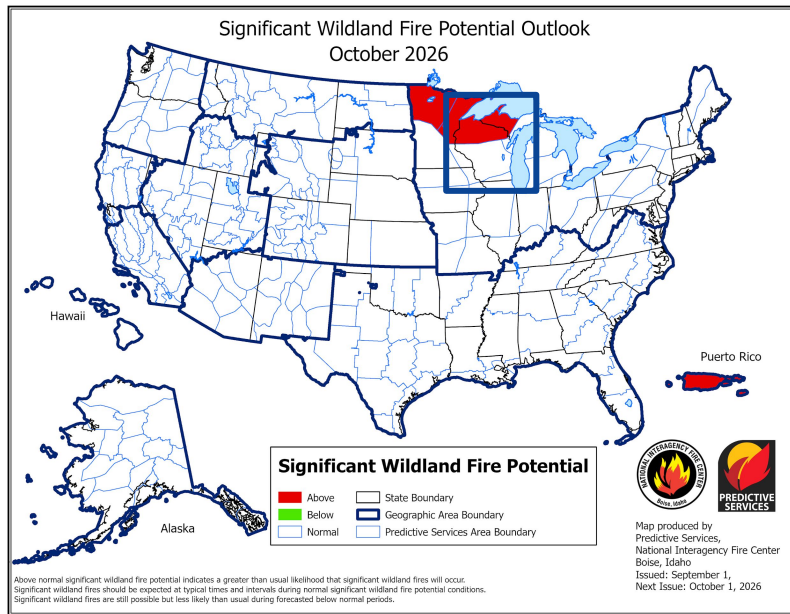




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- The risk of wildland fires continues to run above normal in October due to the extremely dry conditions across north-central and far northeast WI.
- If drought conditions continue or worsen, there would be a continued increase risk of wildfires deep into the fall or early winter, especially after a solid frost or freeze on mild windy days with low afternoon relative humidity values.



Wisconsin Fire Danger Map



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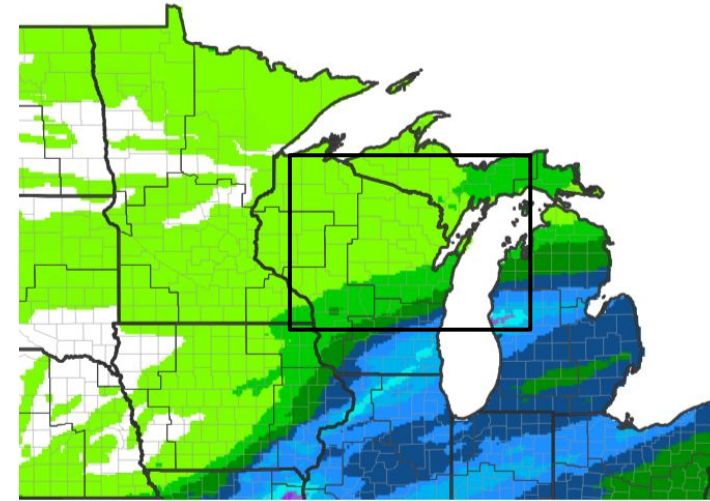
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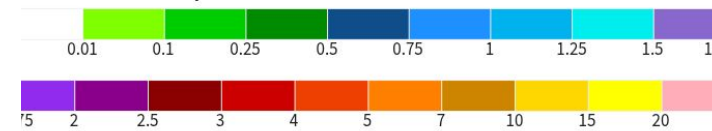
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The 7 day forecast indicated a tenth of an inch or less of rain is expected over the next week in the hardest hit areas of northern WI.
- Beyond the 7 day forecast, the 8-14 day precipitation outlook from the Climate Prediction Center indicated a greater likelihood of below normal precipitation continuing across the area.

Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 1,
2026–October 8, 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

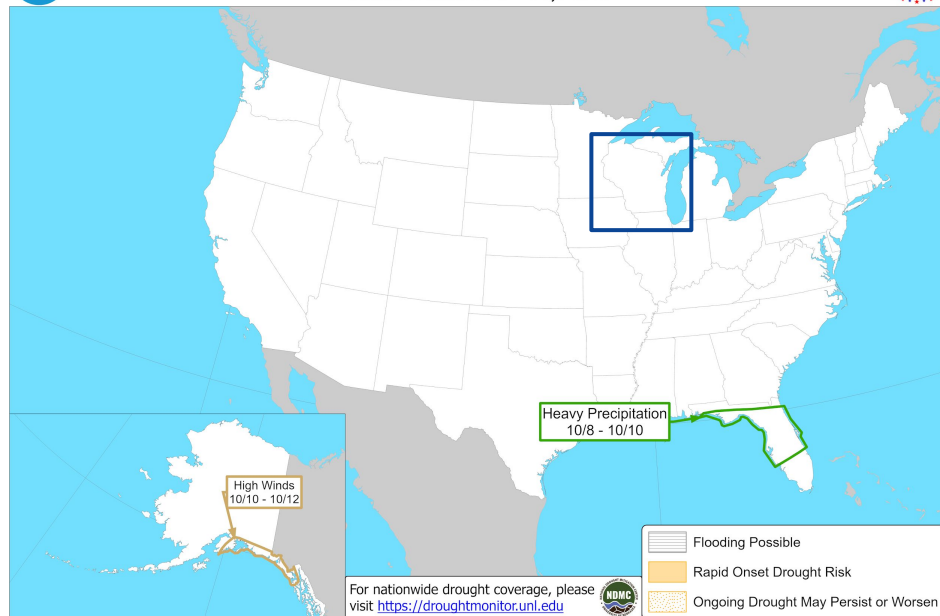
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- No significant changes in drought conditions are expected over the next week, although conditions could worsen across the north due to the potential for dry days with low humidity values at times.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

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Climate Prediction Center

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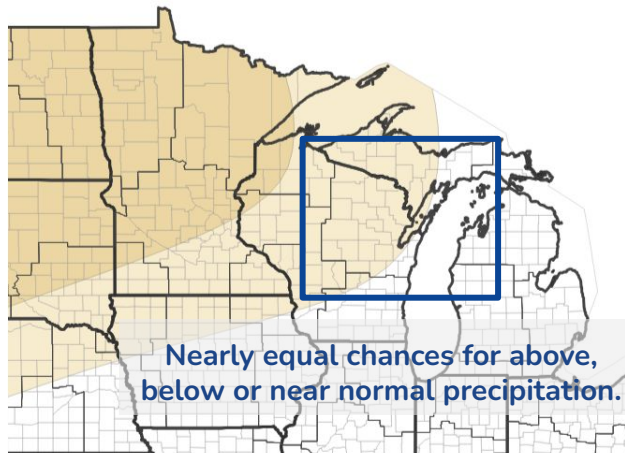


Long-Range Outlooks

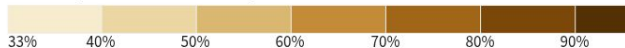
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- There is a greater chance for below normal precipitation in October.
- There is a greater chance for above normal temperatures in October north and west of the Fox Valley. There are nearly equal chances for above, below or near normal temperatures across eastern Wisconsin.

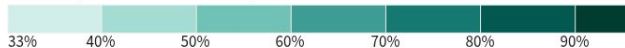
Monthly Precipitation Outlook for October 1,
2026–October 31, 2026



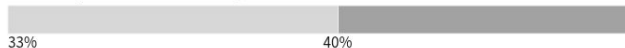
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

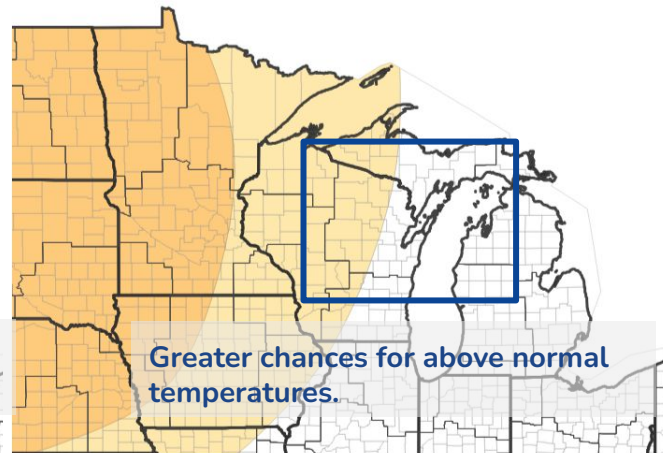


Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for October 1,
2026–October 31, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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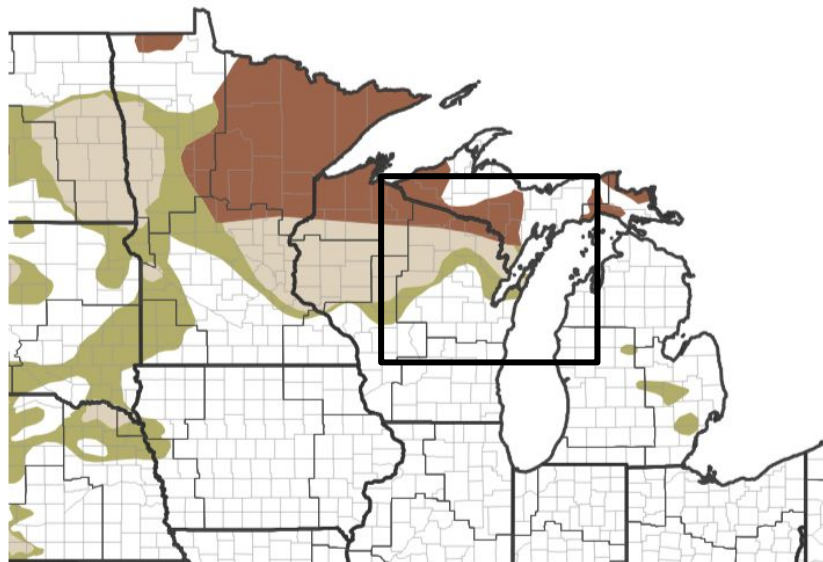


Drought Outlook

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- The latest Drought Outlook for the fall is for drought to persist, especially across far northern WI.
- Some additional improvement or end of the drought may occur over the next few months over much of the rest of the area.

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