

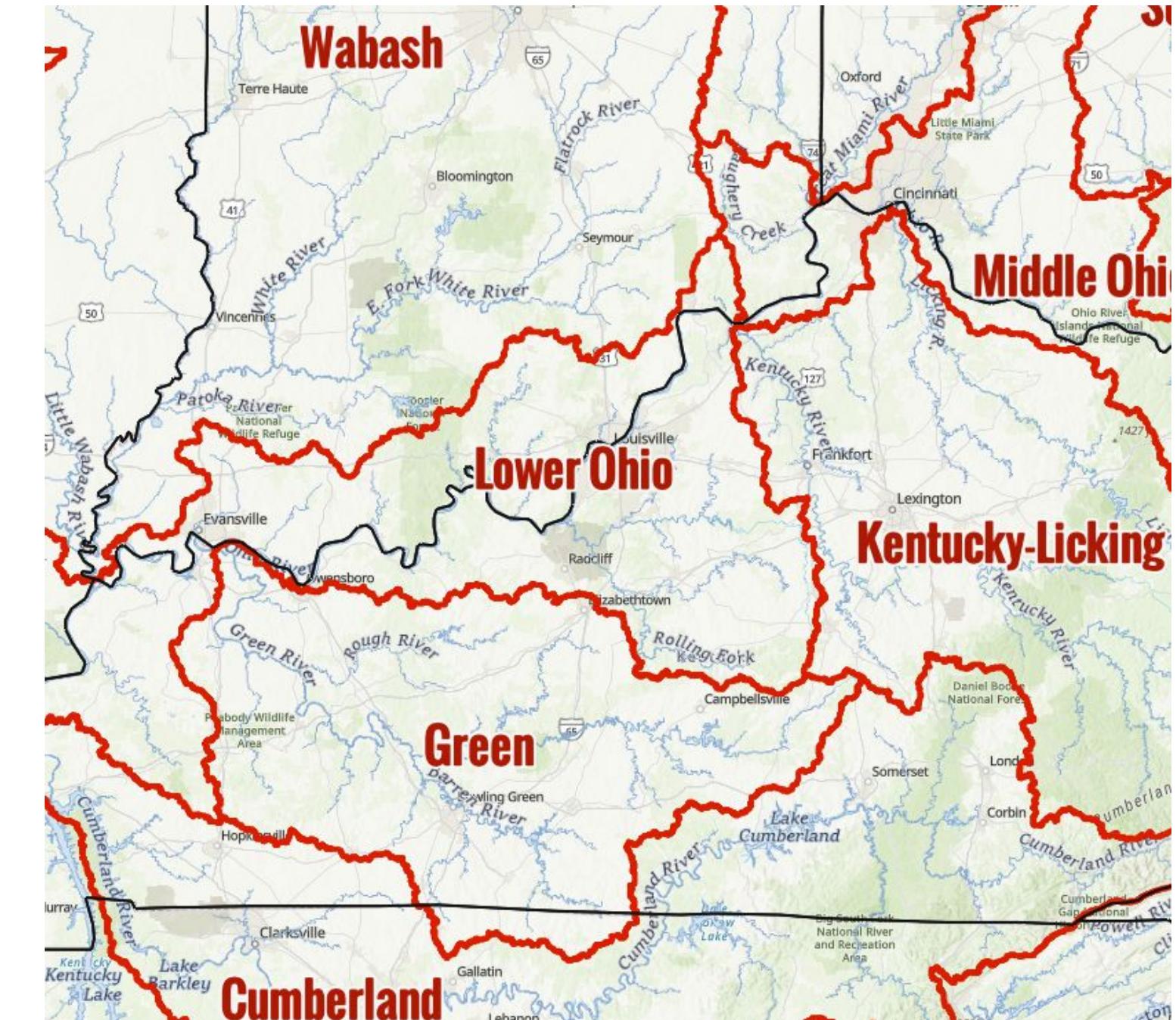


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2026 Spring Flood and Water Resources Outlook

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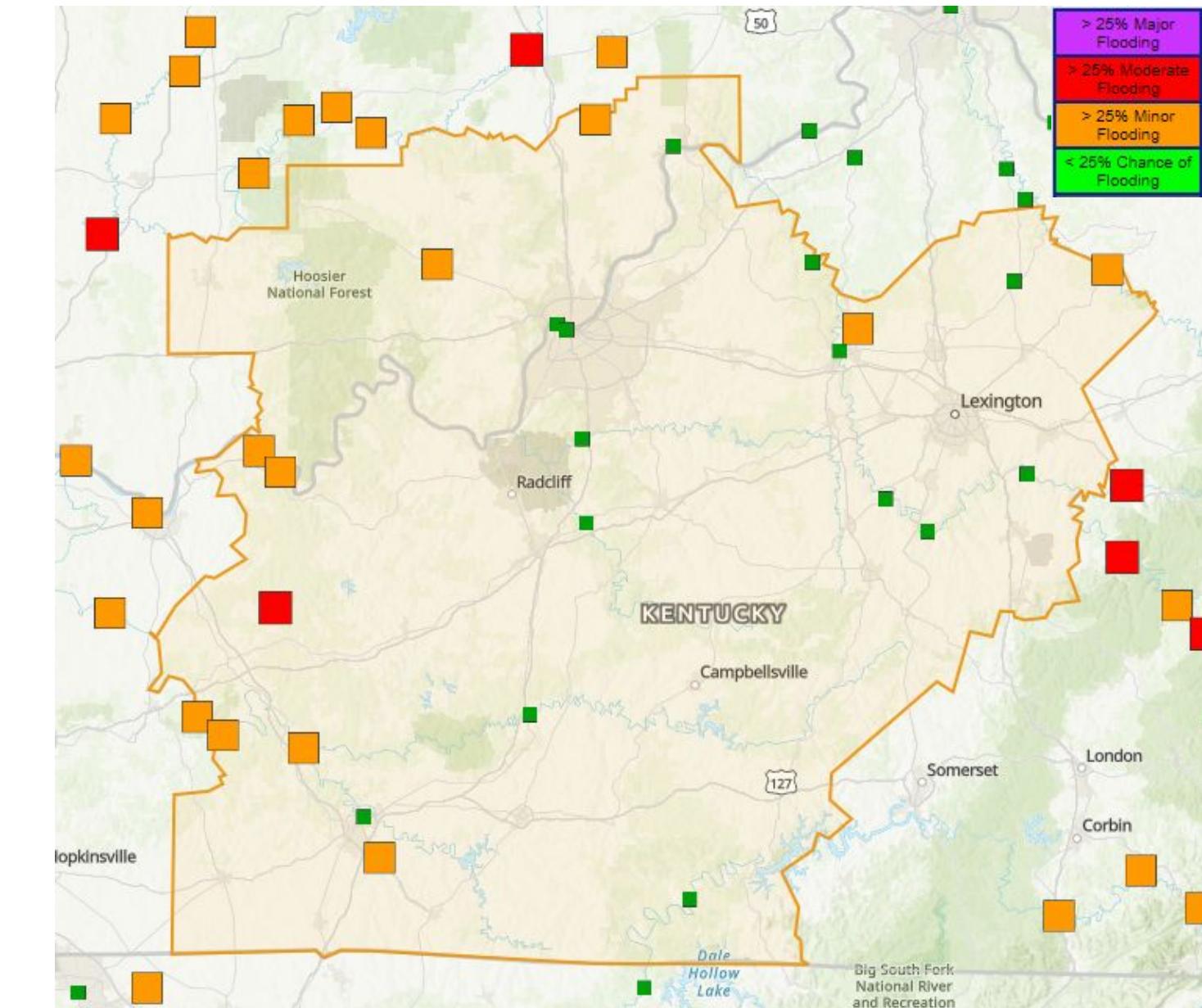
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Mid February 2026 Update

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Key Ingredients	Antecedent Conditions	Impact to Spring Flooding
Winter Precipitation / Temperatures	Below Normal	Normal Risk
River Levels	Below Normal -Normal	Normal Risk
River Ice Conditions	Slightly Above Normal	Normal Risk
Soil Moisture	Below Normal	Lesser Risk
Frost Depth	Normal	Normal Risk
Snow Conditions / Water Equivalent	Slightly Above Normal	Normal Risk
Reservoir Levels	Normal	Normal Risk
Spring Weather Outlook	Above Normal	Greater Risk

Overall Risk of Spring Flooding:

Normal Risk

Key ingredients for river flooding in southern Indiana and central Kentucky point to a Normal Flood Risk for Spring 2026. Above normal precipitation will be the primary driver for Minor to Moderate flooding.



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Risk Potential:

Lesser Risk

Normal Risk

Greater Risk

To Be Determined

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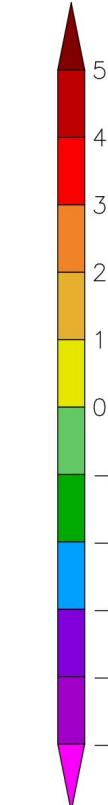
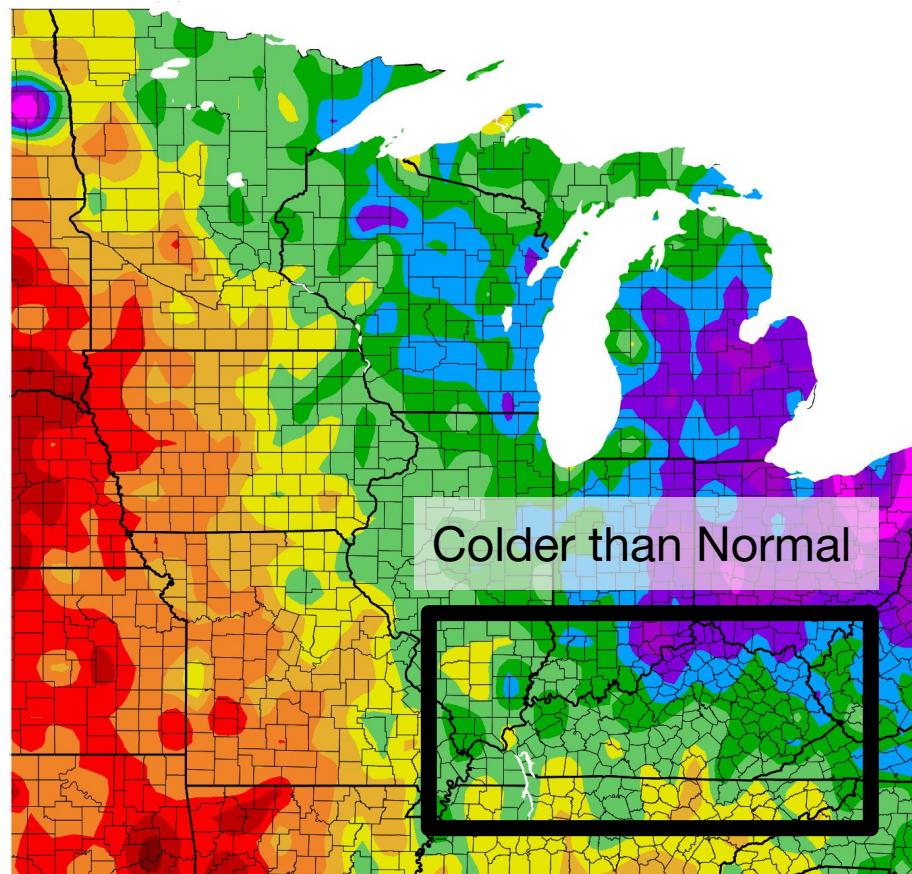


Winter Precipitation and Temperature

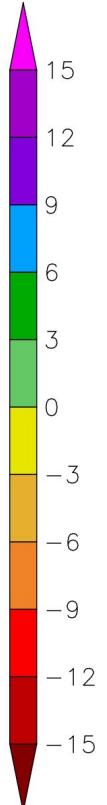
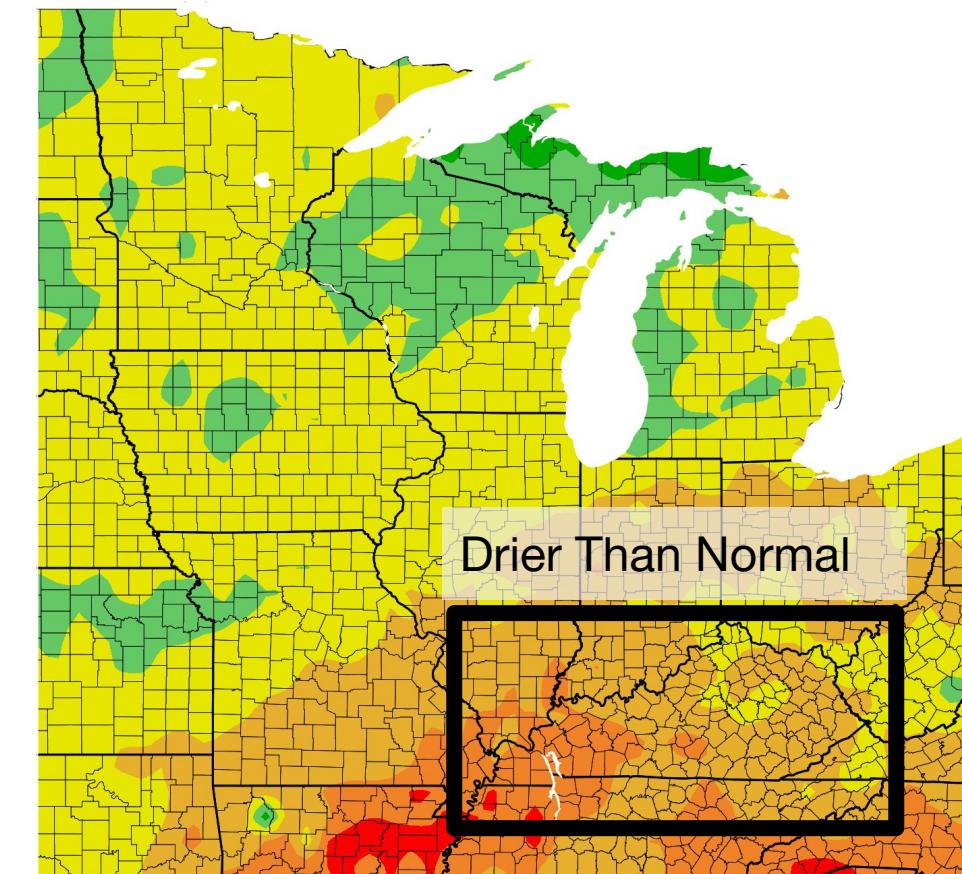
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90 Day Departures from Normal

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
11/14/2025 – 2/11/2026



Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
11/14/2025 – 2/11/2026



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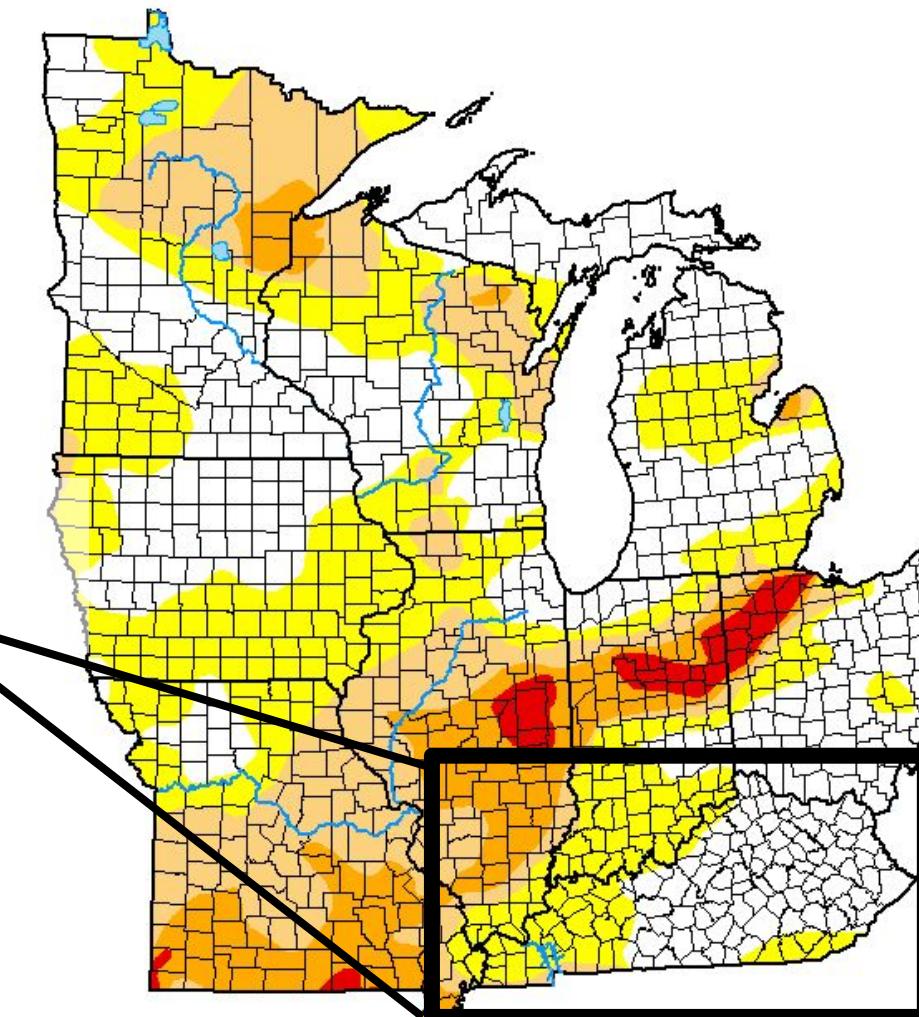


Latest Drought Conditions

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U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

Some D0 Drought
(Abnormally Dry)



February 10, 2026

(Released Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.66	62.34	31.21	12.29	2.15	0.00
Last Week 02-03-2026	40.02	59.98	28.10	9.48	2.13	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-11-2025	36.37	63.63	35.18	10.83	1.43	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026	28.39	71.61	36.73	8.95	1.94	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	34.12	65.88	34.69	10.17	0.37	0.00
One Year Ago 02-11-2025	34.55	65.45	31.62	2.46	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

	None		D2 Severe Drought
	D0 Abnormally Dry		D3 Extreme Drought
	D1 Moderate Drought		D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.
Local conditions may vary. For more information on the
Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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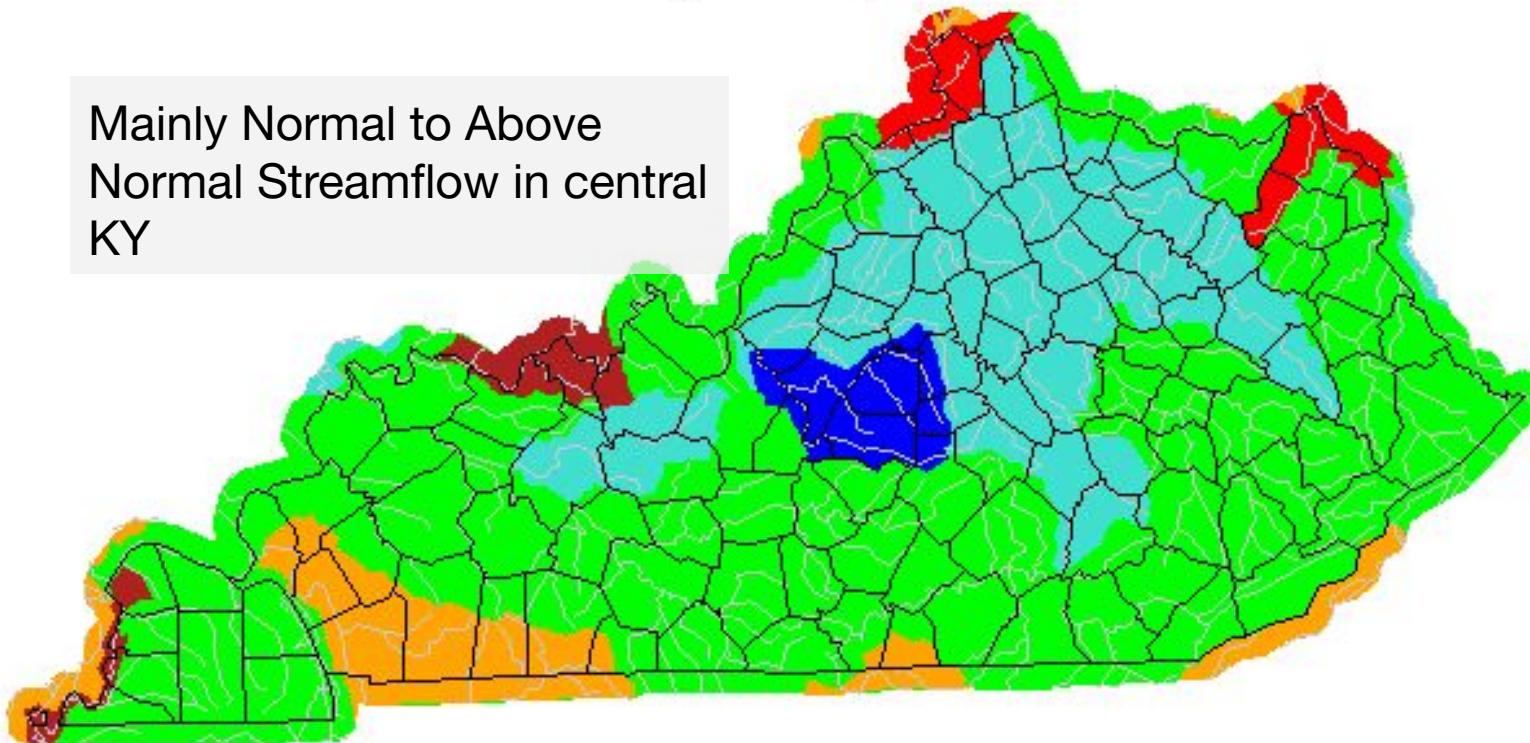
River Levels

Streamflow

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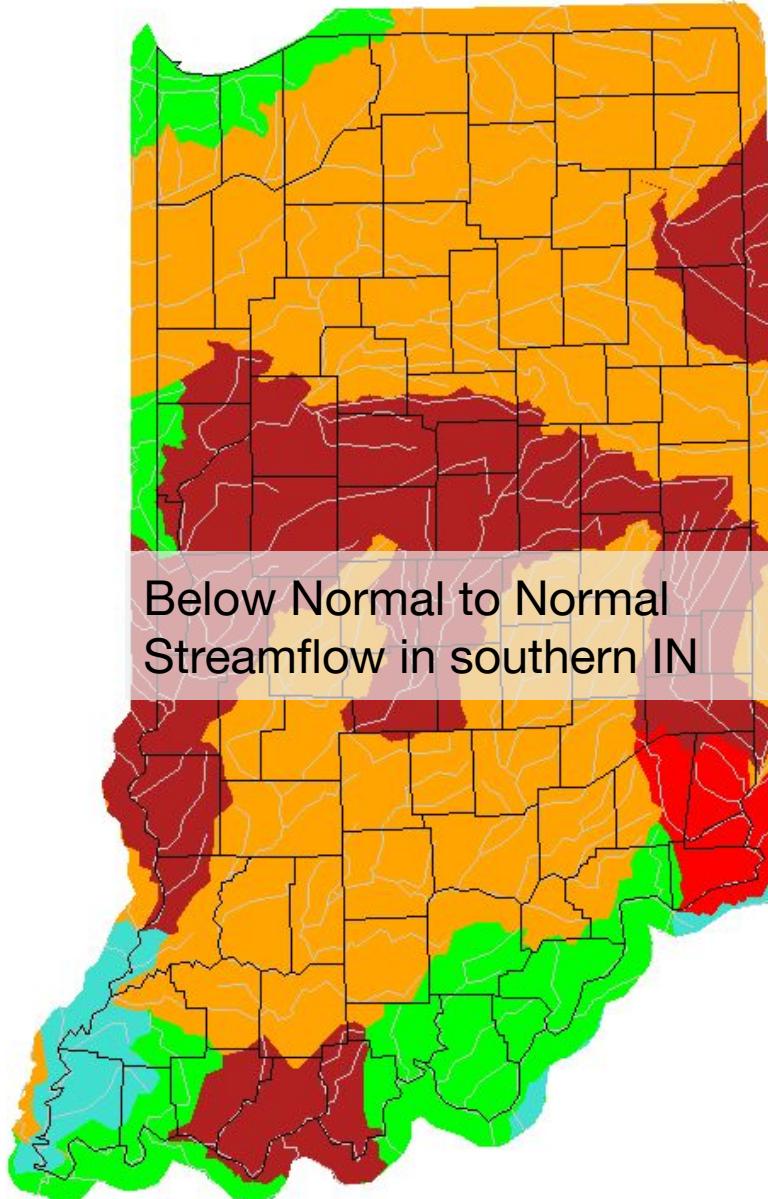
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Mainly Normal to Above
Normal Streamflow in central
KY



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Wednesday, February 11, 2026



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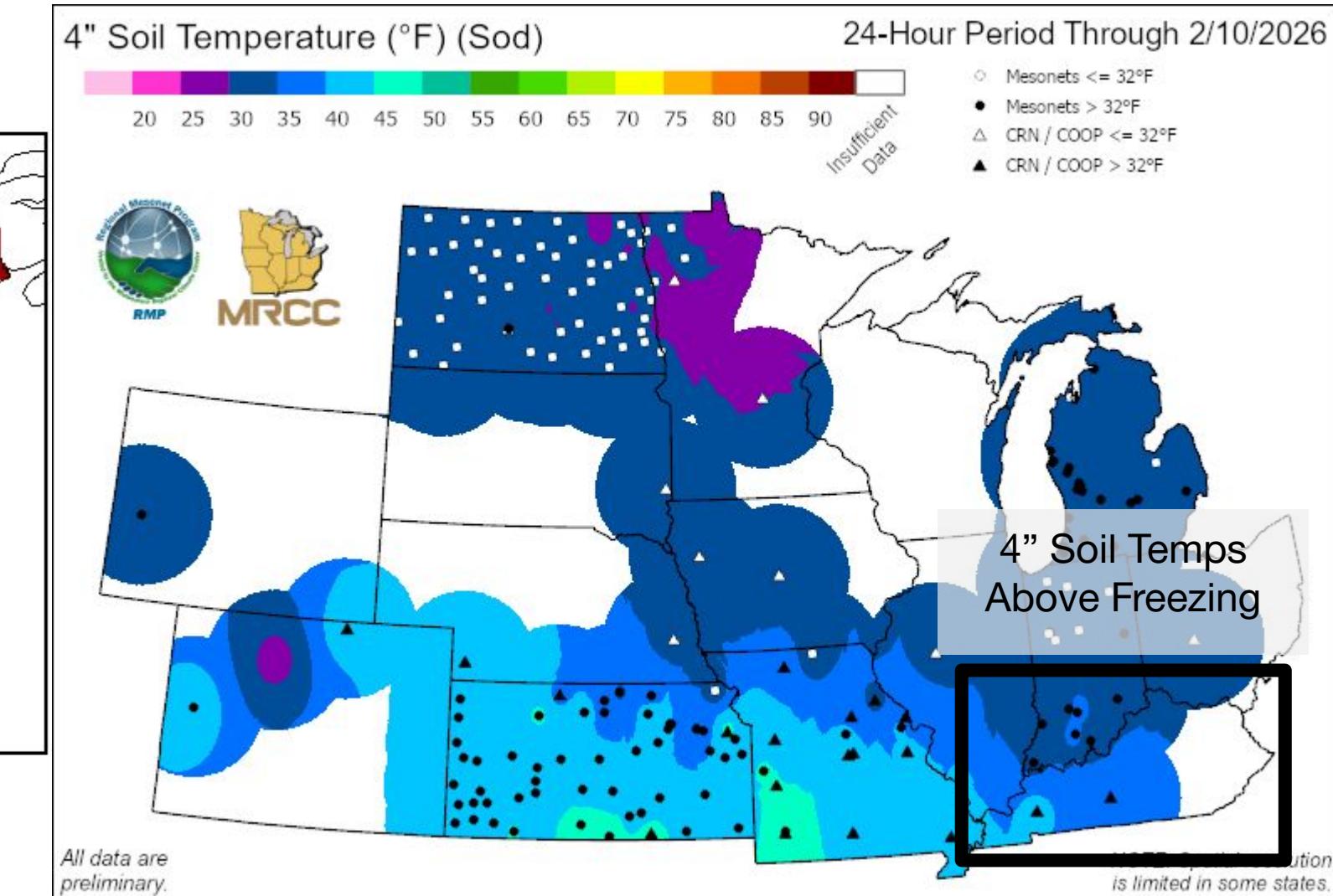
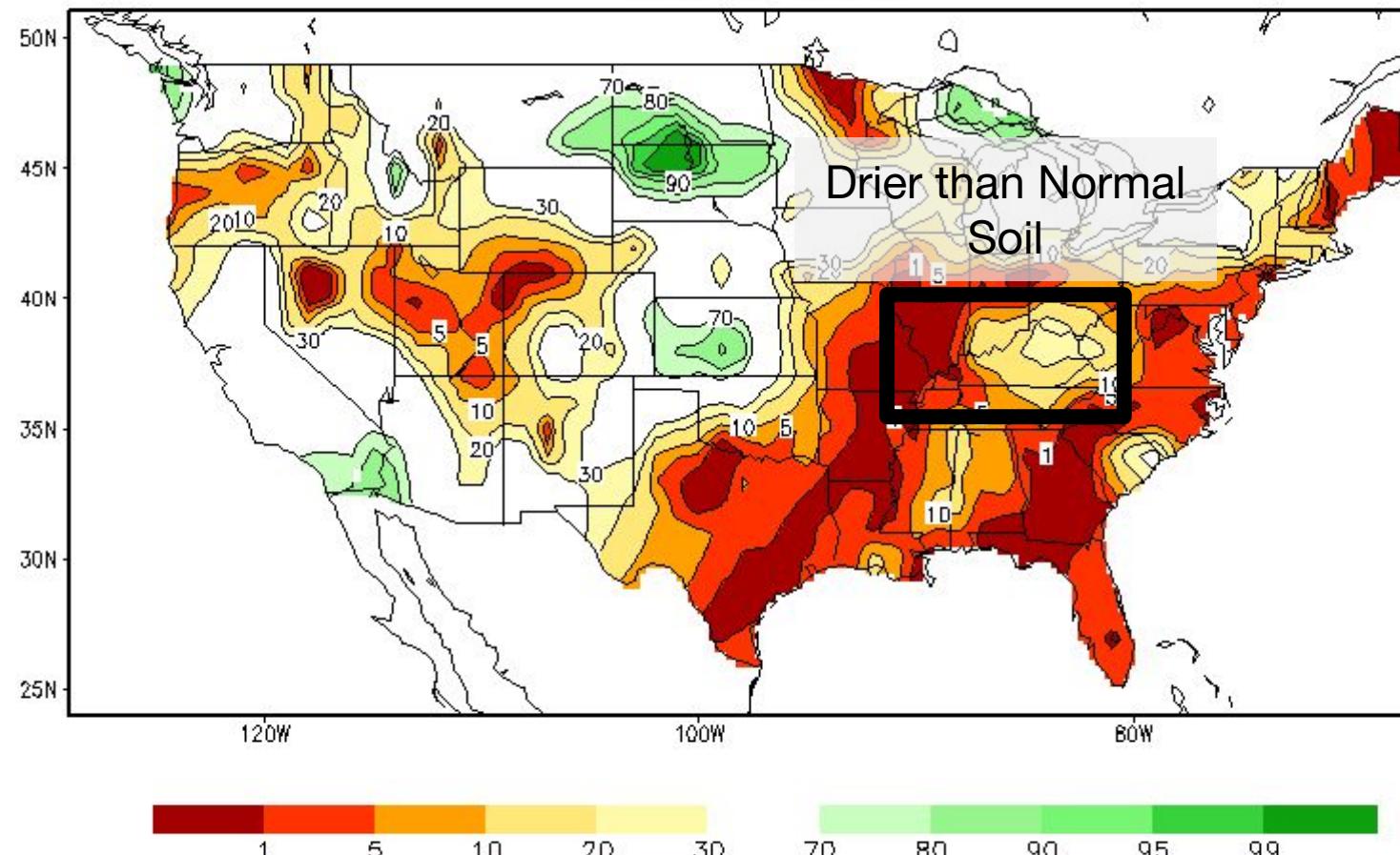
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Soil Moisture and Frost Depth

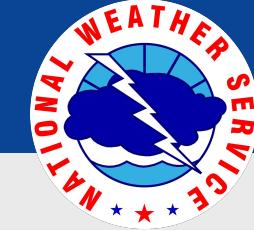
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Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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River Ice Conditions

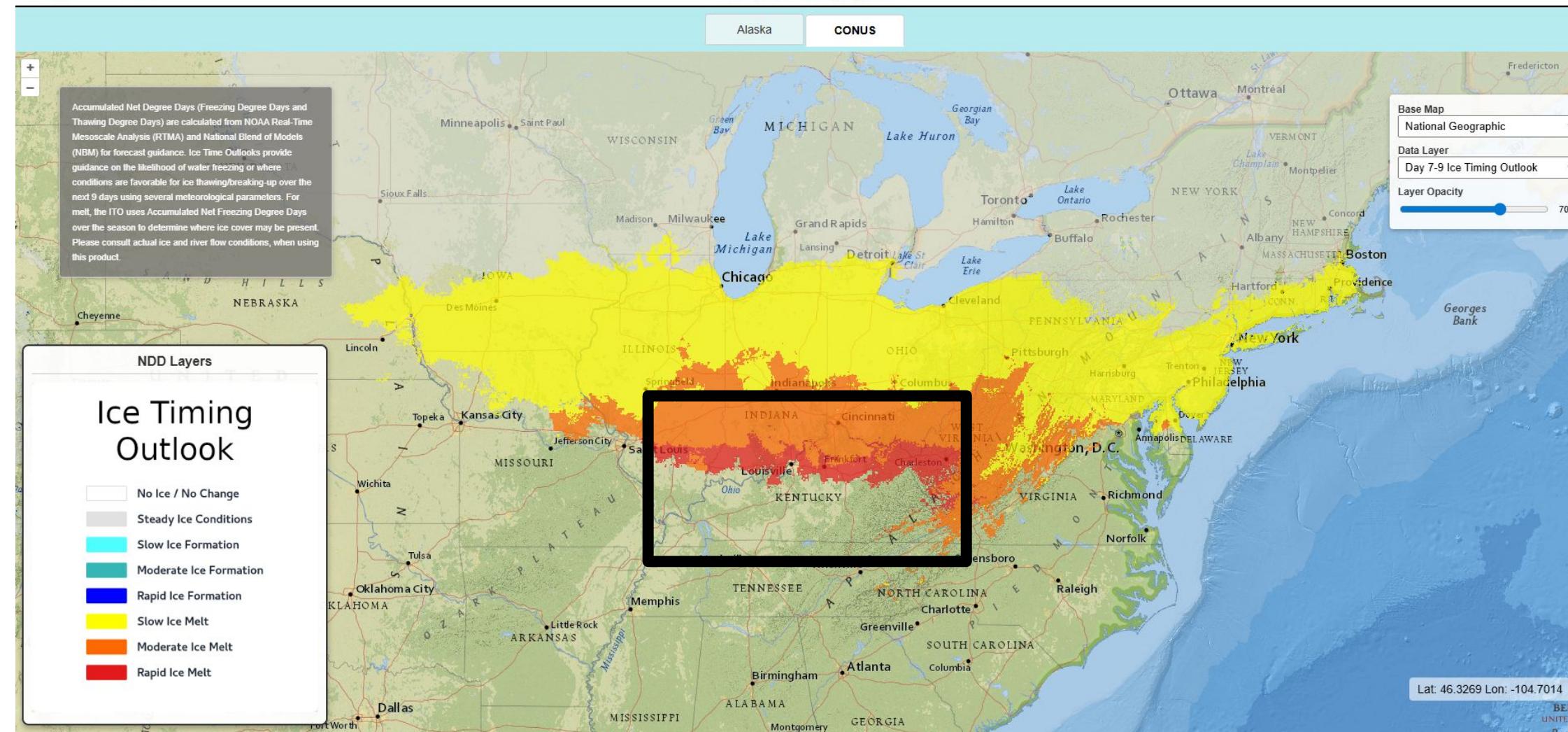
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Ice Melt Timing Days 7-9



NWC Accumulated Net Degree Days

Last Updated: February 12, 2026



- Any ice left on rivers and streams across the Ohio River Basin should melt over the next week.
- Ice jam risk over southern Indiana and central Kentucky: Low-None.



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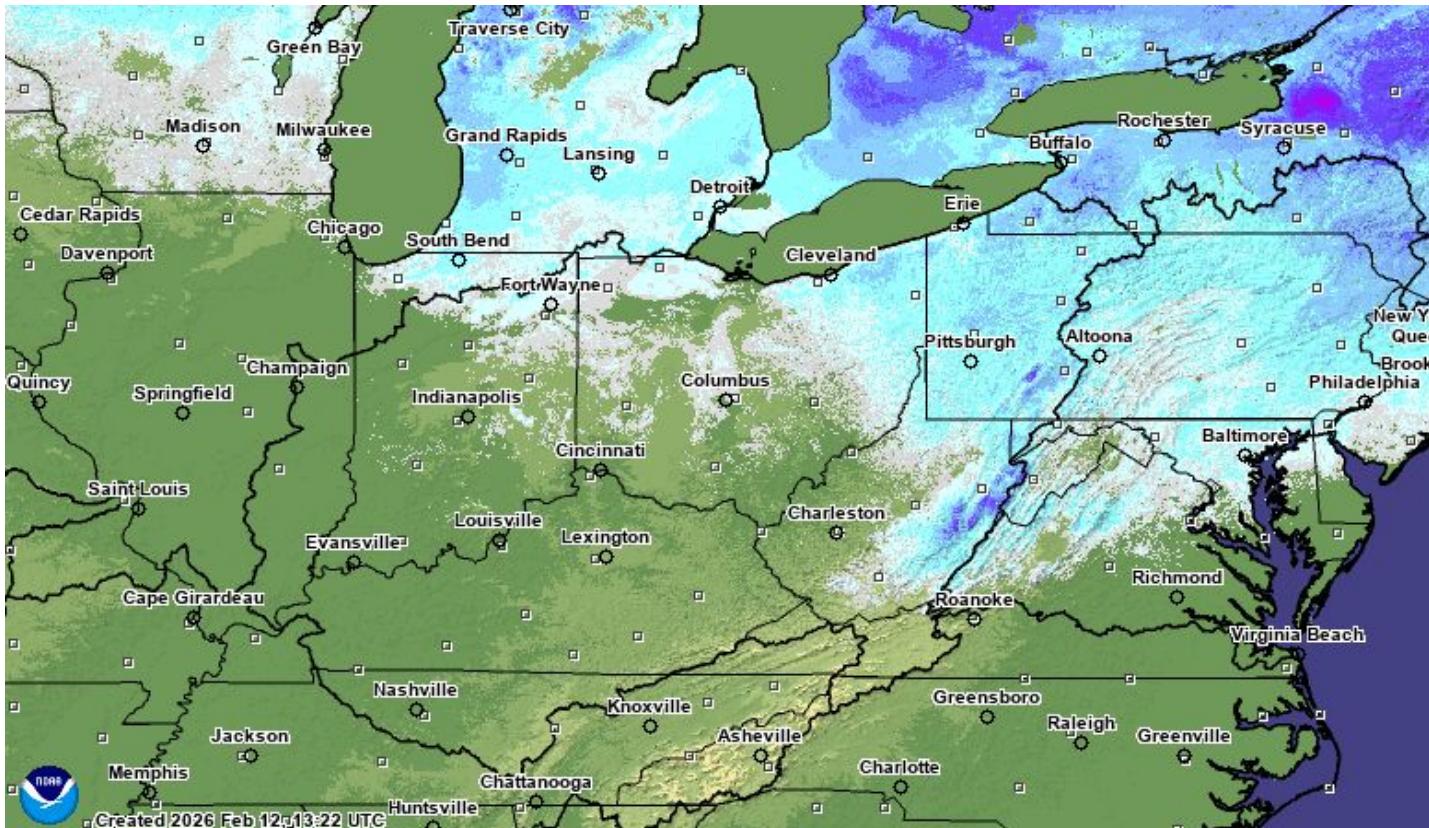


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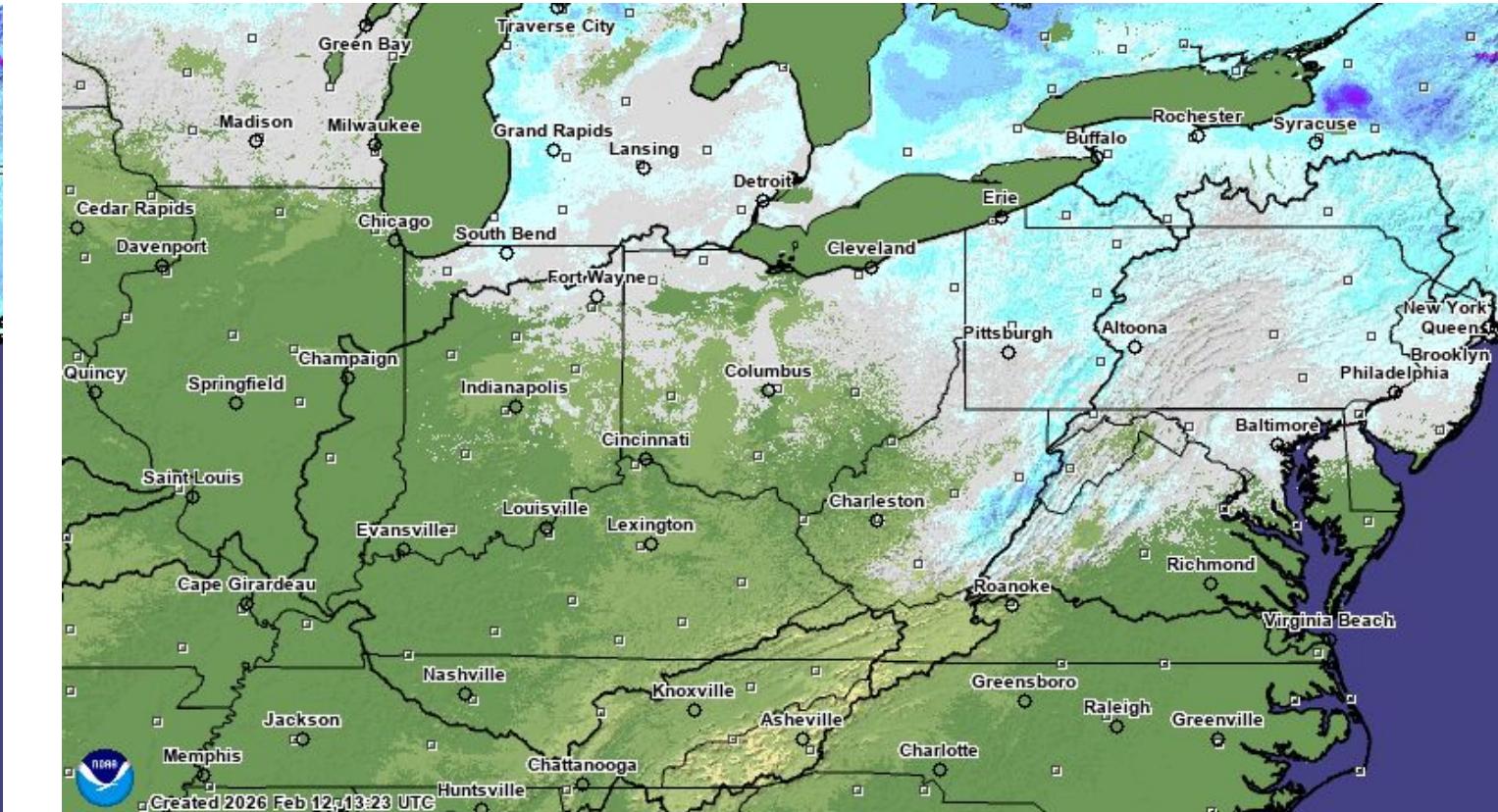
Snow Depth/Snow Water Equivalent

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Snow Depth



Snow Water Equivalent



- Melting snow/ice in the upper Ohio River Basin may contribute to increased flow on the lower Ohio River over the next week until melting is complete.



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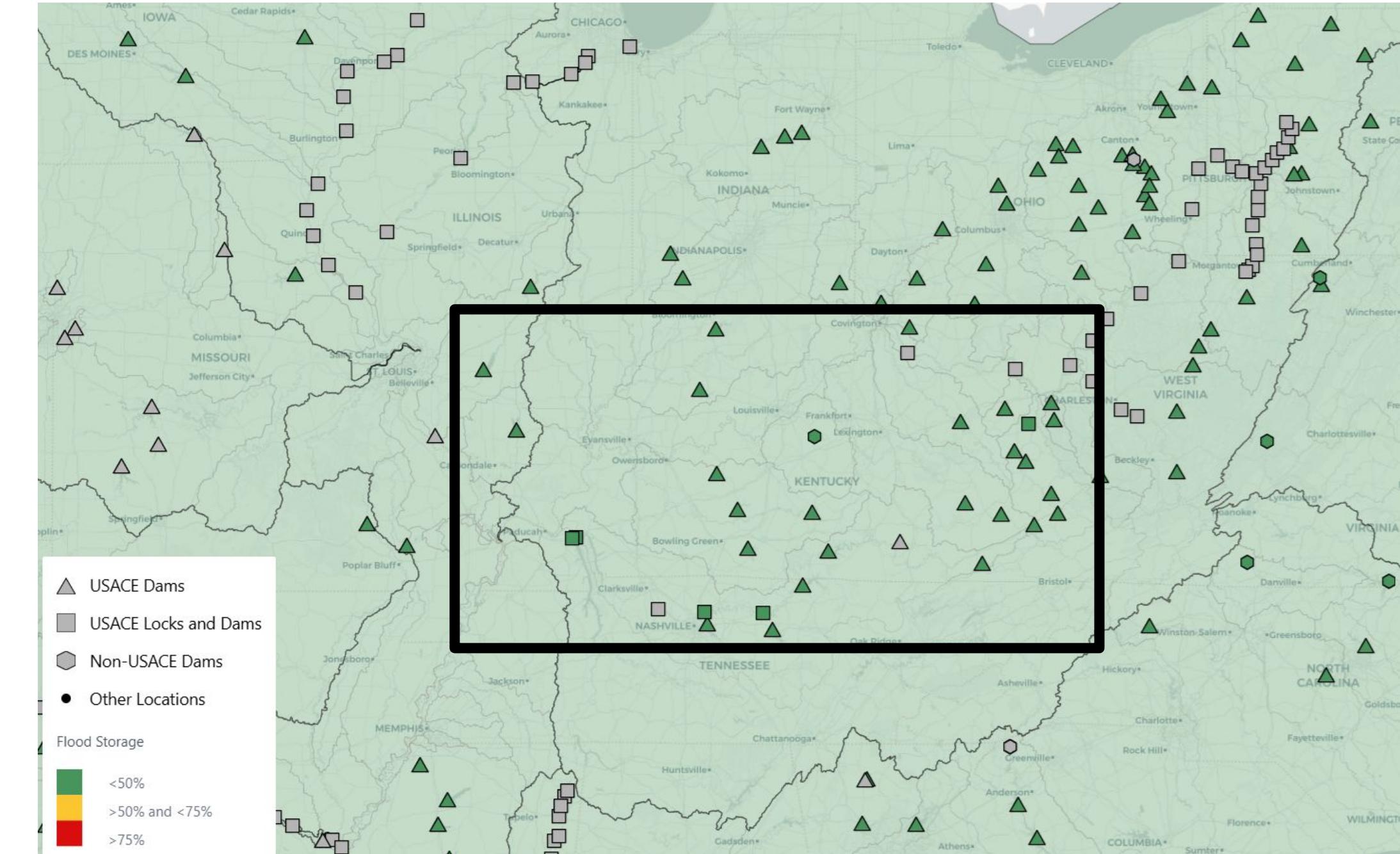


Reservoir Levels

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Flood Storage

- Reservoirs levels across southern Indiana and central Kentucky are at <50% of their Flood Storage



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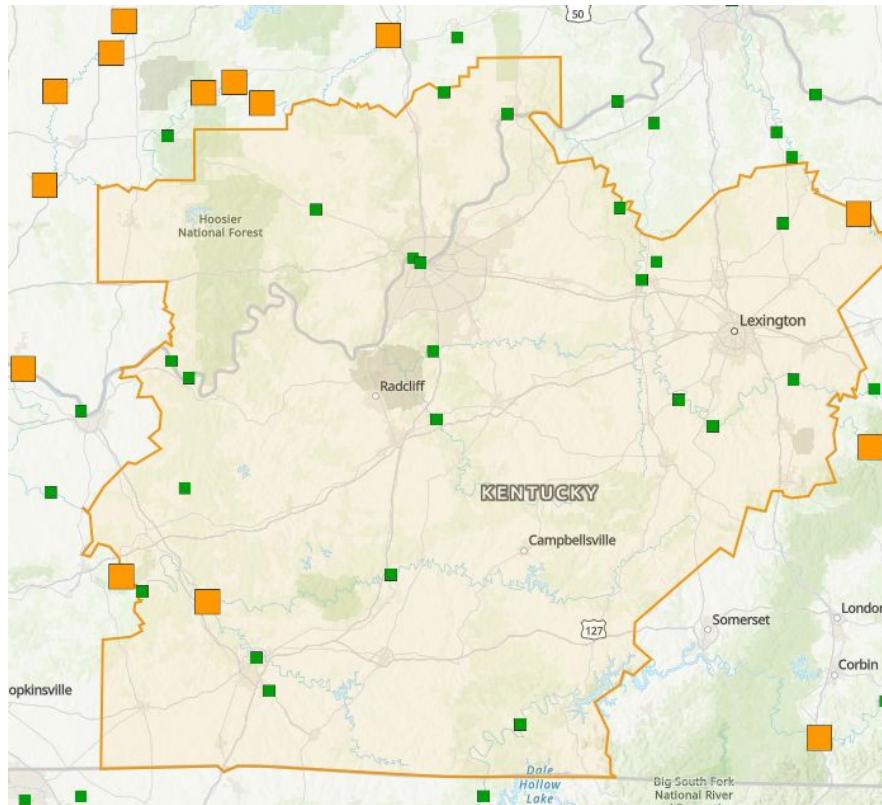
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Long Range Flood Outlook

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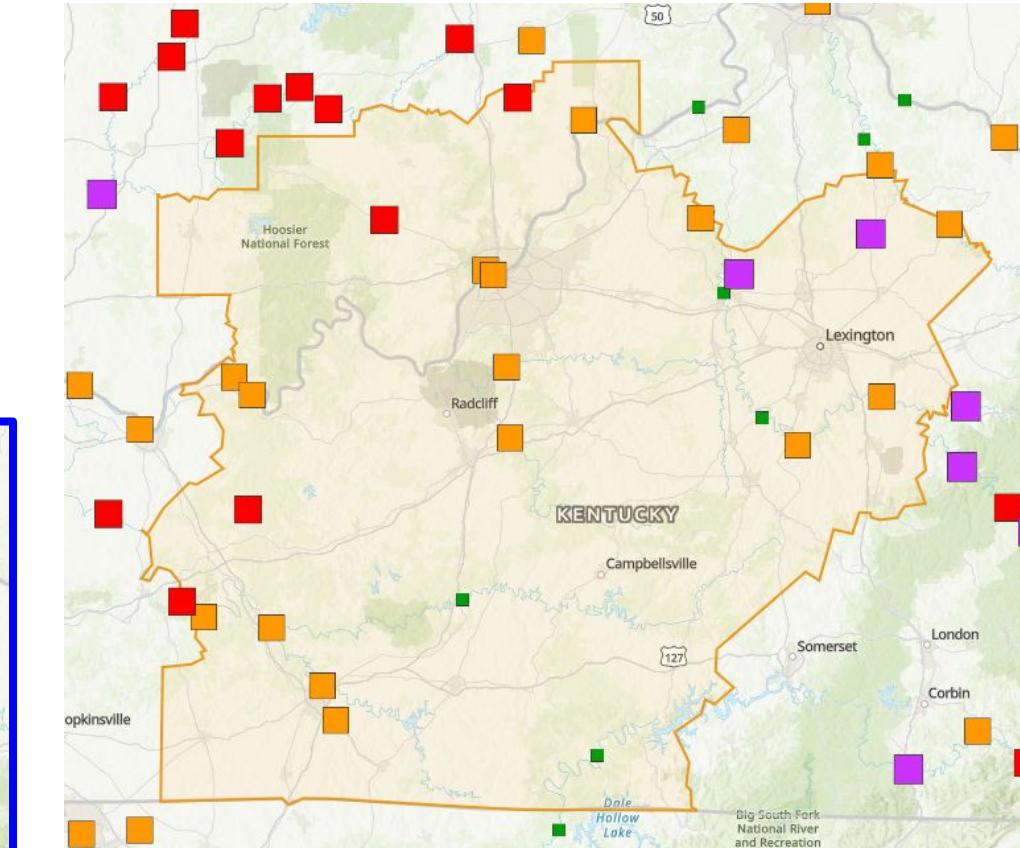
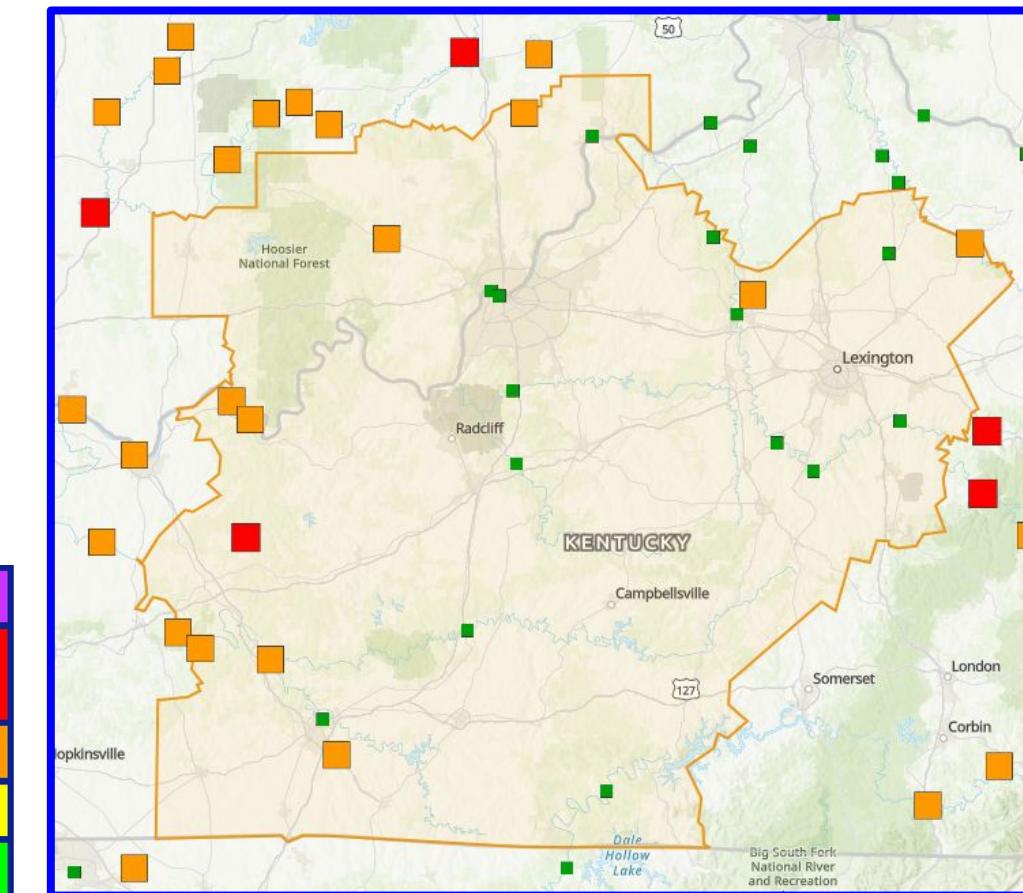
Probability Range of Flood Outcomes



>50% Chance of Exceedance -
Expected

Major Flooding
Moderate Flooding
Minor Flooding
Near Flood Stage
No Flooding

>25% Chance of Exceedance -
Possible



>10% Chance of Exceedance -
Near Worst Case



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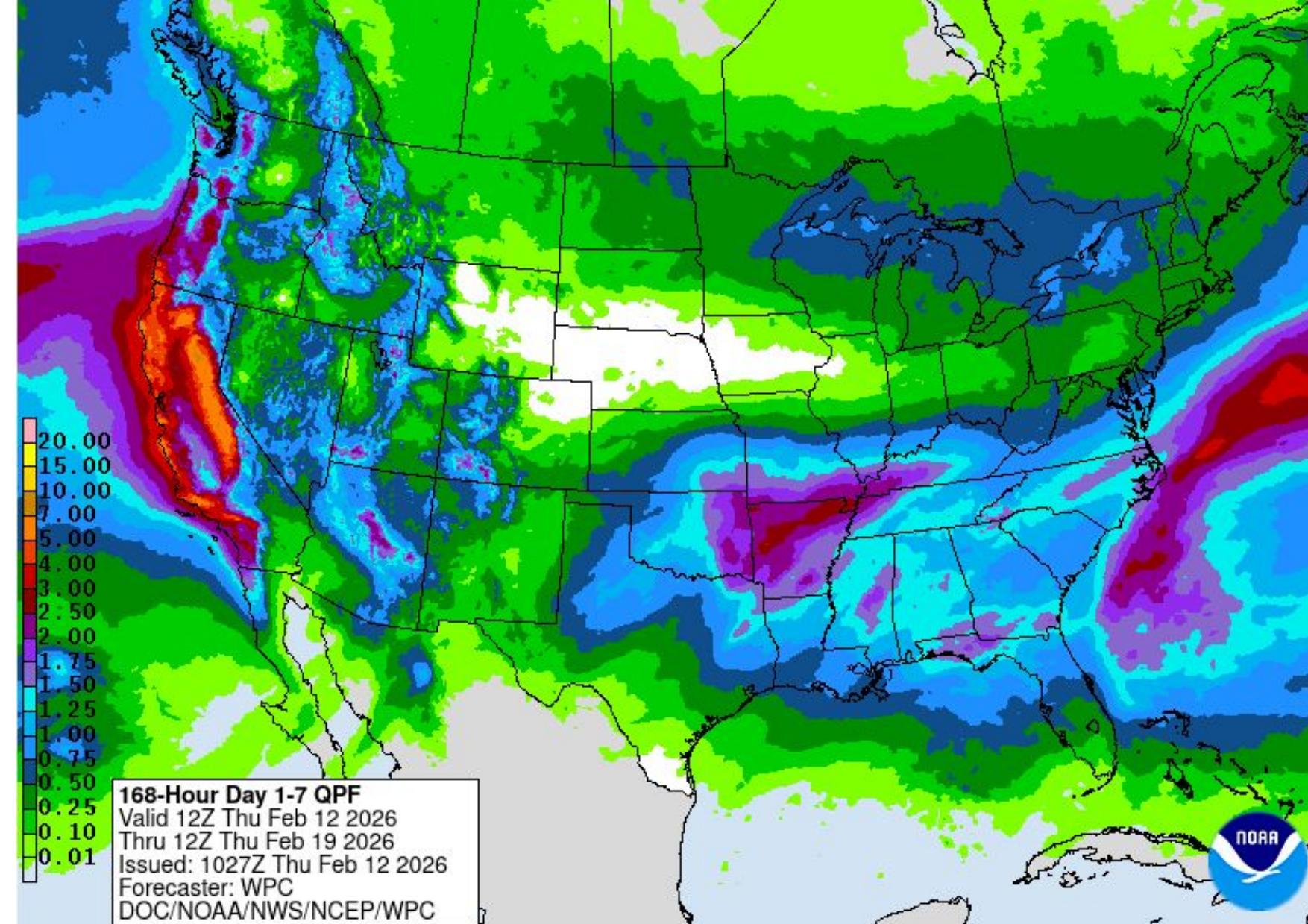
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7 Day Precipitation Forecast

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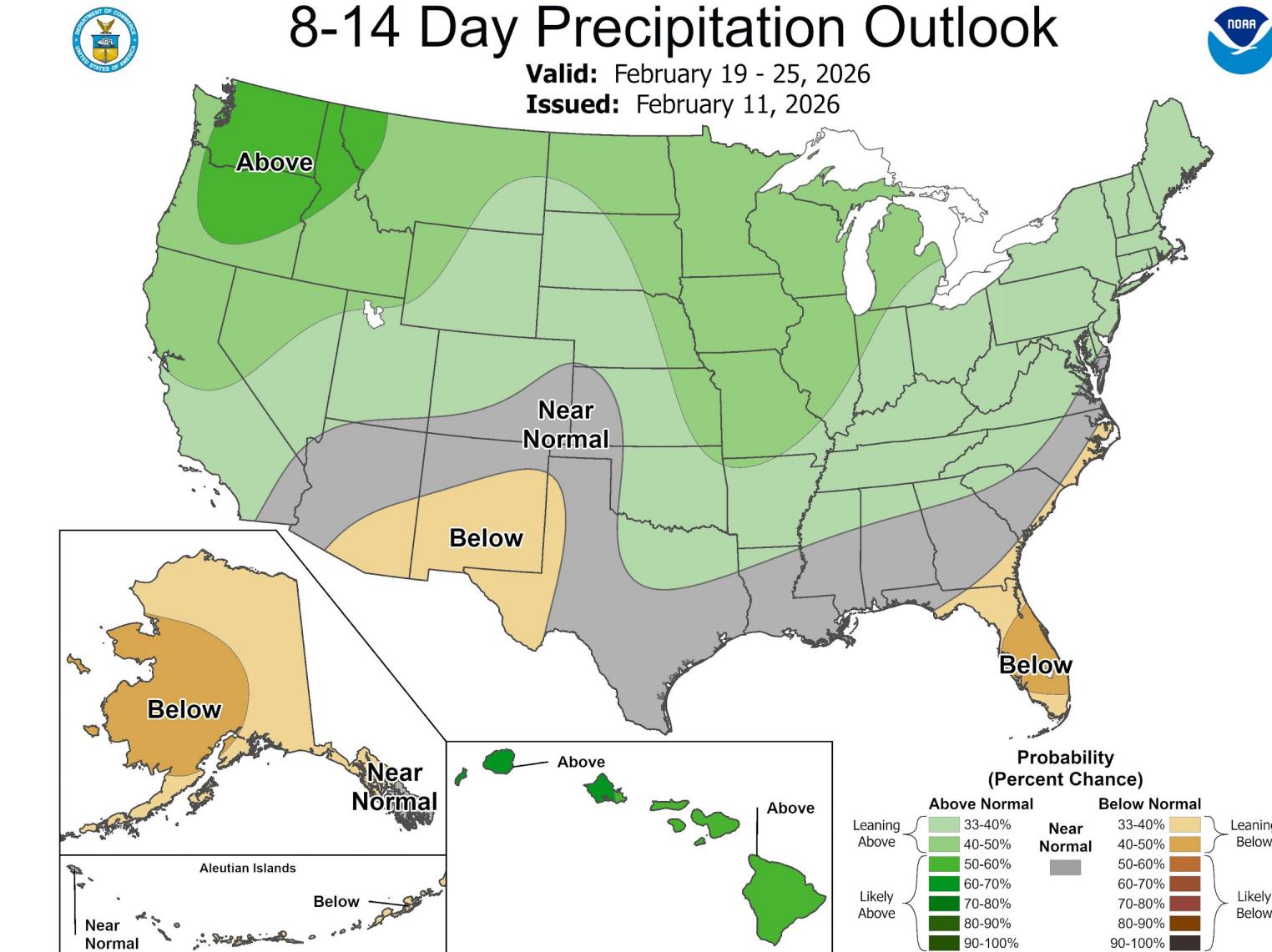
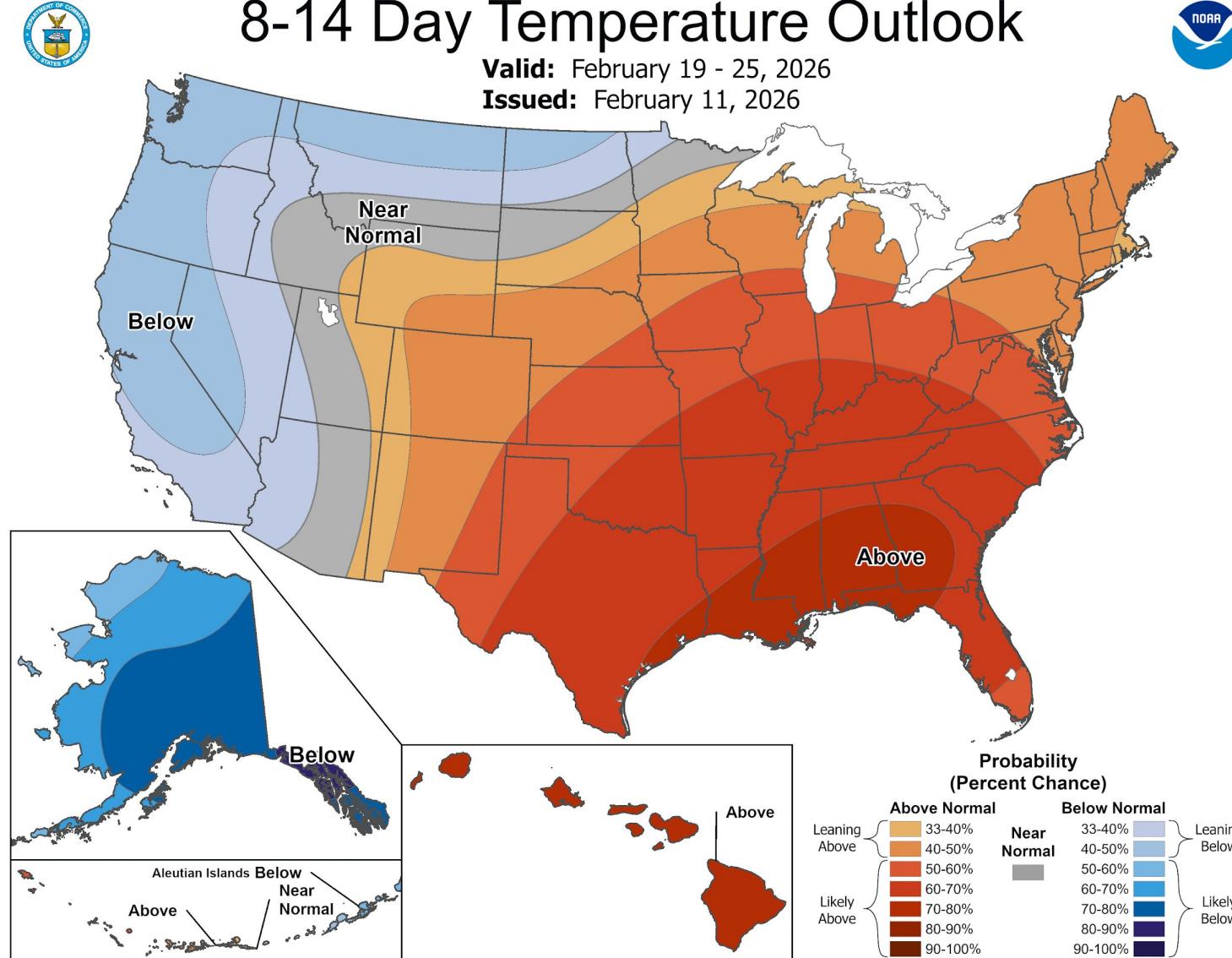
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8 to 14 Day Outlook

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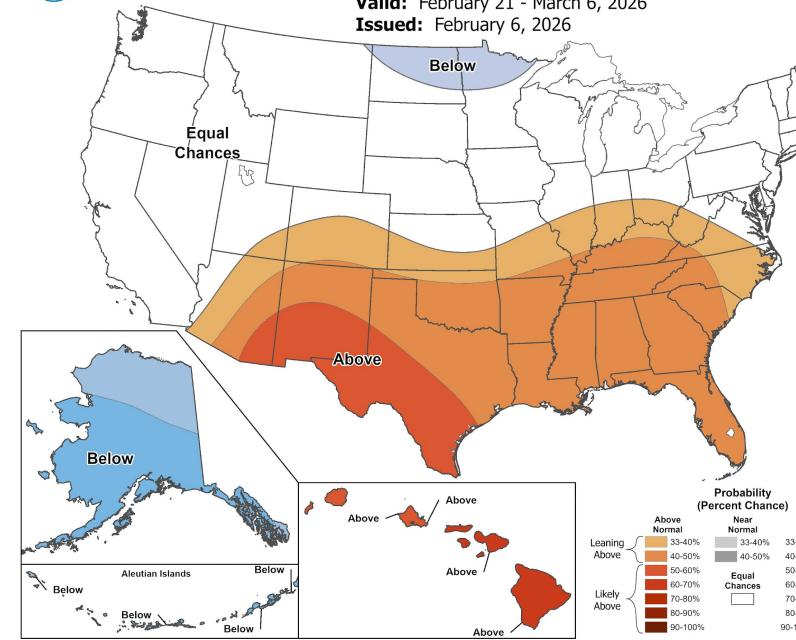


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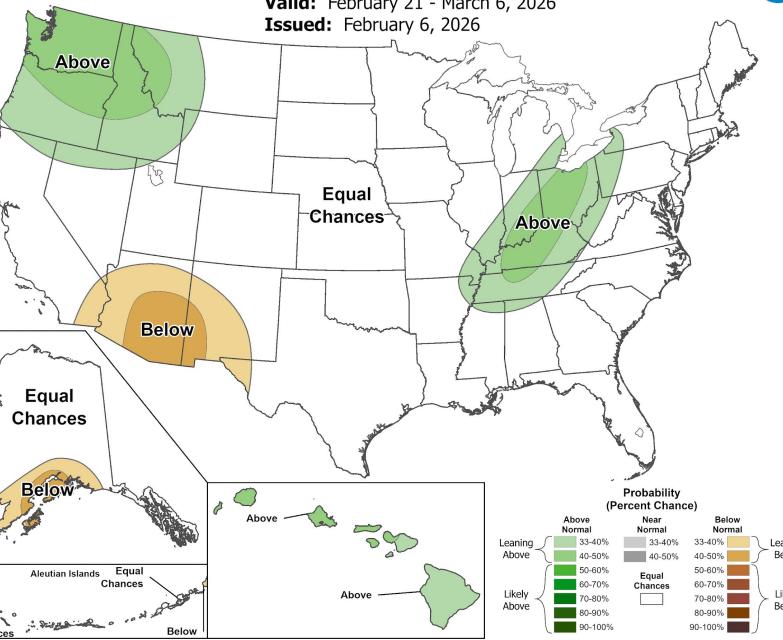
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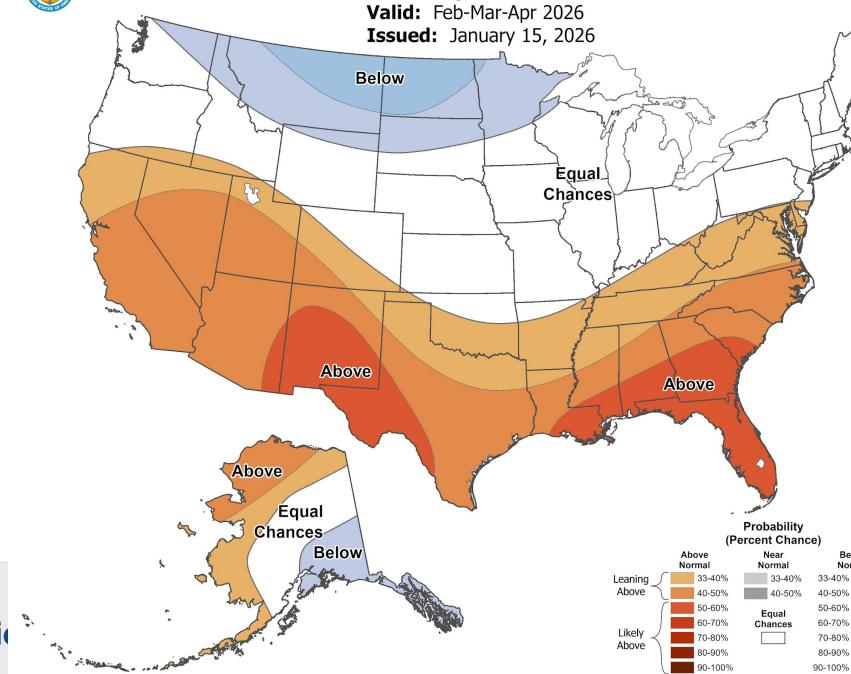
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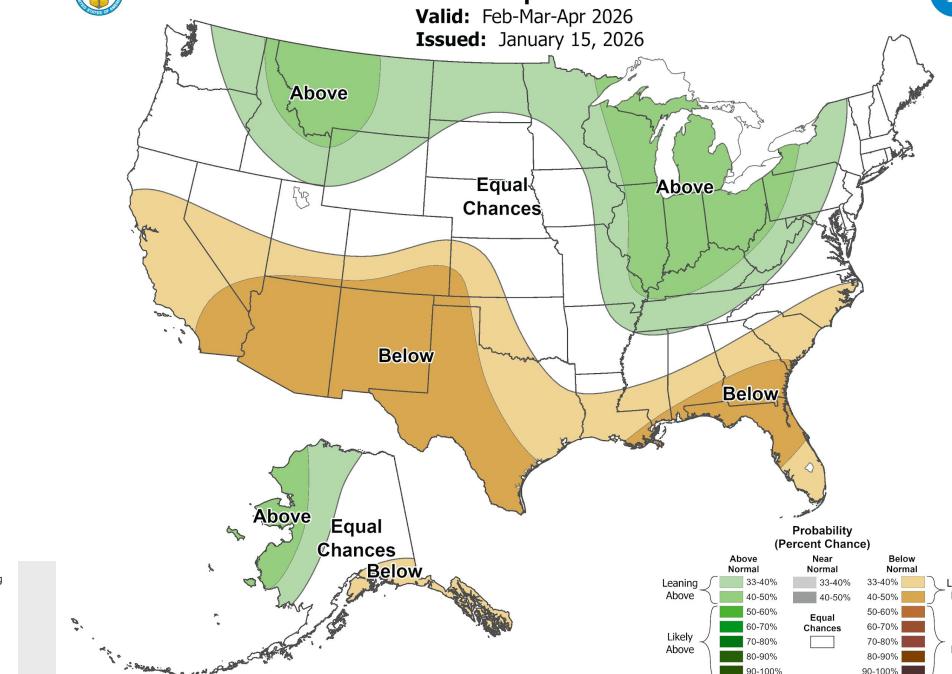
Week 3-4 Precipitation Outlook



Seasonal Temperature Outlook

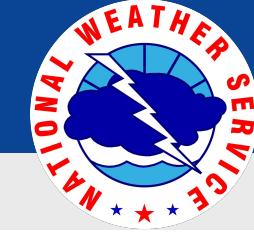


Seasonal Precipitation Outlook



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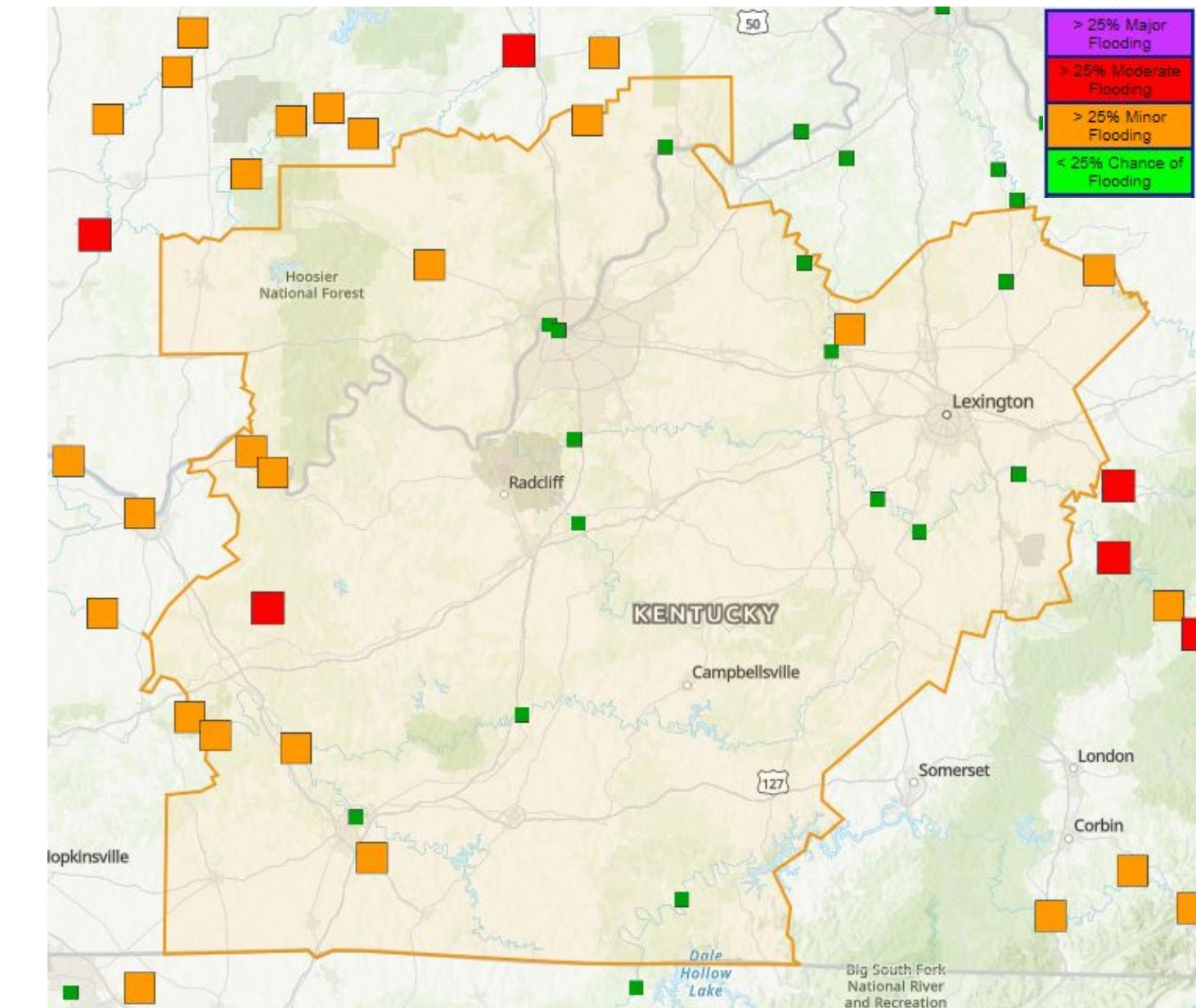
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Next Scheduled Update

- February 26, 2026

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