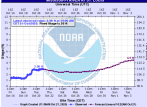
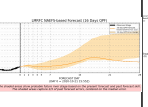
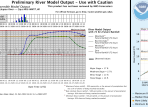
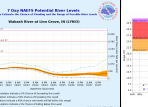
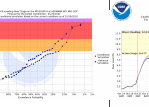
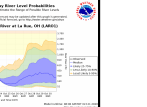


	Official AHPS	NAEFS-28day	QPF Ensembles	MMEFS	ESP	HEFS
						
Offices Participating	All RFCs	LMRFC display web graphics NCRFC display web graphics MBRFC text only available ABRFC text only on Wednesdays	ABRFC LMRFC MBRFC NCRFC	OHRFC	ABRFC (HEFS also displayed) MBRFC NCRFC LMRFC (HEFS also displayed)	ABRFC (10 & 90 day) MBRFC (complete spring 2023) NCRFC (complete spring 2023) LMRFC (complete spring 2023) OHRFC (10 & 90 day)
NOAA/NWS Forecast Precipitation Duration for river forecasts	ABRFC: 24hrs year-round MBRFC & NCRFC: 24 hrs Summer + 48 hrs Winter + LMRFC: 24hrs tributaries 48hrs Mississippi River OHRFC: 48hrs year-round	16 days	9 Forecasts produced with QPF durations: 0, 12, 24, 48, 72, 96, 120, 144, and 168 hours POPF: 5% (min) & 95% (max) QPF for durations: 12, 24, 48, 72 hrs	10 days	90 days of Historical Precipitation	Short Range: 10 Days Long Range: 90 days
Forecast Length	ABRFC: 5 days LMRFC: 5 days, 14 days on Miss R MBRFC: 5-7 days, 10 days in MT NCRFC: 5 days, 14 days on Miss R OHRFC: 5-10 days	28 Days	ABRFC: 7 days with 10 days on the Lower Arkansas (in AR) Elsewhere: 14 Days	10 days	90 Days	Short Range: 10 Days Long Range: 90 days
USACE, USBR, TVA, and power company Reservoir Releases	Uses real-time reservoir operation information	ABRFC: Uses real-time reservoir operation information (5 days); then hold last value constant LMRFC: Uses real-time reservoir operation information (does include OHRFC input) MBRFC: Uses real-time operational info; then uses simulated reservoir operations from respective agency's water control manuals NCRFC: Uses real-time operational info; then uses simulated reservoir operations	ABRFC: Uses real-time reservoir operation information LMRFC: Uses real-time reservoir operation information MBRFC: Uses real-time reservoir operation information available at run-time NCRFC: Uses real-time reservoir operation information	OHRFC: Uses simulated reservoir operations water control manuals	ABRFC: Uses real-time operational info; then uses simulated reservoir operations LMRFC: Uses real-time operational info; then uses simulated reservoir operations from water control manuals MBRFC: Uses real-time operational info; then uses simulated reservoir operations from water control manuals where available NCRFC: Uses real-time operational info; then uses simulated reservoir operations	ABRFC: Uses real-time operational info; then uses simulated reservoir operations LMRFC: Uses real-time operational info; then uses simulated reservoir operations from water control manuals MBRFC: Uses real-time operational info; then uses simulated reservoir operations from water control manuals NCRFC: Uses real-time operational info; then uses simulated reservoir operations OHRFC: Uses simulated reservoir operations water control manuals
NOAA/NWS River Forecast Model	Includes forecaster modifications/corrections	Includes some forecaster modifications/corrections below the confluence of the Ohio & Mississippi Rivers	Not forecaster quality controlled	Not forecaster quality controlled	Not forecaster quality controlled	Not forecaster quality controlled
NOAA/NWS Uncertainty	Single forecast (no uncertainty info provided) -MBRFC provides these forecasts with a cone of uncertainty based on prior forecast skill	Single forecast (no uncertainty info provided) -LMRFC provides cone of uncertainty based on prior forecast skill	Single Forecasts: 7 QPF durations (no uncertainty info provided)	Ensemble of Forecasts Uncertainty provided through 42 possible outcomes	Ensemble of Forecasts Uncertainty provided through dozens of possible outcomes	Ensemble of Forecasts Uncertainty provided through 60+ possible outcomes
Forecast Frequency	As needed	Daily: NCRFC, MBRFC, LMRFC  Wednesday only: ABRFC	Daily	Twice daily	Monthly	10 Day: Daily (all) 90 Day: ABRFC: Bimonthly LMRFC: Weekly MBRFC: coming soon NCRFC: coming soon OHRFC: Weekly
How to Access	<a href="https://water.weather.gov/ahps/">https://water.weather.gov/ahps/</a> <a href="https://www.weather.gov/mbrfc/maeuncertainty">https://www.weather.gov/mbrfc/maeuncertainty</a>	<a href="https://www.weather.gov/lmrfc/experimental_28day_mississippi_plot">https://www.weather.gov/lmrfc/experimental_28day_mississippi_plot</a> <a href="https://www.weather.gov/crh/1MI_WS_QPFSscenario5_videos#4">https://www.weather.gov/crh/1MI_WS_QPFSscenario5_videos#4</a> <a href="https://www.weather.gov/mbrfc/16dayQPF">https://www.weather.gov/mbrfc/16dayQPF</a>	<a href="https://www.weather.gov/crh/rfk_ensemble">https://www.weather.gov/crh/rfk_ensemble</a> <a href="https://www.weather.gov/source/abrfc/RawModel/">https://www.weather.gov/source/abrfc/RawModel/</a>	<a href="https://www.weather.gov/crh/mmefs">https://www.weather.gov/crh/mmefs</a>	AHPS Hydrograph - Probability information tab <a href="https://water.weather.gov/ahps/long_range.php">https://water.weather.gov/ahps/long_range.php</a>	AHPS Hydrograph - Probability information tab
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\* Summer: April - September  
Winter: October - March

**Acronym**

ABRFC  
LMRFC  
MBRFC  
NCRFC  
OHRFC

**Definition**

Arkansas-Red Basin River Forecast Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Lower Mississippi River Forecast Center, Slidell, Louisiana  
Missouri Basin River Forecast Center, Pleasant Hill, Missouri  
North Central River Forecast Center, Chanhassen, Minnesota  
Ohio River Forecast Center, Wilmington, Ohio

AHPS

Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service, for more information <https://water.weather.gov/ahps/about/about.php>

AR

Arkansas

ESP

Ensemble Streamflow Prediction/Probabilistic System, for more information [https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/pdf/period\\_terminology.pdf](https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/pdf/period_terminology.pdf)

HEFS

Hydrologic Ensemble Forecast Service, for more information [https://www.weather.gov/abrfc/about\\_HEFS](https://www.weather.gov/abrfc/about_HEFS)

MMEFS

Meteorological Model-based Ensemble River Forecasts, for more information <https://www.weather.gov/media/crh/alert/EnsemblefactsheetMMEFS.pdf>

NAEFS

North American Ensemble Forecast System, for more information [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North\\_American\\_Ensemble\\_Forecast\\_System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_American_Ensemble_Forecast_System)

POPF

Probabilistic and Percentile Quantitative Precipitation Forecast, for more information [https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/pqpf/about\\_pqpf\\_products.shtml](https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/pqpf/about_pqpf_products.shtml)

QPF

Quantitative Precipitation Forecast, for more information <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/html/fam2.shtml#qpf>