



# Drought Information Statement for Southern Wisconsin

Valid 3/20/25

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# Wisconsin Drought Update

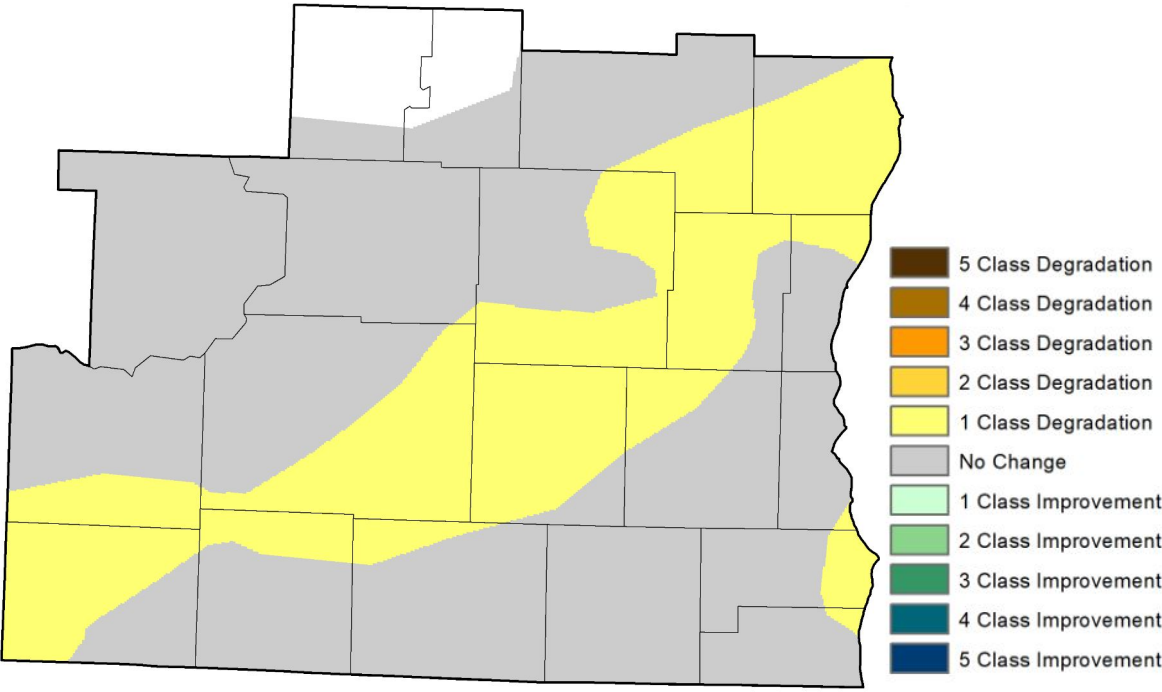
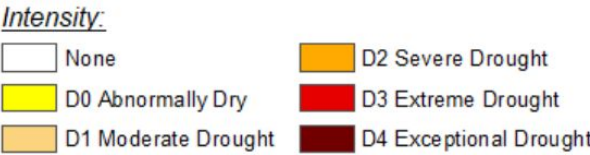
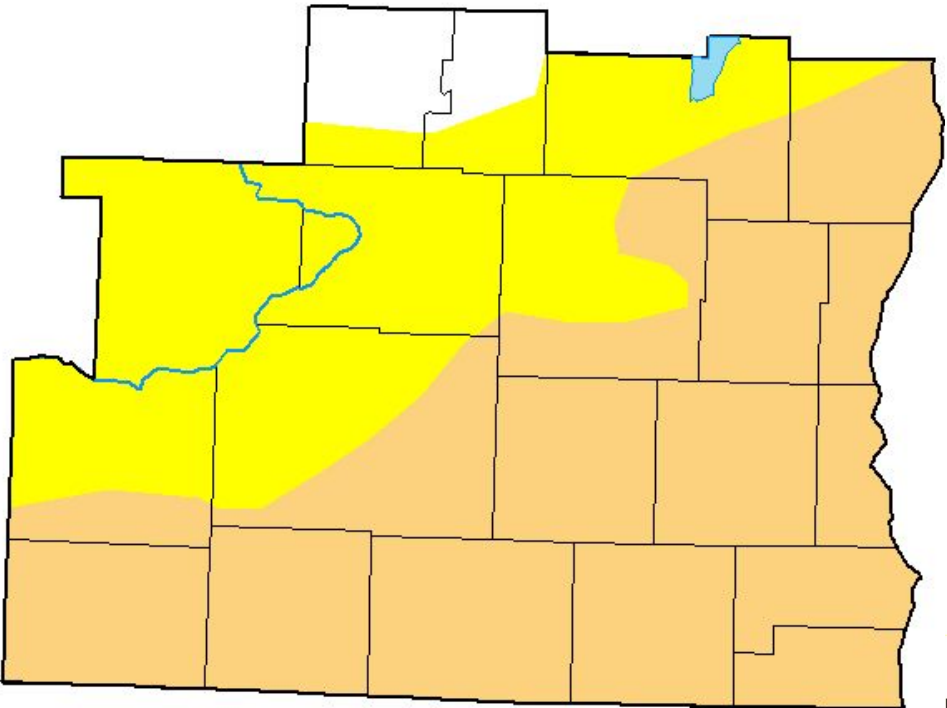
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- Over the past 4 weeks Moderate Drought expanded across parts of Lafayette, southern Iowa, southeast Dane, Jefferson, Washington, southern Fond du Lac and Sheboygan counties.
- Moderate Drought continues across far southern and southeast Wisconsin.

U.S. Drought Monitor  
**Milwaukee/  
Sullivan, WI WFO**

March 18, 2025  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 20, 2025)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

4 Week Drought Condition Class Change



March 11, 2025  
compared to  
February 11, 2025



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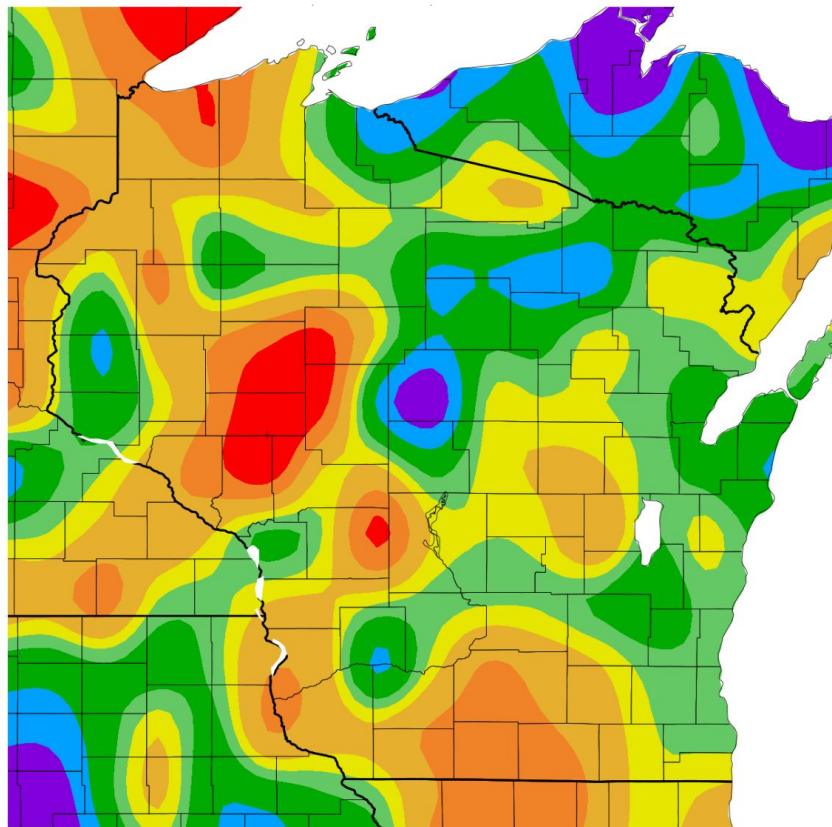


# Precipitation

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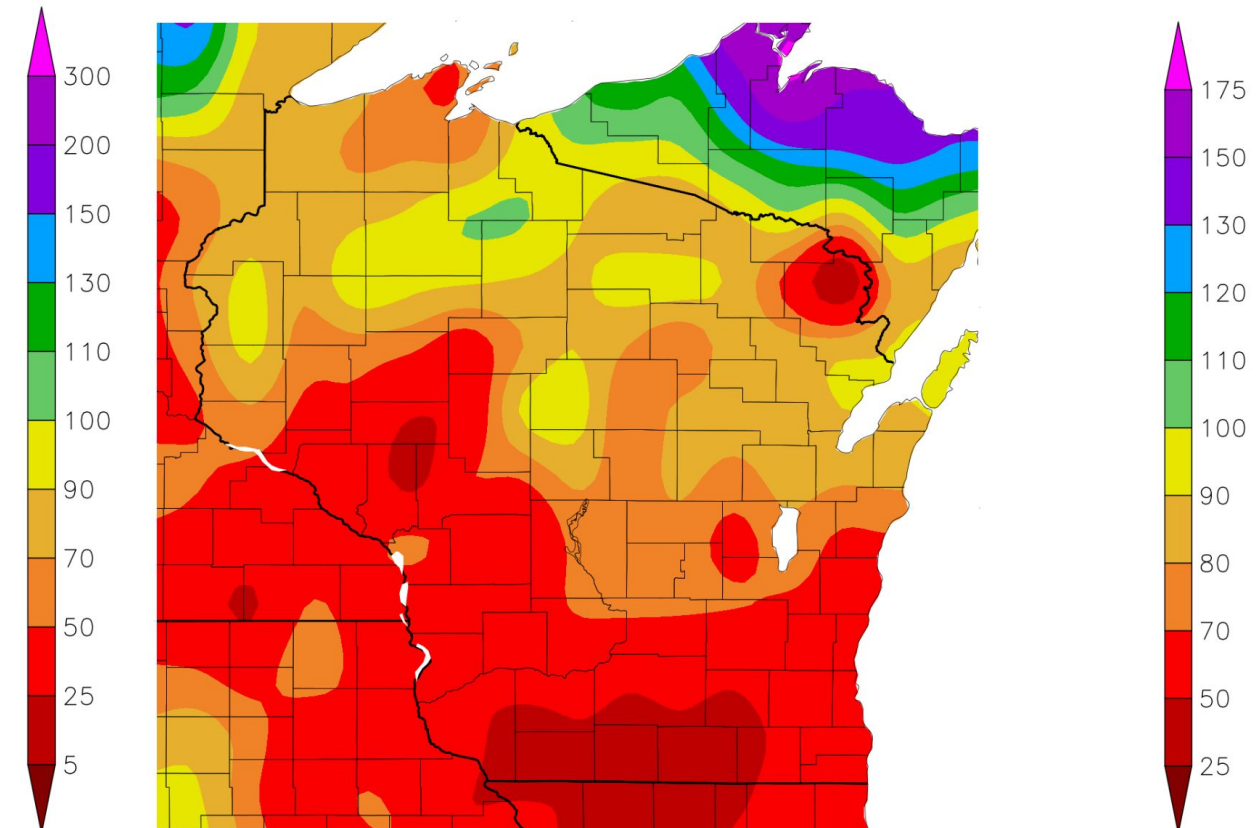
- Precipitation in south-central Wisconsin over the past 30 days is 50-70% of normal.
- Precipitation across southern Wisconsin over the past 120 days is 25-70% of normal.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
2/18/2025 – 3/19/2025

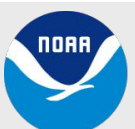


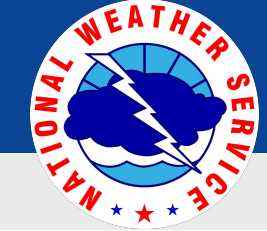
Generated 3/20/2025 at HPRCC using provisional data.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
11/20/2024 – 3/19/2025



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# Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Significant wildland fire potential outlook is normal for Wisconsin for April

Latest WI DNR Fire Danger map available [here](#)  
and DNR Burn Restrictions available [here](#).

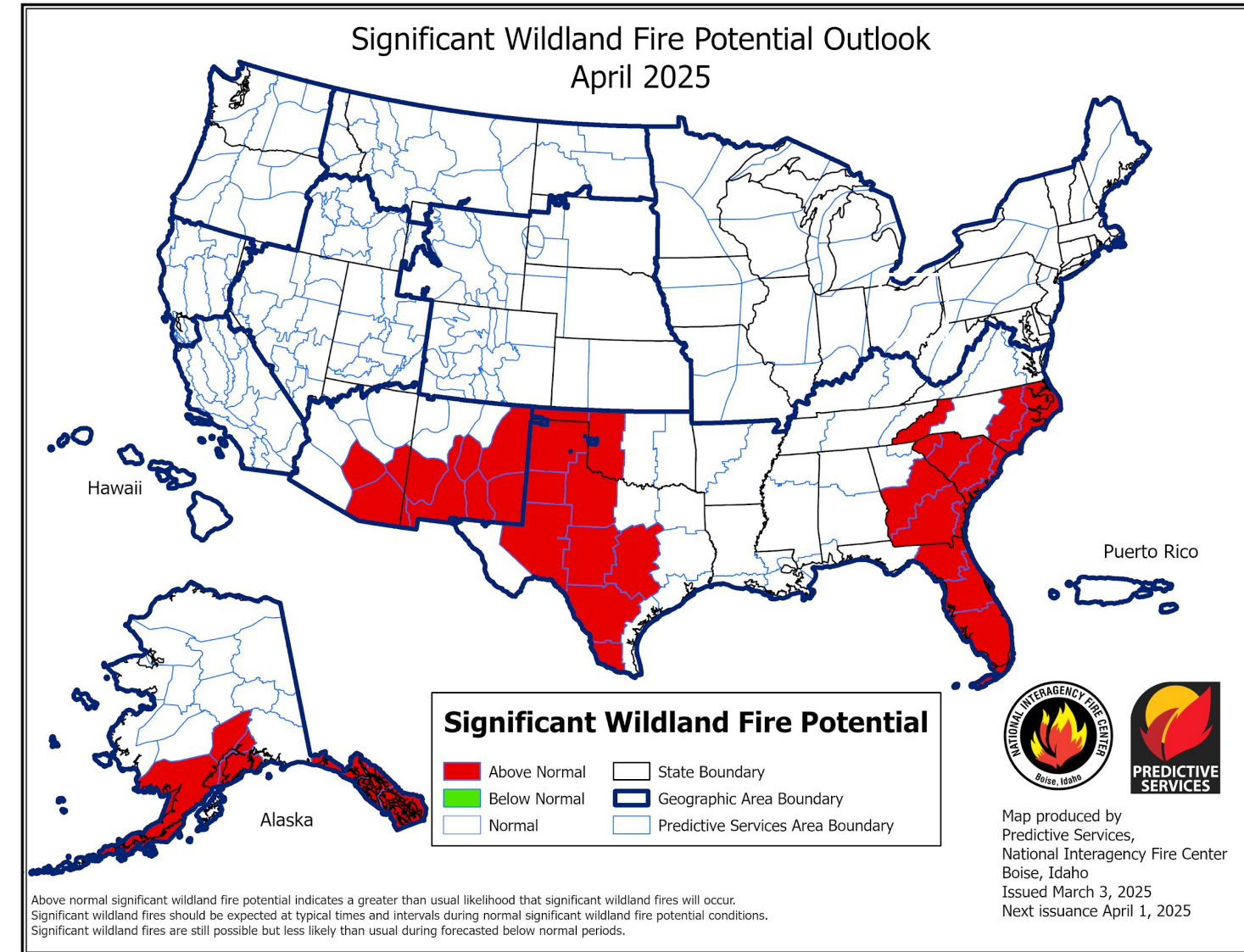
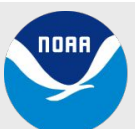
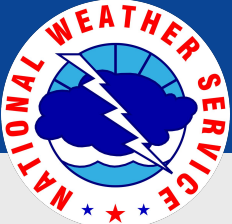


Image Caption: [Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook](#)



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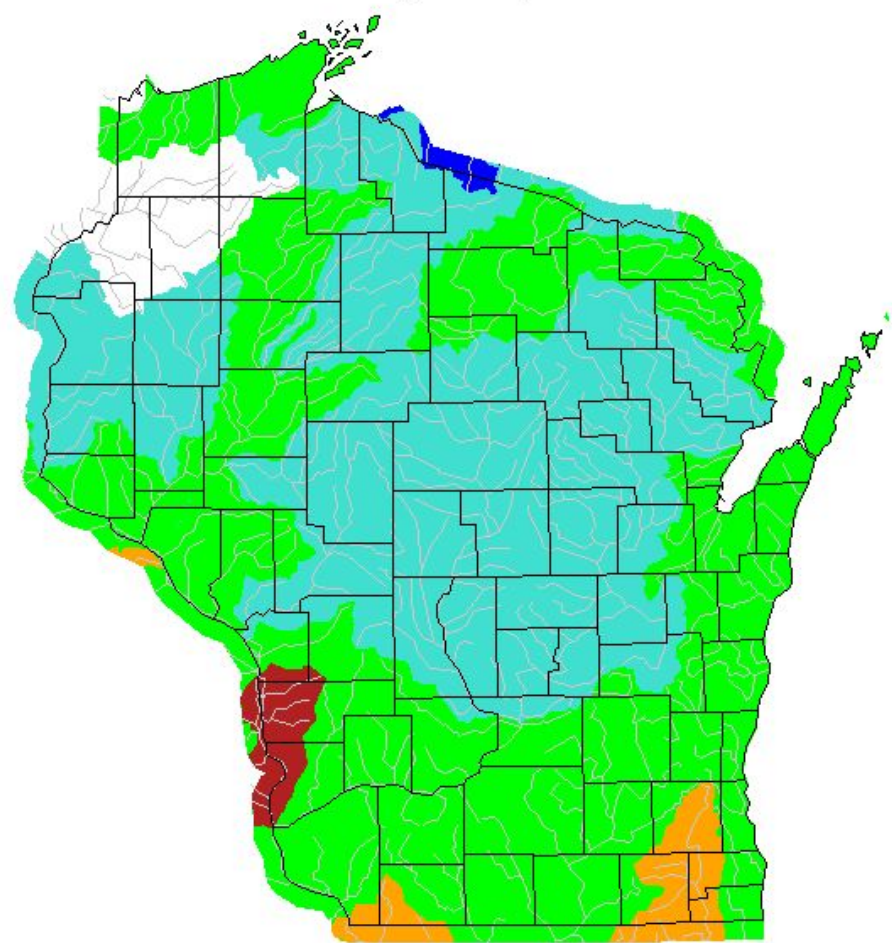
# Current Conditions

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- Streamflow over the past month is in the 10-24th percentile, the below normal category, in parts of southeast Wisconsin and the 25-75th percentile across the remainder of southern Wisconsin.
- Soil moisture is in the 10 - 30th percentile in the drought area of southeast Wisconsin.

## 28 Day Streamflow

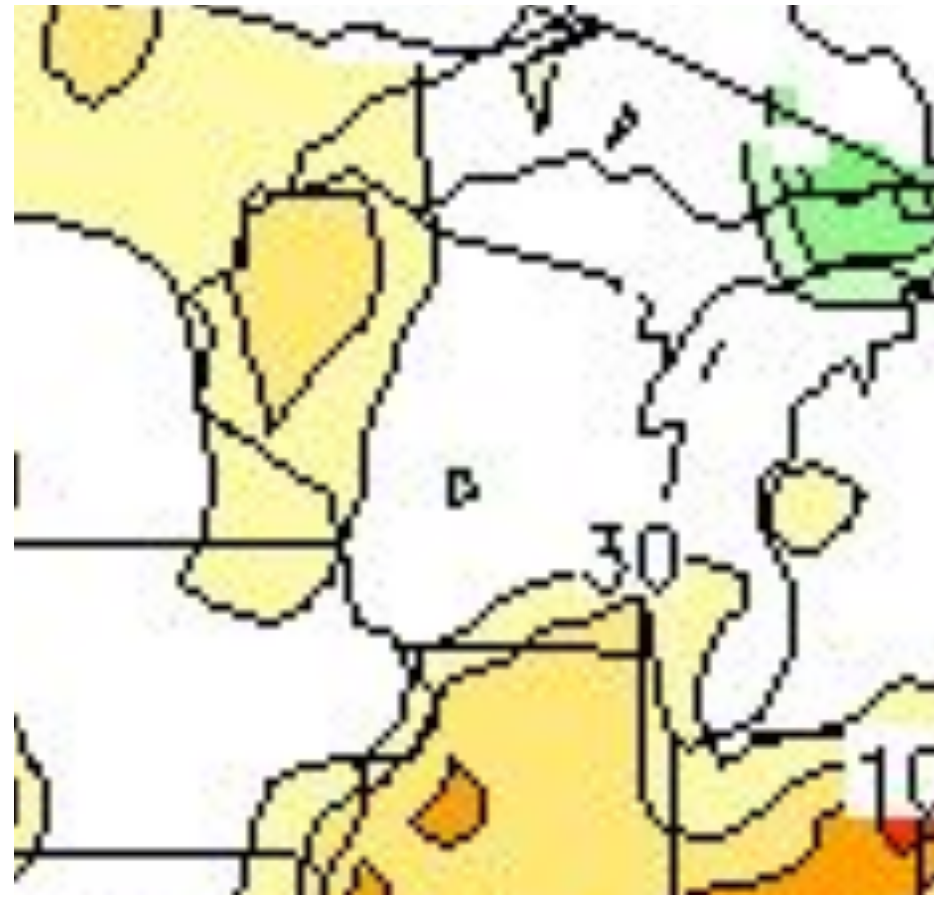
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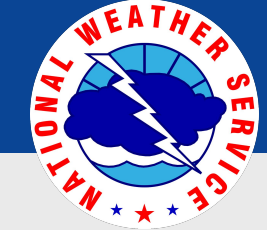


Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not-ranked

## CPC Soil Moisture Percentile

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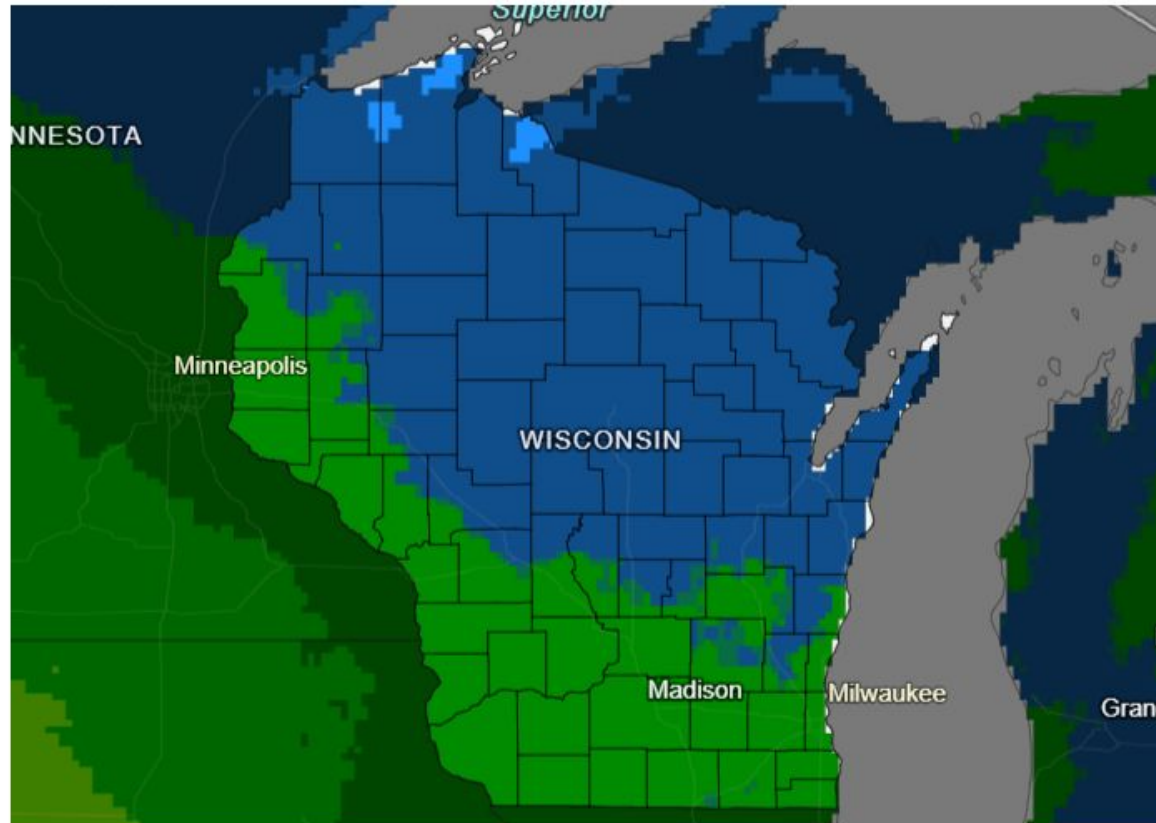




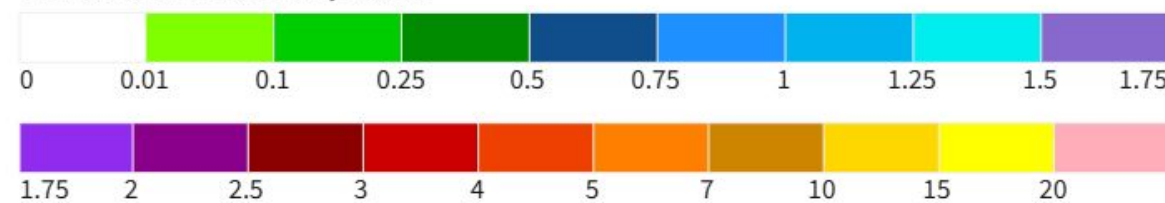
# 7 Day Precipitation Forecast

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7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for March  
20-27, 2025



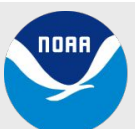
Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center  
Last Updated: 03/20/25

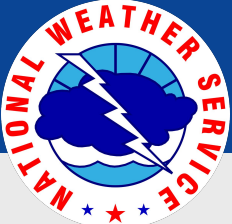
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- Southern Wisconsin may receive over 0.25 inches of precipitation over the next 7 days.



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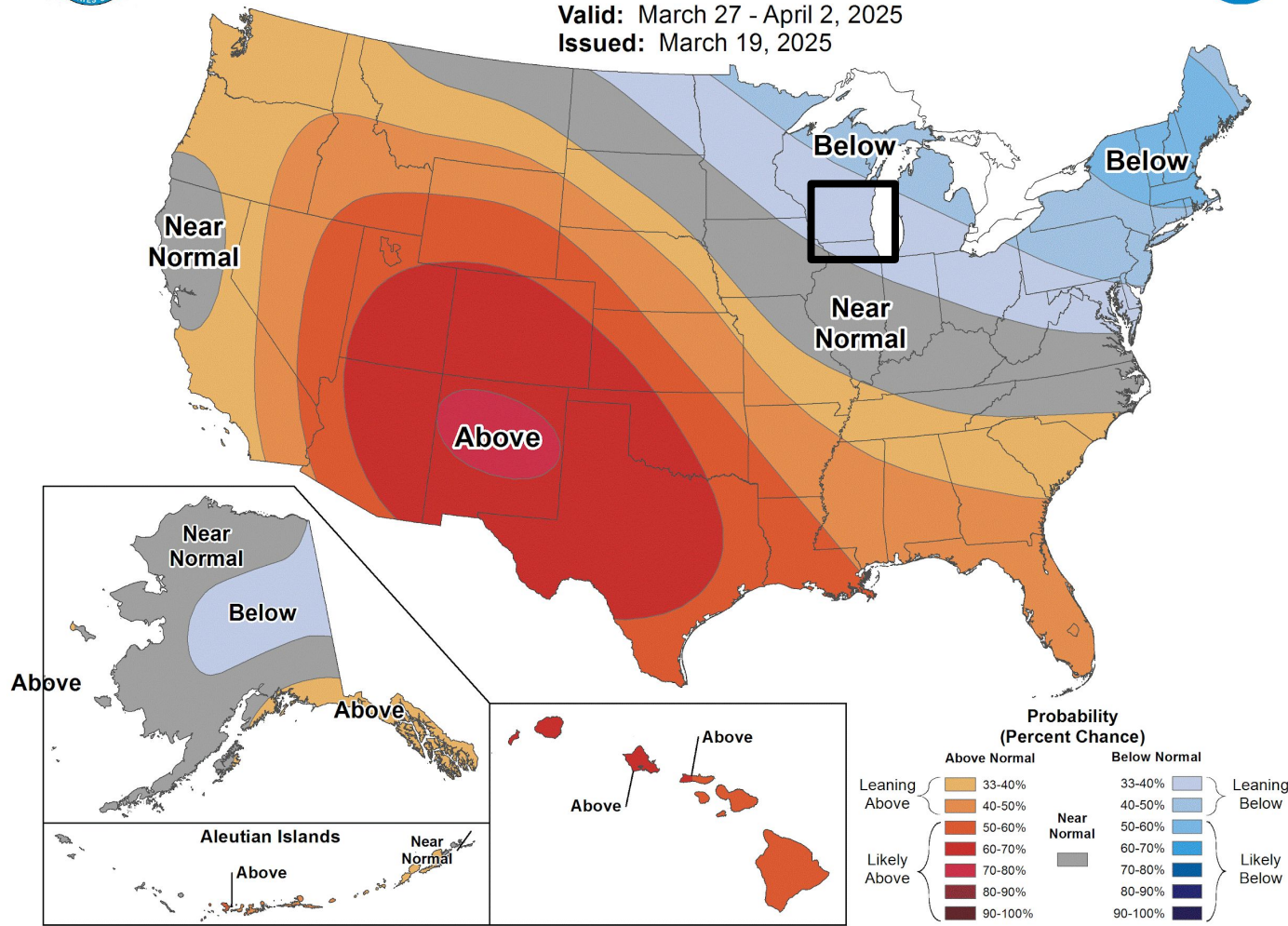
# Week 2 Outlook

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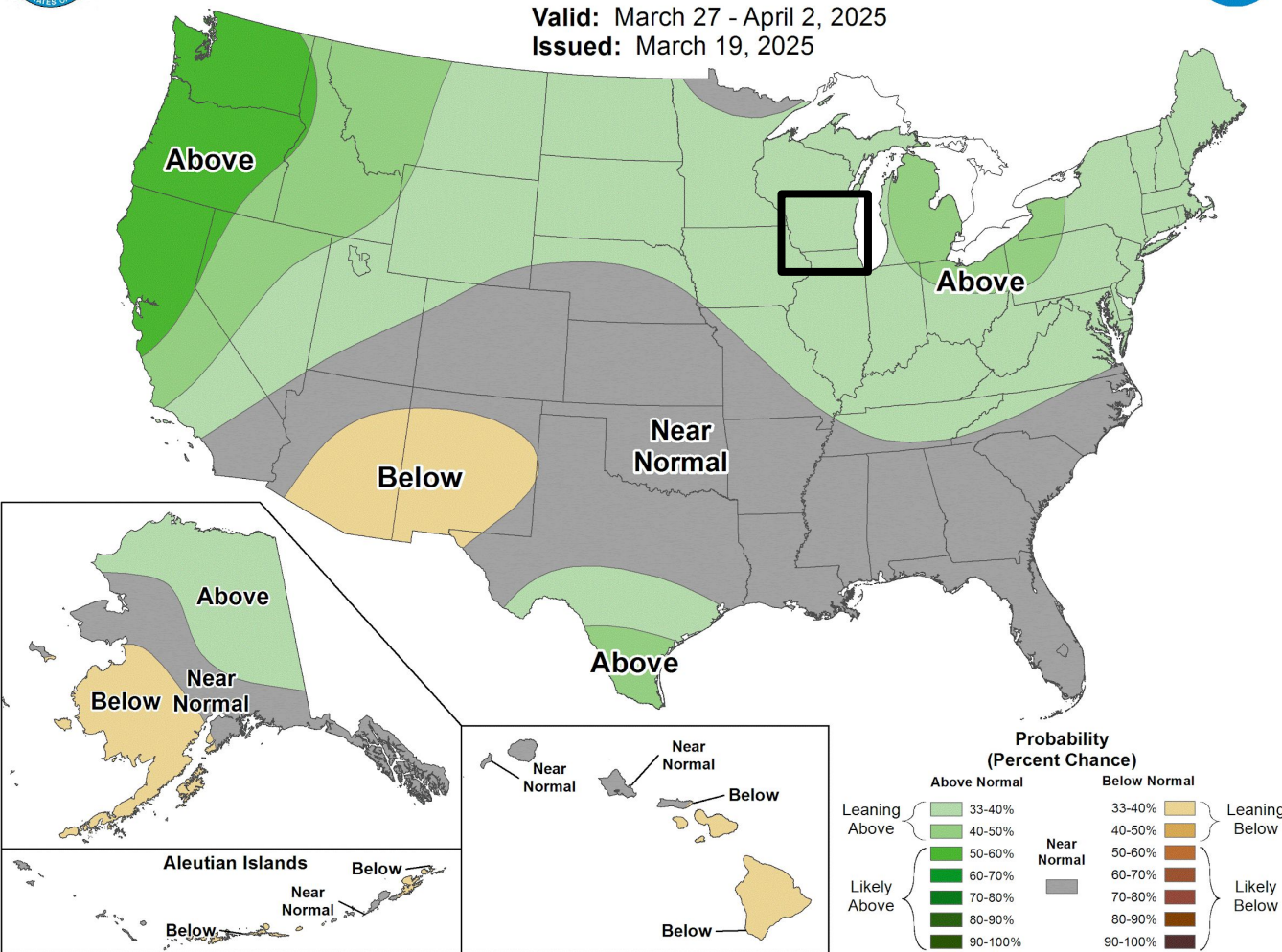
## 8-14 Day Temperature Outlook

Valid: March 27 - April 2, 2025  
Issued: March 19, 2025



## 8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook

Valid: March 27 - April 2, 2025  
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- There are slightly increased odds (37%) for below average temperature during March 27-April 2.
- There are slightly increased odds (37%) for above average precipitation during March 27-April 2.





# Month Outlook

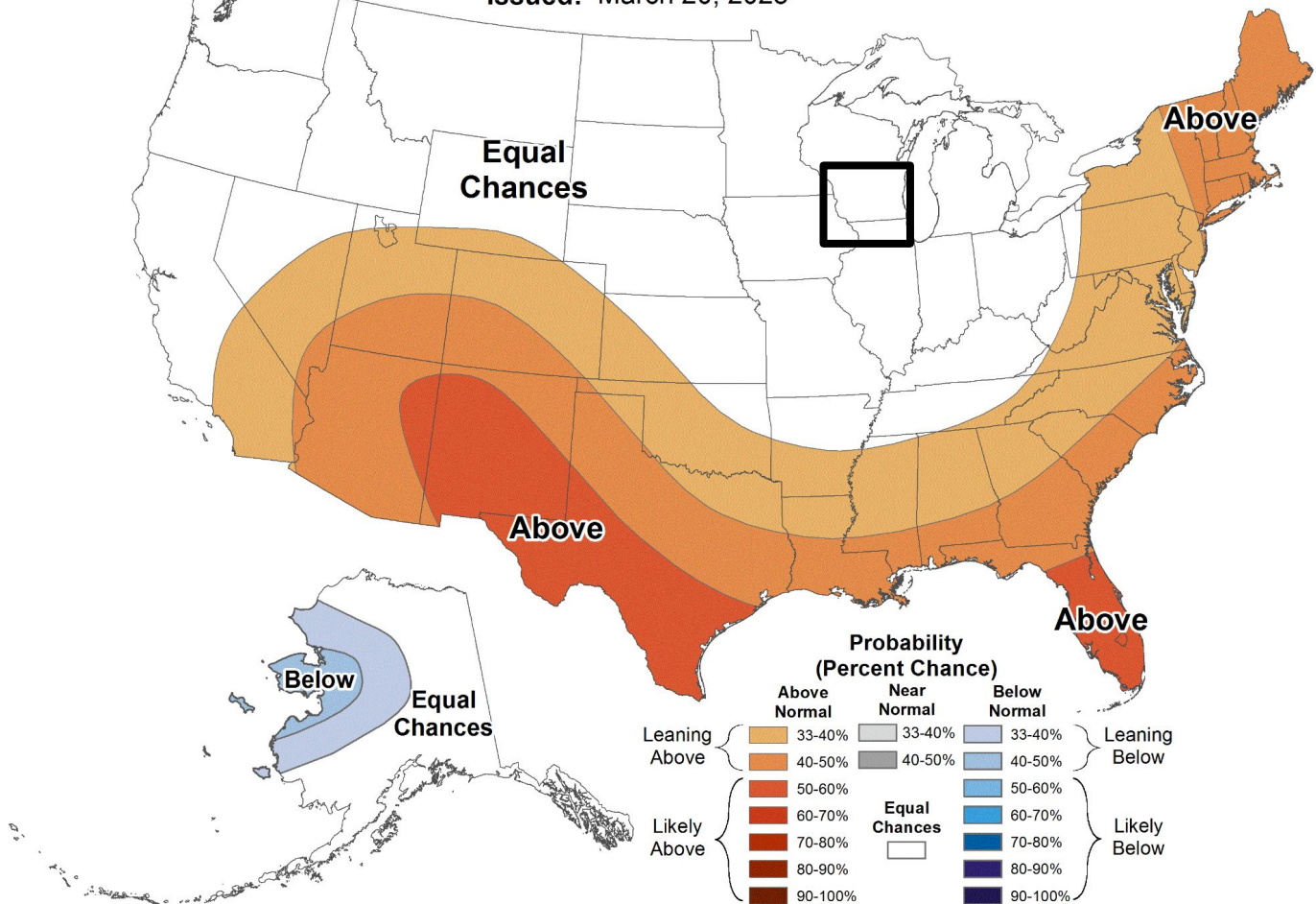
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## Monthly Temperature Outlook



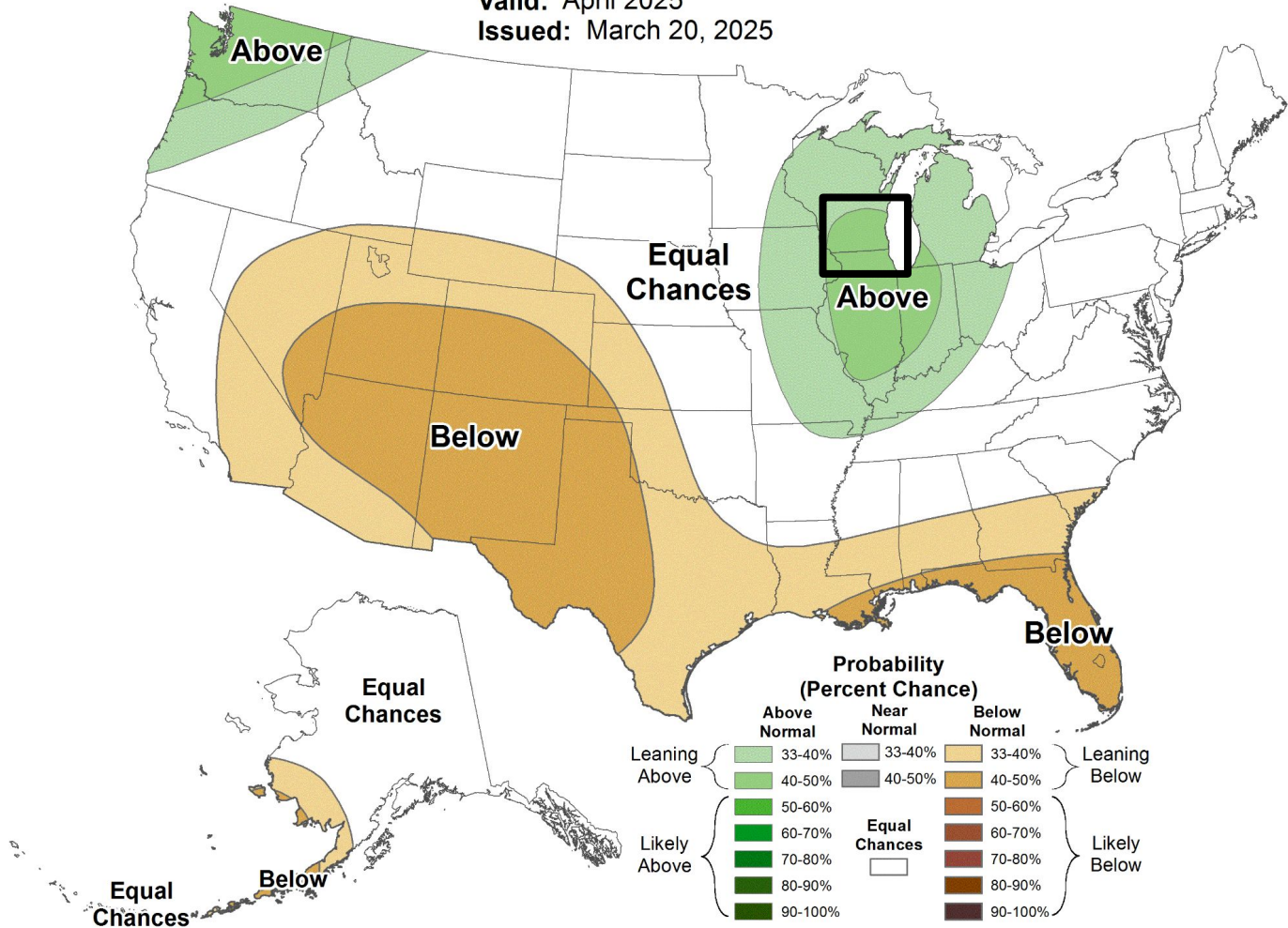
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## Monthly Precipitation Outlook



Valid: April 2025  
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- There are equal chances of below, near and above normal temperatures for April.
- There are slightly increased odds (45%) for above average precipitation for April.

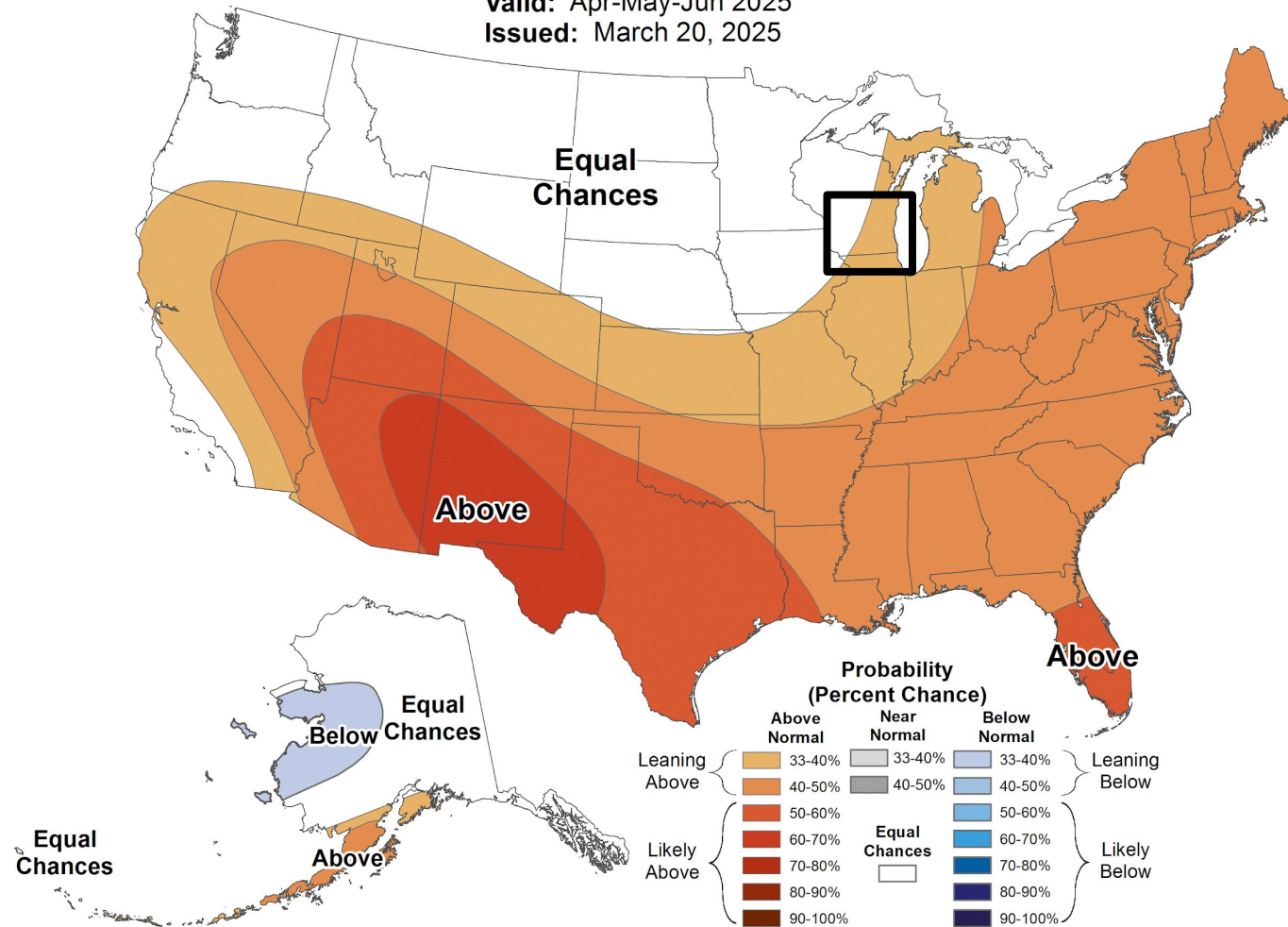




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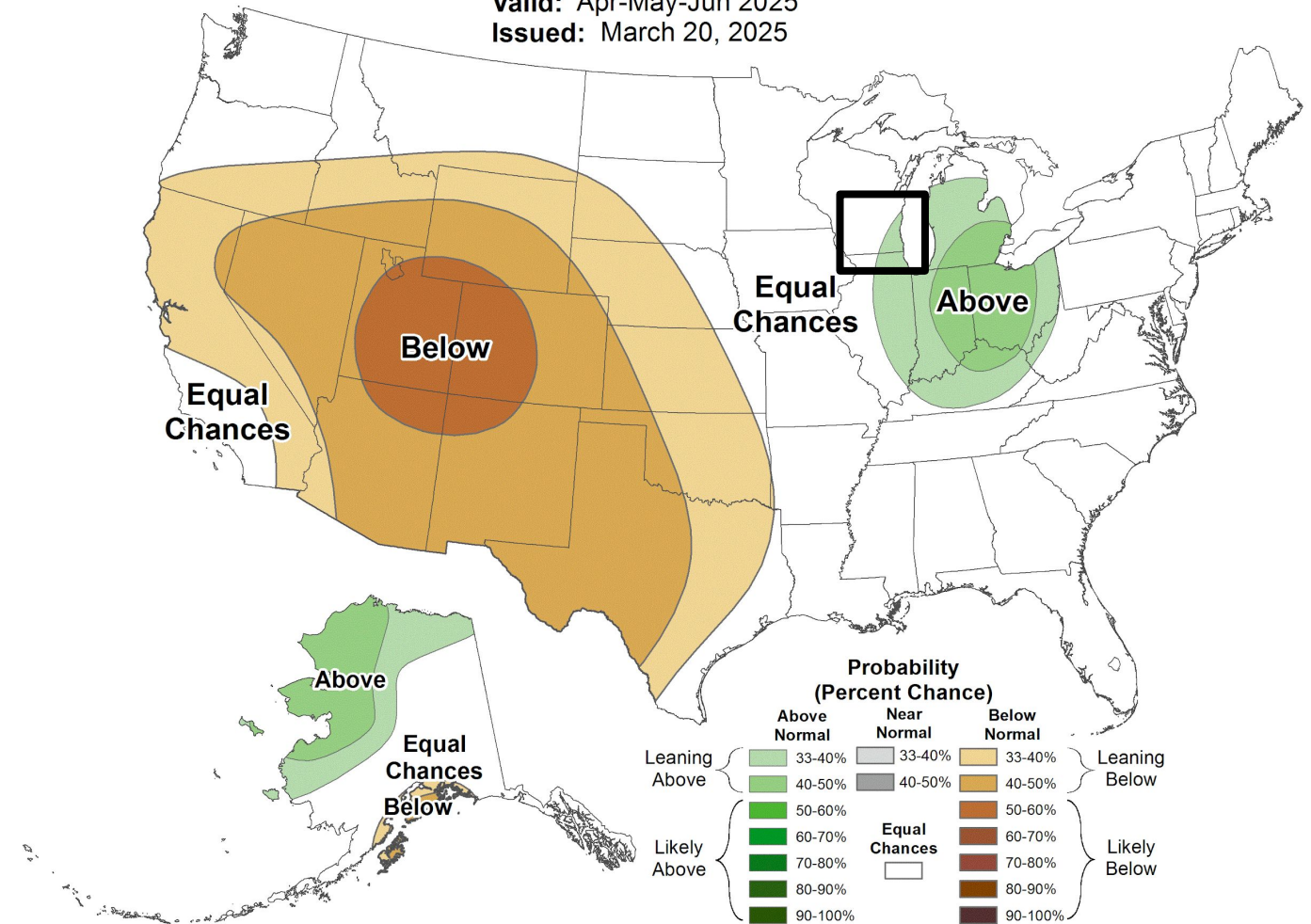
## Seasonal Temperature Outlook

**Valid:** Apr-May-Jun 2025  
**Issued:** March 20, 2025



## Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

**Valid:** Apr-May-Jun 2025  
**Issued:** March 20, 2025



- There are slightly increased odds (35%) of above average temperature during the April -May -June season.
- There are slightly increased odds (35%) of above average precipitation for southeast Wisconsin during the April -May -June season.



# Drought Outlook

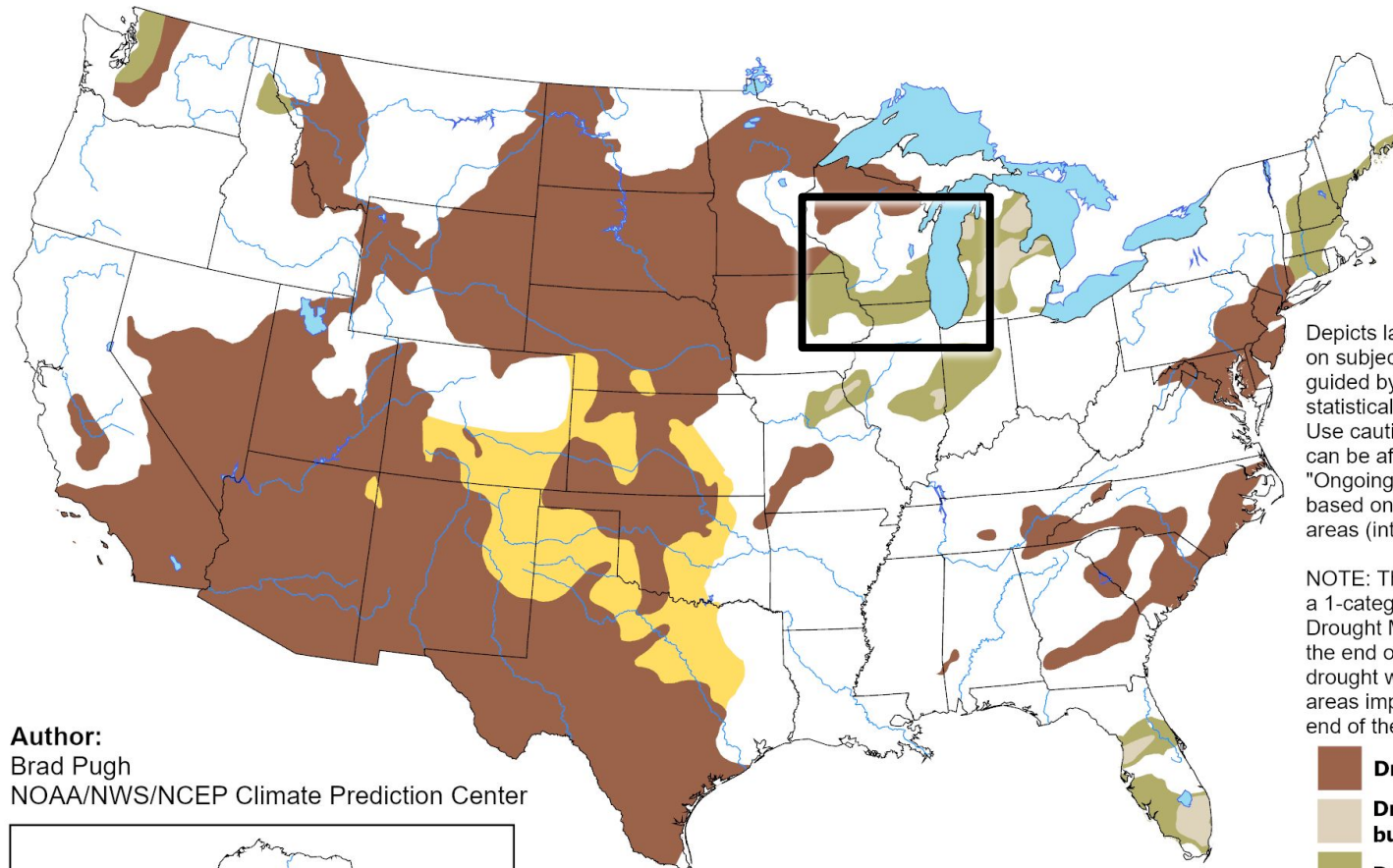
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The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- With the wetter signal in the few weeks and months, drought removal is likely during the March 20 to June 30 time frame.

## U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for March 20 - June 30, 2025  
Released March 20, 2025

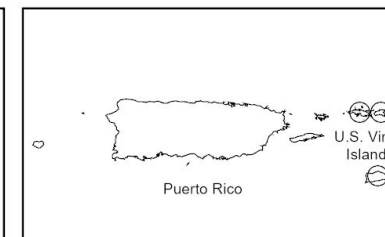
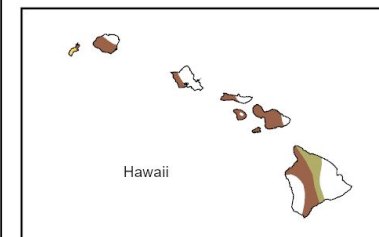
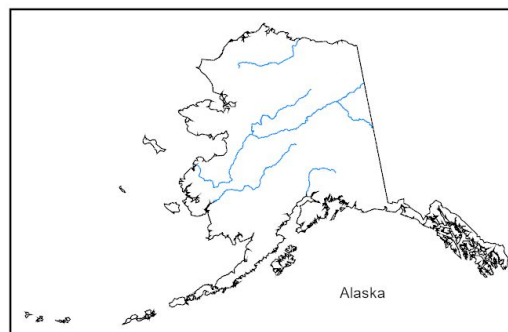


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists**
- Drought remains, but improves**
- Drought removal likely**
- Drought development likely**
- No drought**

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<https://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)  
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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