

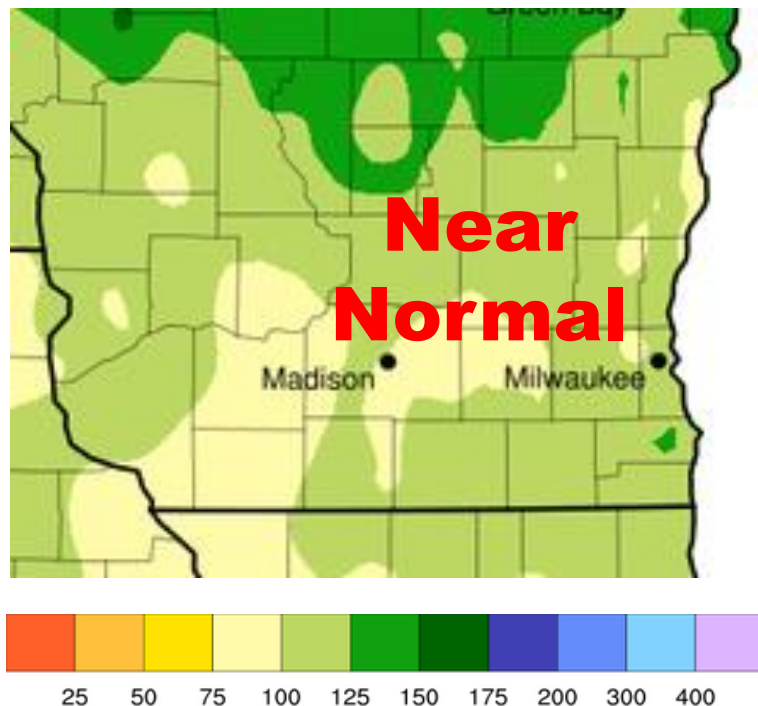


# Average to Above Average Spring Flood Risk

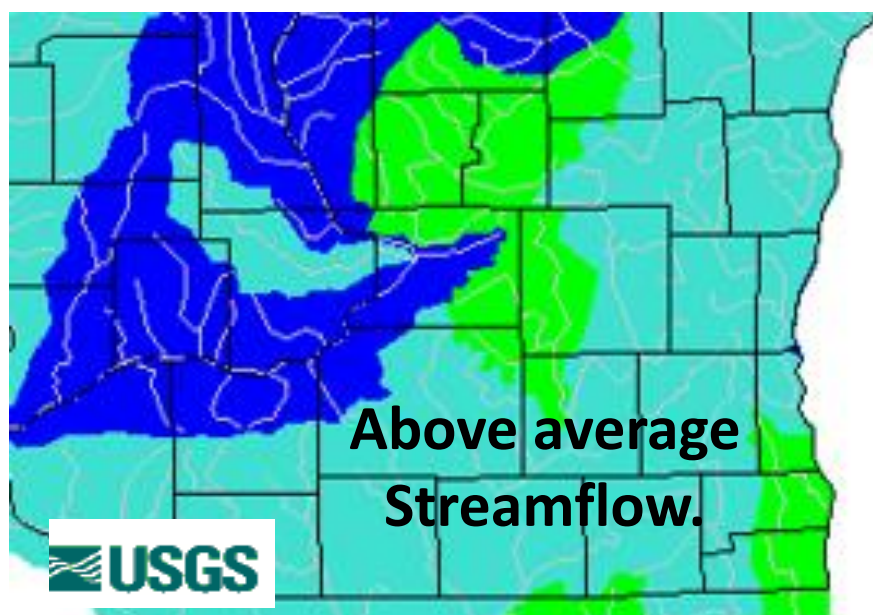
## Key Points

- There is an above average risk of flooding in south-central Wisconsin and an average risk of flooding in southeast Wisconsin.
- Impactful flooding is still possible; where flooding occurs and how bad it will be will depend on where there is heavy rain.
- The ground is very saturated, which will cause increased runoff and flooding potential.

Accumulated Precipitation Compared to Normal  
From December 1<sup>st</sup> - March 12<sup>th</sup>



March Streamflow Compared to Normal

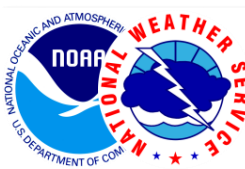


Explanation - Percentile classes

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

## What Has Changed?

- Flood risk has gone down somewhat, but flooding is still possible. Mild temperatures and below average precipitation in the past three weeks allowed snow to slowly melt and evaporate.
- Risk of reaching moderate and major flood stages has decreased to an average risk level.



Flood Risk Factors	Impact to flooding	Change since February
High River Levels	<b>Above normal threat</b>	No change
High Soil Moisture	<b>Above normal threat</b>	No change
Normal to above normal winter and spring rainfall	<b>Above normal threat</b>	Recent dry spell created room in rivers for recent snow melt, but now they are back to high levels for this time of year
Snow cover/snow melt	<b>No longer a threat</b>	Little snow left except in the northern Wisconsin River basin
Heavy rain	<b>Increased threat if it occurs</b>	

## Impacts

- The ground cannot accept much additional water due to high soil moisture, causing increased runoff and flooding potential.
- Runoff into rivers that already high increases river flood potential.
- Minor flooding is expected, but more impactful flooding is possible, especially with heavy rain.

## How To Prepare

- Make sure sump pump is working
- Install check-valves to prevent drain backups
- Elevate items in basement
- Consider flood insurance
- Have a source for weather information
- Create a communications plan for your family and have a safe place to meet in higher ground.

*The National Weather Service urges those with interests in flooding to stay tuned to additional communications going through the winter and early spring seasons.*