



# Drought Information Statement for Central/Southern MN and Western WI

## Valid June 18, 2026

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- This product will be updated July 16, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
  - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
  - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/MPX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
  - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- Drought continues to slowly expand across Minnesota and Wisconsin



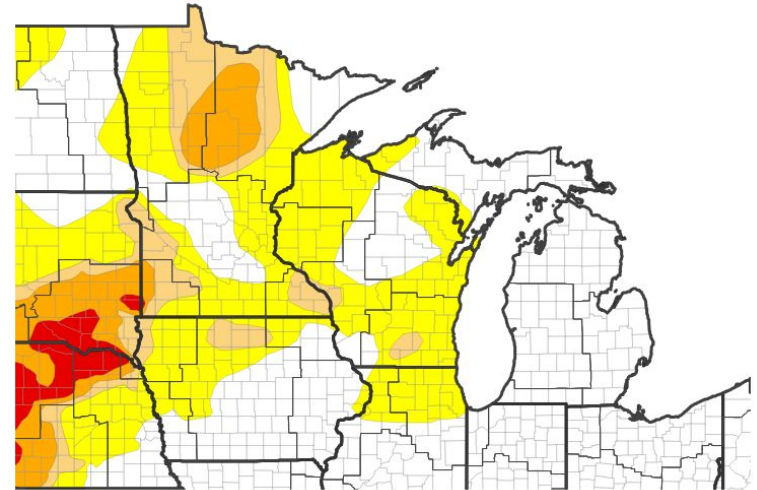


# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Central/Southern MN and Western WI

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: No areas locally.
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: No areas locally.
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: No areas locally.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Small portions of Yellow Medicine, Lac Qui Parle, Todd, and Morrison counties in MN along with small portions of Pepin and Eau Claire counties in WI.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Much of central and southern MN and western WI.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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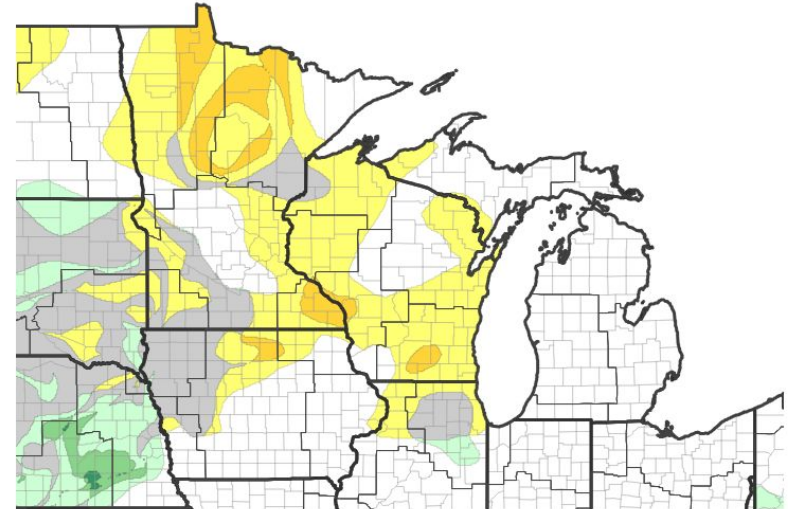


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Central/Southern MN and Western WI

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Worsened: eastern MN and western WI along with south central, western, and central MN
  - No Change: The rest of the region not mentioned above.
  - Drought Improved: No areas saw improvement in the last month

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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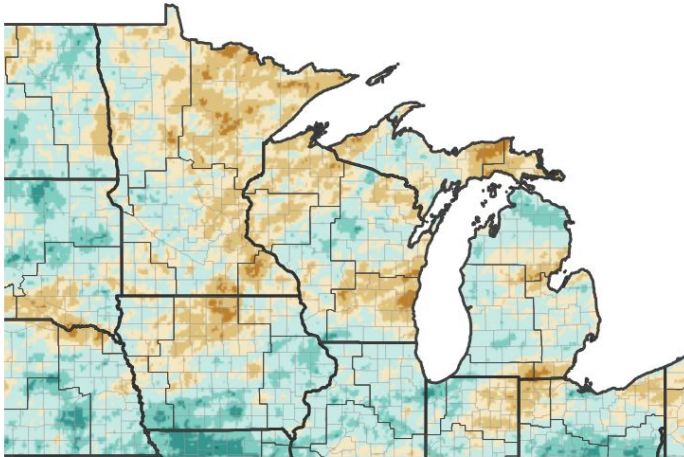




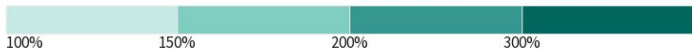
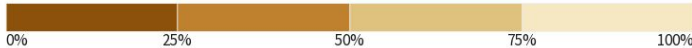
# Precipitation

- Last 30 days: precipitation has generally been near normal. The driest area (50-75% of normal) has been from Albert Lea to Red Wing, then up through the eastern Twin Cities Metro toward Mora.
- Last 90 days: much of the region has seen 75% to 100% of normal precipitation.

30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



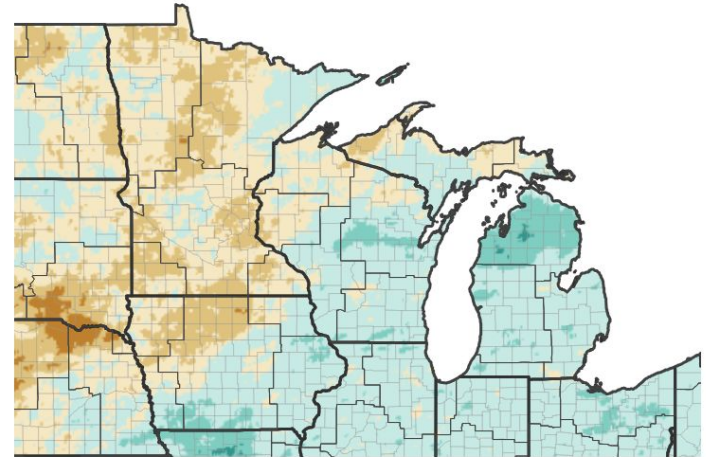
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



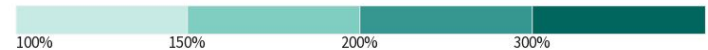
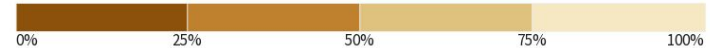
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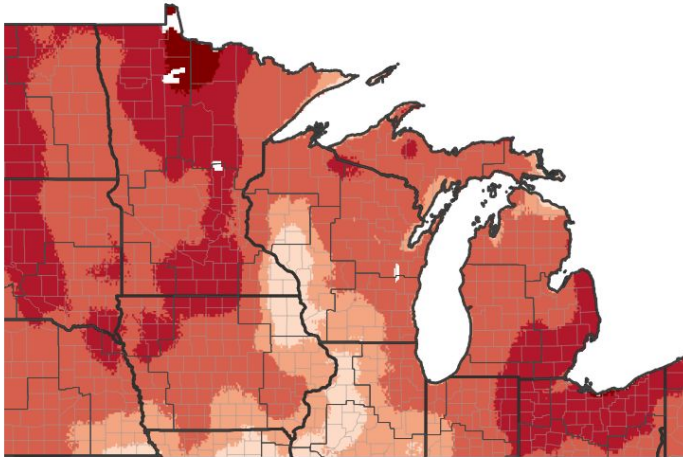




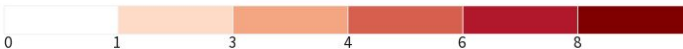
# Temperature

- Late May through early June warmth has temperatures running 4-6 degrees above normal over the last 30 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



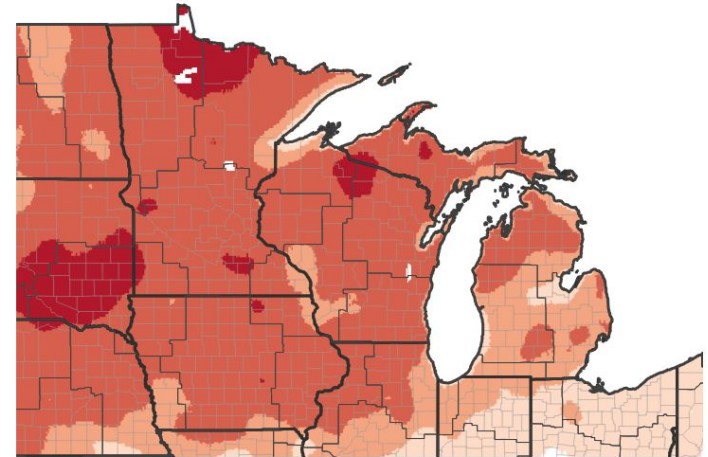
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



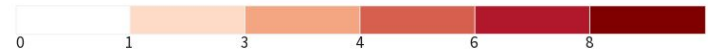
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# Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

## Hydrologic Impacts

- Other than the Mississippi River headwaters, streamflows are largely within the 25-75% of normal band across the region. ([USGS Streamflows](#), [MN Streamflow](#))

## Agricultural Impacts

- The Spring plantings are now complete, with crop conditions and soil moisture both in generally good condition across MN and WI. ([State USDA Crop Reports](#))

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- We are now fully within the growing season, with enough recent rains to keep the fire danger low in both MN and WI ([MN Fire Danger](#), [WI Fire Danger](#))

## Other Impacts

- No known additional impacts at this time.

## Mitigation Actions

- None currently in place.



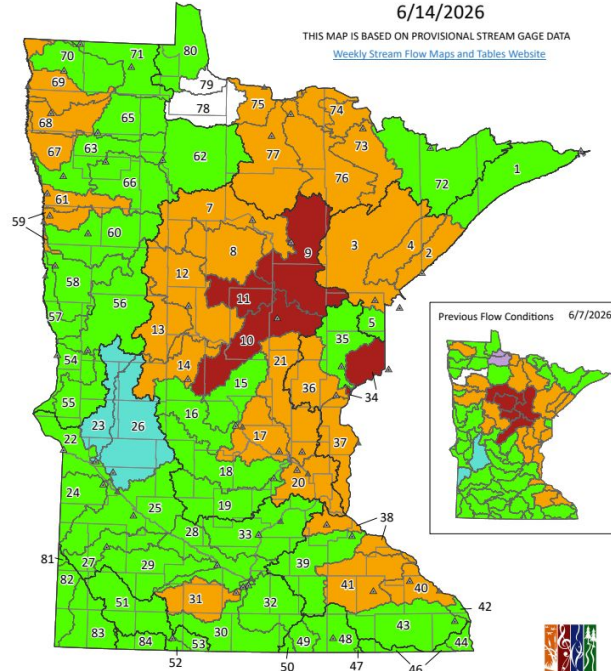


# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- The lowest river flows have been observed along the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

## Minnesota Weekly Stream Flow Report 6/14/2026

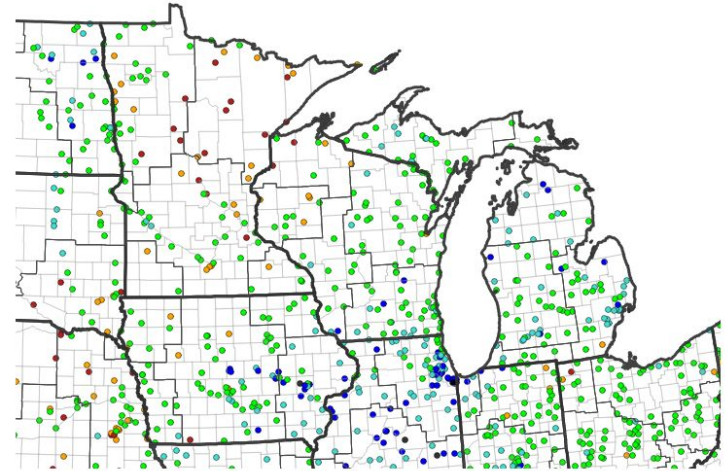
THIS MAP IS BASED ON PROVISIONAL STREAM GAGE DATA  
[Weekly Stream Flow Maps and Tables Website](#)



- Flood Flows: flows exceed established Flood Stage or the highest monthly Q10
- High Flows: flows exceed the monthly Q25
- Normal Flows: flows are between monthly Q25 and monthly Q75 exceedance levels
- Low Flows: below monthly Q75 exceedance levels
- Minimum Flows: below the annual Q90 or an established protection level
- No Data
- Ice affected
- Flow affected by backwater
- Rating in Development
- ▲ Designated major watershed gage
- ▲ Designated main stem river gage



## 1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions



### Streamflow Conditions



Source(s): U.S. Geological Survey; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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### Explanation - Percentile classes

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

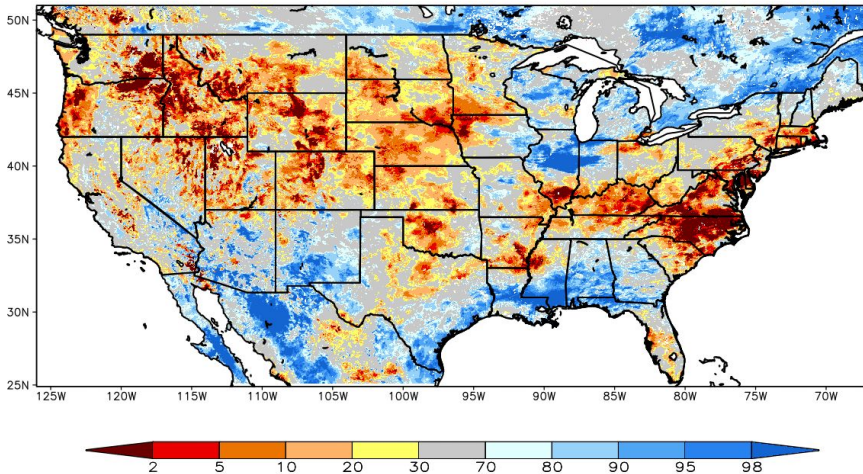




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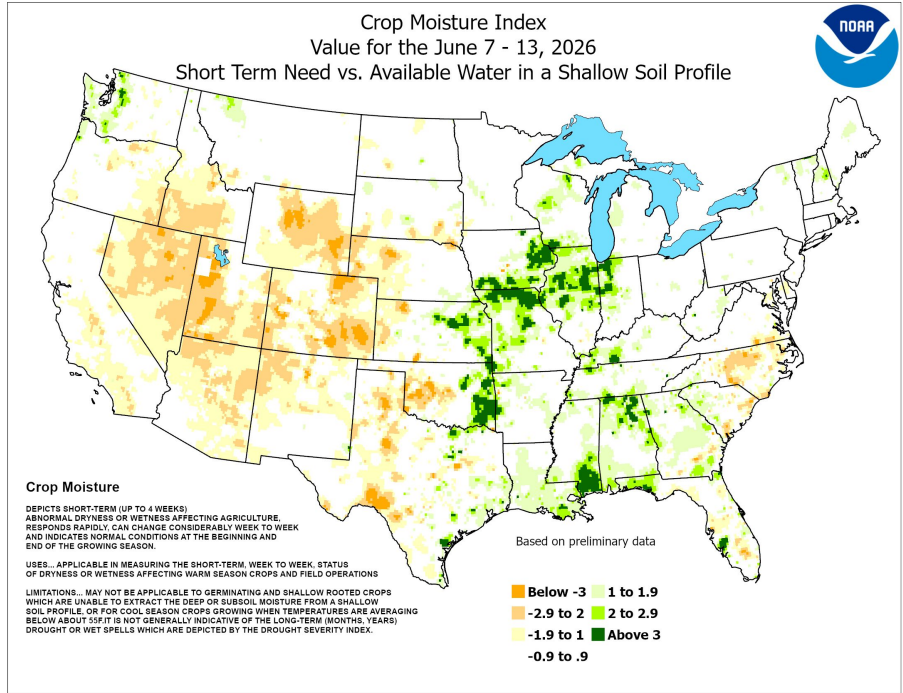
- Crop moisture continues to hold up well across MN and WI.
- Satellite derived soil moisture continues to highlight dry conditions across southwest MN.

SPoRT-LIS 0-40 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 18 Jun 2026



\*\*NOTE\*\*  
\*\*Experimental\*\*

Crop Moisture Index  
Value for the June 7 - 13, 2026  
Short Term Need vs. Available Water in a Shallow Soil Profile

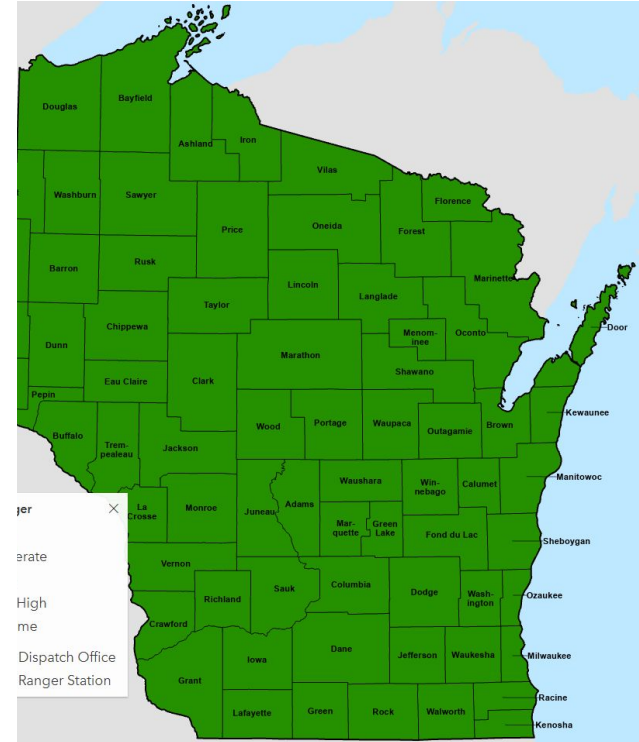
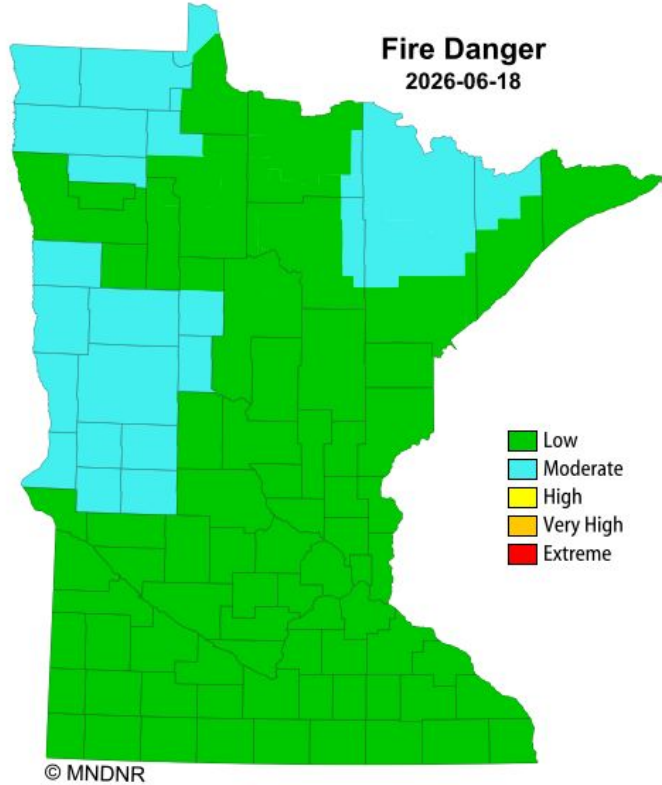




# Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [MN DNR Wildfire Danger](#) and [WI DNR Wildfire Danger](#)

- With green-up now complete and the occasional rains we've seen, we are now in the typical summer fire danger lull

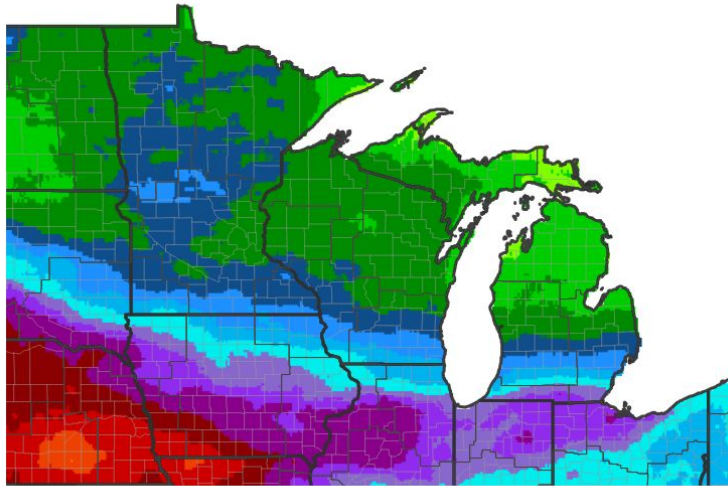




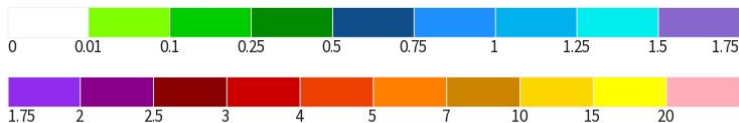
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- For the next couple of weeks, we look to continue to get enough rain to keep drought from rapidly expanding, but not enough to significantly improve drought conditions.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for June 18, 2026–June 25, 2026



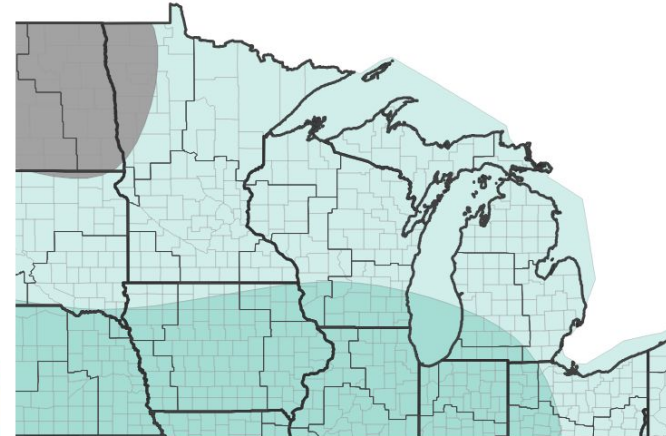
Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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8–14 Day Precipitation Outlook for June 25, 2026–July 1, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



■ Near-Normal Conditions

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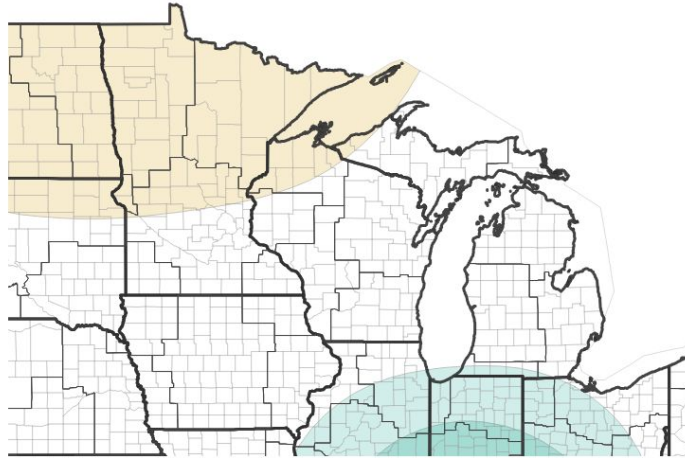


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- We're expected to favor having northwest flow in July, which leads to increased uncertainty for the July outlook, with equal chances for above or below normal temperatures
- Given the northwest flow, there is a slight favoring toward below normal precipitation

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



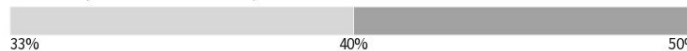
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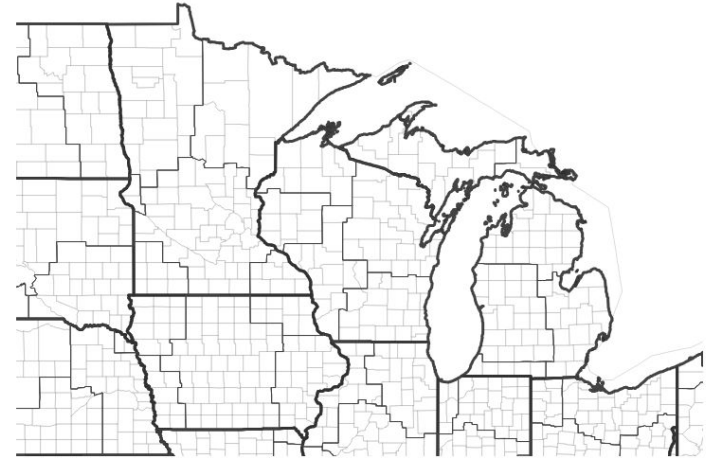
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Monthly Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



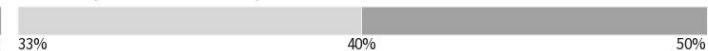
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



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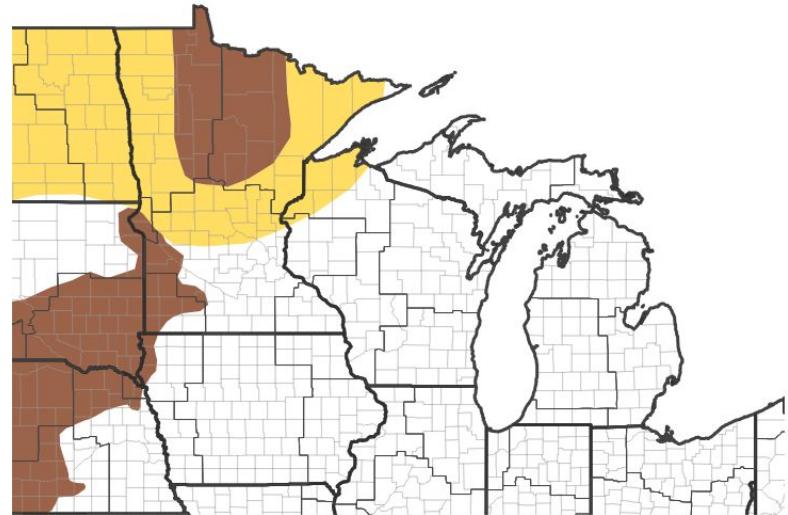


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- With no strong signal for above normal precipitation, drought is expected to persist or expand through the rest of the summer.

**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 18, 2026–September 30, 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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