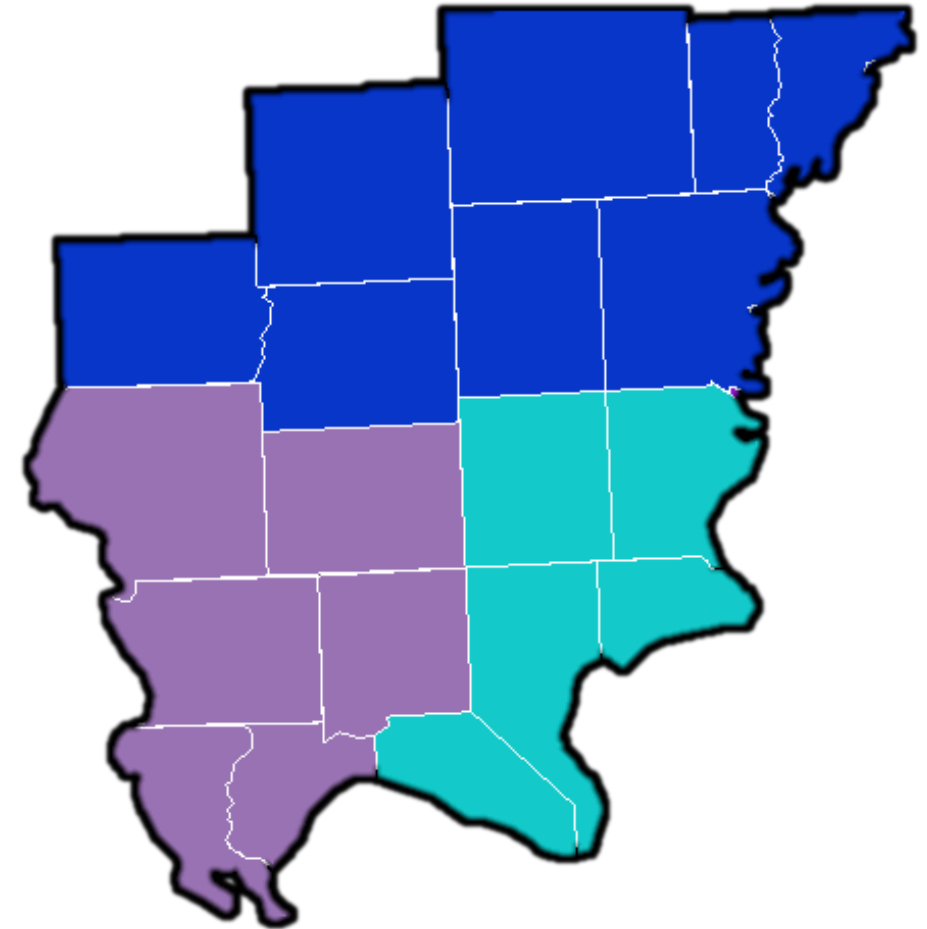




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- **Wetting Rains**

- Chances of showers and thunderstorms Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon, Sunday night through Monday, and Tuesday through Thursday
- Best chances for wetting rains will be Friday afternoon/evening (localized), and especially starting late Tuesday night (higher amounts and widespread)

- **Wind Highlights**

- Winds today south to southwest at 10-15mph with gusts near 20-25 mph, lighter winds Friday and Saturday
- Breezy conditions Sunday through Tuesday (sustained south to southwest winds 10-20 mph with gusts 20-30 mph)

- **RH Highlights**

- Driest conditions over the next week will be today (27-37%) and Sunday (30-40%)
- Friday RH values will range from 35-40% in far south/southeast Illinois to around 50% from Carbondale to Mount Vernon
- RH all other days at/above 40%

- **Outlooks**

- 8-14 Day: Strong signals for above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation



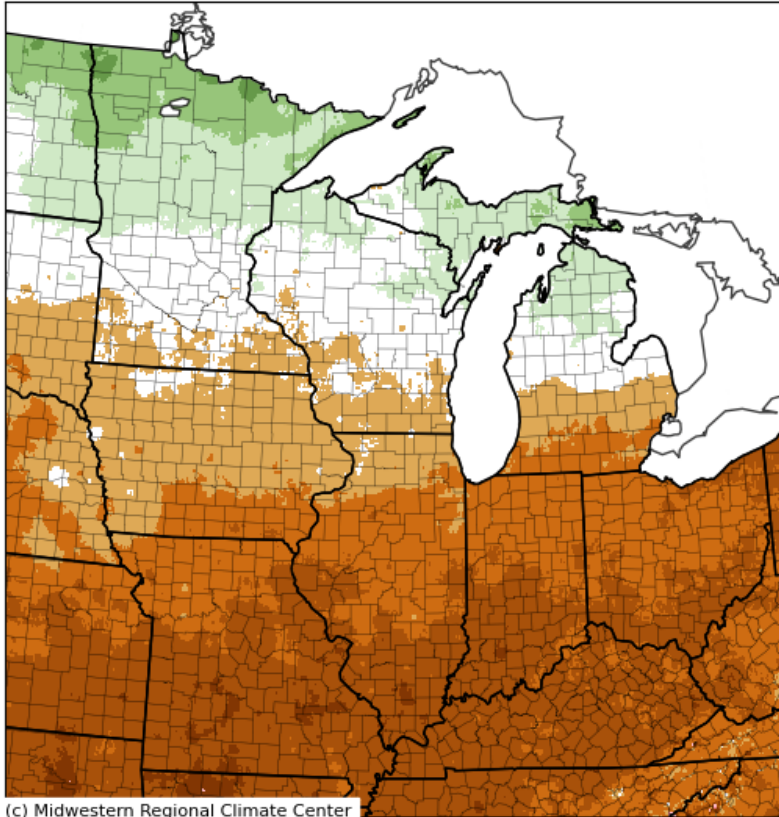


Precipitation/Temperature Departure

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Last 30 Days

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
March 09, 2026 to April 07, 2026



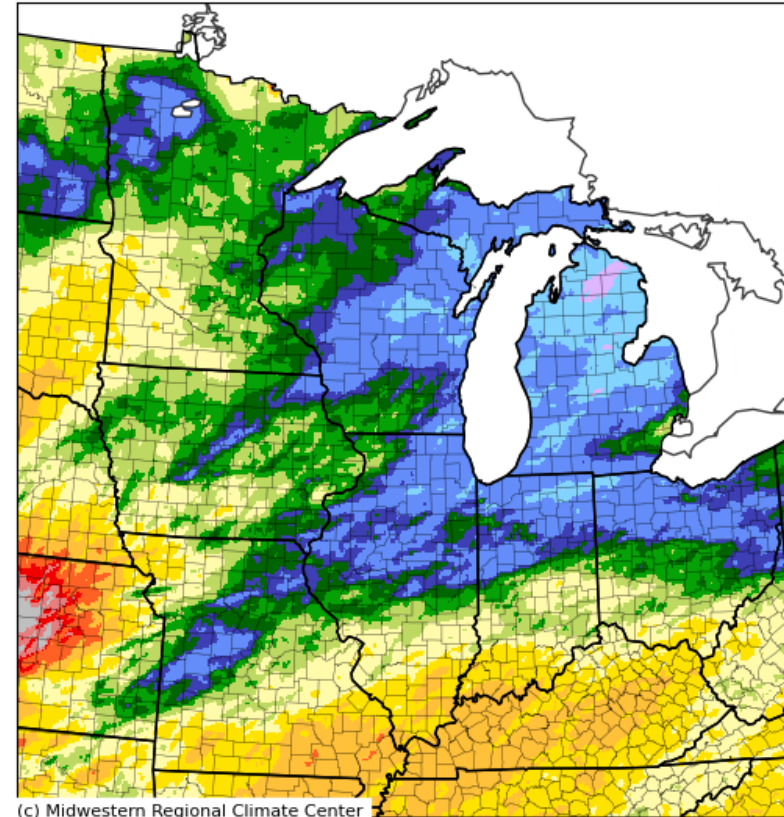
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Accumulated Precipitation: Percent of 1991-2020 Normals
March 09, 2026 to April 07, 2026



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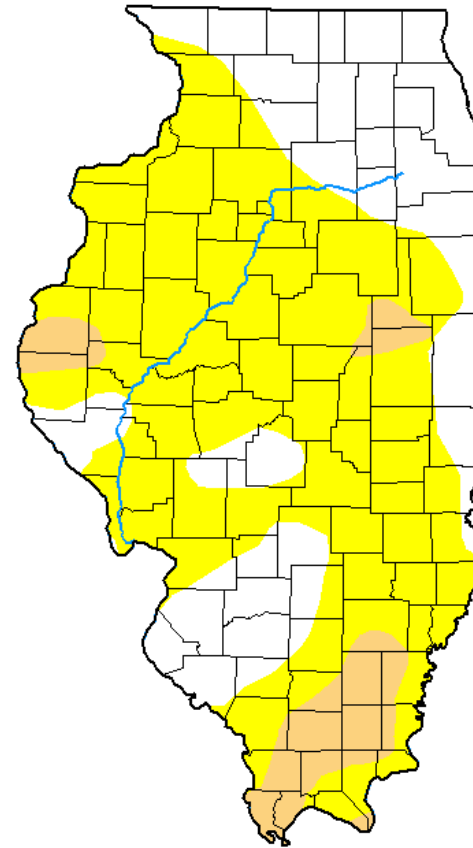
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	31.64	68.36	8.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <small>03-31-2026</small>	18.89	81.11	40.65	7.04	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <small>01-06-2026</small>	2.05	97.95	74.75	19.79	5.40	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <small>01-06-2026</small>	2.05	97.95	74.75	19.79	5.40	0.00
Start of Water Year <small>09-30-2025</small>	0.00	100.00	73.95	27.73	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <small>04-08-2025</small>	64.45	35.55	6.81	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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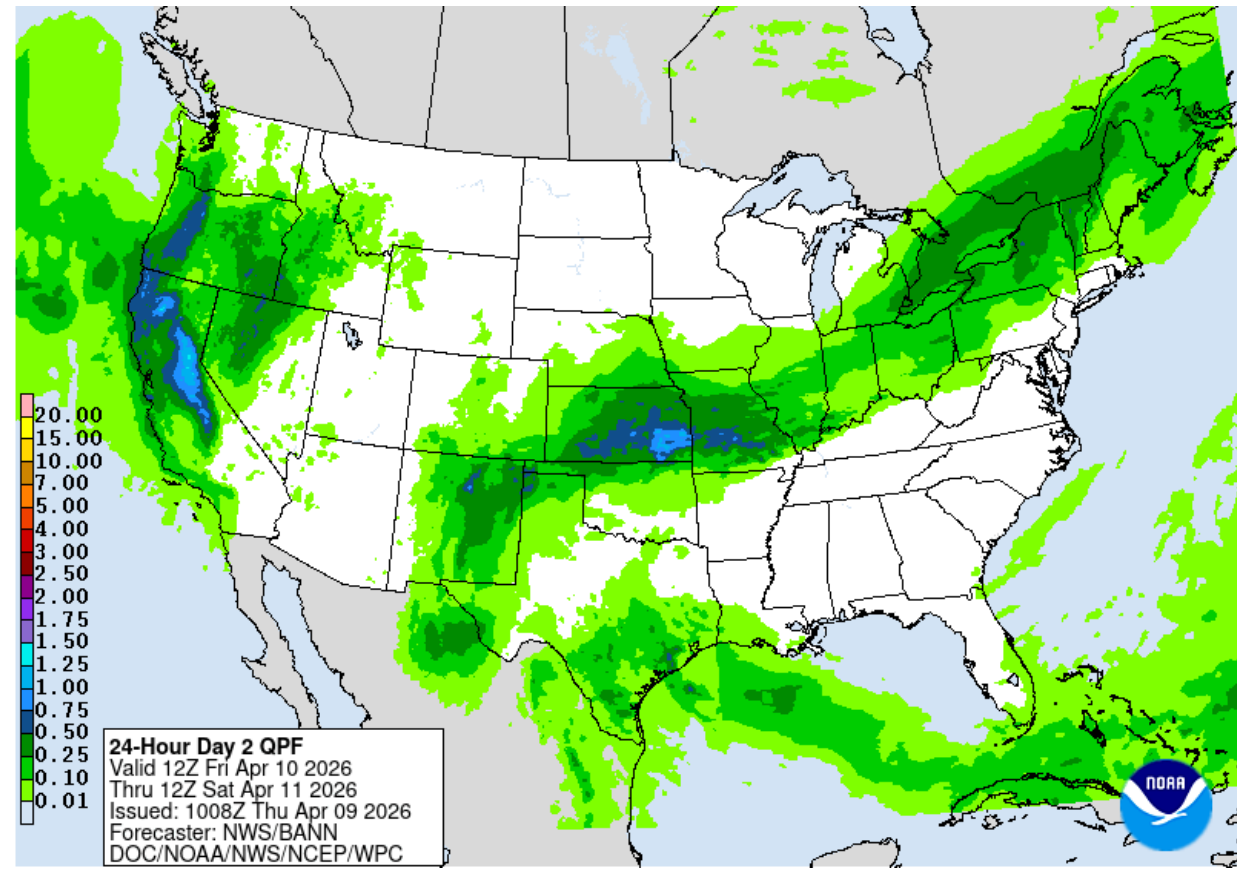
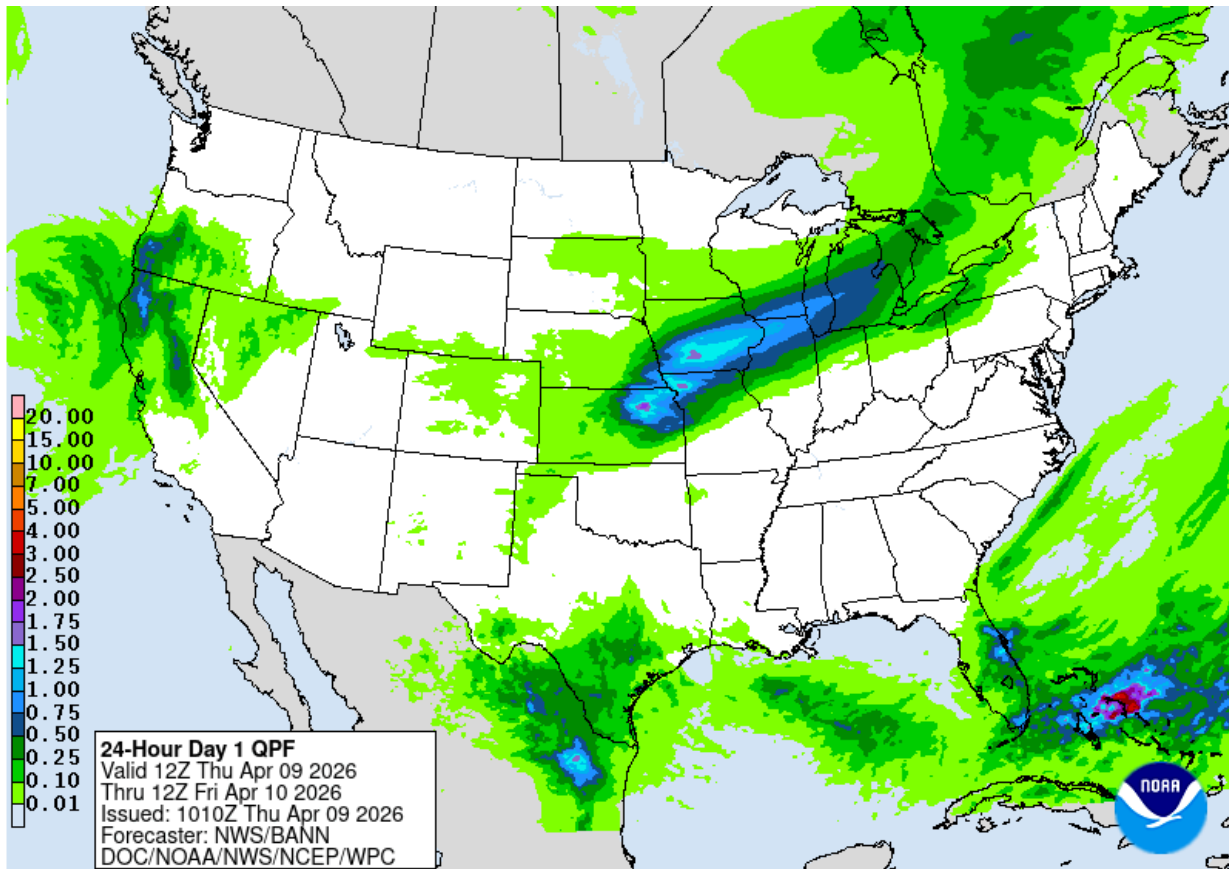
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Today and Tonight

Friday and Friday Night





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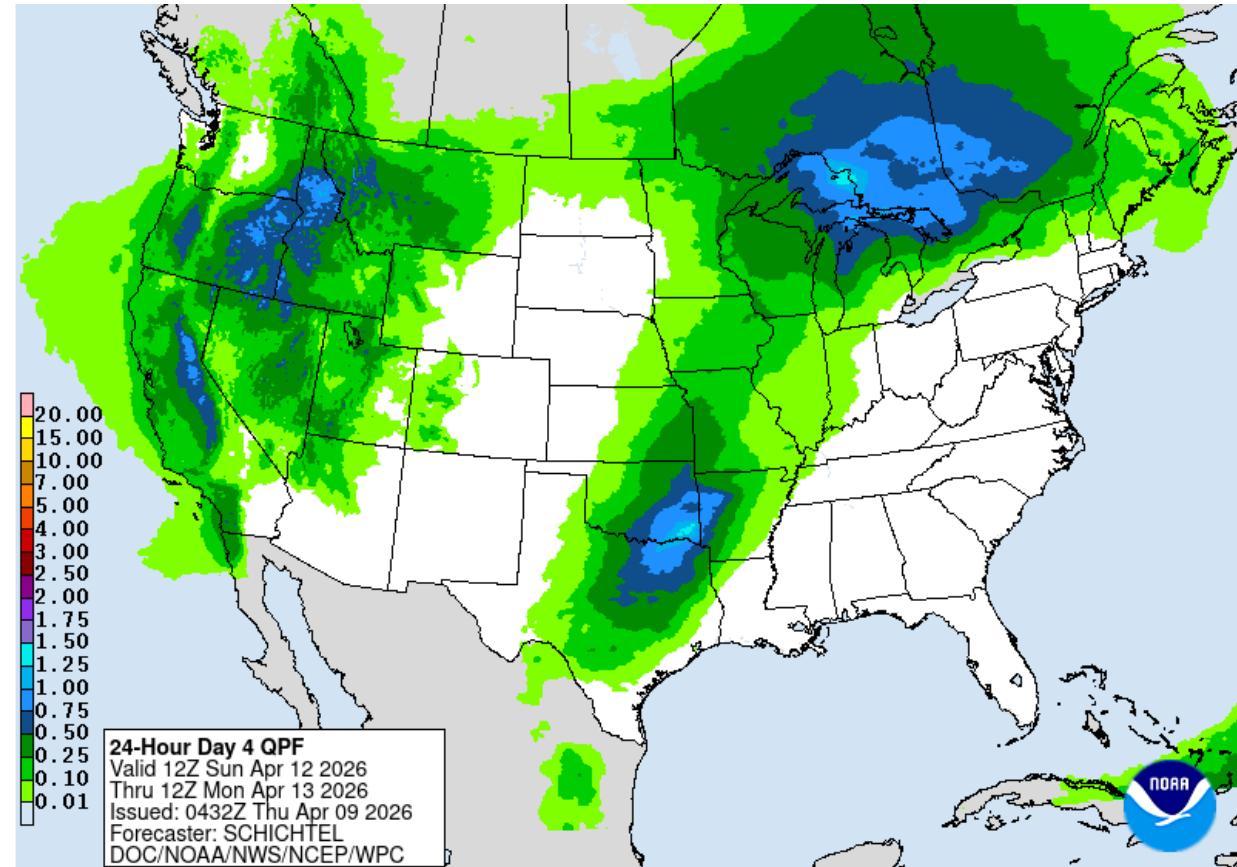
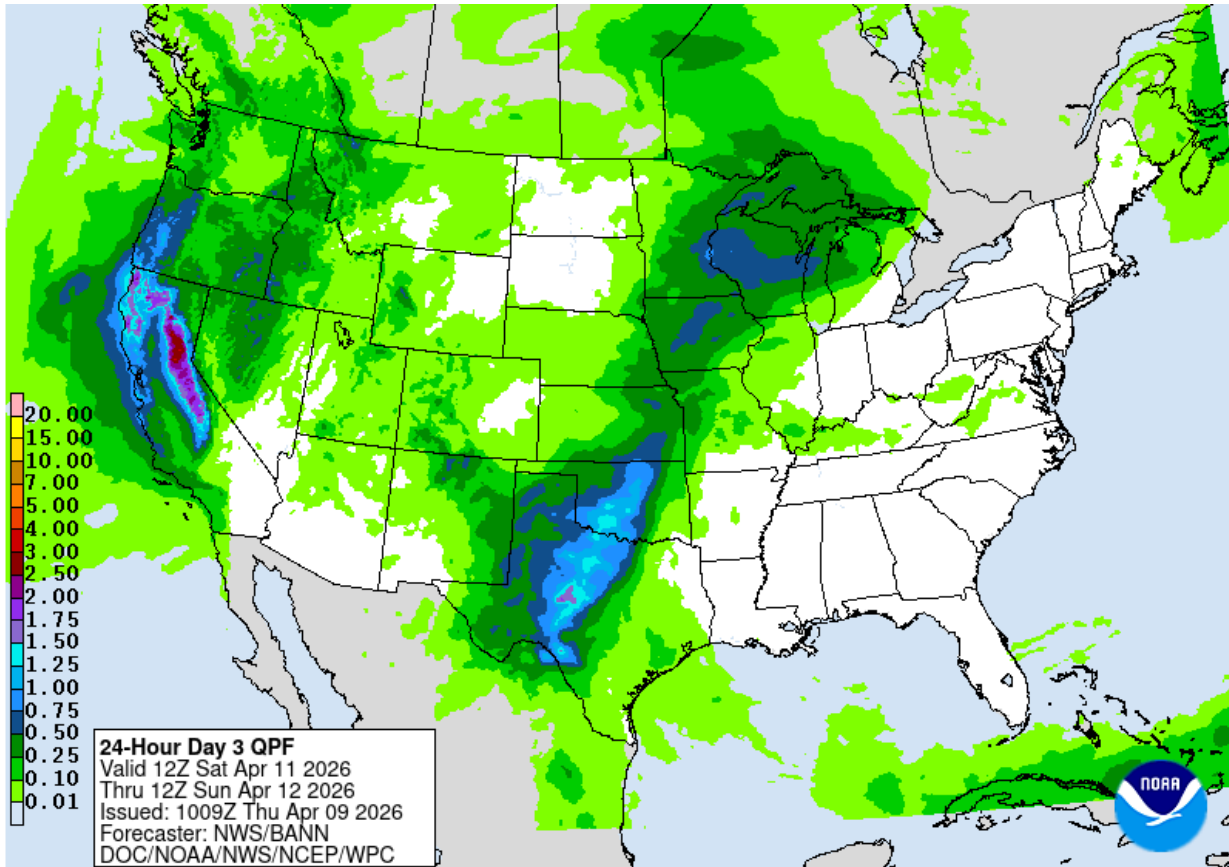
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Saturday and Saturday Night

Sunday and Sunday Night





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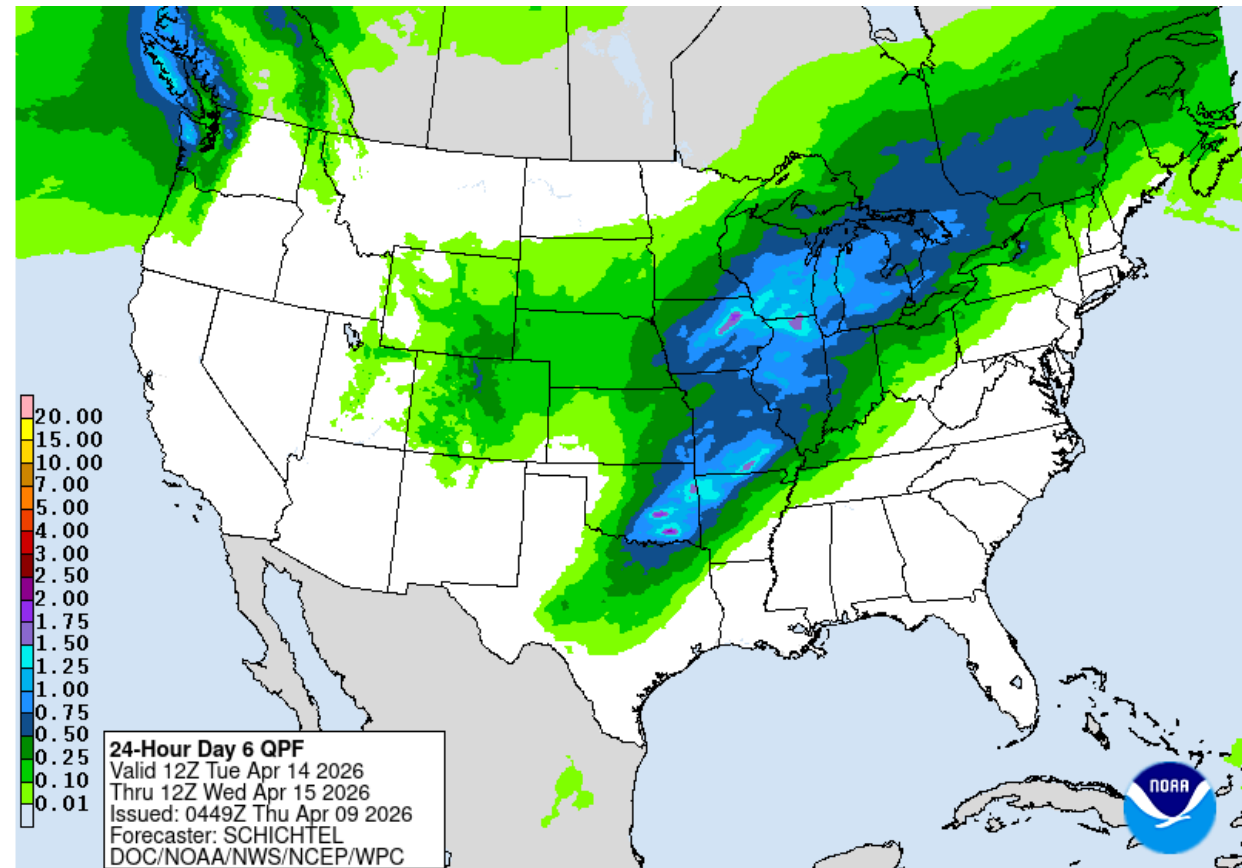
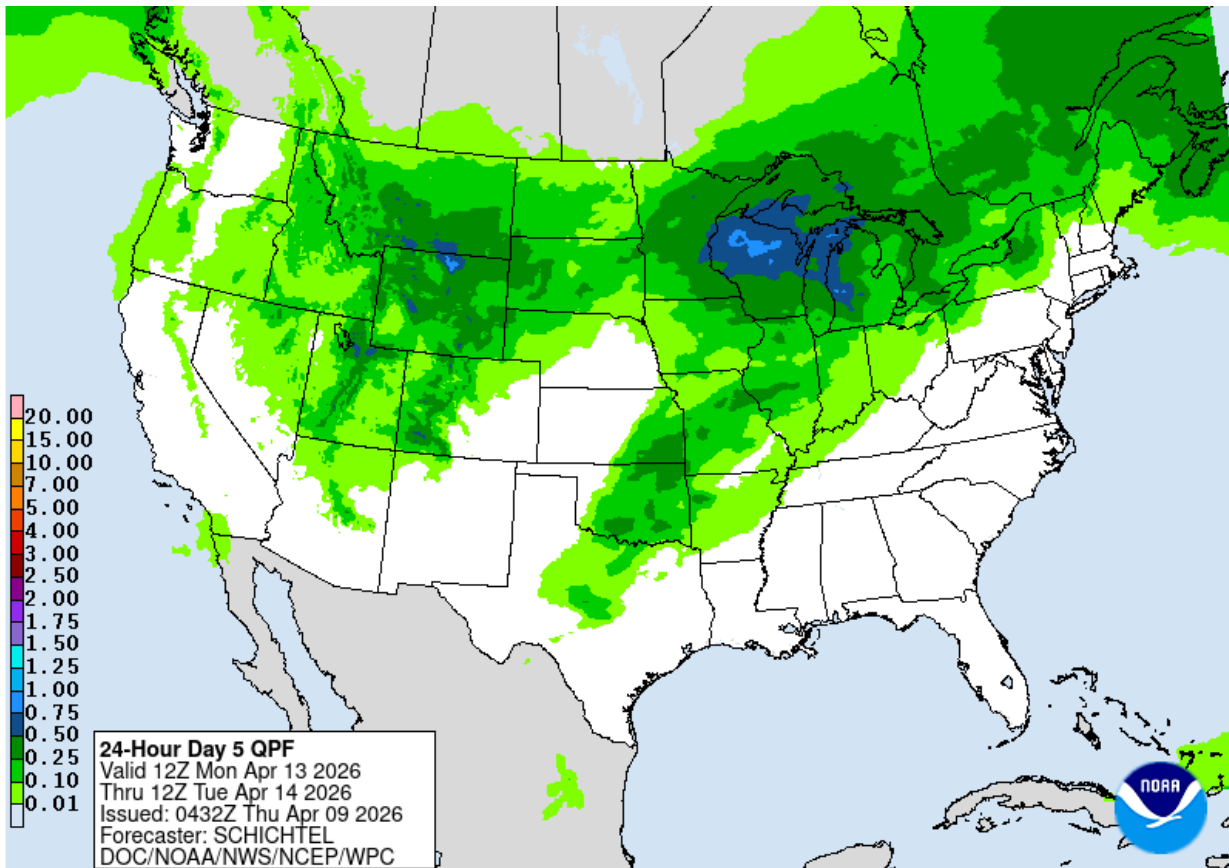
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Monday and Monday Night

Tuesday and Tuesday Night





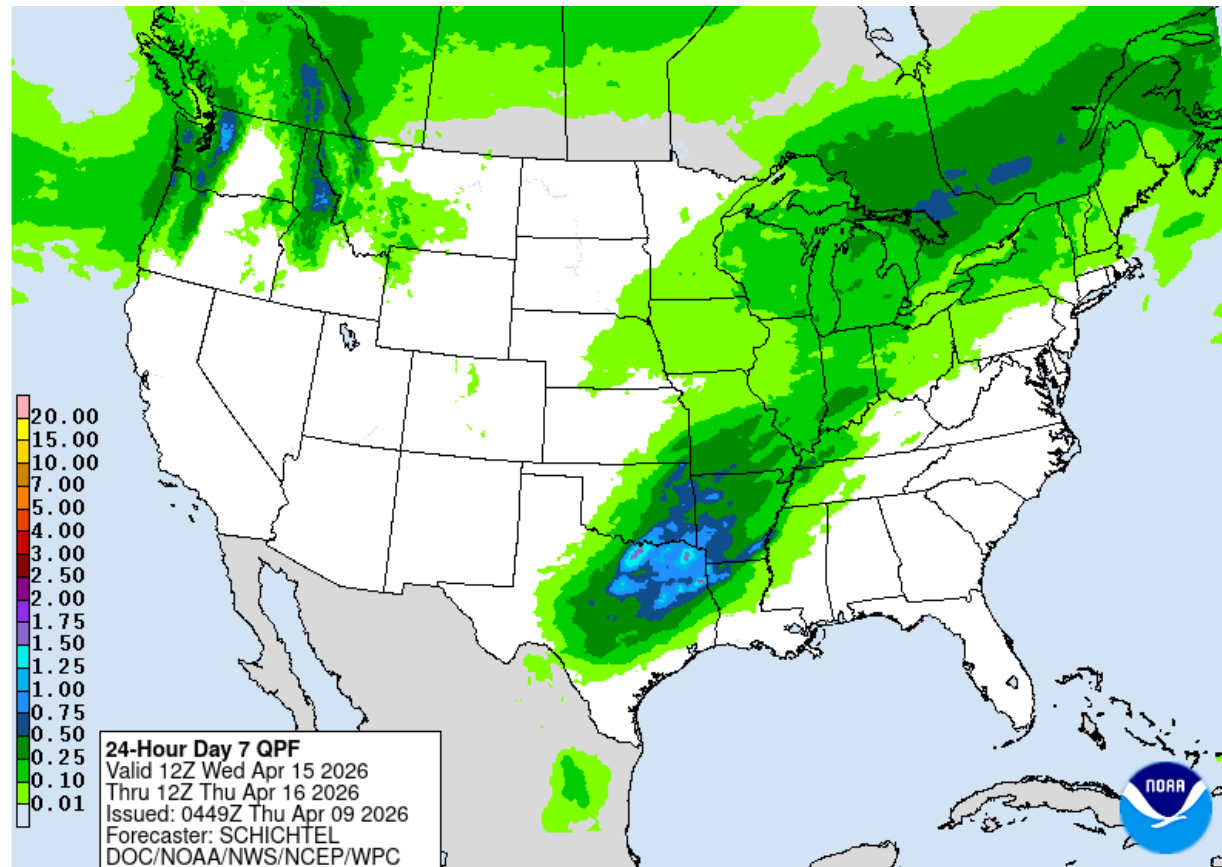
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Wednesday and Wednesday Night





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Crab Orchard

Marion, IL
Weekly Summary

	Thu Apr 9	Fri Apr 10	Sat Apr 11	Sun Apr 12	Mon Apr 13	Tue Apr 14	Wed Apr 15	Thu Apr 16
Max Temp, °F	79	80	80	82	82	85	79	77
Min Temp, °F	59	56	57	60	66	70	67	60
Max RH, %	62	78	90	70	76	73	73	87
Min RH, %	31	39	45	35	51	45	50	47
Max Dewpoint, °F	47	56	57	54	62	63	61	58
Min Dewpoint, °F	45	46	54	50	53	60	57	55
Max Wind, mph	10	8	3	13	17	16	14	8
Min Wind, mph	5	2	2	5	12	10	7	6
Max Wind Gust, time/dir.	10 AM ↗	11 AM ↗	2 PM ↘	2 PM ↗	12 PM ↗	11 AM ↗	10 AM ↗	1 PM ↘
Max Wind Gust, mph	23	18	10	25	26	25	21	14
Max Prob. of Precip., %	0	38	38	16	44	32	44	36
Max Cloud Cover, %	10	65	61	79	76	69	76	68
Min Cloud Cover, %	1	9	28	23	53	58	61	16
Max Prob. of Thunder, %	0	27	25	16	24	23	23	-
Max Mixing Height, ft	5616	5294	5303	-	-	-	-	-
Min Mixing Height, ft	473	357	119	-	-	-	-	-
Max Vent. Rate, kt-ft	90	83	53	-	-	-	-	-
Min Vent. Rate, kt-ft	5	3	1	-	-	-	-	-

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Dixon Springs

Simpson, IL
Weekly Summary

	Thu Apr 9	Fri Apr 10	Sat Apr 11	Sun Apr 12	Mon Apr 13	Tue Apr 14	Wed Apr 15	Thu Apr 16
Max Temp, °F	77	79	79	82	80	84	78	75
Min Temp, °F	58	54	58	59	66	69	67	61
Max RH, %	64	78	87	69	75	73	73	84
Min RH, %	32	40	45	35	48	46	52	52
Max Dewpoint, °F	48	56	57	53	61	63	61	58
Min Dewpoint, °F	45	44	53	49	51	59	58	56
Max Wind, mph	9	9	3	13	13	12	10	6
Min Wind, mph	3	2	2	2	8	7	5	3
Max Wind Gust, time/dir.	10 AM ↗	11 AM ↗	1 PM ↘	2 PM ↗	10 AM ↗	11 AM ↗	12 PM ↗	12 PM ↘
Max Wind Gust, mph	22	18	9	24	25	25	22	15
Max Prob. of Precip., %	0	32	32	11	40	26	37	35
Max Cloud Cover, %	5	64	62	82	77	70	78	74
Min Cloud Cover, %	0	1	26	21	61	53	61	21
Max Prob. of Thunder, %	0	27	23	11	23	21	23	-
Max Mixing Height, ft	5725	5886	5198	-	-	-	-	-
Min Mixing Height, ft	422	72	63	-	-	-	-	-
Max Vent. Rate, kt-ft	85	94	52	-	-	-	-	-
Min Vent. Rate, kt-ft	4	0	0	-	-	-	-	-

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Bean Ridge

Thebes, IL

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	Thu Apr 9	Fri Apr 10	Sat Apr 11	Sun Apr 12	Mon Apr 13	Tue Apr 14	Wed Apr 15	Thu Apr 16
Max Temp, °F	78	80	81	82	80	84	79	76
Min Temp, °F	58	56	59	61	66	70	68	60
Max RH, %	62	75	87	65	73	71	73	87
Min RH, %	30	38	41	34	49	44	48	48
Max Dewpoint, °F	46	56	56	52	61	63	60	57
Min Dewpoint, °F	43	45	52	49	52	59	57	55
Max Wind, mph	6	6	3	13	15	15	12	8
Min Wind, mph	5	2	2	3	12	10	8	6
Max Wind Gust, time/dir.	10 AM ↗	11 AM ↗	3 PM ↗	2 PM ↗	2 PM ↗	2 PM ↗	9 AM ↗	12 PM ↗
Max Wind Gust, mph	15	14	8	20	21	20	16	12
Max Prob. of Precip., %	0	30	29	13	39	27	39	35
Max Cloud Cover, %	7	60	59	82	78	70	77	68
Min Cloud Cover, %	1	7	24	21	59	58	62	17
Max Prob. of Thunder, %	0	28	21	13	24	22	25	-
Max Mixing Height, ft	6064	6209	5793	-	-	-	-	-
Min Mixing Height, ft	239	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Max Vent. Rate, kt-ft	97	87	58	-	-	-	-	-
Min Vent. Rate, kt-ft	3	0	0	-	-	-	-	-

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Dexter, KY

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	Thu Apr 9	Fri Apr 10	Sat Apr 11	Sun Apr 12	Mon Apr 13	Tue Apr 14	Wed Apr 15	Thu Apr 16
Max Temp, °F	78	80	82	83	81	86	82	77
Min Temp, °F	60	56	59	60	68	68	69	63
Max RH, %	54	65	83	75	66	76	71	90
Min RH, %	30	36	38	33	49	41	49	52
Max Dewpoint, °F	45	53	56	53	60	62	62	61
Min Dewpoint, °F	43	42	53	50	52	57	58	57
Max Wind, mph	7	7	3	9	10	10	8	6
Min Wind, mph	3	2	2	3	7	7	5	3
Max Wind Gust, time/dir.	8 AM ↗	11 AM ↗	1 PM ↗	1 PM ↗	10 AM ↗	12 PM ↗	10 AM ↗	12 PM ↗
Max Wind Gust, mph	16	15	8	20	22	22	20	14
Max Prob. of Precip., %	0	15	15	4	32	19	33	35
Max Cloud Cover, %	4	45	57	80	83	64	76	76
Min Cloud Cover, %	0	4	15	16	55	50	66	32
Max Prob. of Thunder, %	0	15	15	4	22	15	18	-
Max Mixing Height, ft	6353	6779	7709	-	-	-	-	-
Min Mixing Height, ft	341	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Max Vent. Rate, kt-ft	74	88	54	-	-	-	-	-
Min Vent. Rate, kt-ft	3	0	0	-	-	-	-	-

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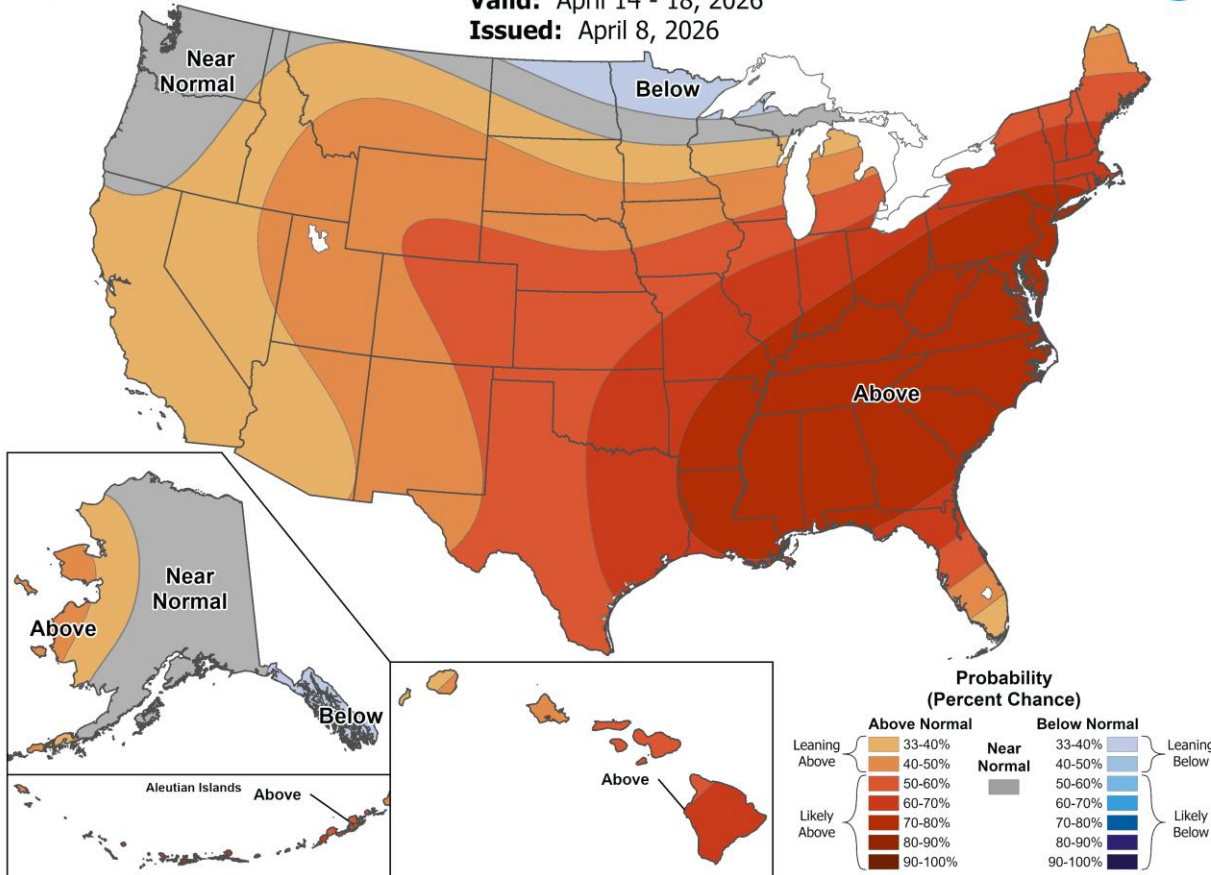
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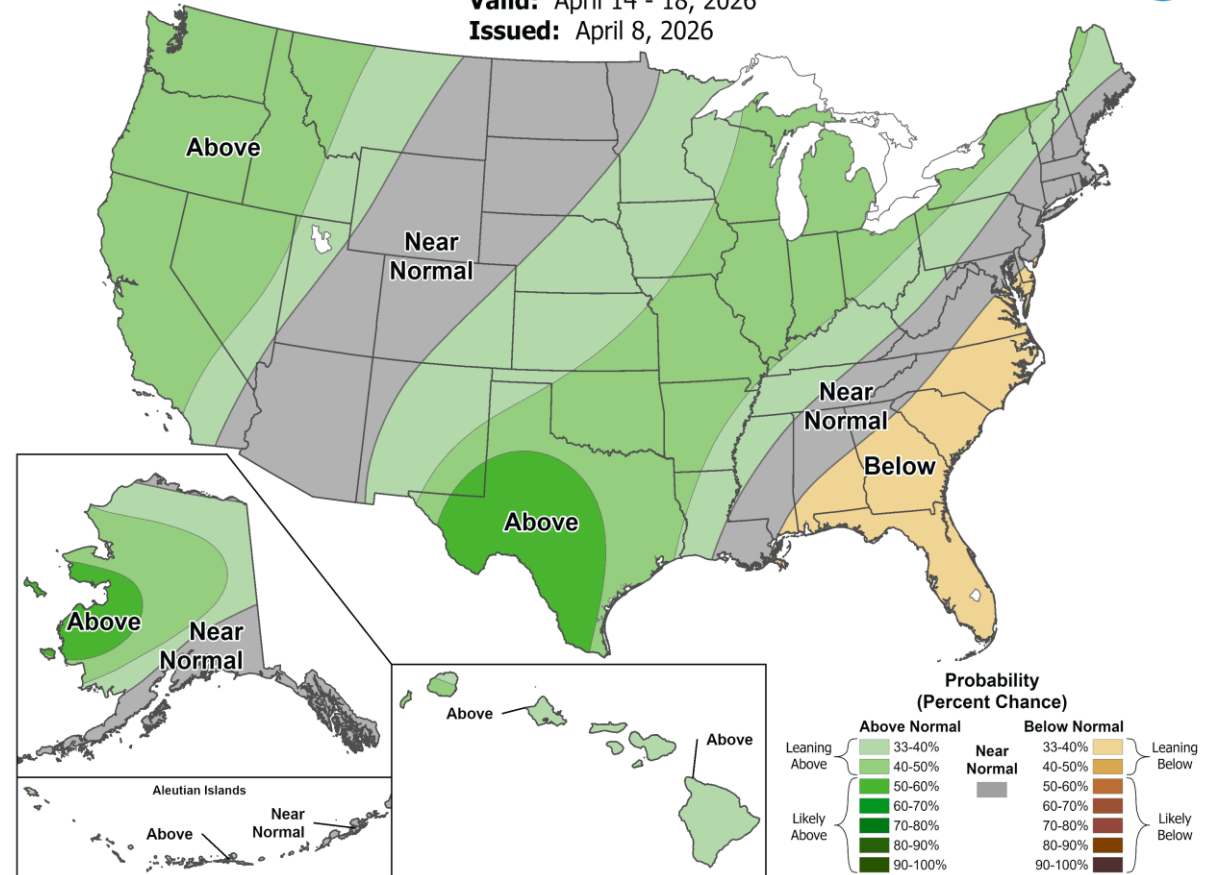
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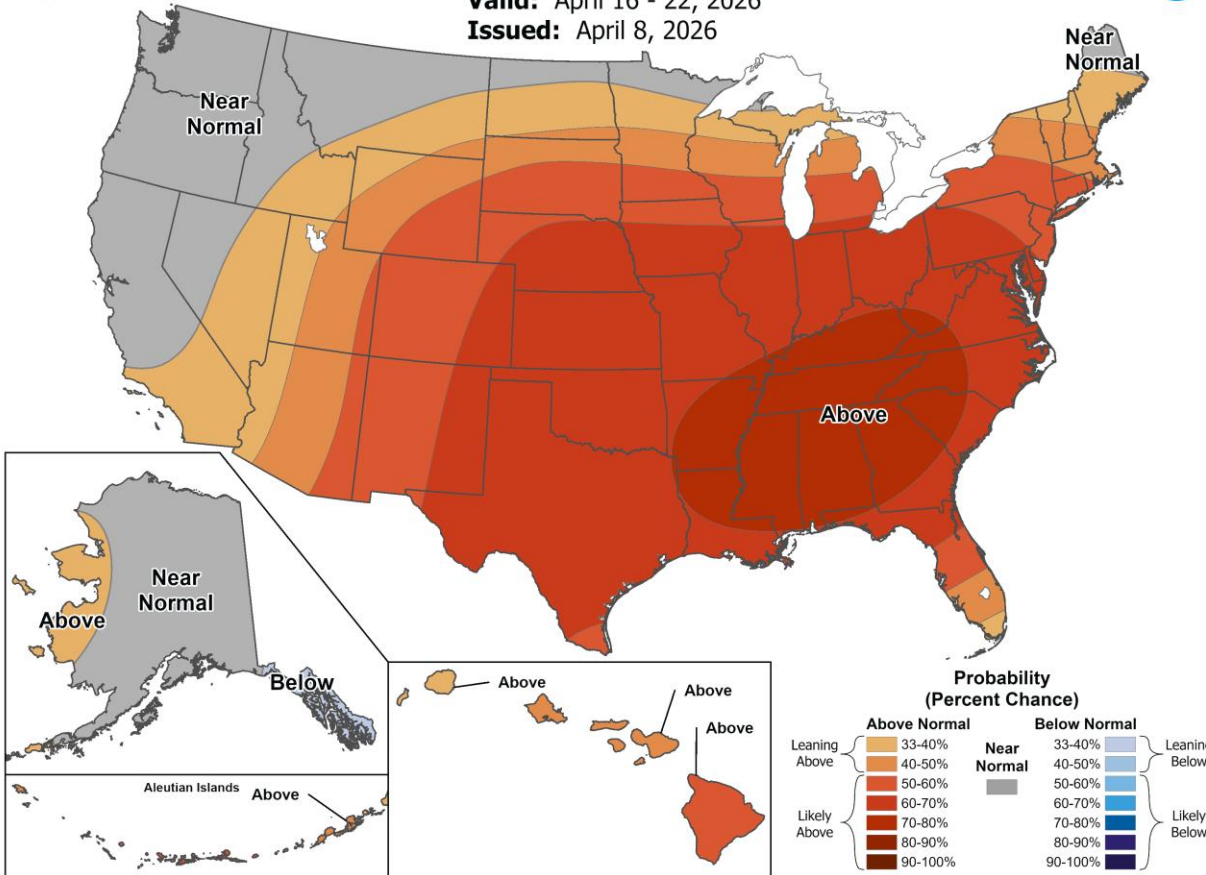
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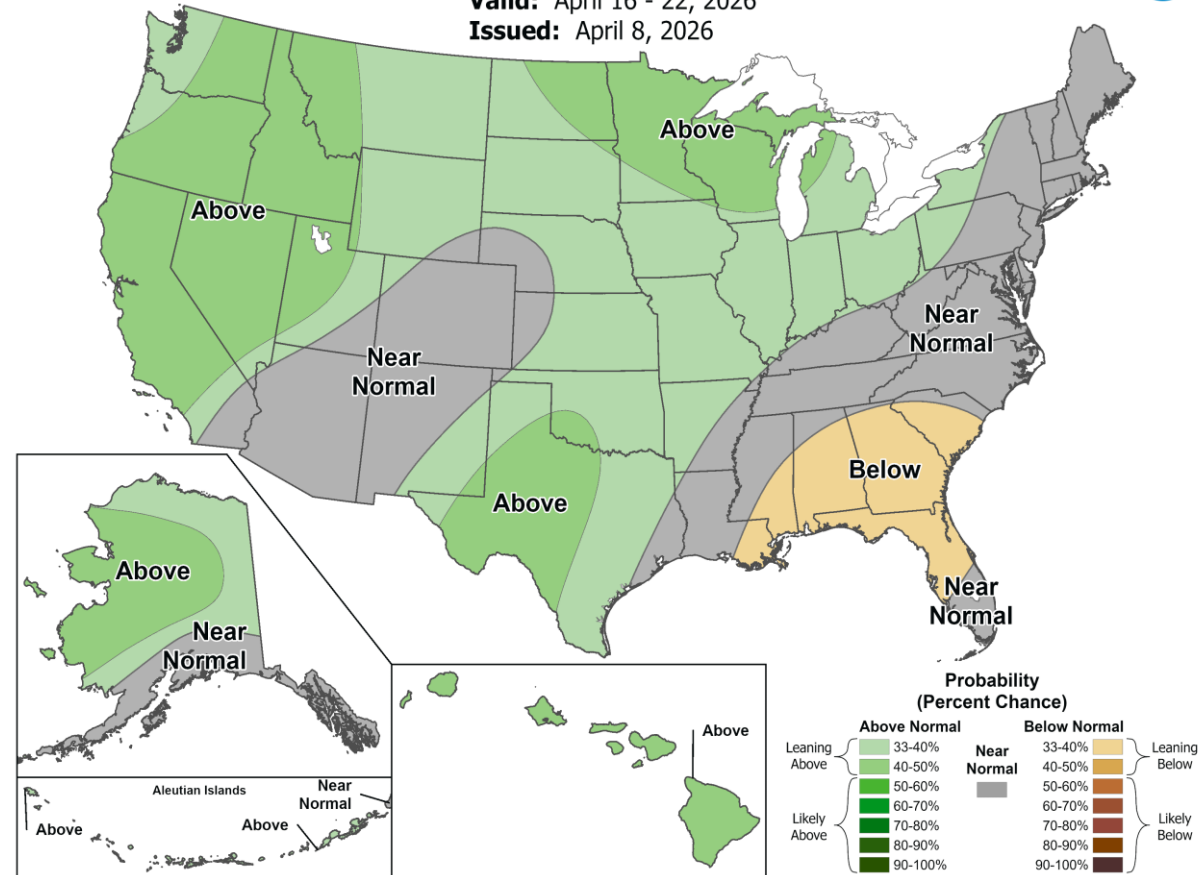
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