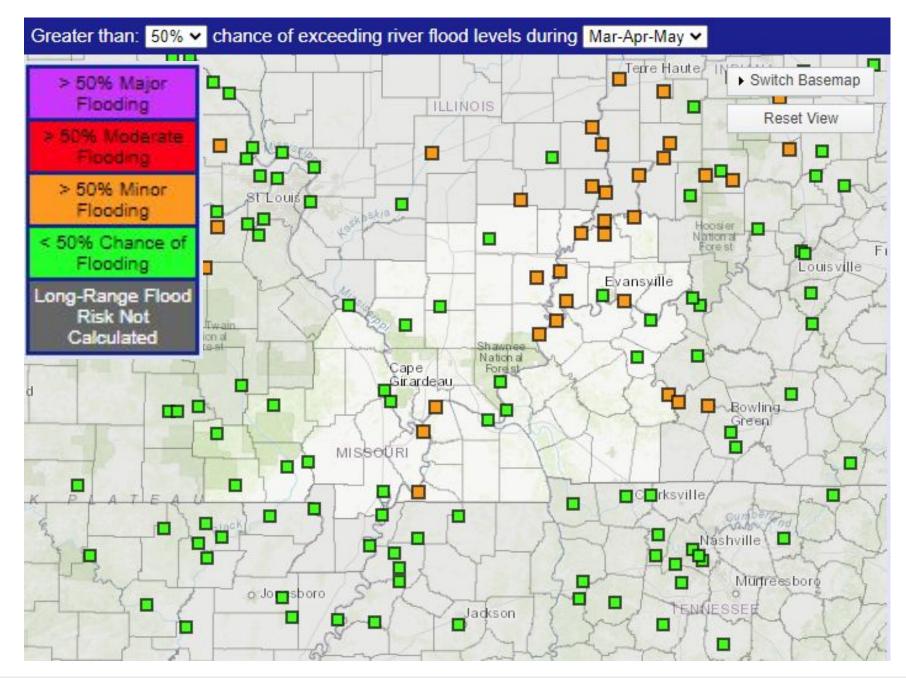


## **Spring Flood Outlook**

Third and Final Issuance March 14, 2024

## **Key Messages**

- Normal to below normal flood potential
- Minor flooding is expected (50% chance or greater)
- Moderate flooding is possible (25% chance or greater) - parts of southern Illinois and southwest Indiana
- No strong signal for a wet or dry pattern through March
- April and May show signals for warmer and wetter than normal
- Rainfall/thunderstorms will be the primary cause for spring flooding.



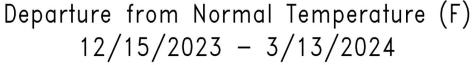


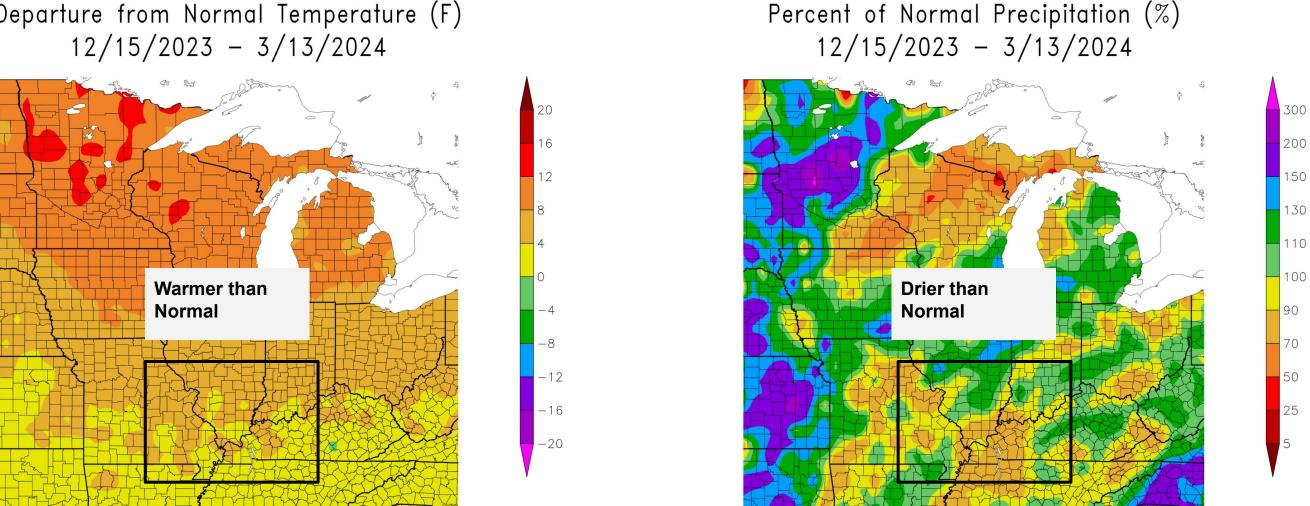
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## 90 Day Departures from Normal

#### **Temperature and Precipitation**





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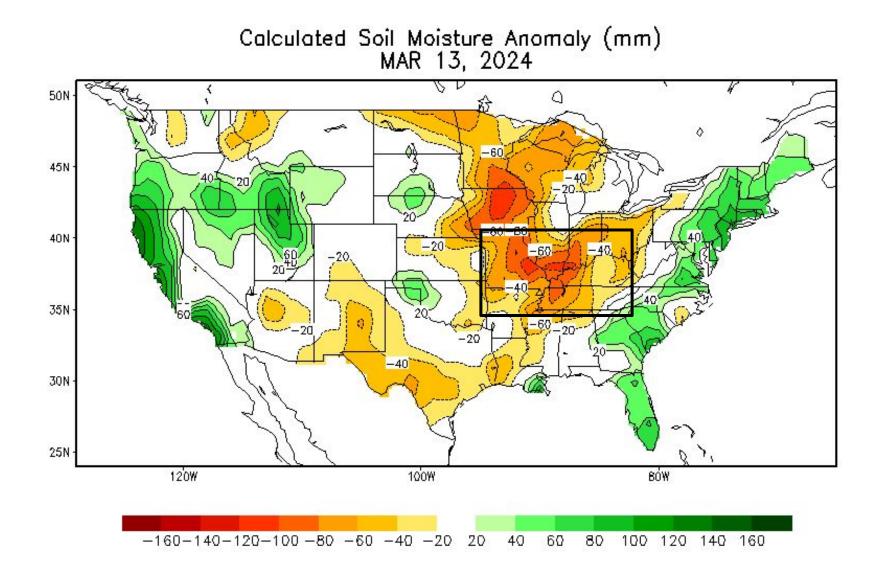


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## Soil Moisture



Slightly dry but improving from drought conditions last Fall.

Deeper moisture is rebounding as well.

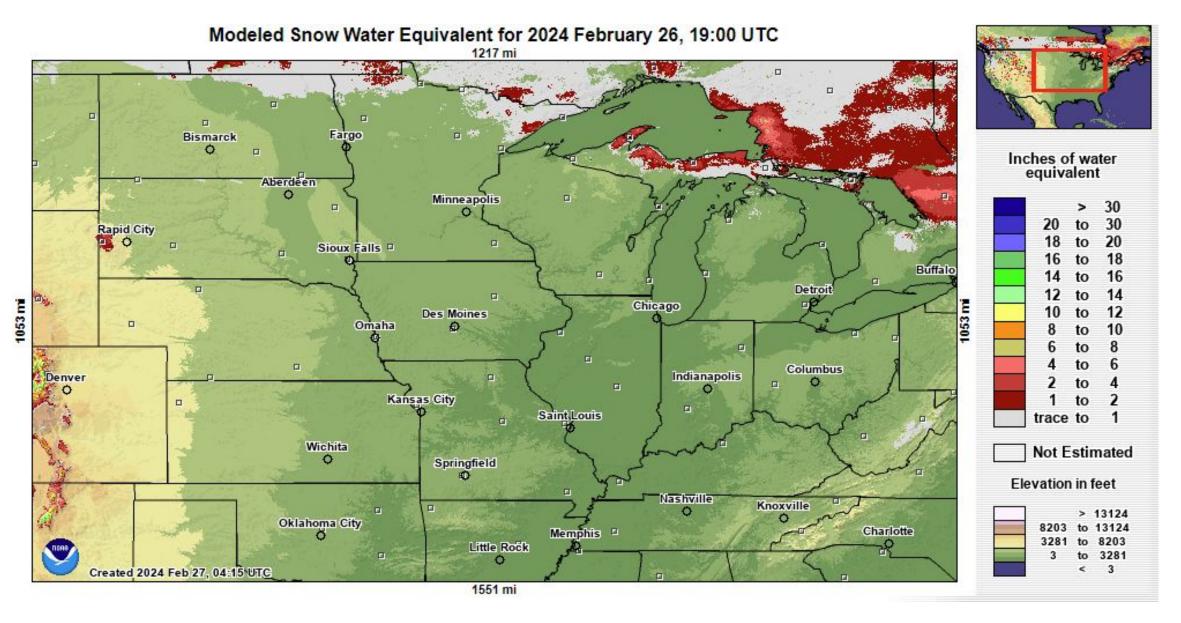


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#### We are drier than this time last year.



## Snowpack and Snow Water Equivalent





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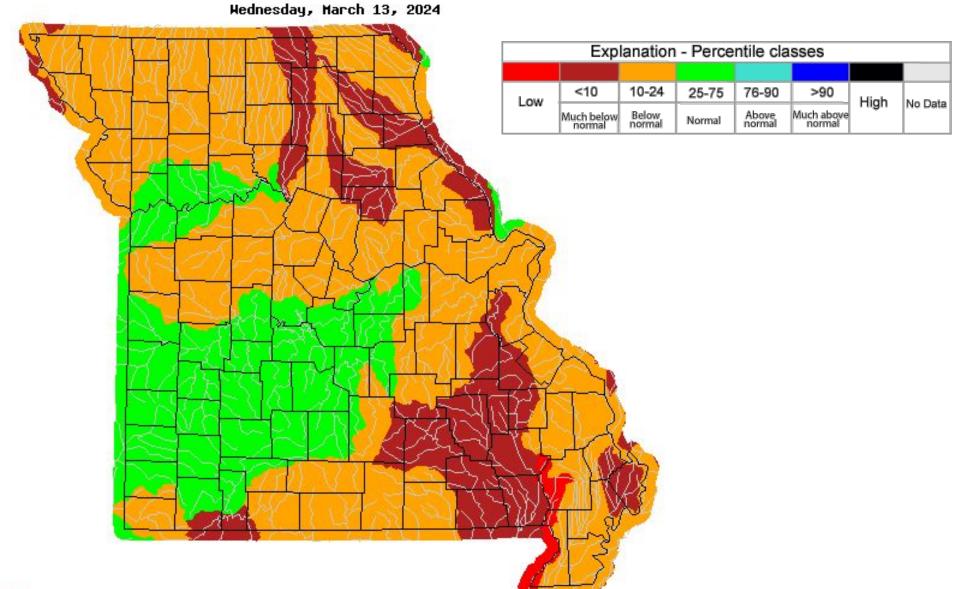
There is currently no snow or ice across our region.

There is currently no snowpack that will contribute to spring flooding.



## Current Streamflow (14 day)

#### Missouri and Illinois









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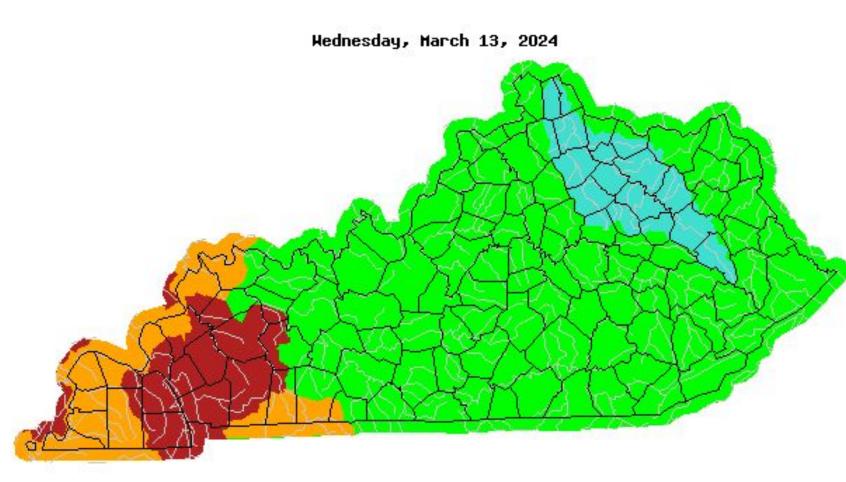




## **Current Streamflow**

#### Kentucky and Indiana

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		



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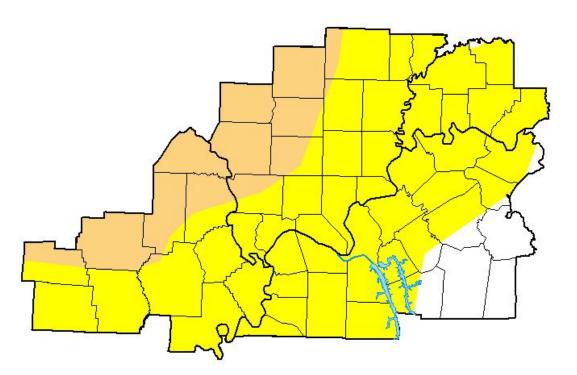


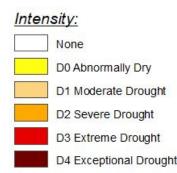


## **Current Drought Conditions**

#### U.S. Drought Monitor Paducah, KY WFO

March 12, 2024 (Released Thursday, Mar. 14, 2024) Valid 8 a.m. EDT





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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Abnormally Dry conditions continue to expand to the southeast.

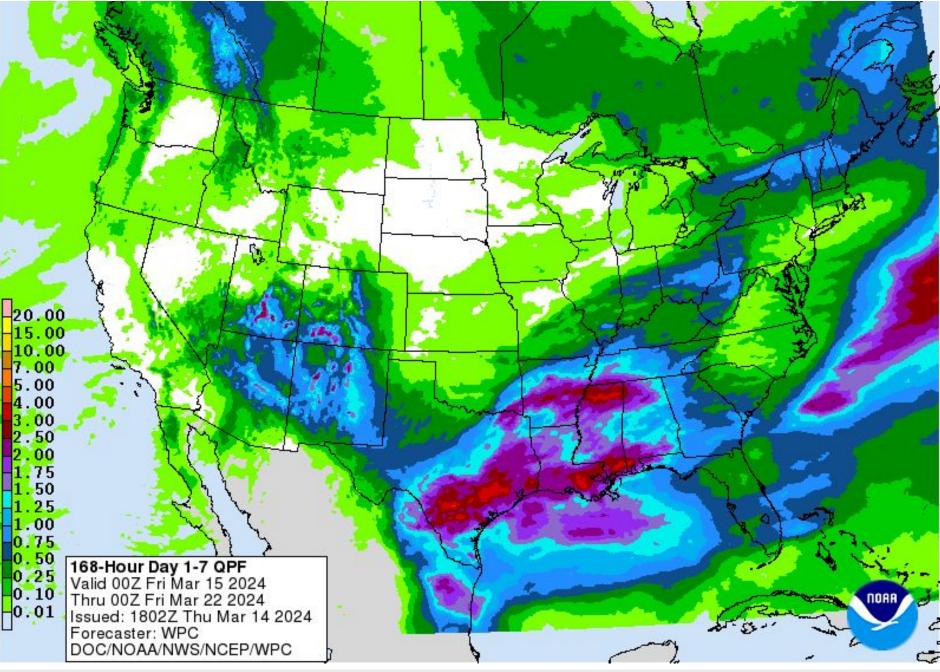


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Moderate drought is northwest counties.



## 7 Day Rainfall Forecast



Rain amounts from  $\frac{1}{2}$ inch up to 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches is possible over the next few days. Heaviest rain will remain along the Gulf Coast states.



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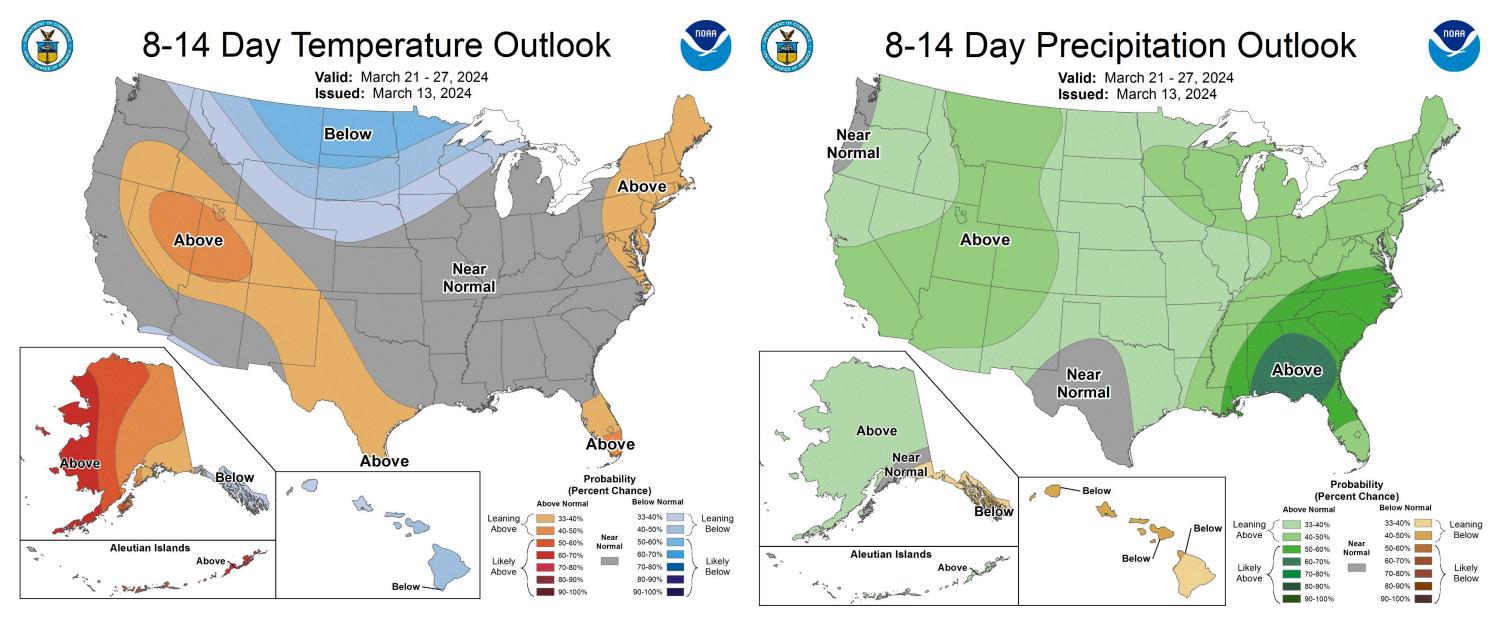
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## 8 to 14 Day Forecast

March 21 - 27, 2024

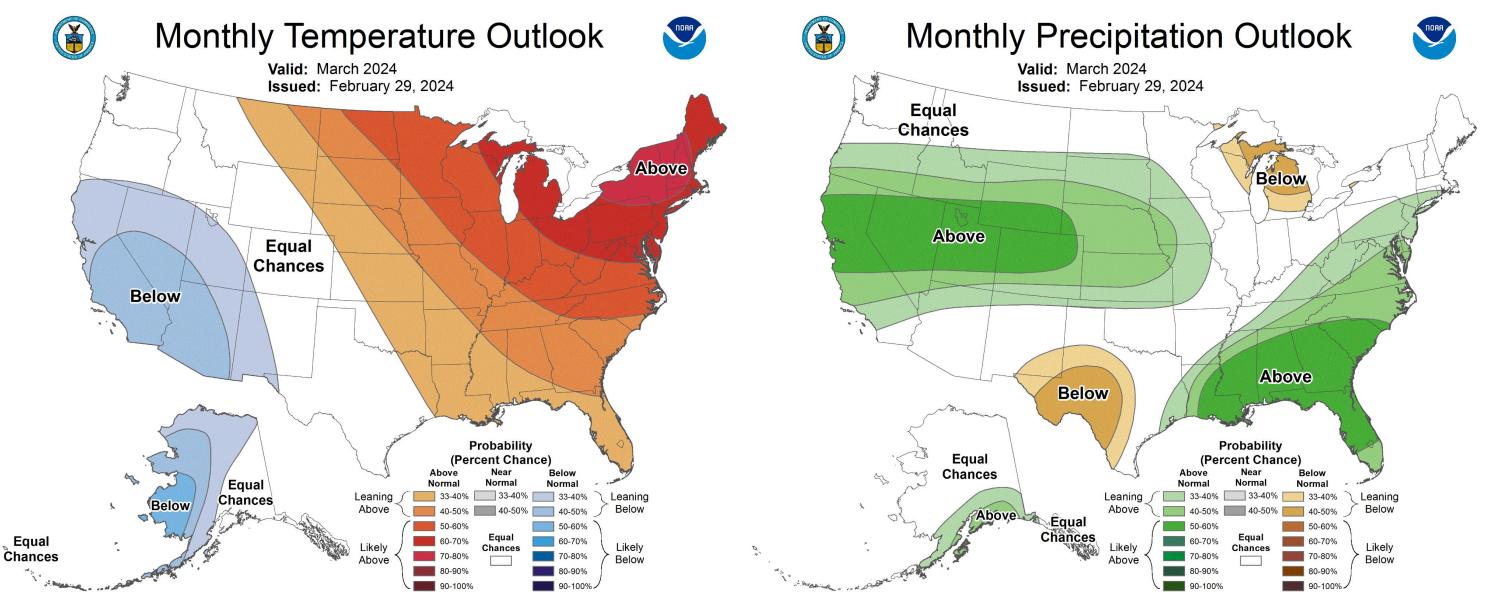




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## March Outlook



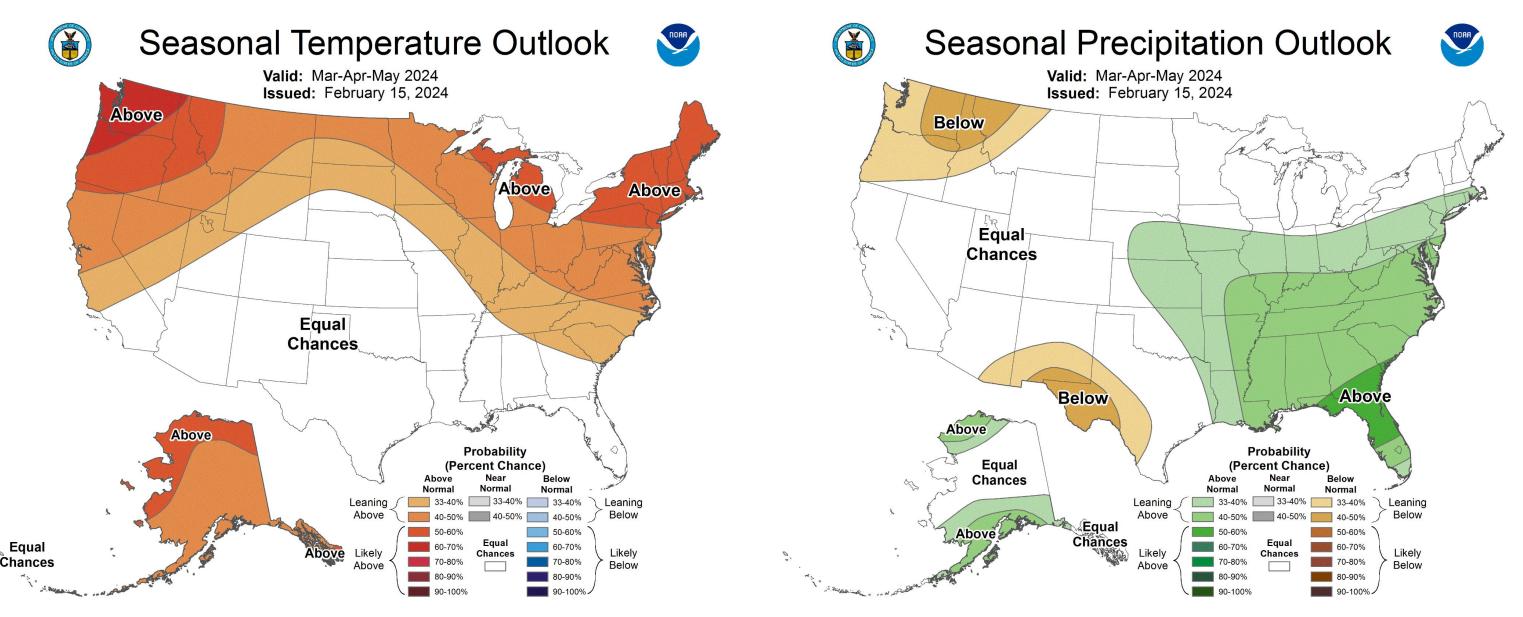


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## Seasonal Outlook

#### March - May 2024





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## Summary

- Normal to below normal flood potential
- Minor flooding is expected to occur; isolated moderate flooding is possible
- Heavy rainfall/thunderstorms will be the driving force for any flooding this spring



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