

Climate and Hydrology Monthly Report for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands

Valid for March 2025

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March Climate Summary for Primary Climate Sites

San Juan Area

(Period of Record: 1898 to present)

Highest: **91 °F** on the 11th

Lowest: **73 °F** on the 2, 15, 23, 27, 30 & 31st

Average: 80.6 °F (**+2.0**; above normal)

Rain Total: 4.03" (**+1.85**; above normal)

Days with $T_{\max} \geq 90$ °F: 4

Nights with $T_{\min} \geq 80$ °F: 0

Days with Rain (≥ 0.01 "): 17

Rankings:

5th warmest

21st wettest

Remarks:

6 daily warmest minimum records set or tied.

St. Thomas

(Period of Record: 1953 to present)

Highest: **89 °F** on the 21st

Lowest: **73 °F** on the 14th

Average: 81.4 °F (**+2.3**; above normal)

Rain Total: 2.47" (**+0.61**; below normal)

Days with $T_{\max} \geq 90$ °F: 0

Nights with $T_{\min} \geq 80$ °F: 0

Days with Rain (≥ 0.01 "): 12

Rankings:

3th warmest

13th wettest

Remarks:

6 daily warmest minimum records set or tied

St. Croix

(Period of Record: 1951 to present)

Highest: **89 °F** on the 21-28 & 30th

Lowest: **68 °F** on the 20th

Average: 80.4 °F (**+2.2**; above normal)

Rain Total: M

Days with $T_{\max} \geq 90$ °F: 0

Nights with $T_{\min} \geq 80$ °F: 0

Days with Rain (≥ 0.01 "): M

Rankings:

5th warmest

Remarks:

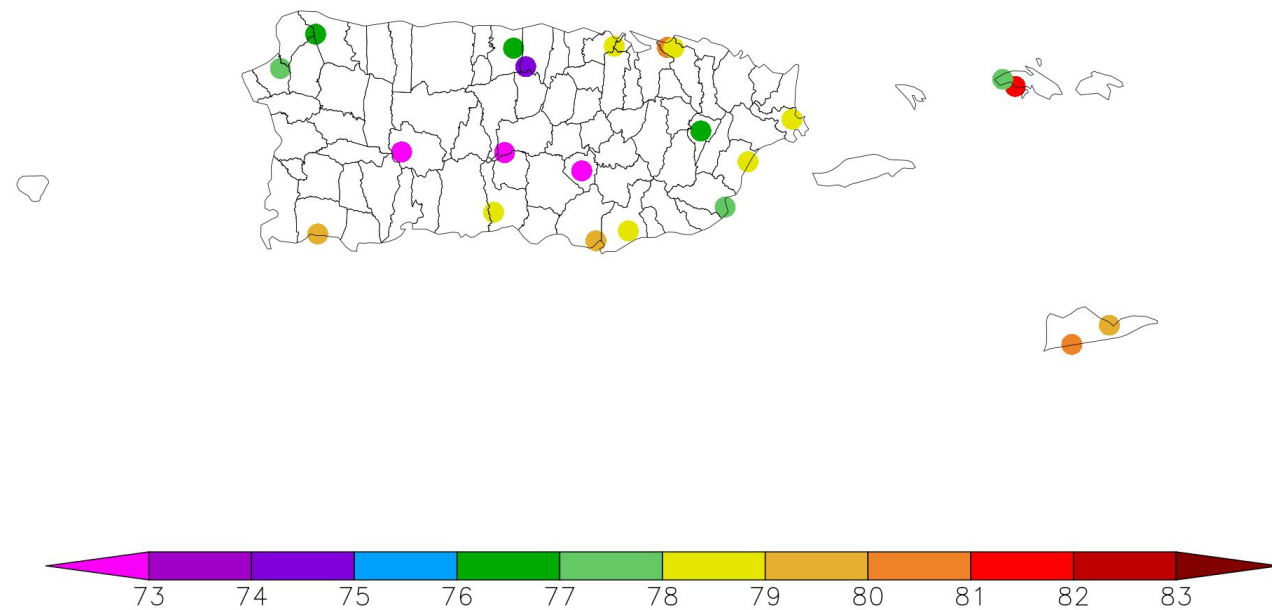
3 days of missing data in February.
No precipitation estimates due to a sensor malfunction.



Observed Temperature

Link to generate the latest [ACIS Climate Maps](#)

Temperature (F)
3/1/2025 – 3/31/2025

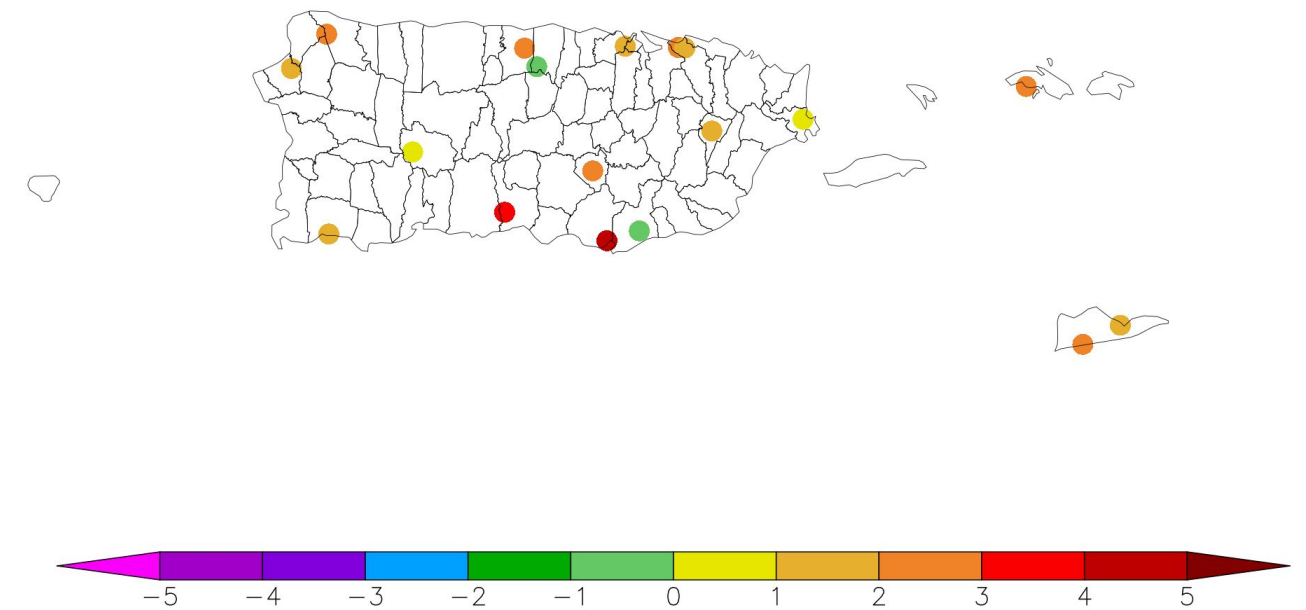


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- Temperatures across the majority of the local sites have been mostly above normal. The COOP station with the highest daily maximum temperature was Lajas Substation with **92°F**.

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
3/1/2025 – 3/31/2025



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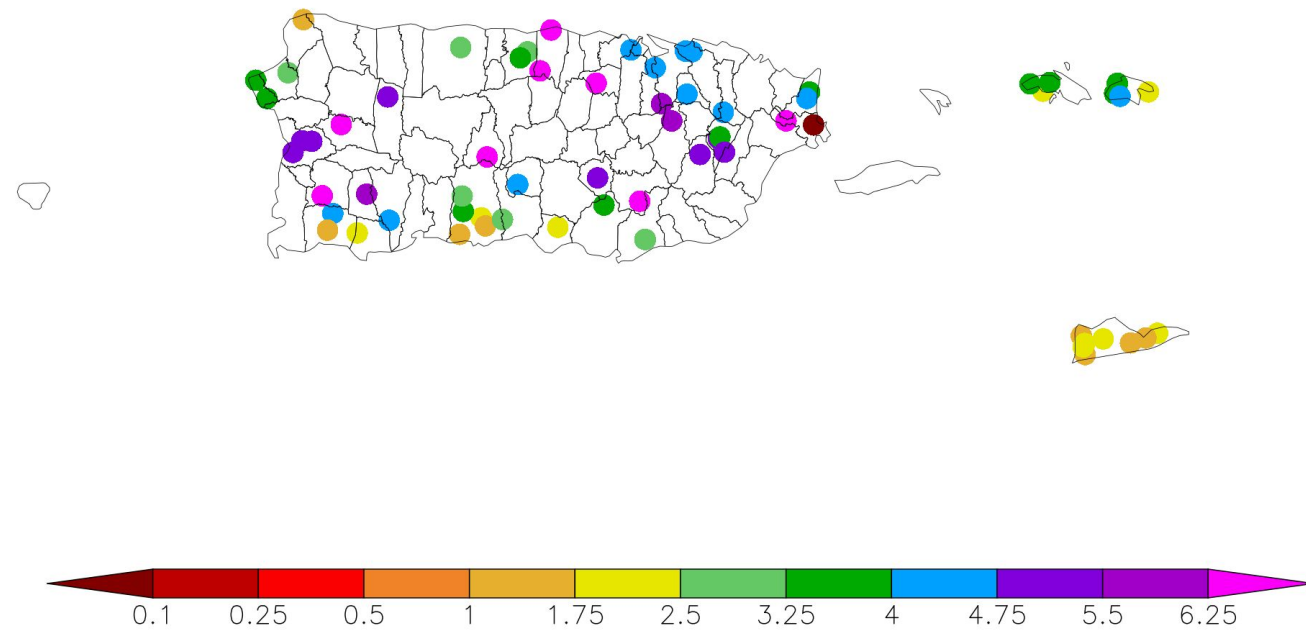
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Left - Observed Average Temperature for Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands (COOP)
Right - Departure from normal temperature for Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands (COOP)
Data Courtesy High Plains Regional Climate Center/NWS COOP Stations.



Observed Rainfall

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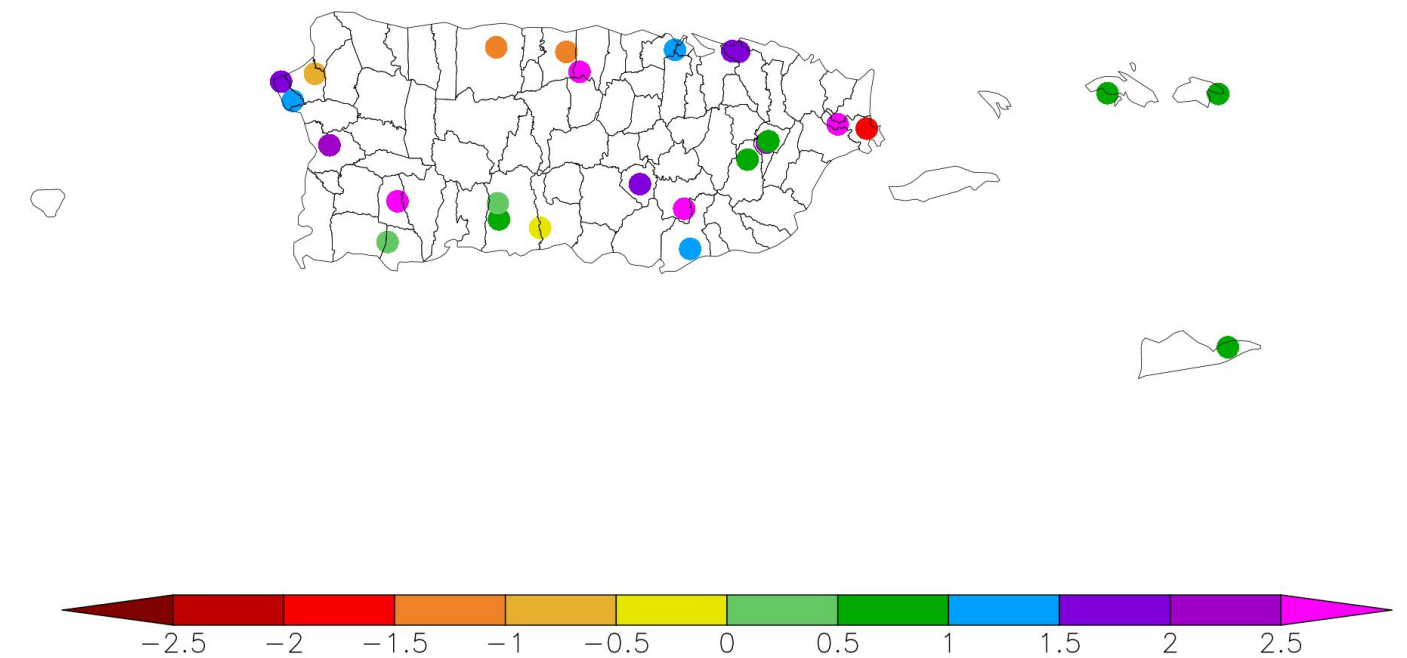
Precipitation (in)
3/1/2025 – 3/31/2025



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Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
3/1/2025 – 3/31/2025



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- Most stations in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands ended above normal, with some exceptions along the north-central Puerto Rico . The COOP station with the highest monthly rainfall accumulation was **Paraíso** in Ceiba, with **10.12"**. The CoCoRaHS station with the highest monthly rainfall accumulation was **Bayamón 3.9SSE** with **8.26"**.

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Estimated Rainfall

Estimated Rainfall was obtained from [NWPS](#) (Puerto Rico), and [CoCoraHS](#) (Virgin Islands)

- The highest rainfall accumulations were observed across El Yunque rainforest, and the central and western interior. Rainfall accumulations mostly ranged from 10 to 15”.
- Lower accumulations were observed in the southern plains (1-3”) and the northwest, with general amounts of 2 to 5”.
- Rainfall diminishes across the Virgin Islands, but the area still received 1 to 5”, especially in St. John.

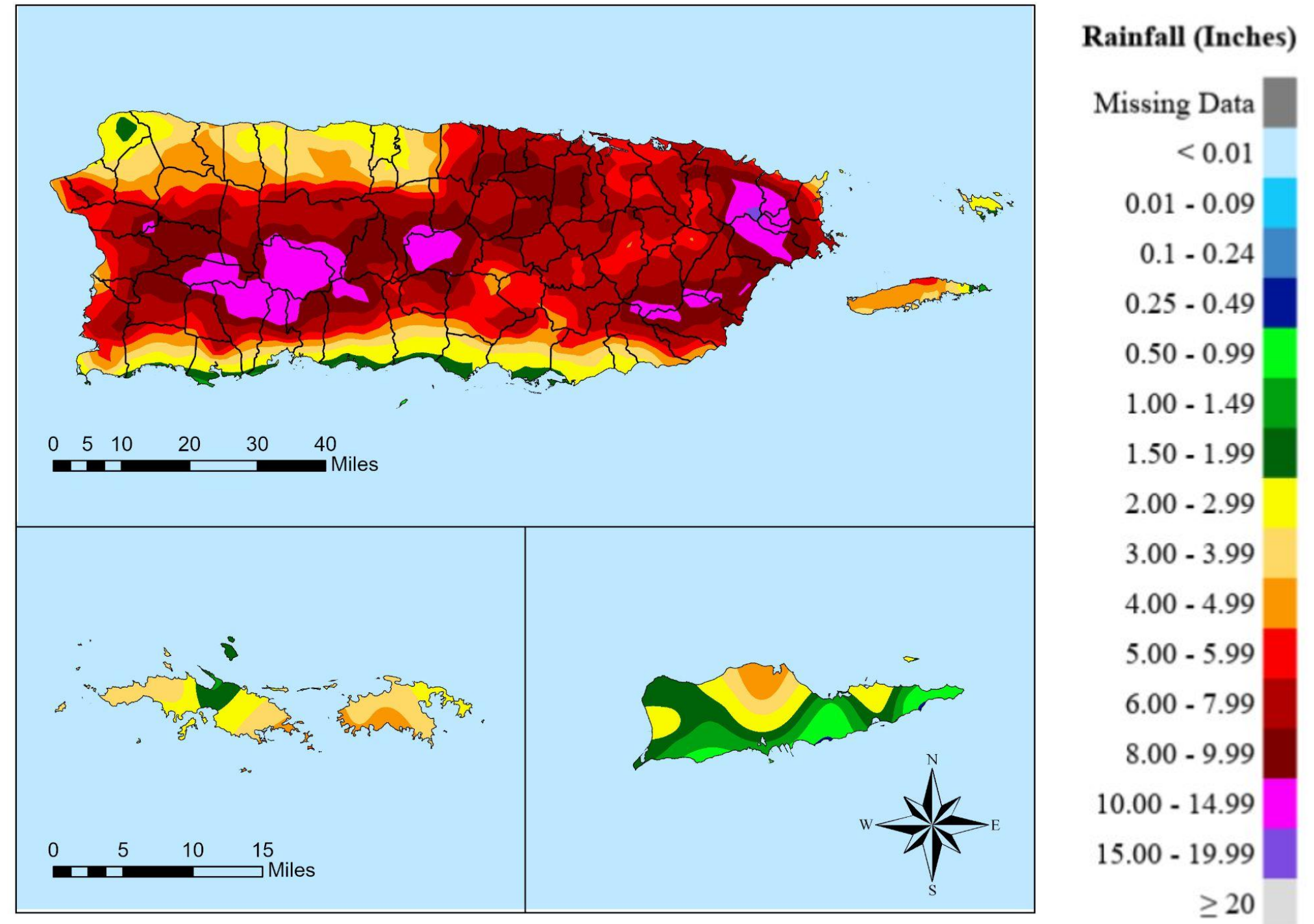


Image Captions:

Estimated Rainfall for the month of March. This map is courtesy of the NWS SJU GIS Team.



Departure from Normal Rainfall

Estimated Departure from normal was obtained from [NWPS](#).

- Above-normal precipitation was observed across most of Puerto Rico, with a big swath of area showing a surplus of 5 to 8"+.
- Even though the southern plains are showing some dryness, rainfall is still about 1 to 2 inches above normal for that area.
- A slight rainfall deficit persists for the north-central and northwestern Puerto Rico.

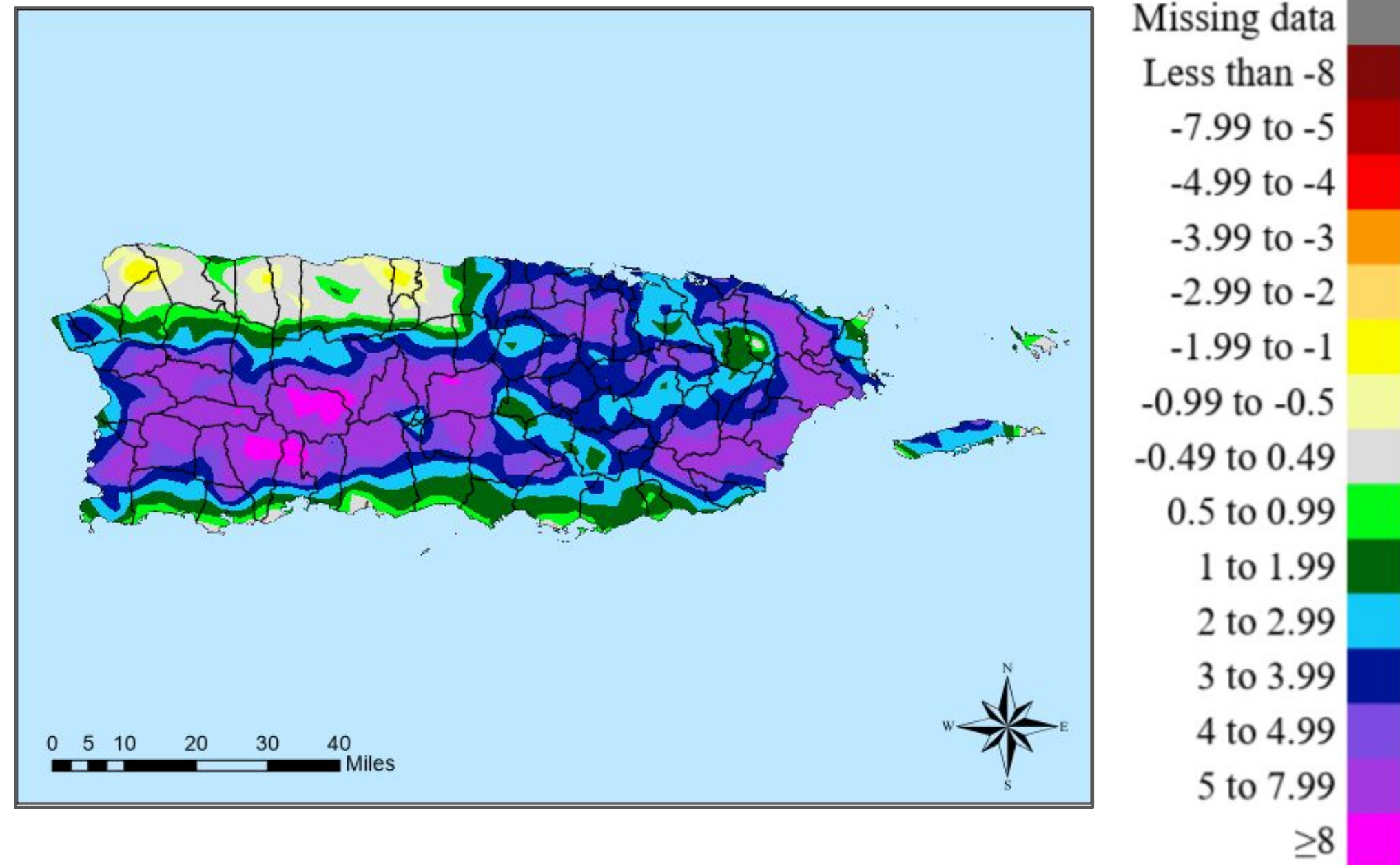


Image Captions:

Estimated Departure from Normal Rainfall for Puerto Rico during the month of March. This map is courtesy of the NWS SJU GIS Team.

*NWPS does not provide rainfall departure from normal for the USVI.



Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

The latest soil monthly streamflow for Puerto Rico can be found on [WaterWatch](#)

- The 28-day average streamflow from the USGS river gauge network indicates most streamflows running near normal to much above normal. For Reservoir levels, click [here](#).

| Non-Routine Hydrologic Products Issued | Products issued for the month |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Hydrologic Outlooks (SJUESFSJU) | 0 |
| Flood Watches (SJUFFASJU) | 0 |
| Flood Warnings (SJUFLWSJU) | 2 |
| Flash Flood Warnings (SJUFFWSJU) | 4 |
| Urban/Small Stream Flood Advisories (SJUFLSSJU) | 40 |
| Local Storm Reports (SJULSRSJU) | 36 |

Latest Monthly Average Streamflow from USGS

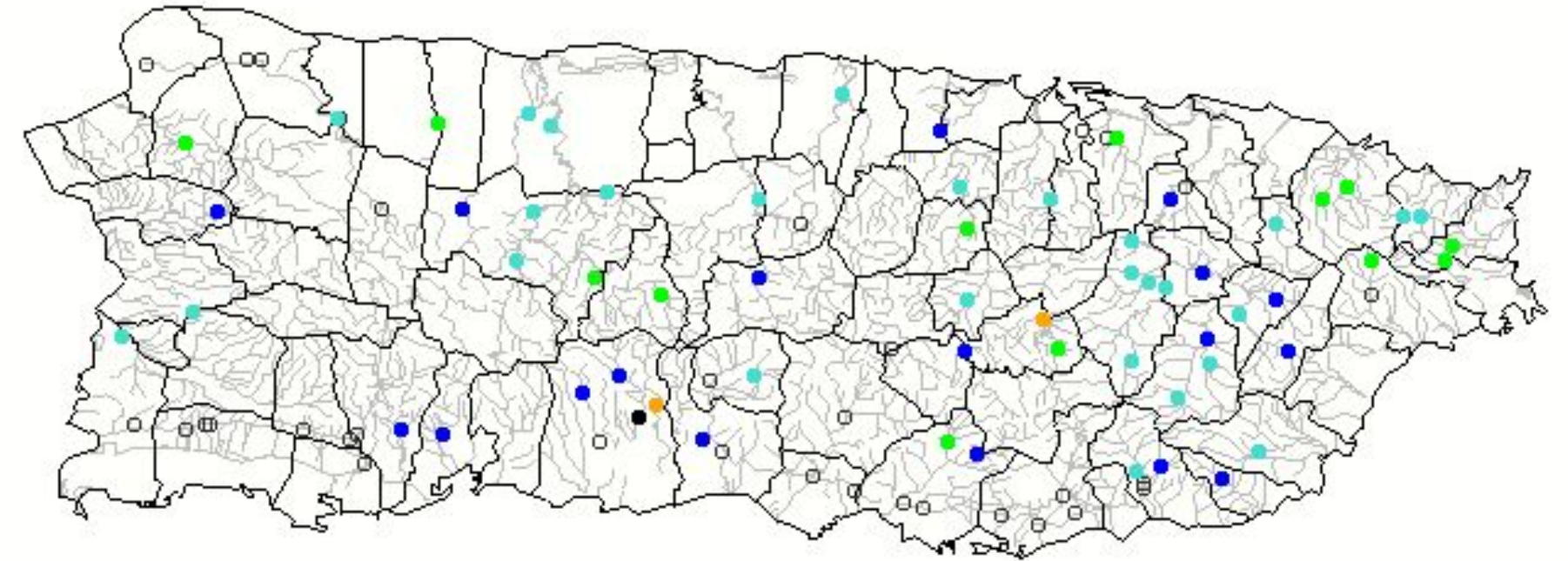


Image Caption: March 2025 compared to historical streamflows for Puerto Rico.

| 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 |



Soil Saturation

The latest soil moisture information for Puerto Rico can be found on [PRAGWATER](#)

The latest data retrieved from PRAGWATER indicate drying soils for the south and northwest. Vegetation stress is also observed along the southern plains and in the northwest corner.

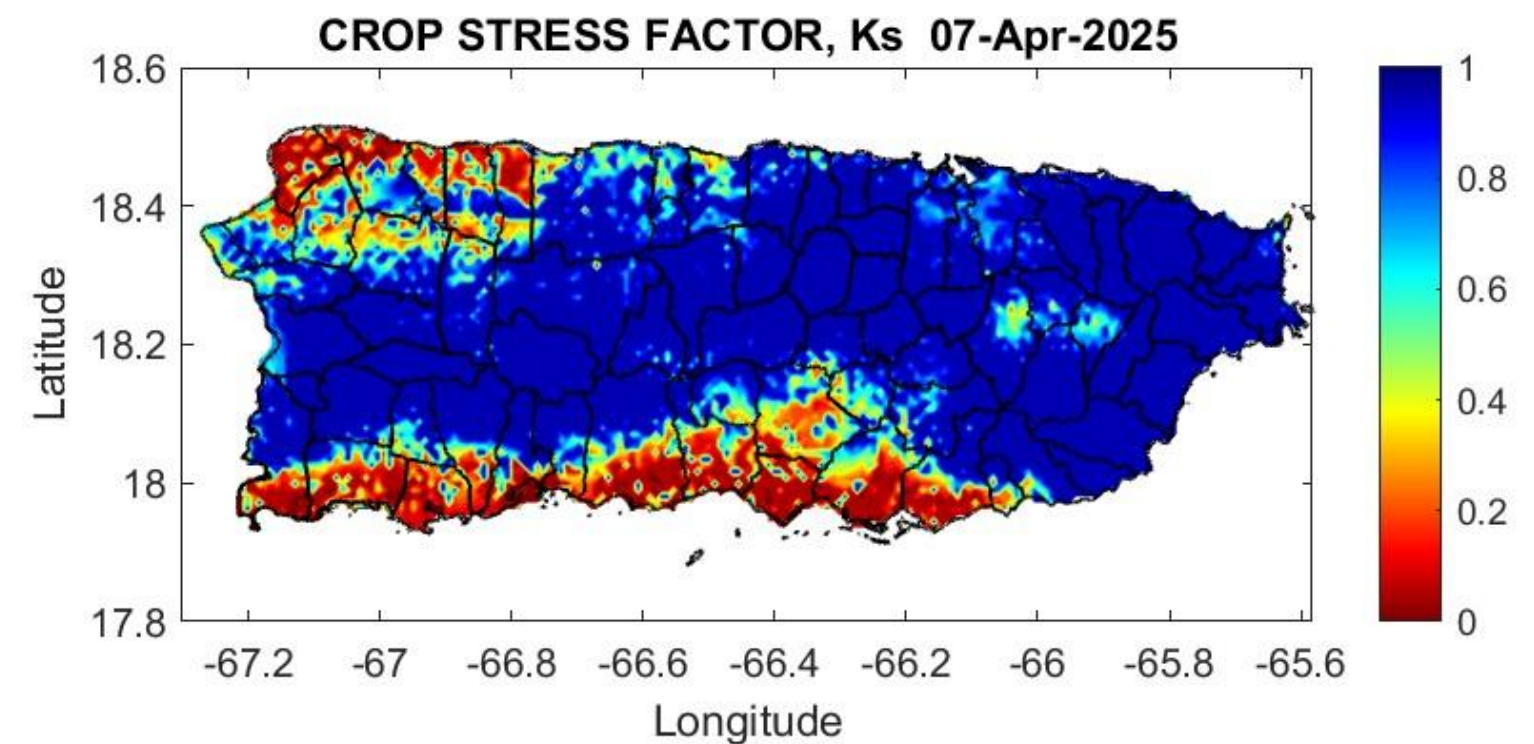
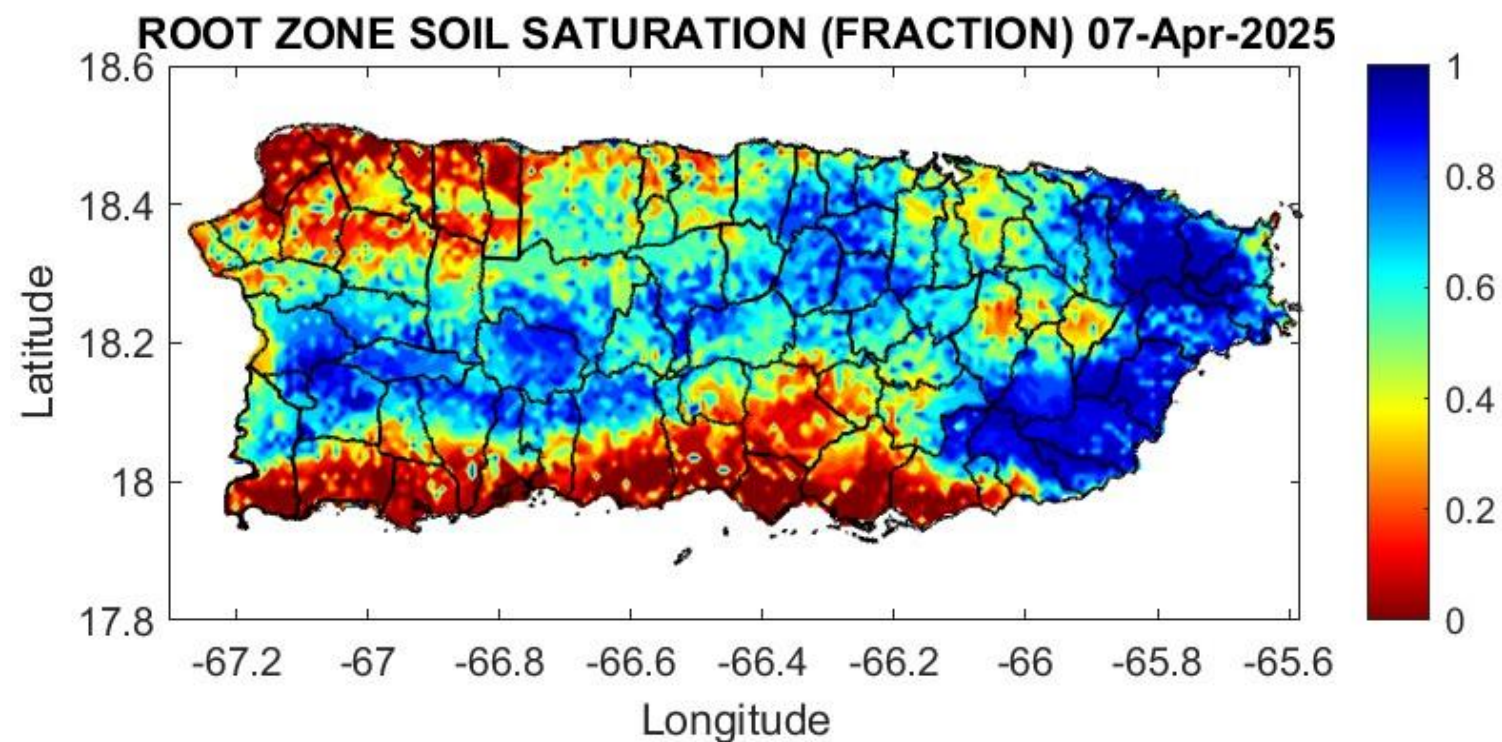


Image Caption: (Left) Crop Stress Factor for Puerto Rico. (Right) Root Zone Soil Saturation Fraction. Soil saturation: 1=Saturated. Crop Stress Factor: 0=high



U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for the Caribbean

DROUGHT CONDITIONS : No drought or dryness is currently observed in the islands.

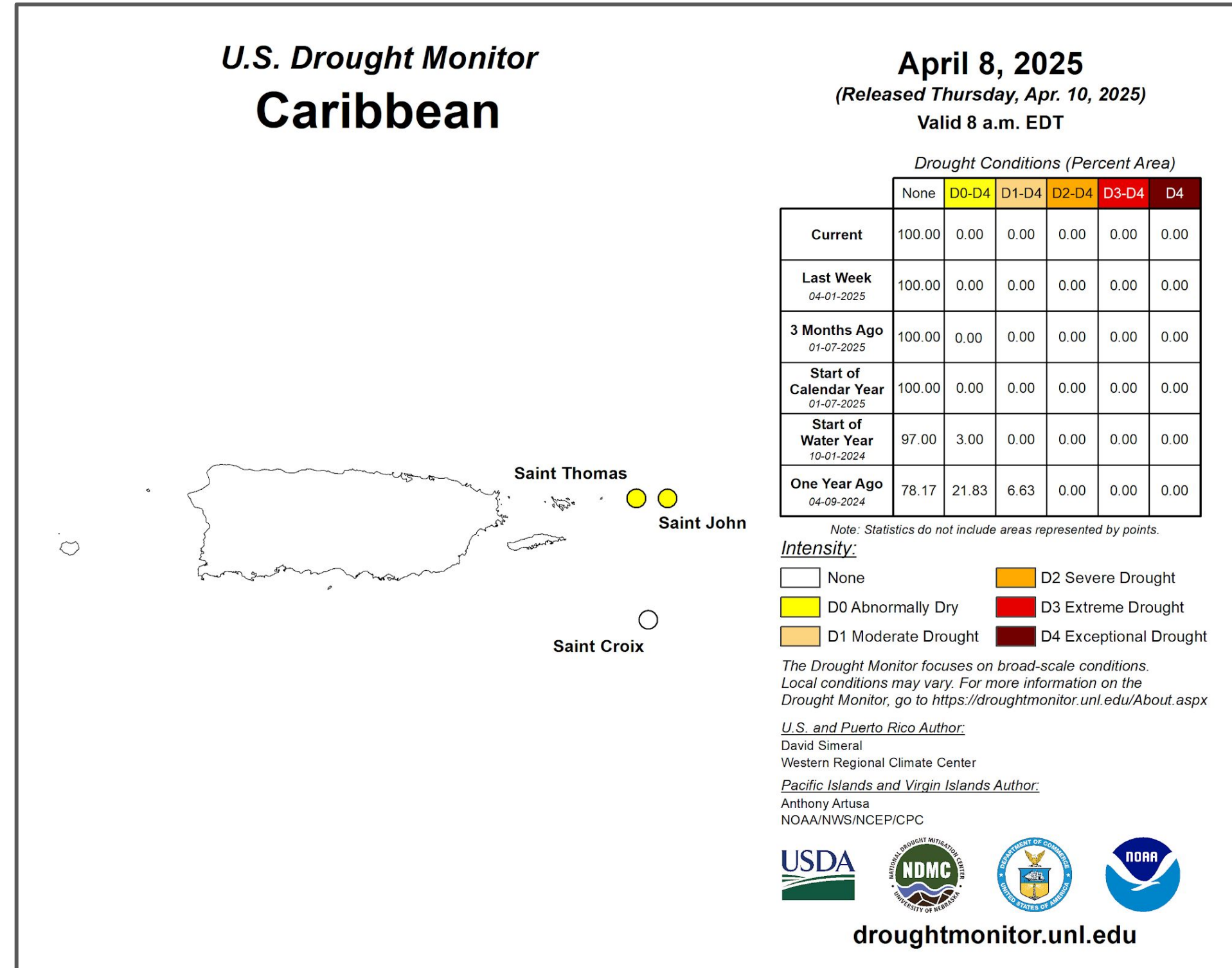


Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor valid 8am EDT Apr 1st, 2025



Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for the Caribbean

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.

- Over the past month, conditions have degraded to abnormally dry across St. Thomas and St. John.

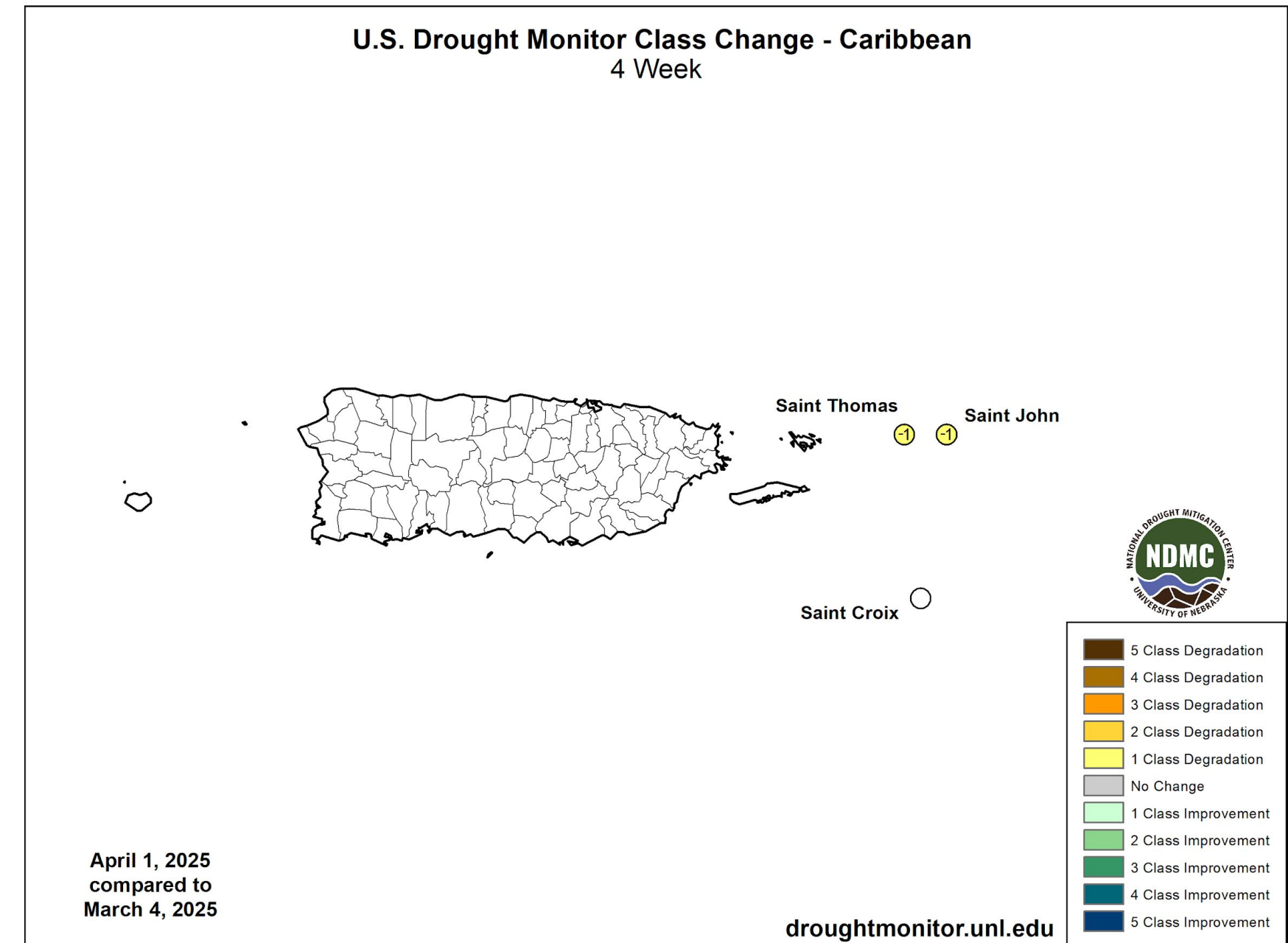


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Long-Range Precipitation Outlook

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

- The **North American Multi-Model Ensemble (NMME)** shows near normal precipitation for the spring and early summer months (May-June-July) across the northeastern Caribbean.

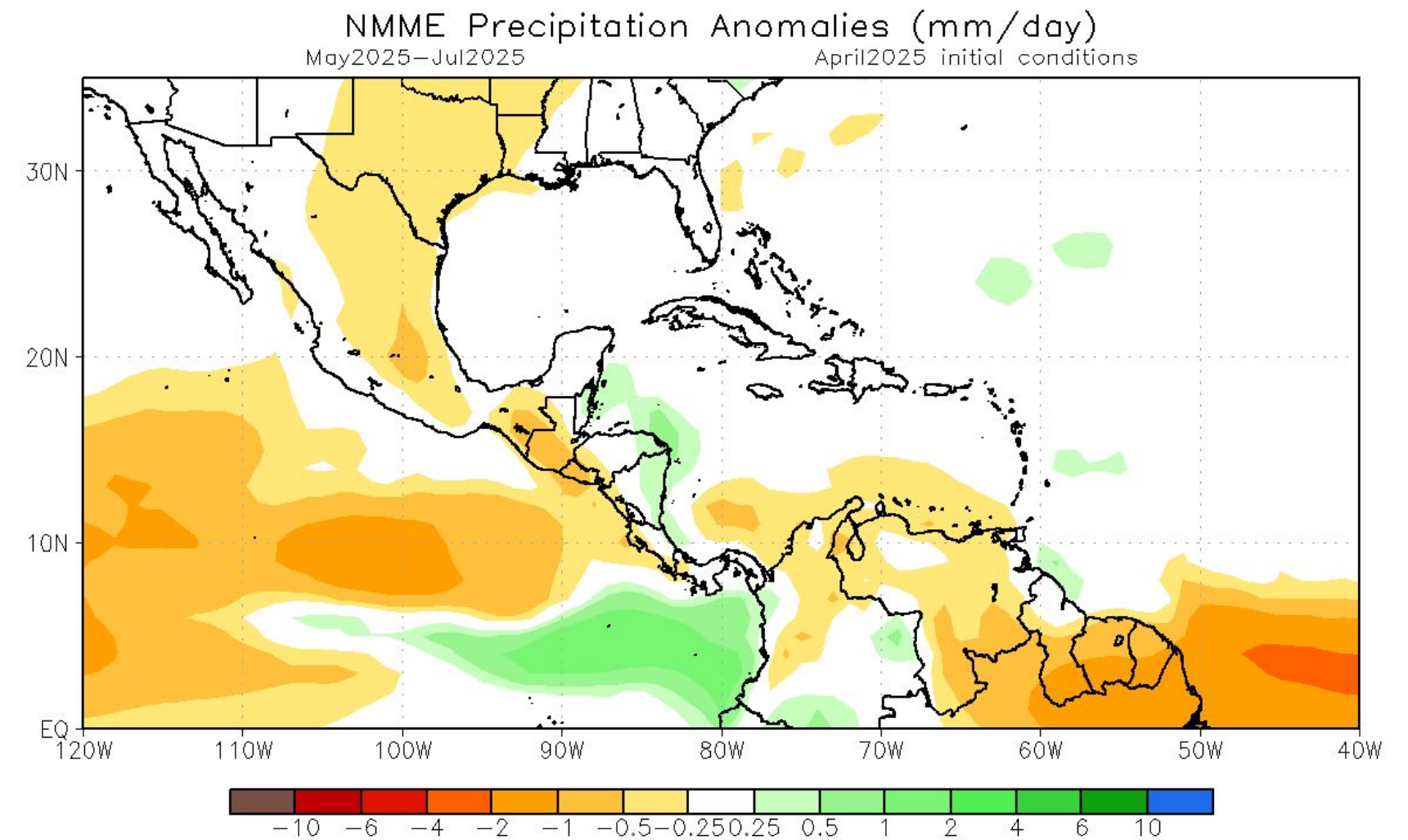


Image caption: NMME precipitation forecast issued April 2025. Valid May-June-July 2025.



Long-Range Temperature Outlook

The latest three-months temperature outlook can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Based on the **North American Multi-Model Ensemble (NMME)**, there is a $\geq 70\%$ chance of observing above normal temperature for the period of May-June-July 2025. The temperatures are forecast to be nearly $0.25\text{-}0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($0.45\text{-}0.9^{\circ}\text{F}$) above normal.

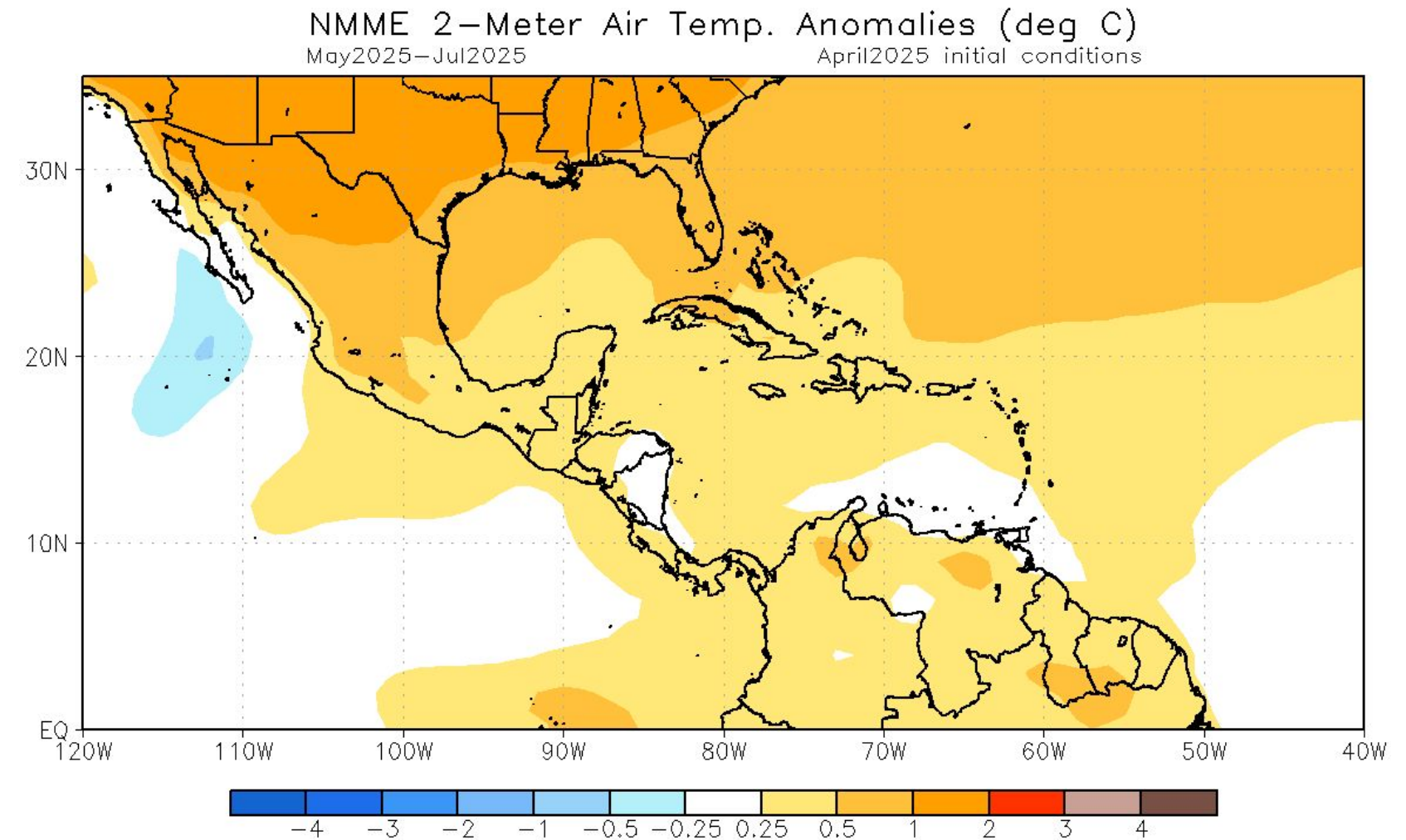


Image caption: NMME temperature forecast issued April 2025.
Valid May-June-July 2025.



Long Range Drought Outlook

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- Based on the expected conditions, no drought is expected to develop in Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands in the upcoming three months.

**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 31,
2025–June 30, 2025**



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Image Caption: U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Valid for March 31st to June 30th, 2025.