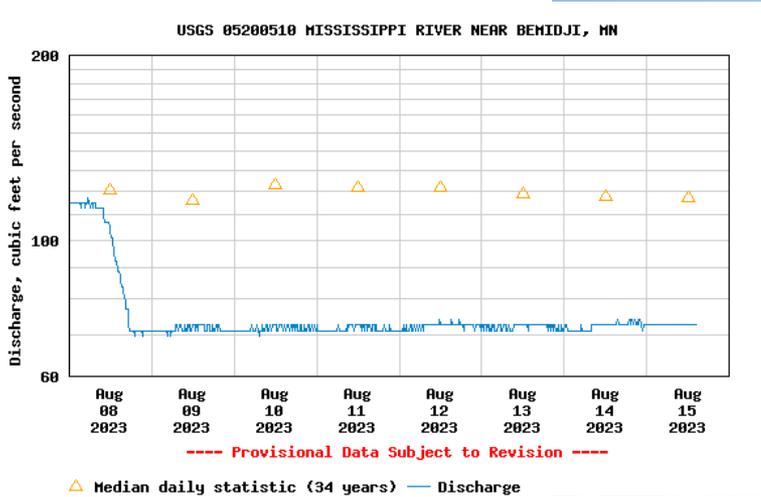


North Central Climate and Drought Outlook



The Mississippi Headwaters at Lake Itasca

August 10, 2023

Courtesy: Pete Boulay

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General Information

- **Providing climate services to the Central Region**
 - Collaboration Activity Between:
 - State Climatologists/American Association of State Climatologists (AASC)
 - NOAA NCEI/NWS/OAR/NIDIS
 - USDA Climate Hubs
 - Midwest and High Plains Regional Climate Centers
 - National Drought Mitigation Center
- **Next Regular Climate/Drought Outlook Webinar**
 - September 21, 2023 (1 PM CST): Presenter: Brian Fuchs
- **Recordings of Past Webinars**
- <https://mrcc.purdue.edu/webinars>
- <http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/webinars.php>
- **Open for questions at the end**

Presentation Outline

- Recent Conditions
 - Temperature and precipitation ranks
 - 30-day temperature and precipitation
 - Modeled soil moisture
 - Drought
- Impacts
- Outlooks
 - El Niño-Southern Oscillation
 - Short-term
 - Autumn and the '23-24 Winter



Stillwater MN: July 24, 2023

Courtesy: Minnesota DNR State Climatology Office



RECENT CONDITIONS

Soybeans.. And corn?

August 15, 2023

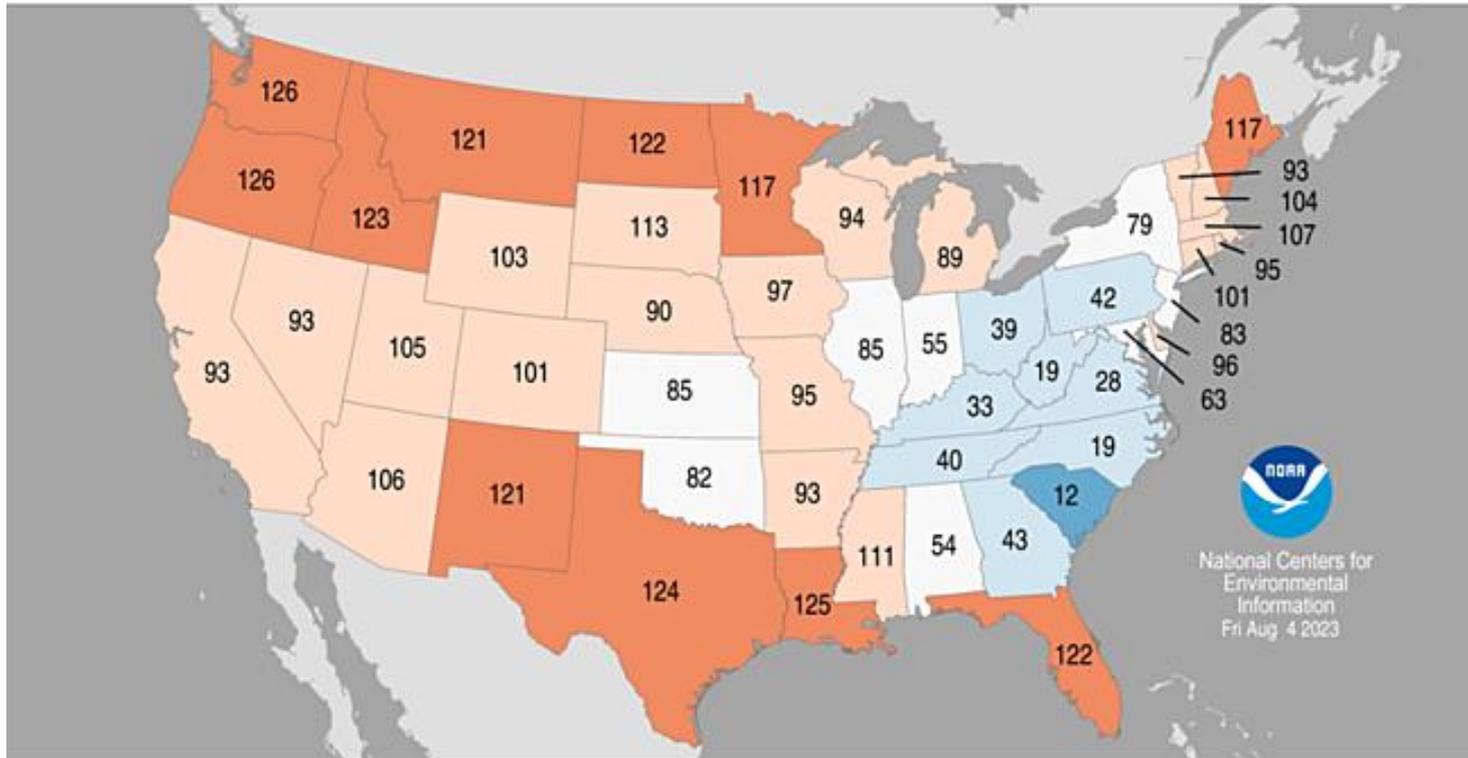
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2023 May-July Temperature Ranks

Statewide Average Temperature Ranks

May - July 2023
Period: 1895-2023

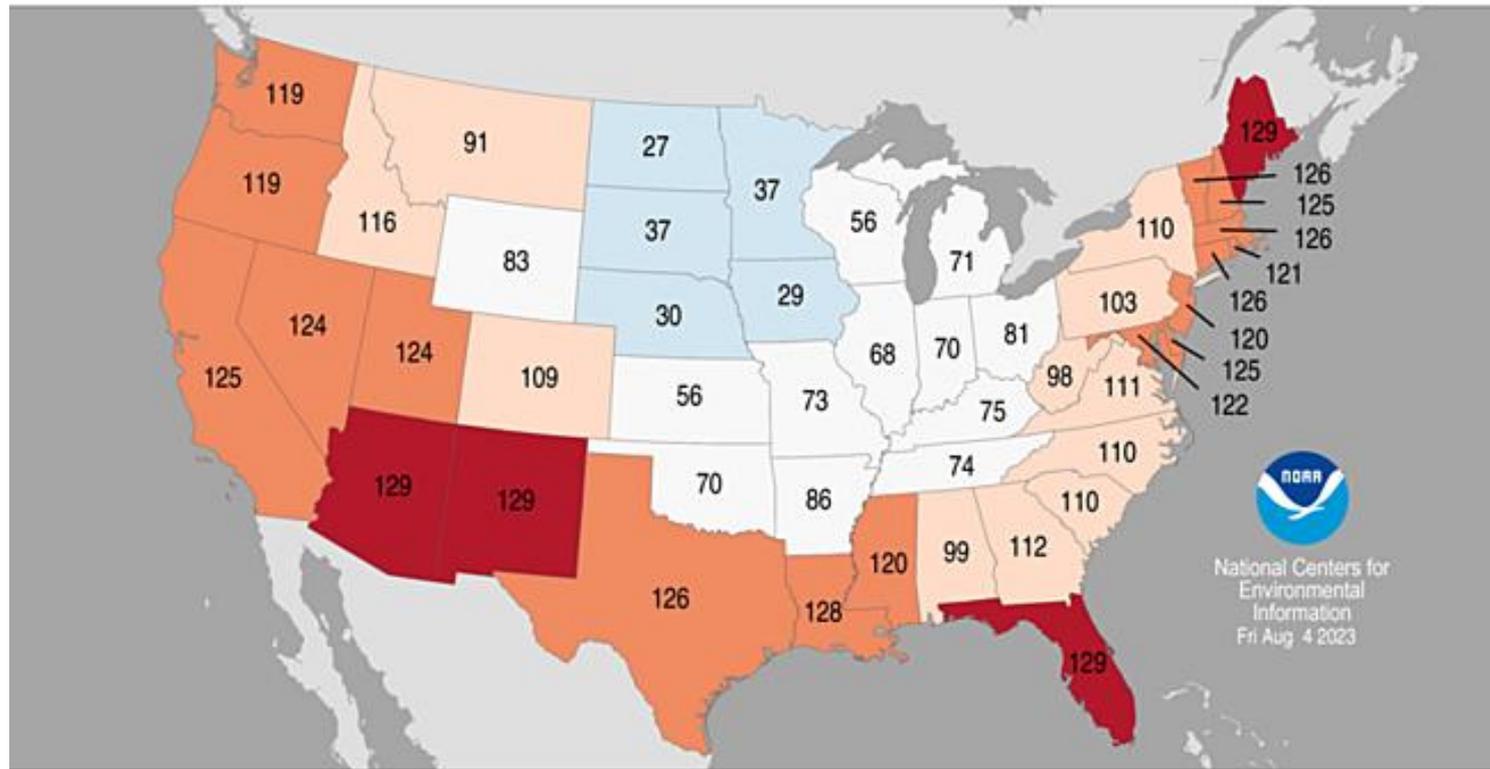


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July 2023 Temperature Ranks

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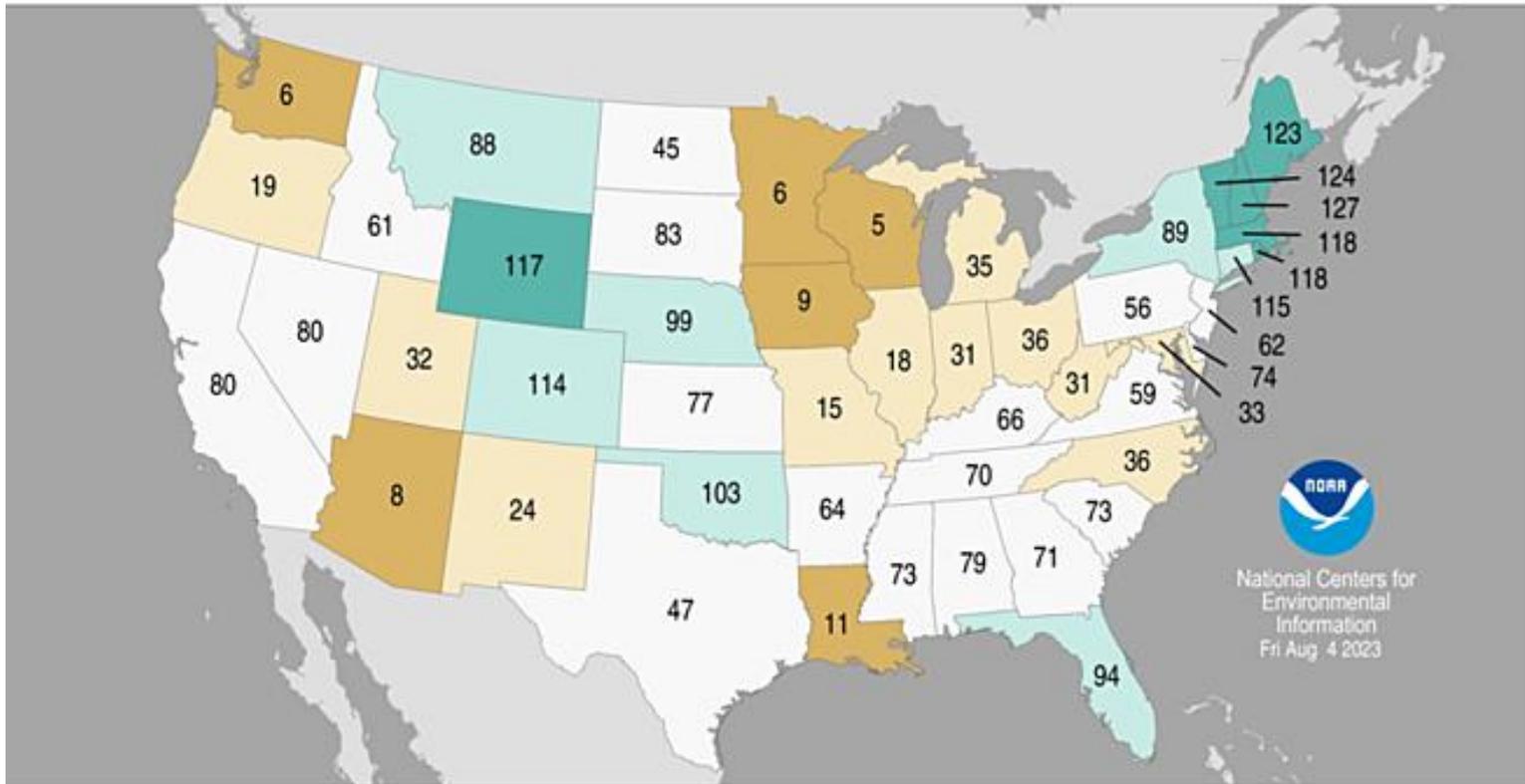


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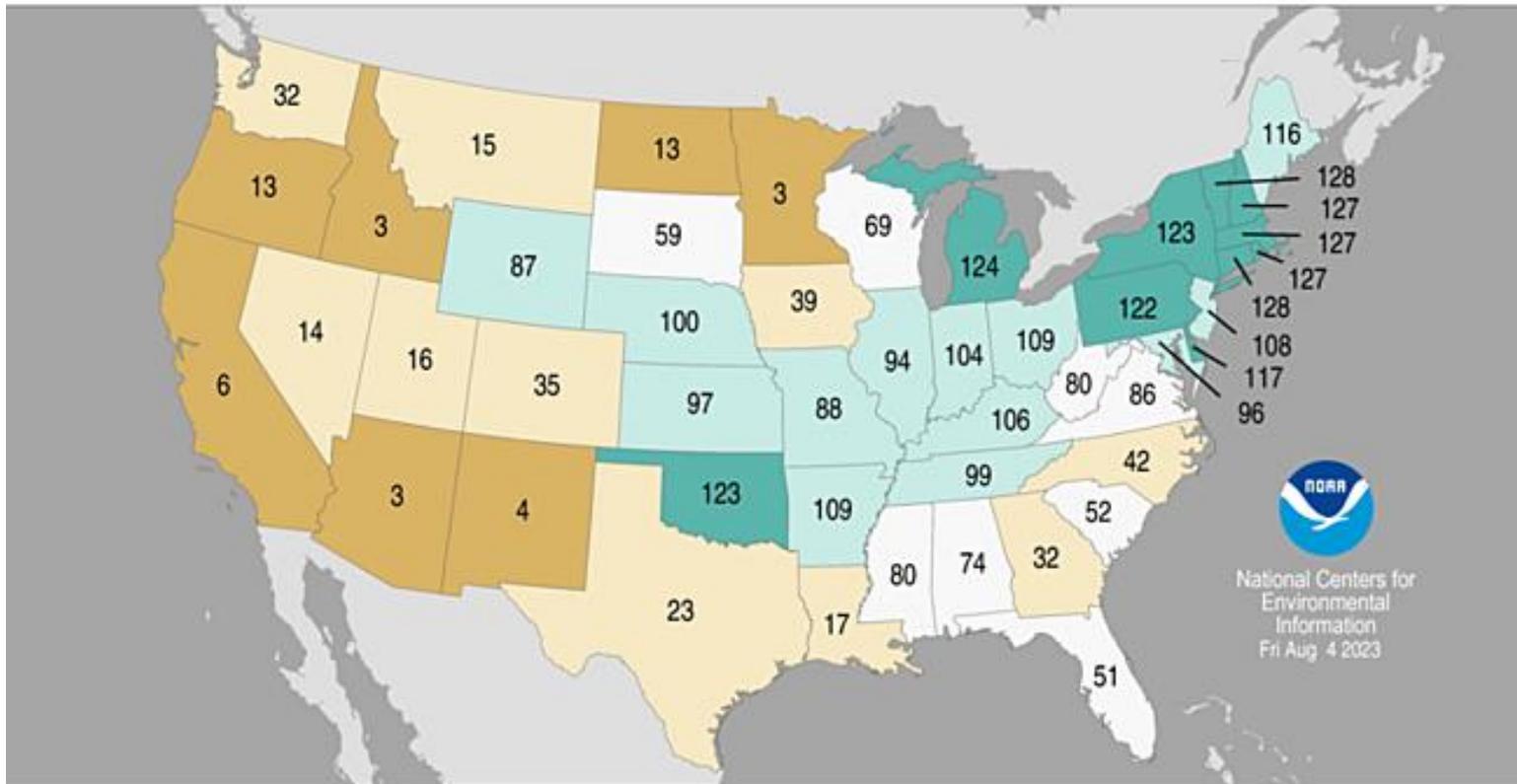
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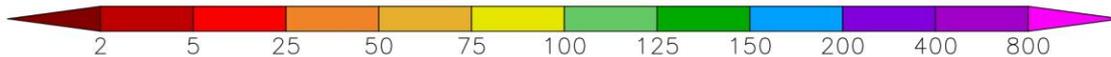
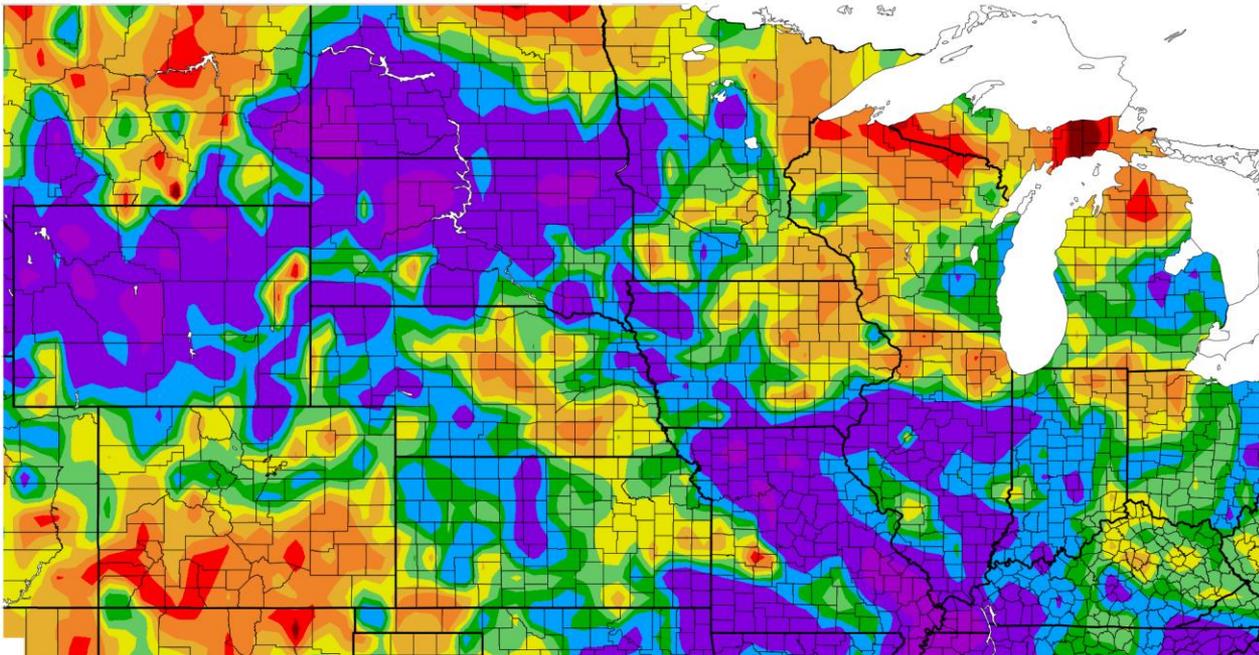
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Fairly wet August so far, with exceptions.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
8/1/2023 – 8/16/2023



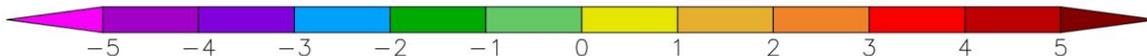
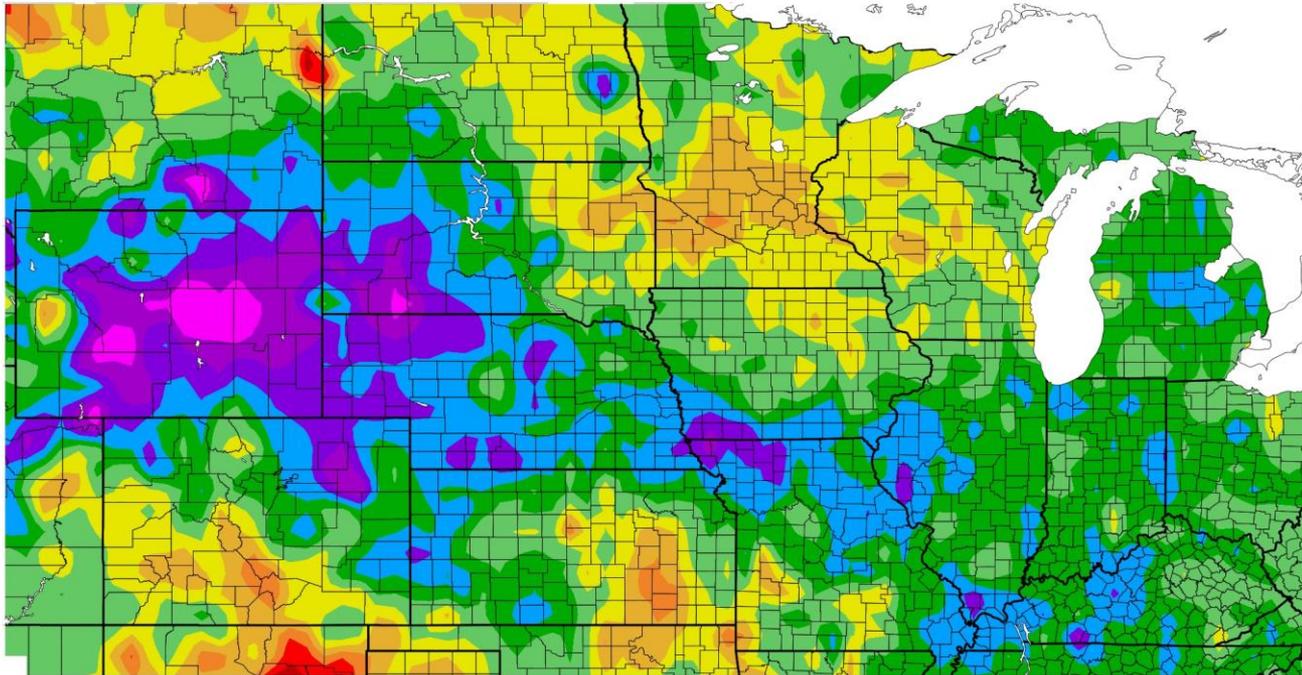
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Cool to near normal with some warm pockets.

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
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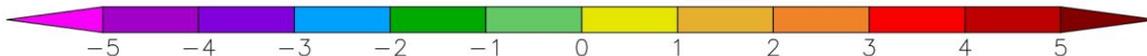
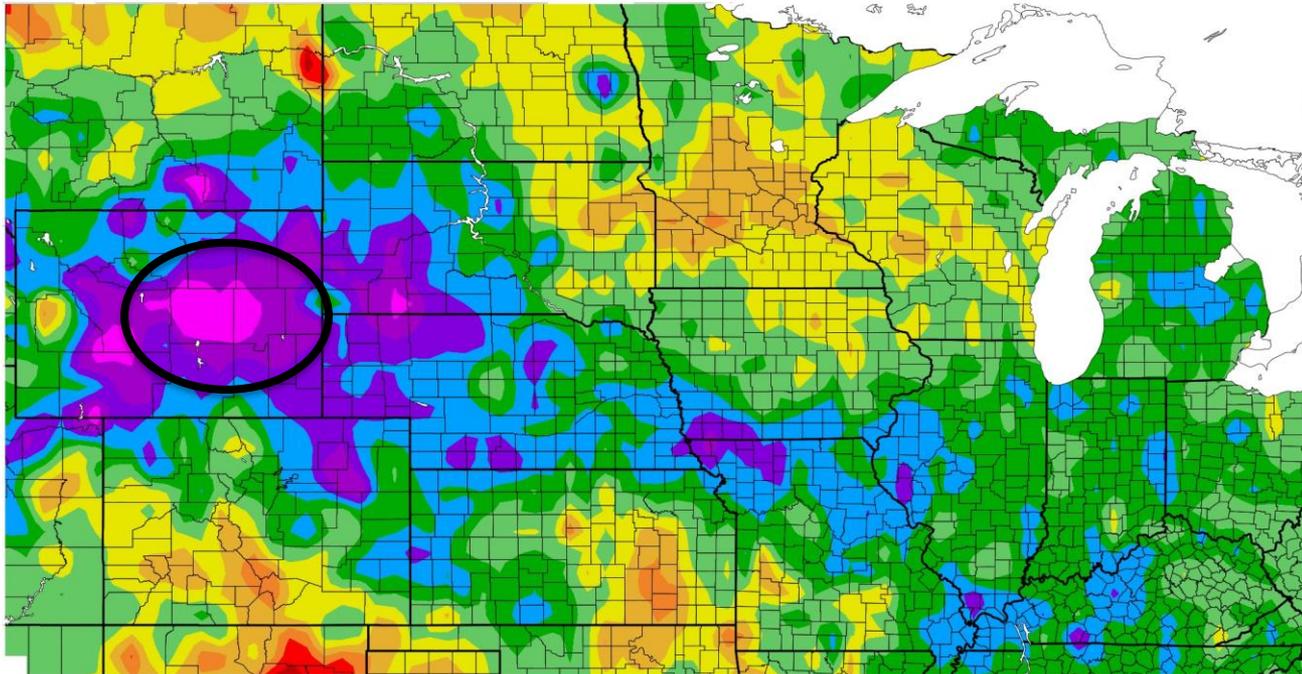
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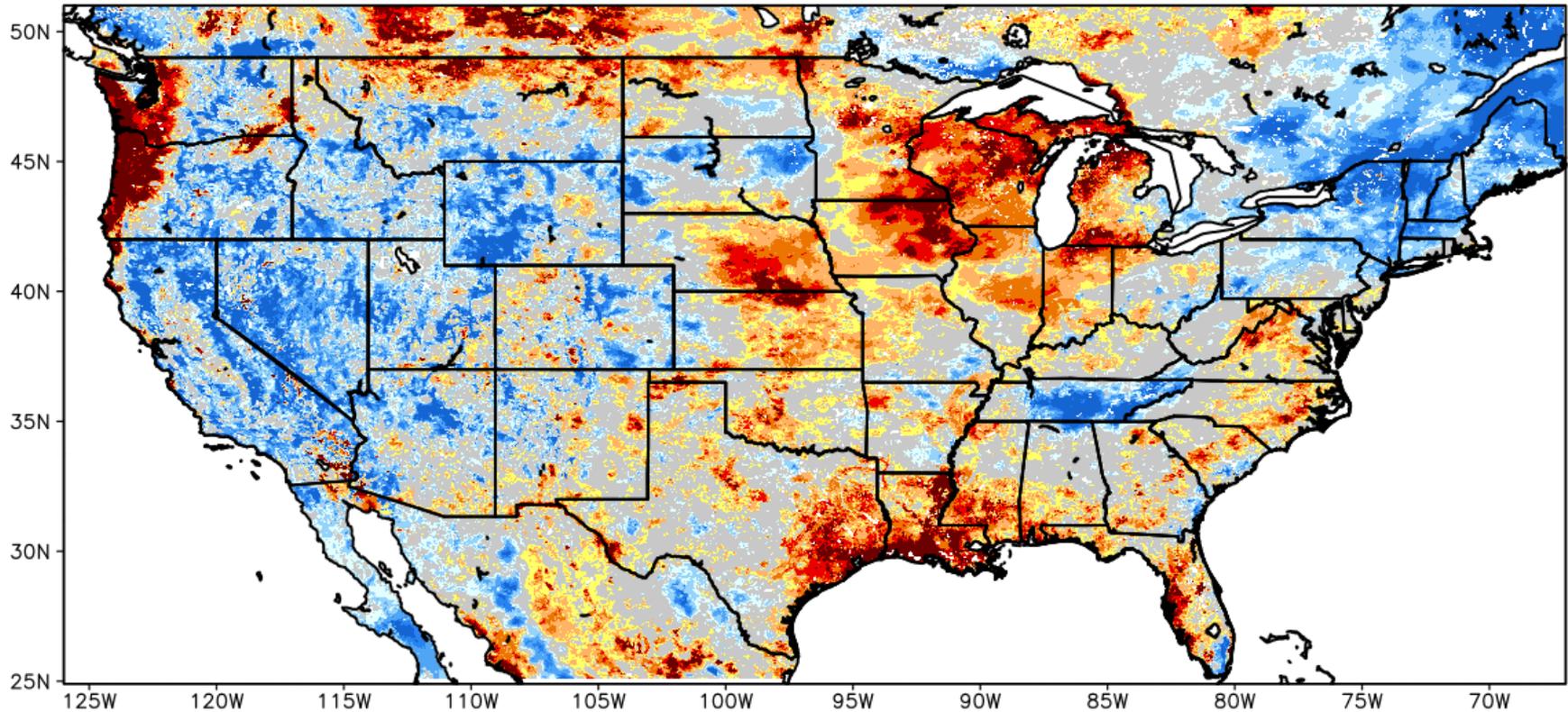
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Calculated Soil Moisture Percentiles

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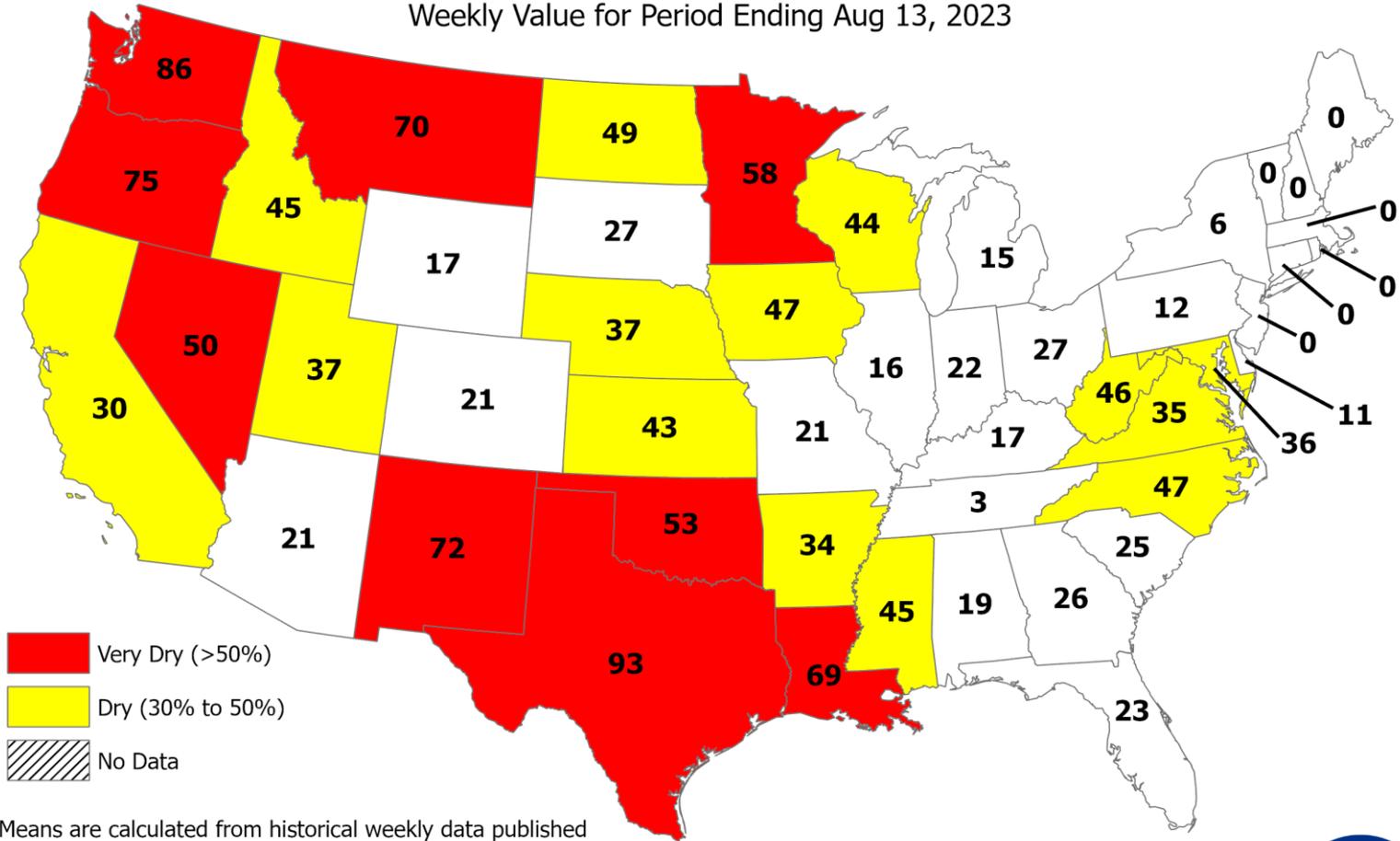


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****Experimental****

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USDA Topsoil Moisture by Short-Very Short

Percent of State Area
Weekly Value for Period Ending Aug 13, 2023



- Very Dry (>50%)
- Dry (30% to 50%)
- No Data

Means are calculated from historical weekly data published by USDA/NASS using the closest date to the equivalent date for this year.

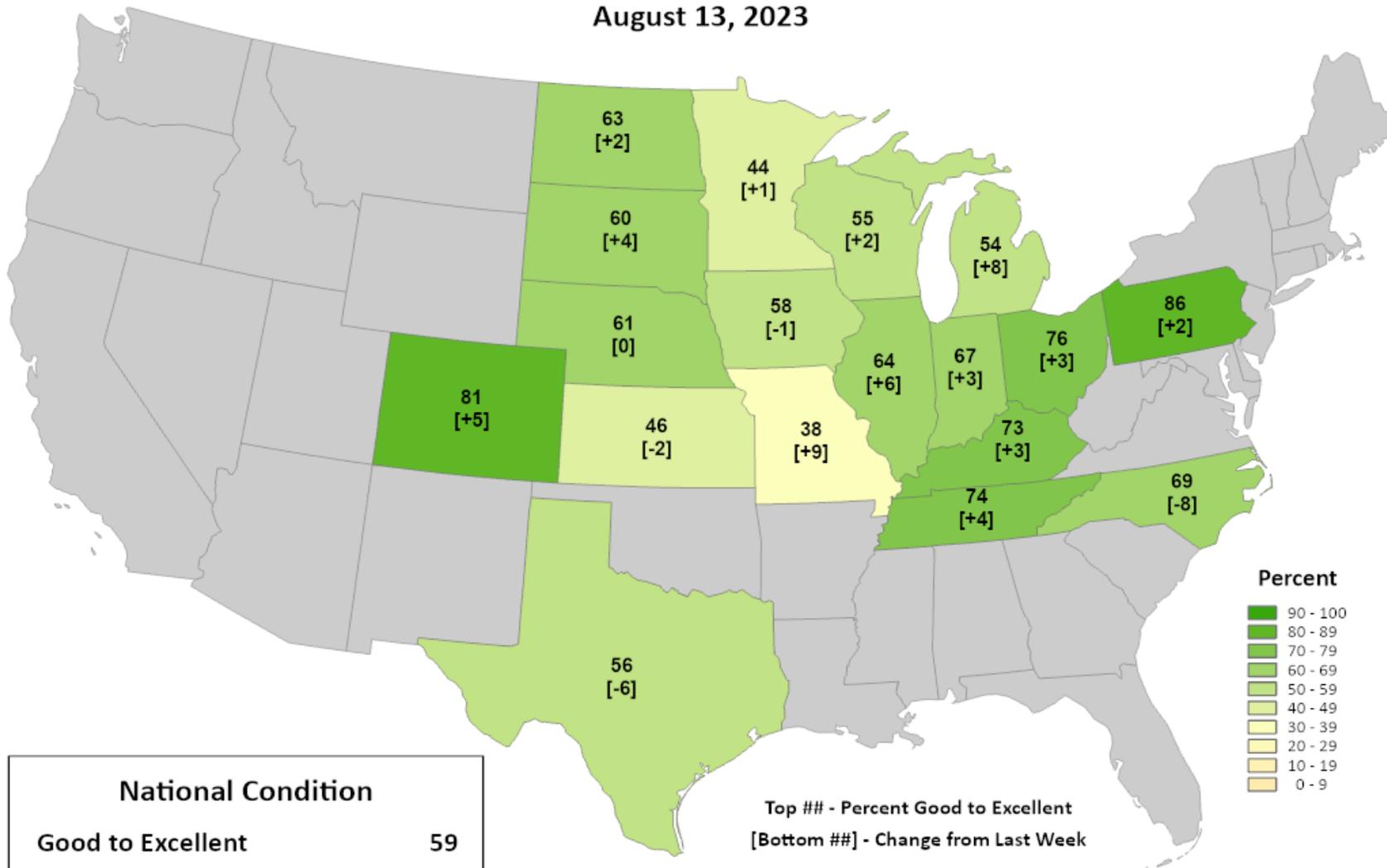
Results are based on the short and very short percentages of topsoil moisture (upper 6 inches) reported by the USDA. Reports are based on subjective observations.



Corn Conditions

Percent Good to Excellent

August 13, 2023



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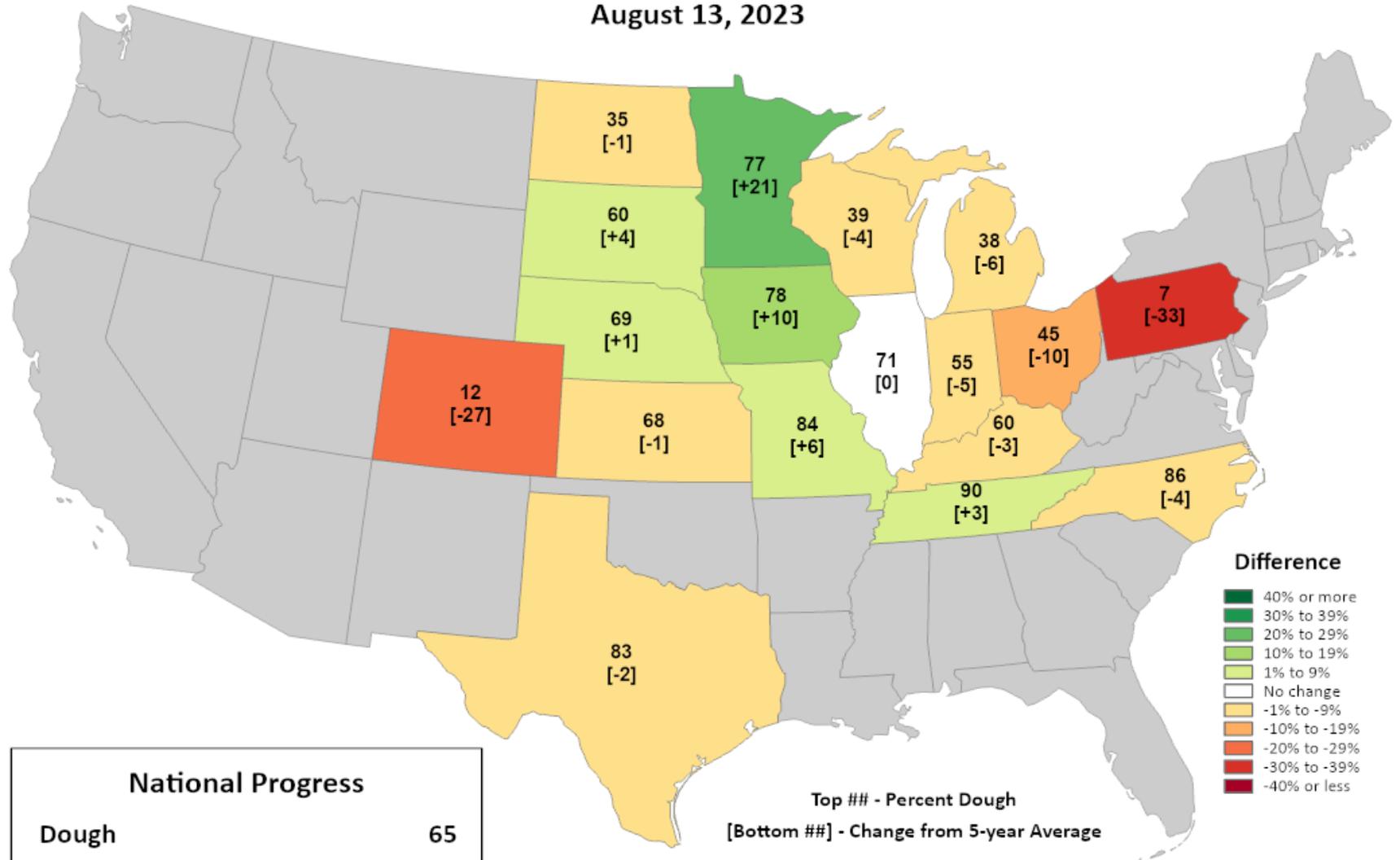
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Corn Progress

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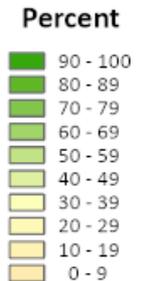
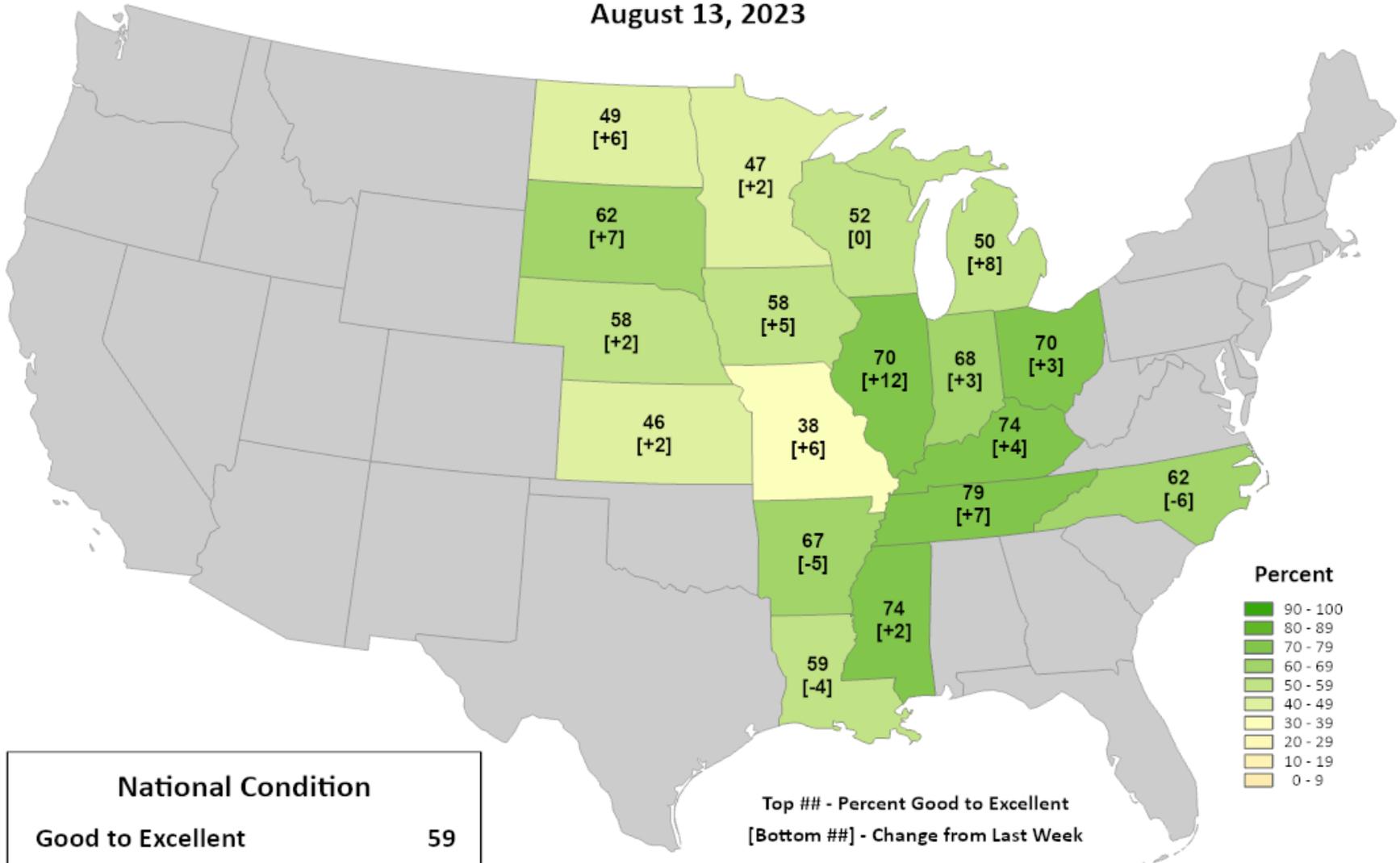
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Soybean Conditions

Percent Good to Excellent

August 13, 2023

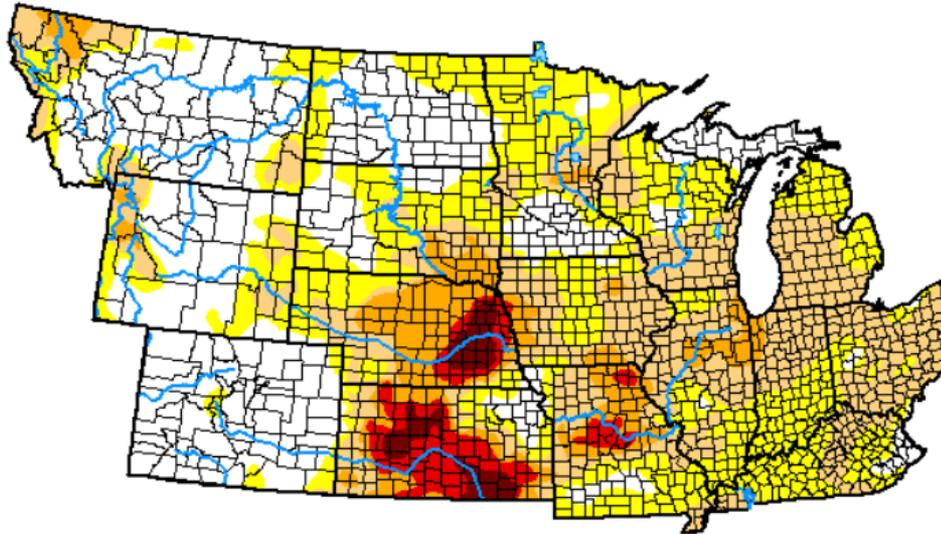


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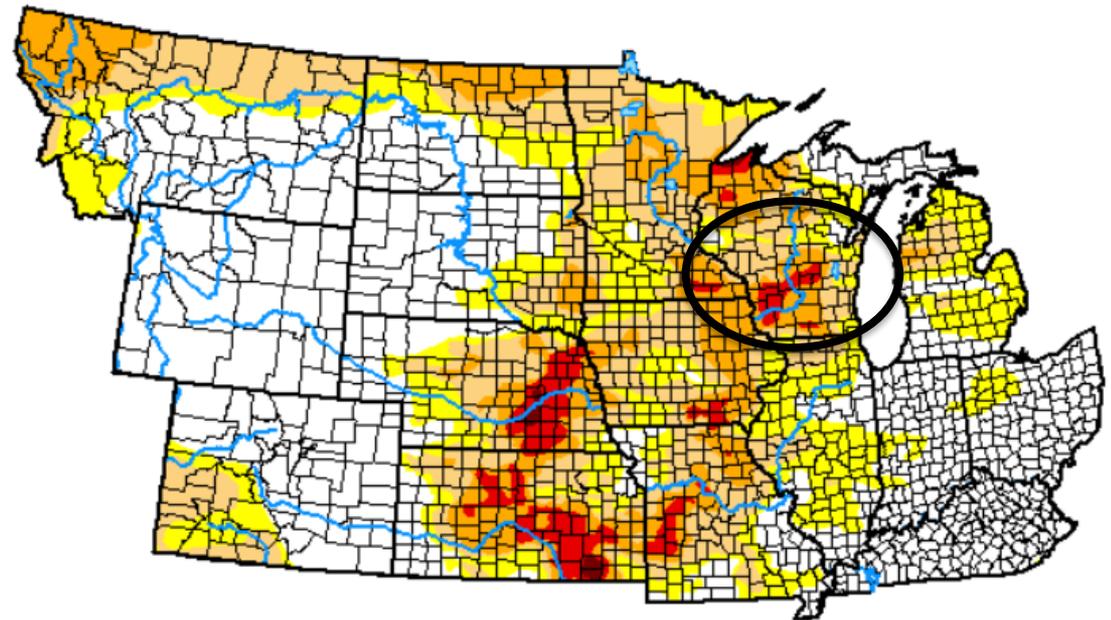
US Drought Monitor... Past Two Months

Minnesota and Wisconsin had a flash drought over the past two months. Heavy rains in August had improvements in NE, KS, MO, IL, MI, IN, KY and OH

August 15, 2023



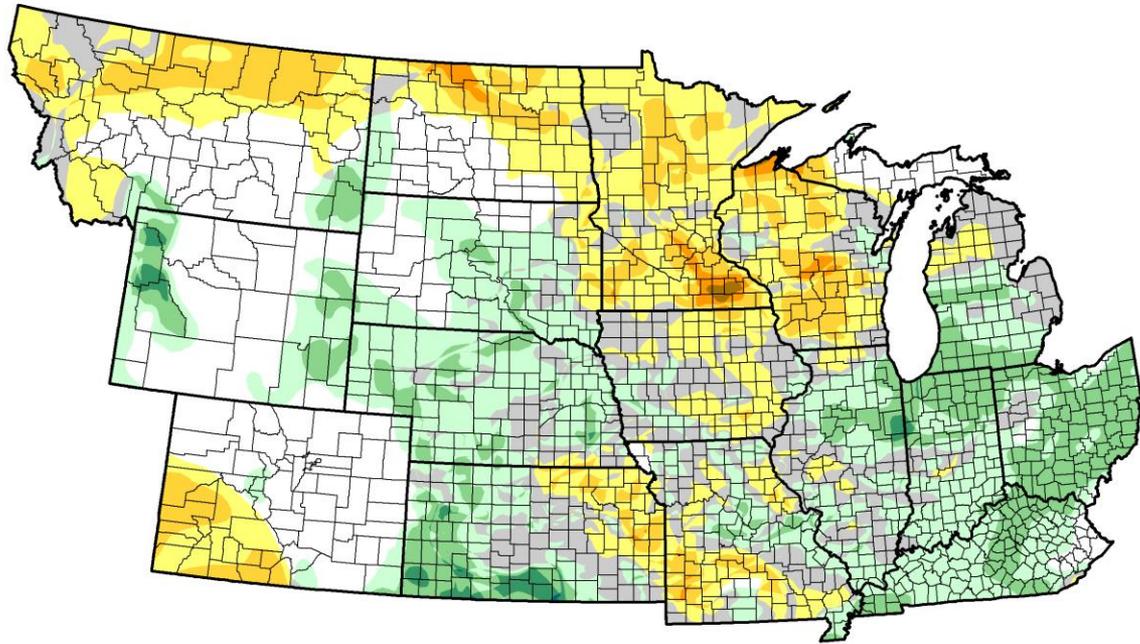
June 13, 2023



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>

US Drought Monitor... Past Two Months

U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - NWS Central
8 Week



-  5 Class Degradation
-  4 Class Degradation
-  3 Class Degradation
-  2 Class Degradation
-  1 Class Degradation
-  No Change
-  1 Class Improvement
-  2 Class Improvement
-  3 Class Improvement
-  4 Class Improvement
-  5 Class Improvement

August 8, 2023
compared to
June 13, 2023



Blue Mesa (Colorado's largest reservoir.) Full recovery from the long drought.

August 2023

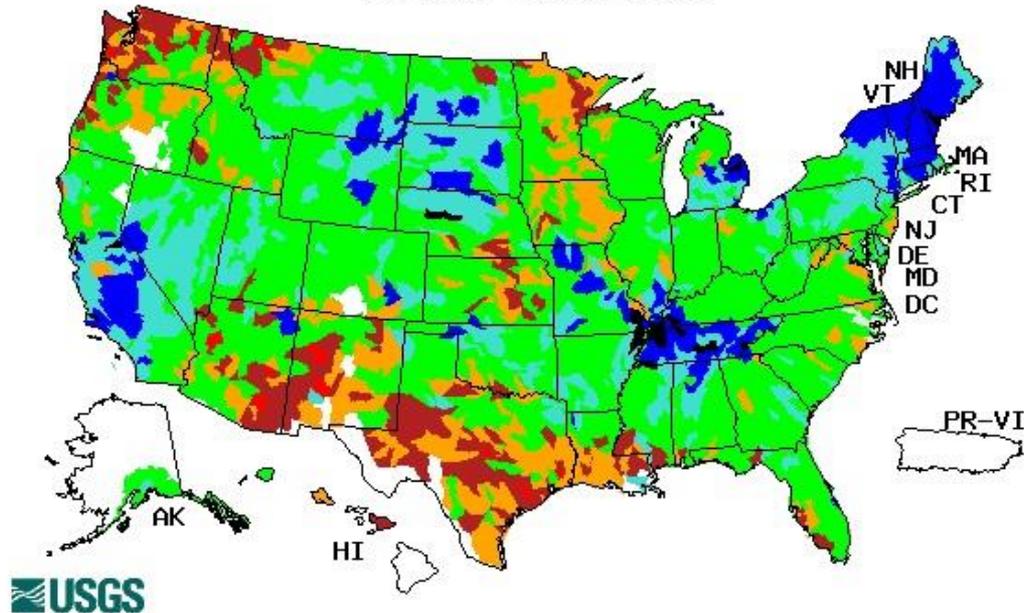
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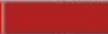
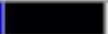
RIVERS AND STREAMS

Map of 28-day average streamflow compared to historical streamflow for the day of the year (United States)

or

Hednesday, August 16, 2023



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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MISSOURI RIVER BASIN WEEKLY UPDATE

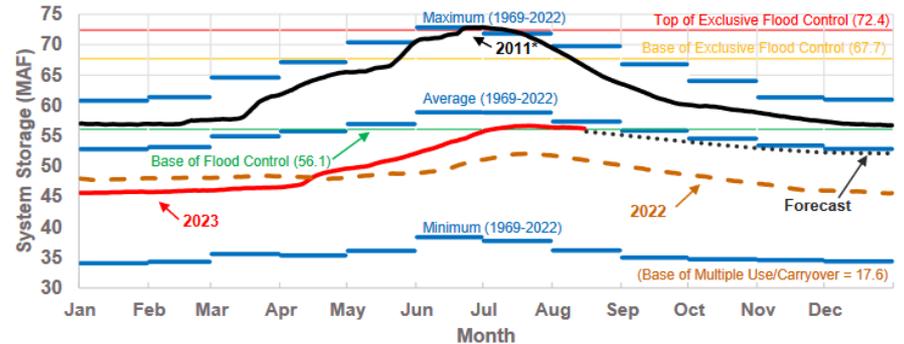
AUGUST 16, 2023



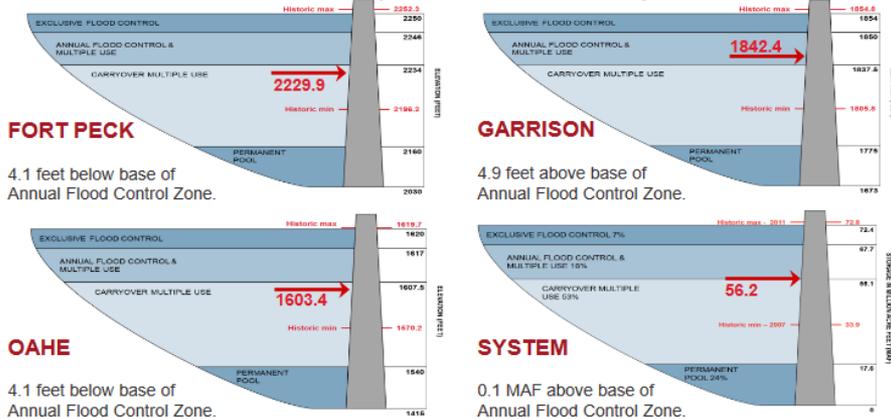
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 56.2 MAF, 0.1 MAF lower than last week (upper right). For the August monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, [click here](#).
- Gavins Point releases are currently 29,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast ([click here](#)).
- The next 7 days are forecasted to be fairly dry for much of the basin (lower right). Some rain is forecast in Montana and western North Dakota, which would help dry soil conditions in those areas.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast ([click here](#)) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

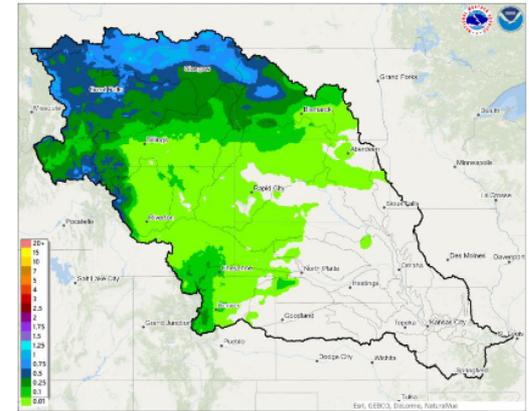
System Storage Comparison



Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)



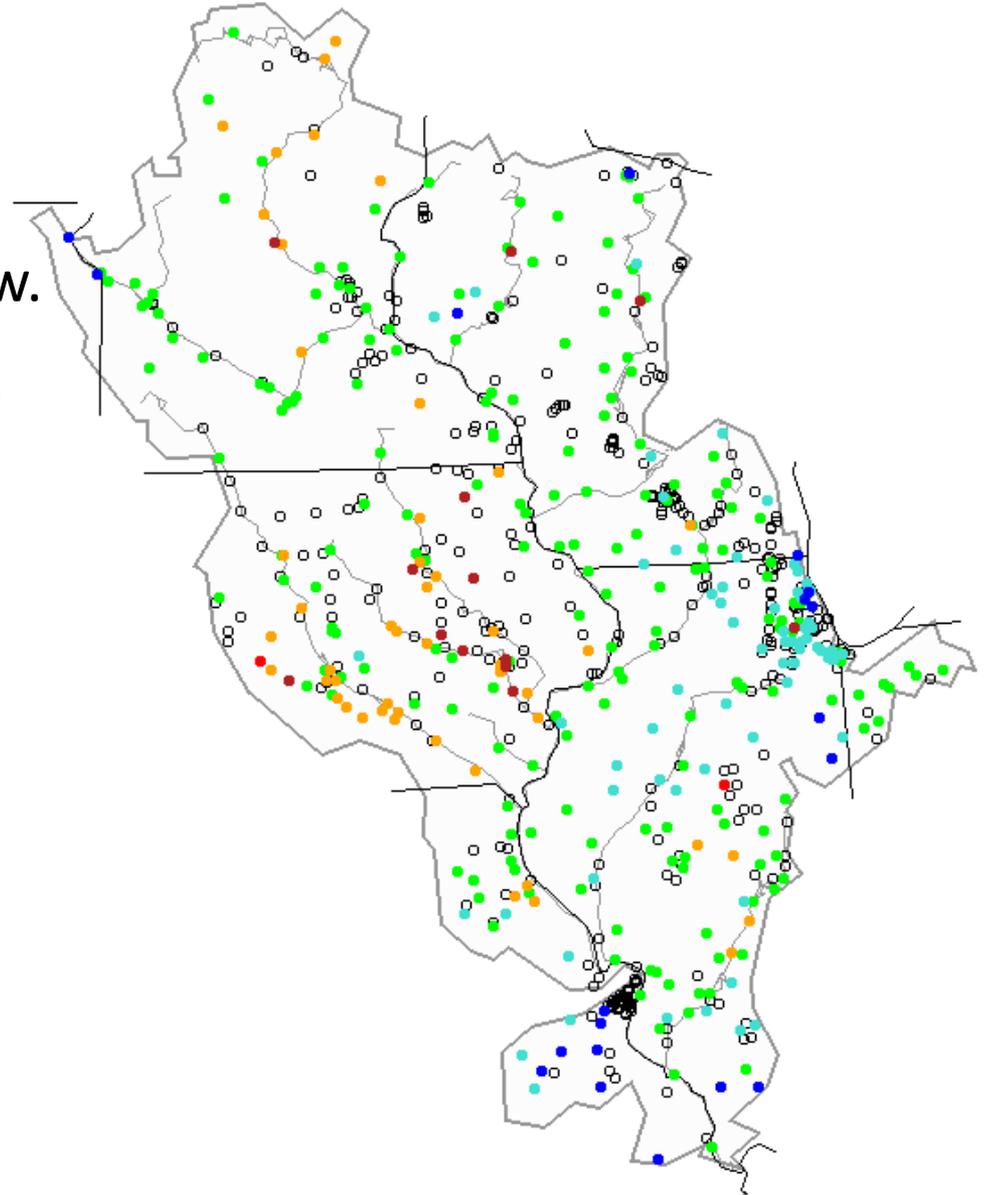
Missouri Basin RFC 7-Day Forecast Precipitation



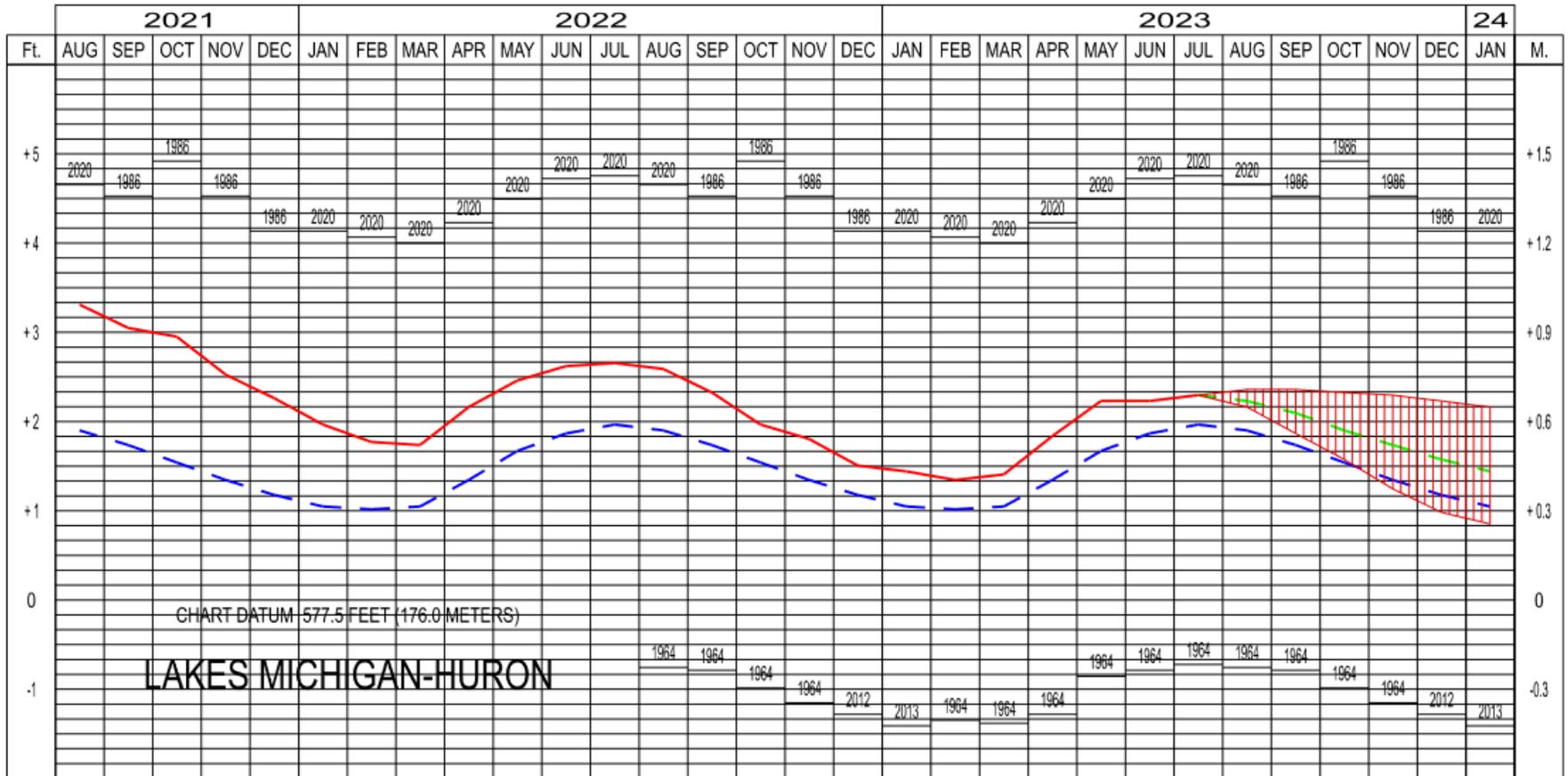
MBRFC 168-Hour Forecast Precipitation
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- **Mississippi River**
 - Map of real time streamflow.
 - Mississippi in normal range, except upstream of the Twin Cities.
 - Smaller streams vary from much below normal in Iowa to much above normal in southeast Missouri.



LAKES MICHIGAN-HURON WATER LEVELS - AUGUST 2023



State Impacts

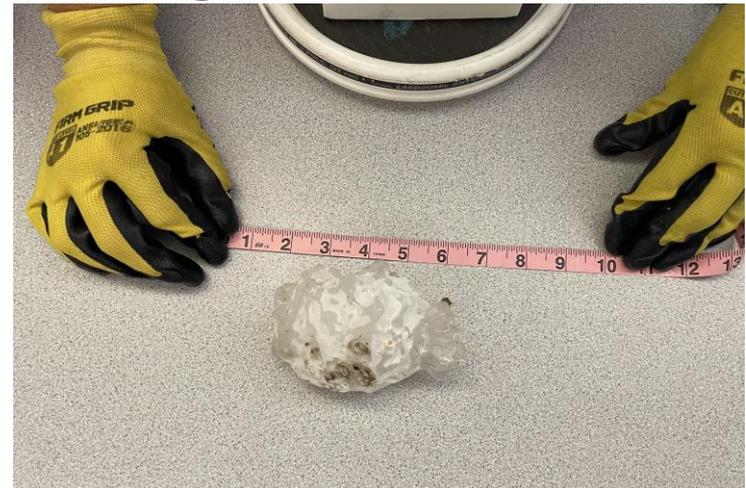


Dissipating storms over north central Iowa: August 16, 2023
-Courtesy Dennis Todey

- Colorado
 - Very warm July Western Colorado, near normal east.
 - Parts of central Colorado has driest July in 129 years. Lack of Summer monsoon.
 - A strong “looping” tornado SW of Yuma and a possible state record hailstone August 8.

Colorado State Record Hailstone? (5.25 inches) that fell between Kirk and Idalia.

Courtesy: Goodland KS NWS



- **Nebraska**

- Half the state in drought, big improvement since mid-May when 50% of the state was D3-D4.

- Cool July temperatures helped.

- Biggest hydro issues: groundwater in eastern half of state and farm ponds dry.



Burnt-up dryland corn

August, 2023

Courtesy: Nebraska Extension

- Kansas

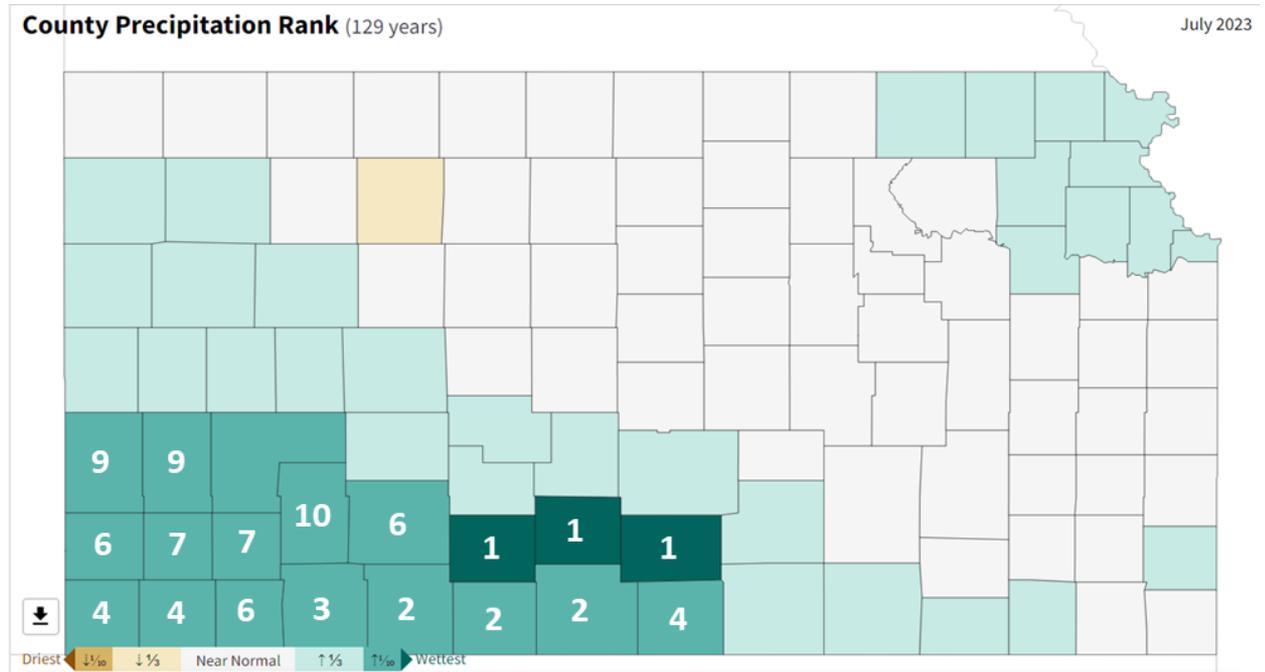
- Southwest part of the state had a top ten wettest July on record.

- Went from 35% D4 May 16 to 1.3% D4 August 15

- No drought category at all over 16% of the state.

July Kansas county precipitation rank

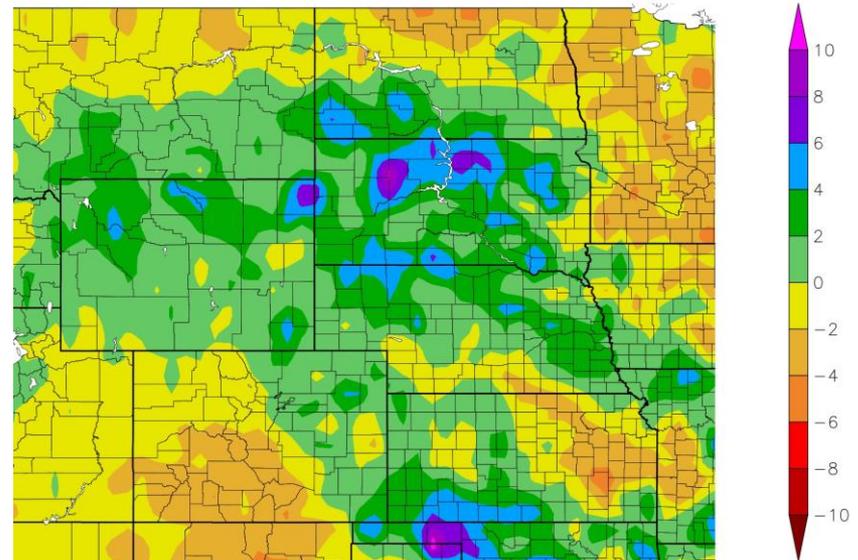
*Courtesy: Matthew Sittel
 Kansas State Climatology
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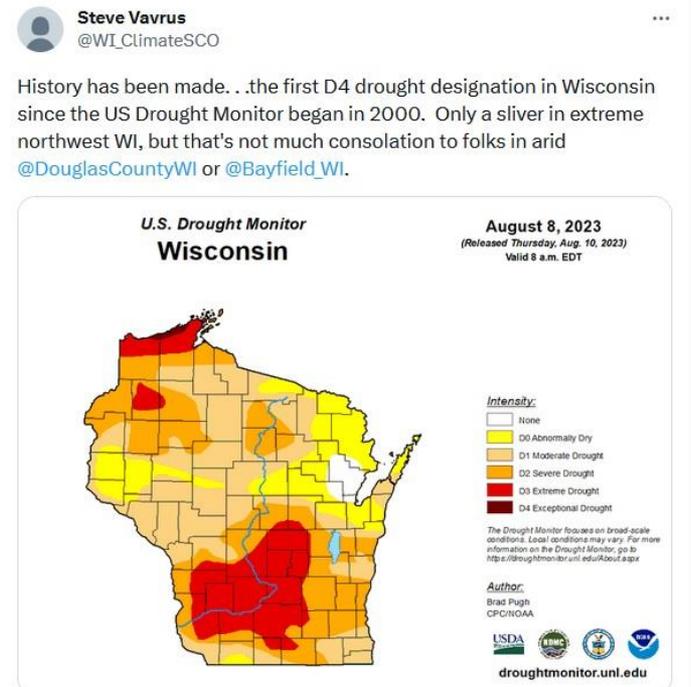
- South and North Dakota
 - North Dakota: Southwest is wetter than normal and there is an anthrax outbreak. North half of the state is in worsening drought.
 - South Dakota has seen general improvement, but still dry in east.

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
6/18/2023 – 8/16/2023

60 -Day departure of normal
precipitation
*Courtesy: High Plains Regional Climate
Center*

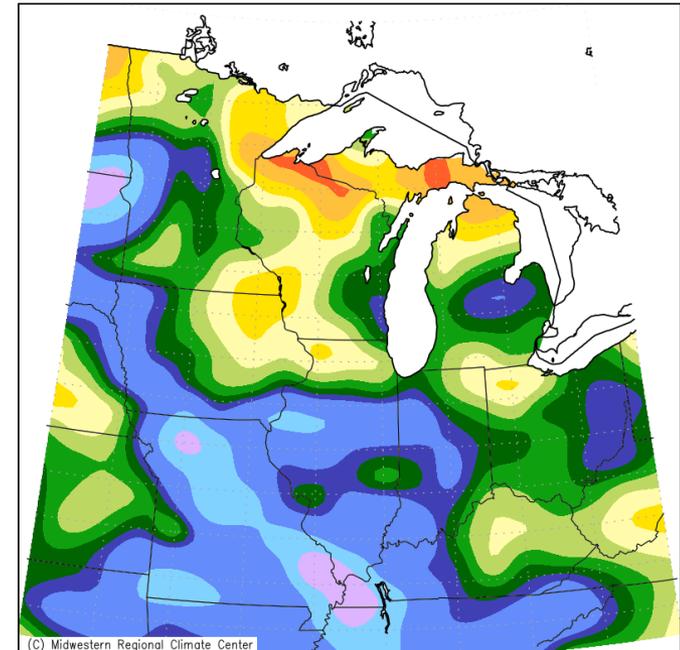


- Minnesota and Wisconsin
 - Worsening drought conditions until past week.
 - Large variability in crop, pasture conditions.
 - August has been wet in south half of MN, but also came with hail damage to property and crops.
 - First D4 in Wisconsin in 23 years



- Iowa and Missouri
 - A “cool drought” in Iowa.
 - Crops are looking good in IA, although trending drier in NE.
 - From dry to wet in Missouri.
 - Mississippi County, MO saw a foot of rain.
 - Soil moisture is up, streams and creeks are up and pastures greening up.
 - Long term deficits still present.

Accumulated Precipitation: Percent of Mean
August 1, 2023 to August 15, 2023



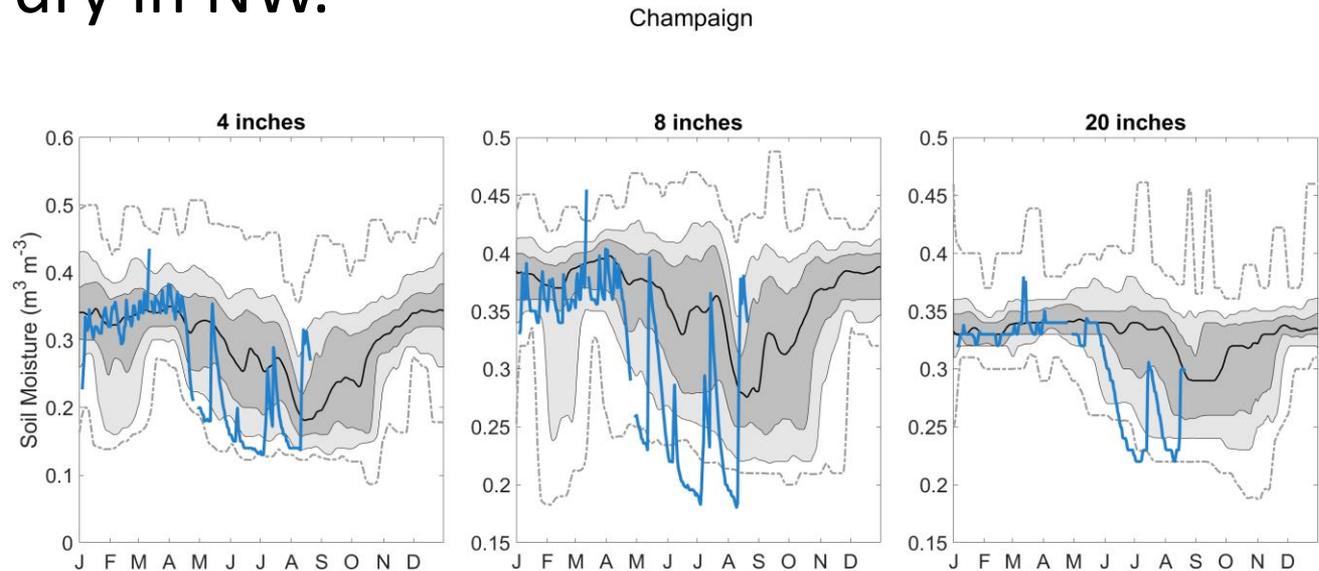
Mean period is 1991–2020.



Midwestern Regional Climate Center
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- Illinois

- Improvements in soil, stream and crop conditions in central and southern IL.
- Deeper soils are starting to see improvement.
- Still dry in NW.



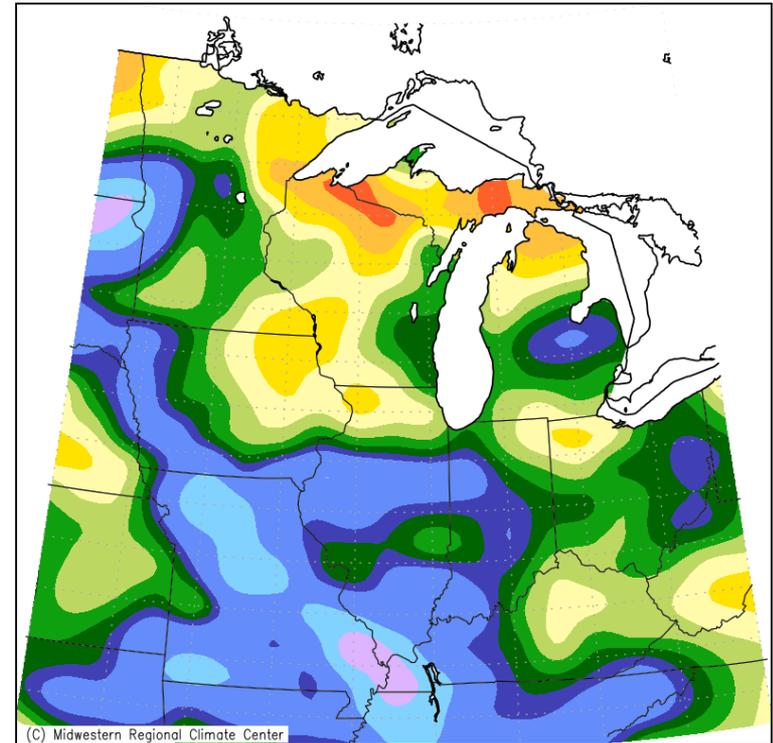
Soil Moisture at Champaign, IL

Courtesy: Trent Ford Illinois State Climatology Office

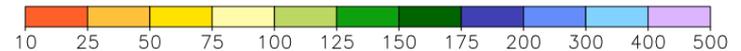
Legend: Middle 80% Middle 50% Record Max Record Min Median Current

- **Indiana**
 - Receding from drought.
 - Some Sudden Death Syndrome on early planted soybeans in south.
 - Crops otherwise progressing. Pumpkins and watermelon look good.

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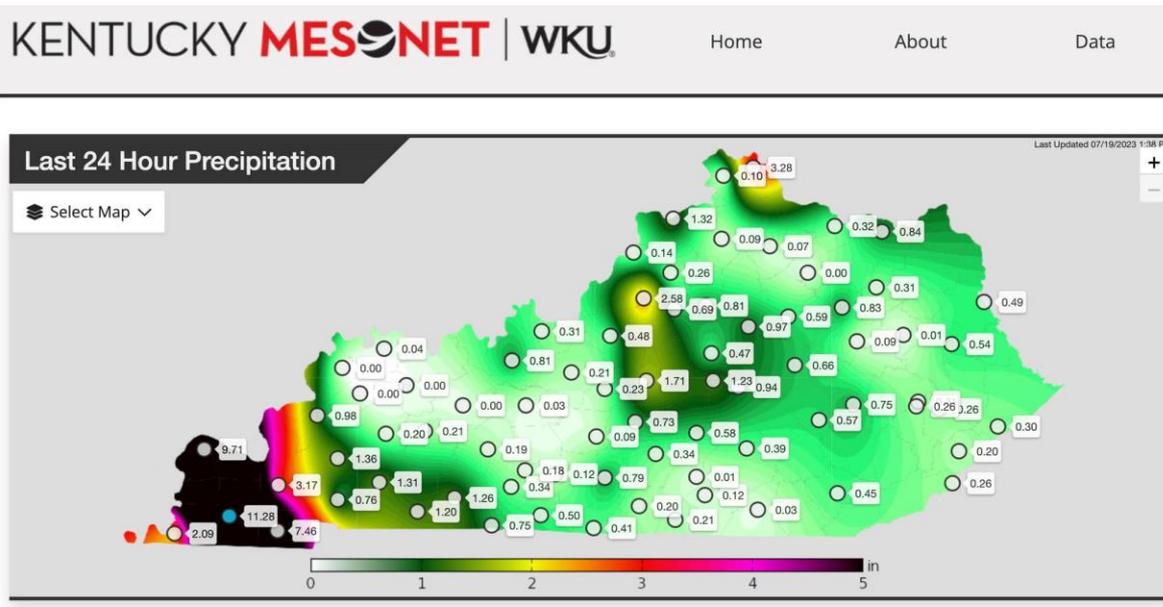


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- Kentucky and Ohio
 - Possible Kentucky state record of 11.22 inches of rain in 24 hours at Graves County Mesonet.
 - Active severe wx in Ohio.
 - Algae on western Erie present.



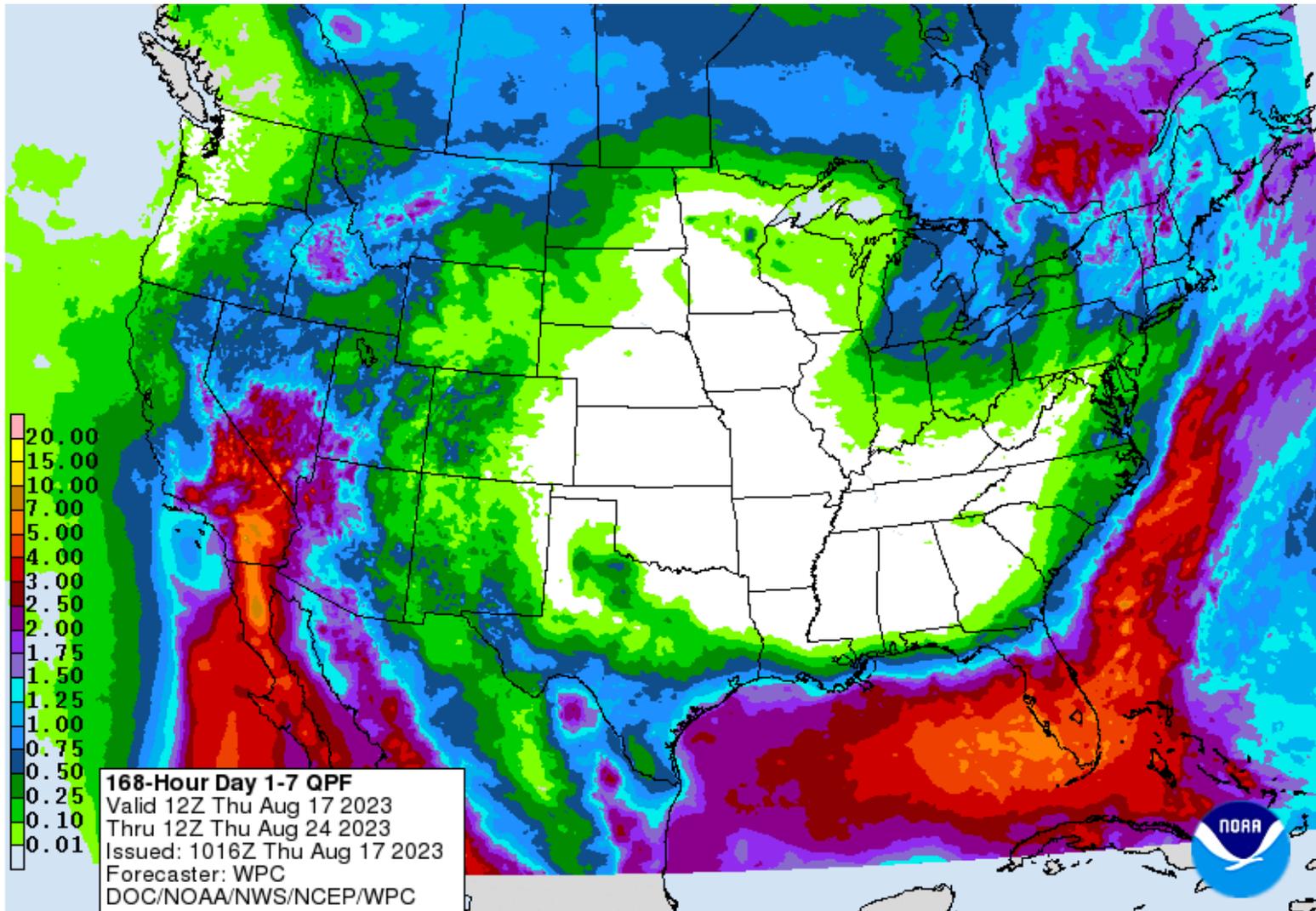
Flooding on I69 near Mayfield July 19, 2023
Courtesy: Jerry Brotzge Kentucky State Climatology Office

Climate Outlooks

- 7-day QPF
- 8-14 day outlook
- September temperature and precipitation
- Sep-Nov temperature and precipitation

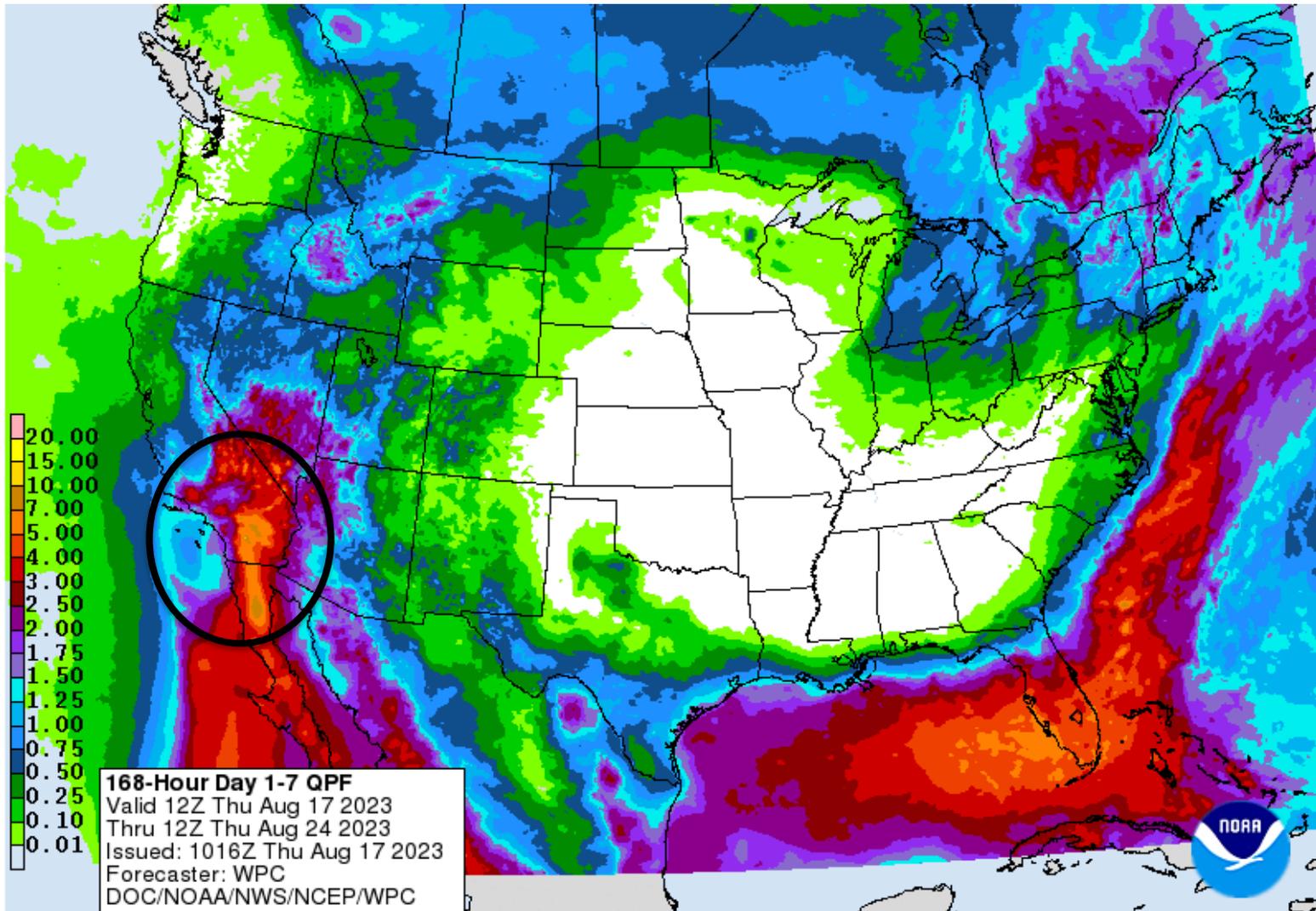
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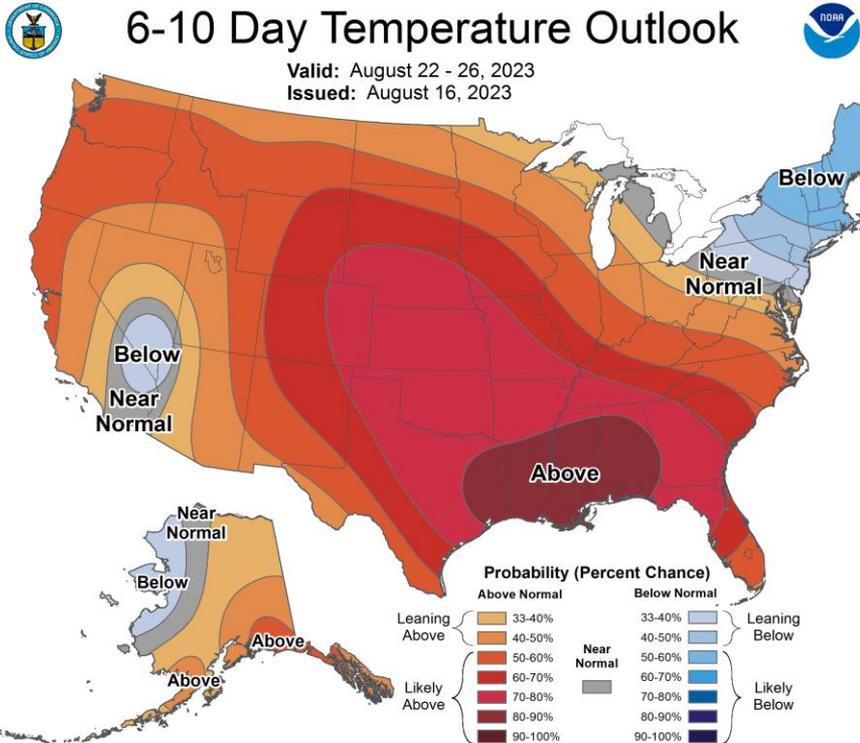


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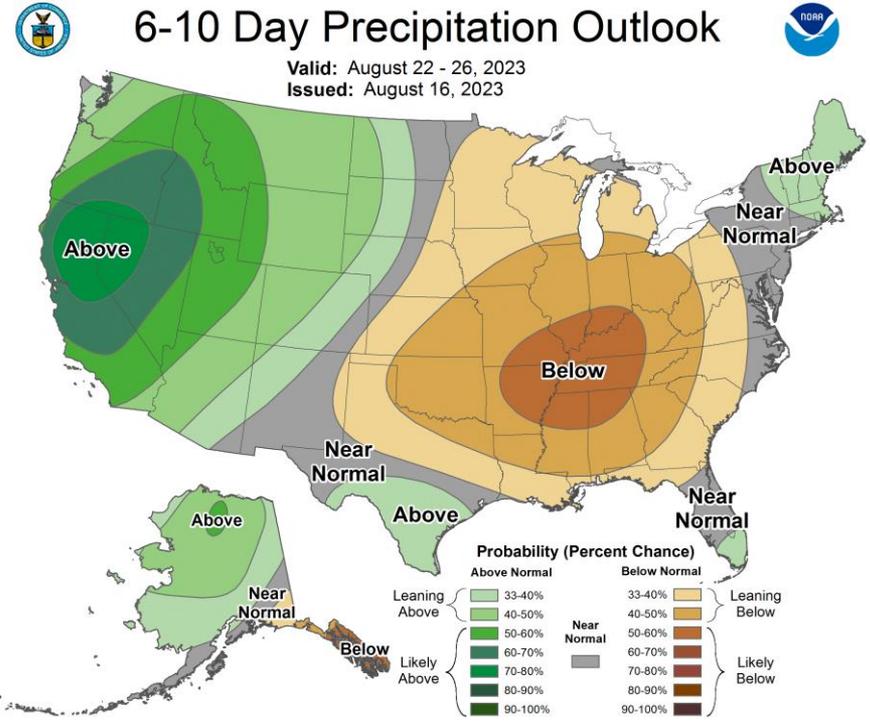
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6-10 Day (August 22-26) Outlook

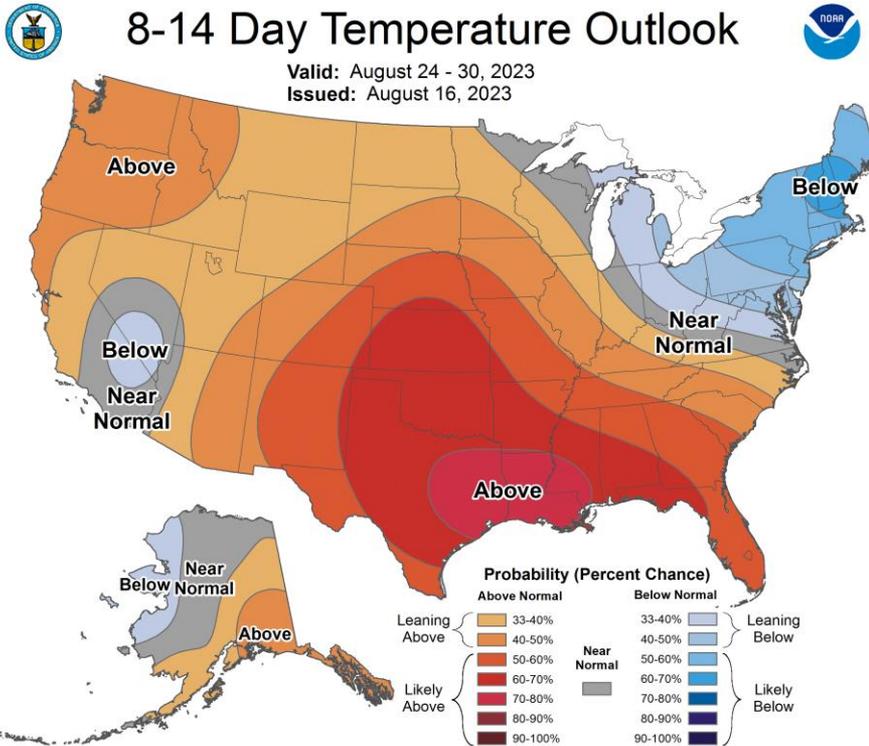


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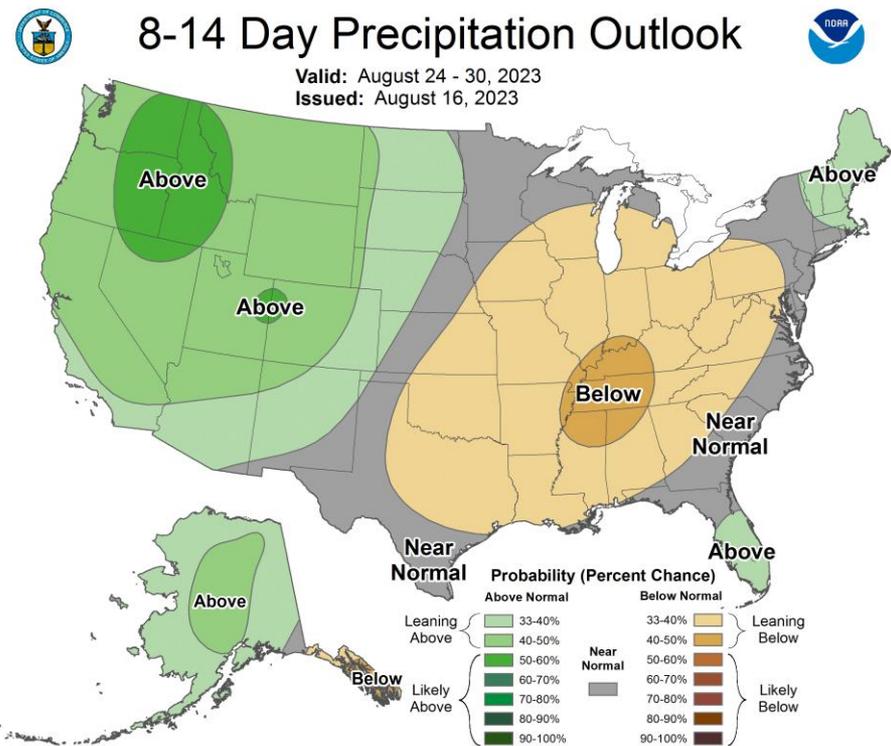


Precipitation

8-14 Day (August 24-30) Outlook



Temperature



Precipitation

Risk of Hazardous Temperatures

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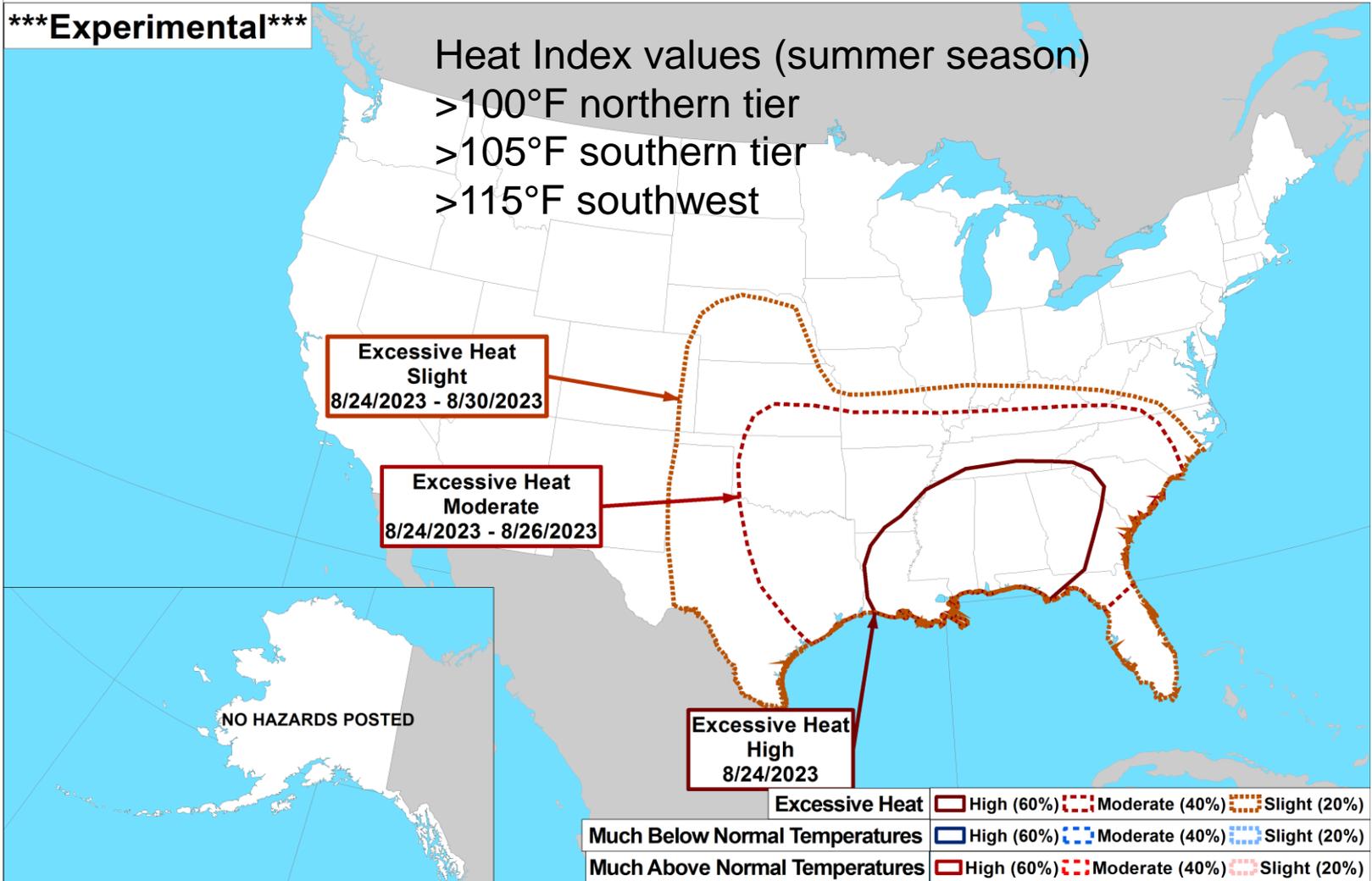
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Heat Index values (summer season)

>100°F northern tier

>105°F southern tier

>115°F southwest



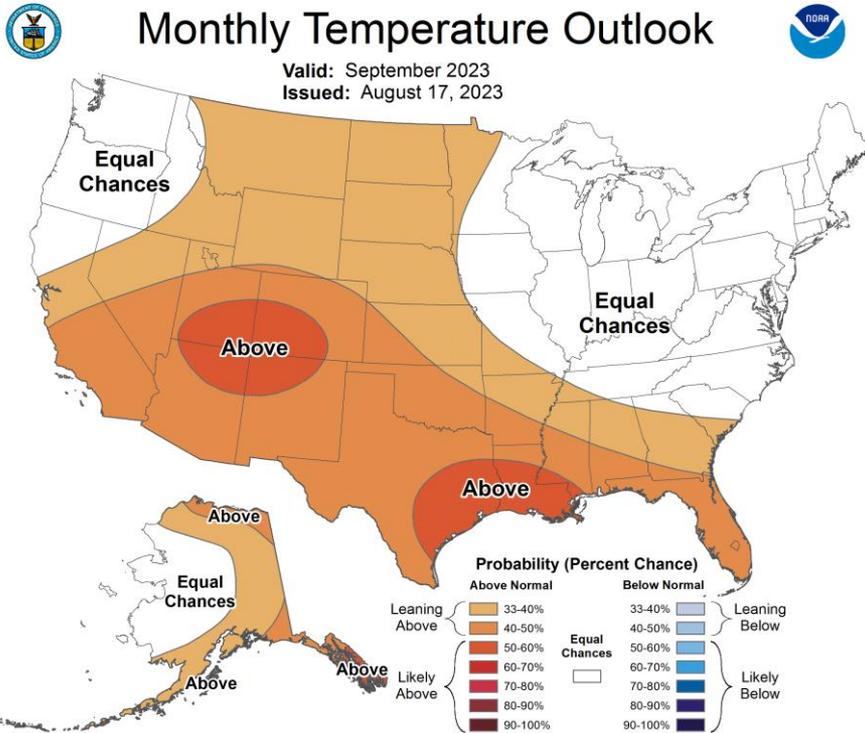
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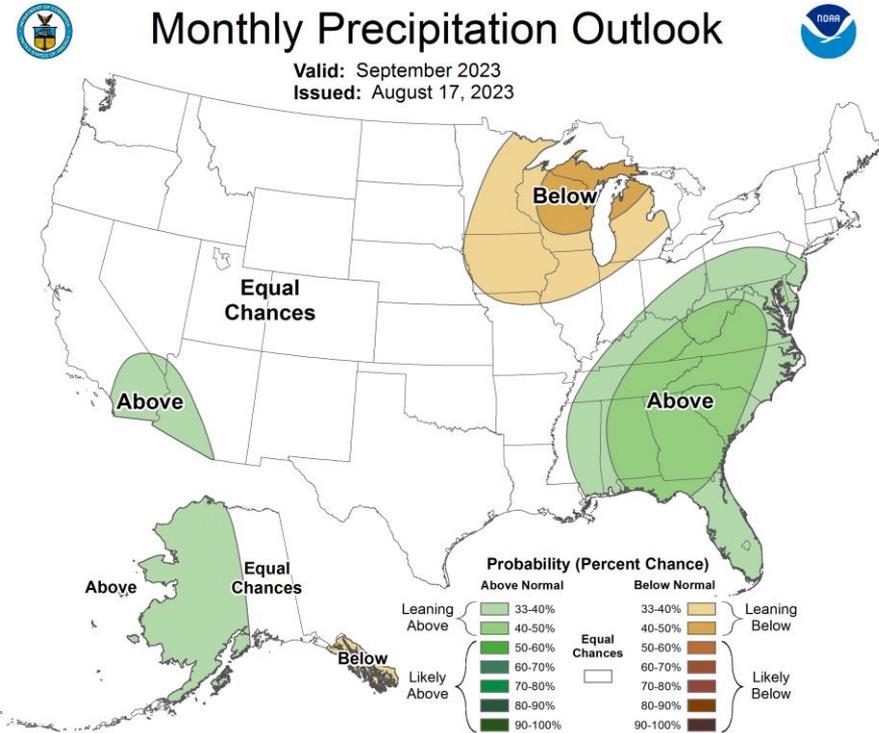
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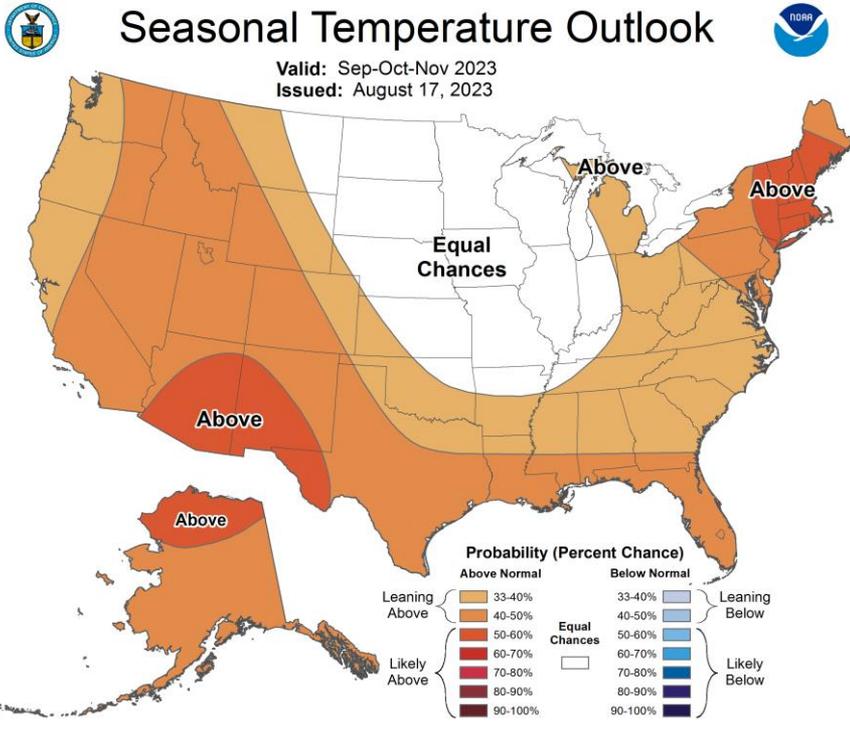


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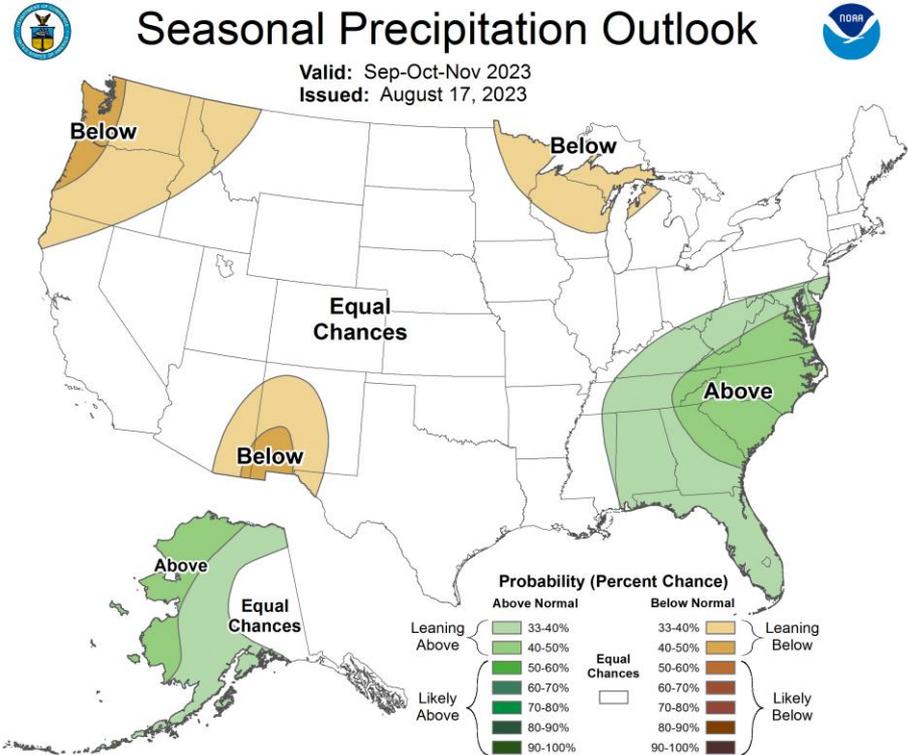


Precipitation

Climate Prediction Center Outlook: Autumn (September-November) 2023



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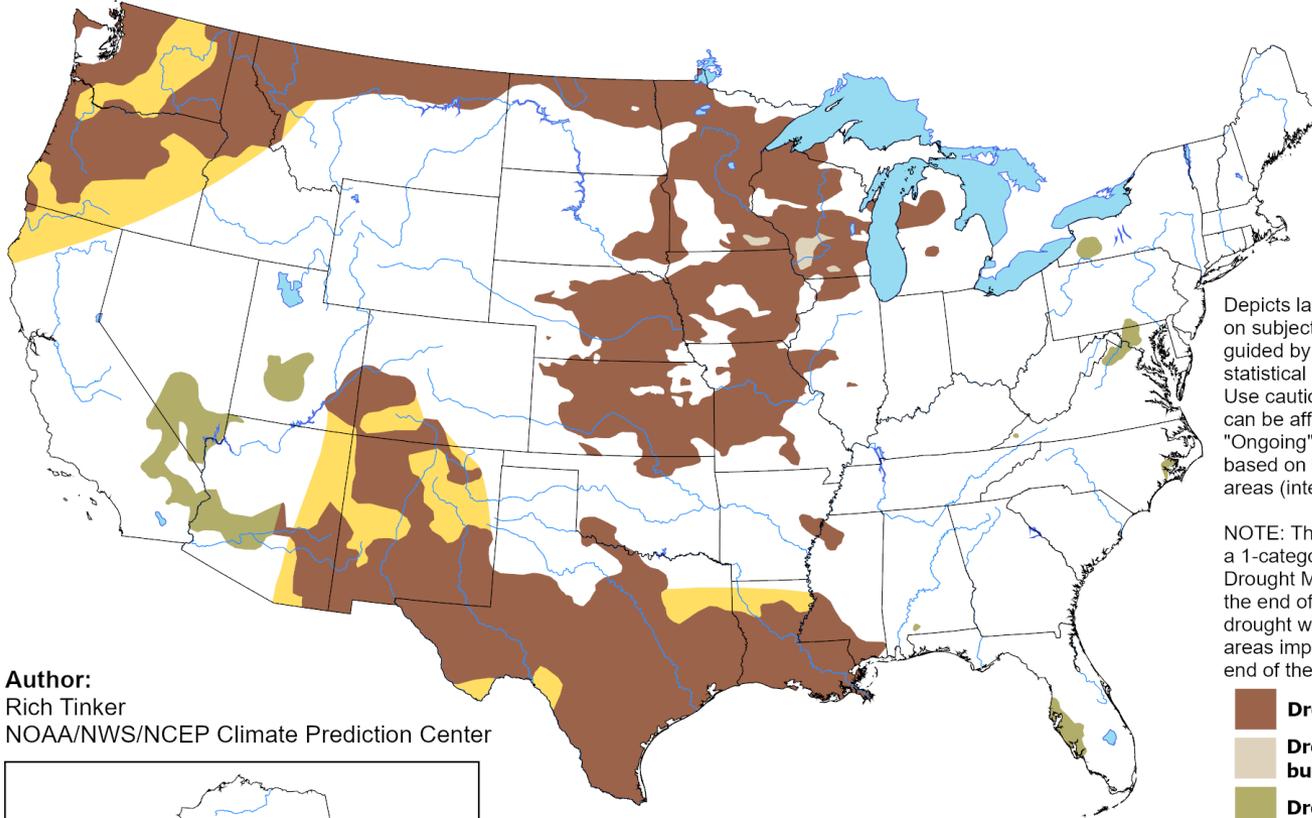


Precipitation

Seasonal Drought Outlook

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for August 17 - November 30, 2023
Released August 17, 2023

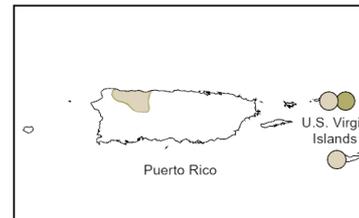
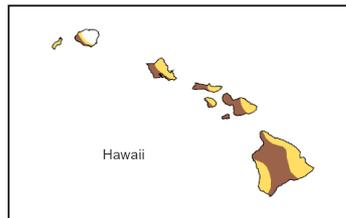


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

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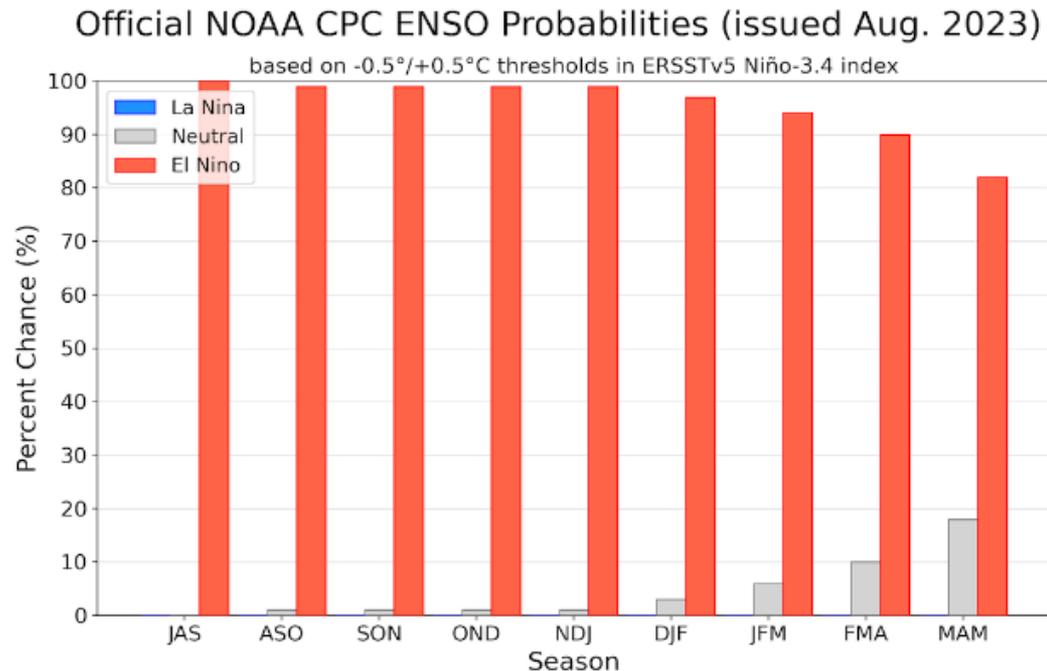
-  **Drought persists**
-  **Drought remains, but improves**
-  **Drought removal likely**
-  **Drought development likely**
-  **No drought**



<https://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>

EL NIÑO/SOUTHERN OSCILLATION (ENSO)

Under an El Niño advisory. Chances of El Niño persisting into the 2023-24 Winter is greater than 95%. There is a 56% chance of a strong El Niño this winter. (1.5 degrees C) Winter of 2015-16 was the last strong El Niño.



Outlook Summary

- Heat is returning, with scant precipitation other than on the edges of the ridge.
- Equal chances to a tilt to above normal temperatures through the autumn.
- A tendency for below normal precipitation in the Great Lakes region.
- Drought issues are likely to continue, but not universal.

Further Information - Partners

- **Today's and Past Recorded Presentations:**

- <https://mrcc.purdue.edu/webinars>

- <https://hprcc.unl.edu/webinars.php>

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information:

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/>

- Monthly climate reports (U.S. & Global):

- <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/monthly-report/>

- NOAA's Climate Prediction Center: www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov

- Climate Portal: www.climate.gov

- U.S. Drought Portal: www.drought.gov

- National Drought Mitigation Center: <http://drought.unl.edu>

- State climatologists

- <http://www.stateclimate.org>

- Regional climate centers

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