

# Wisconsin Ag Climate Weekly Outlook

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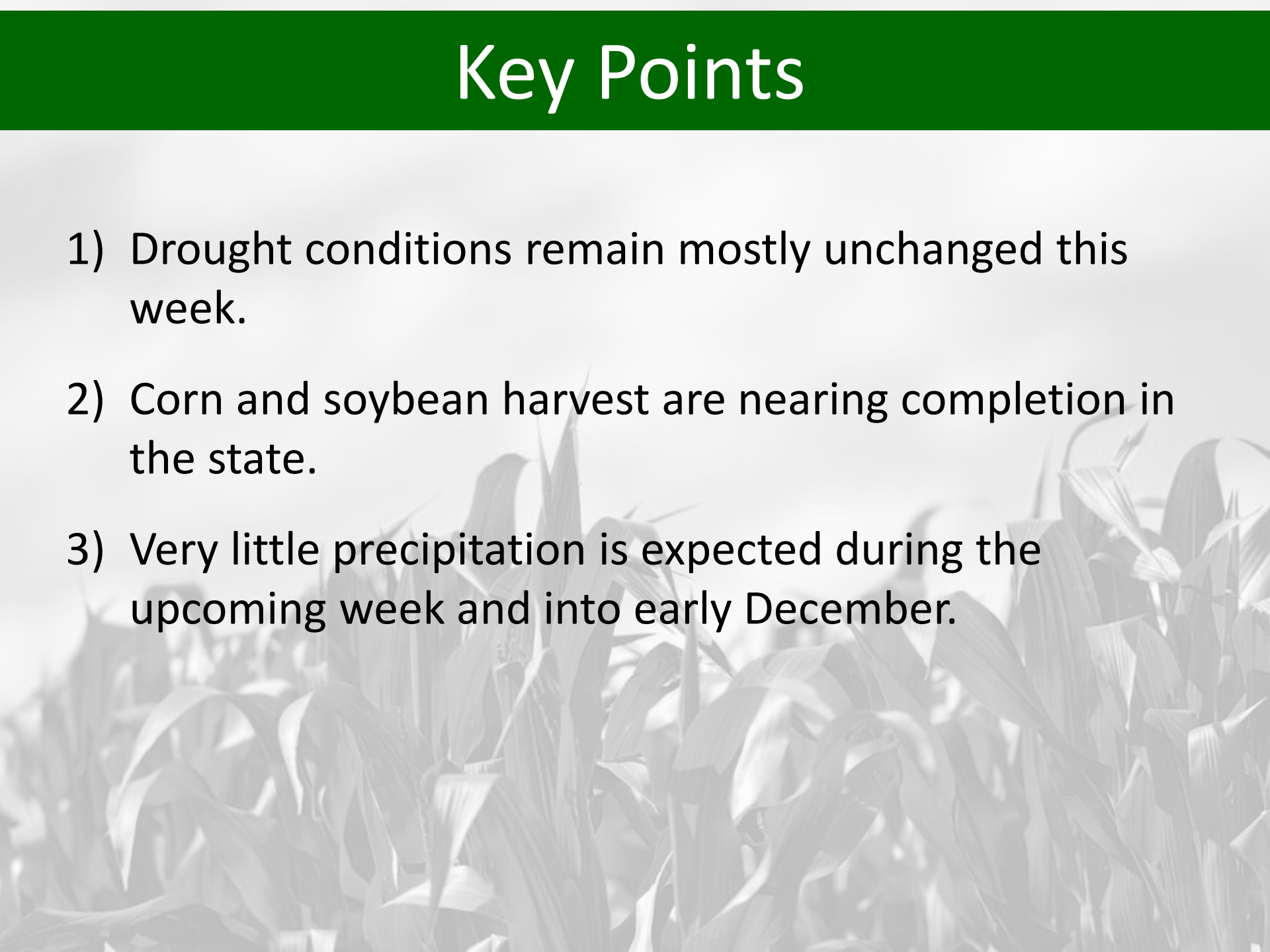
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# Key Points

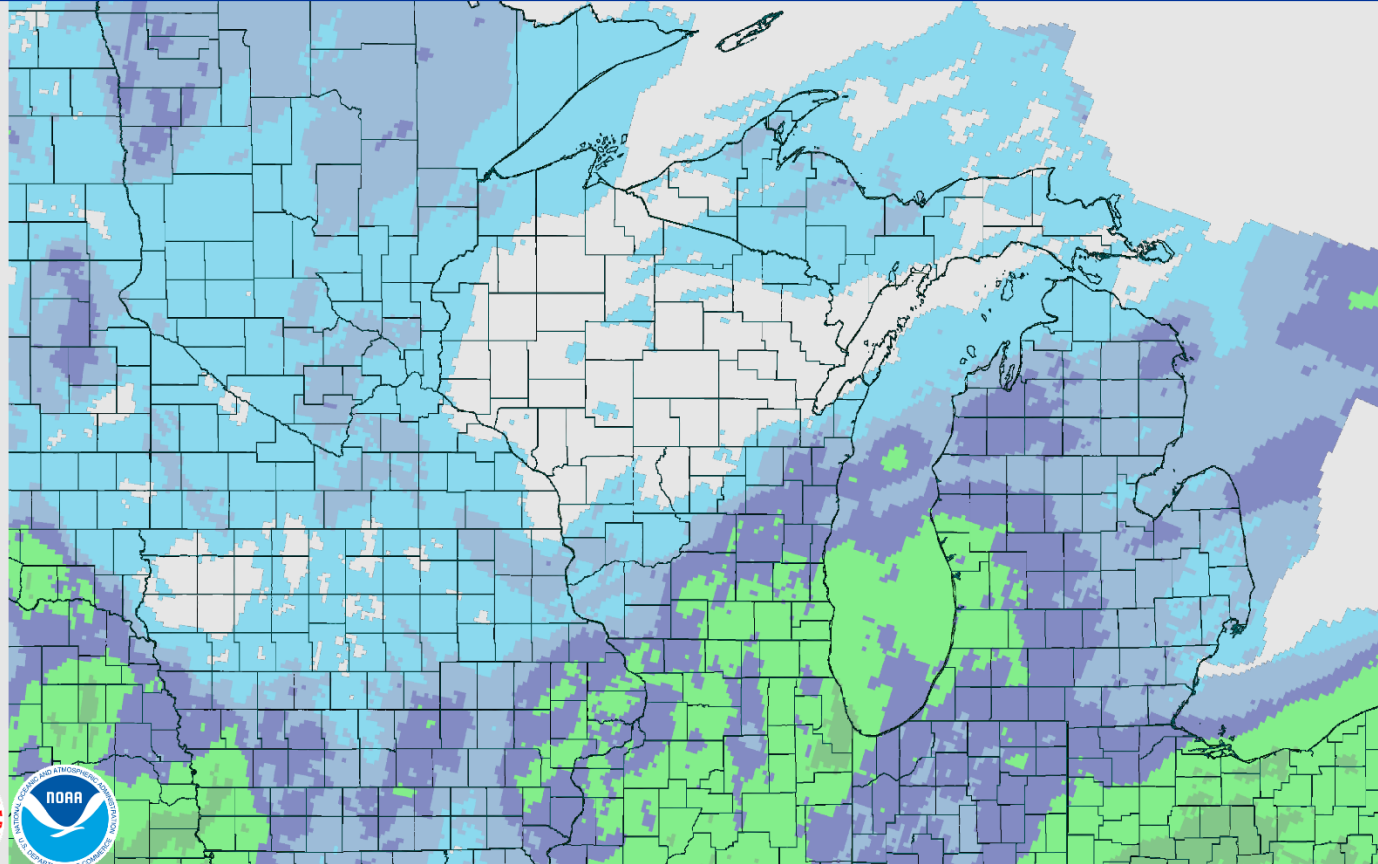
- 1) Drought conditions remain mostly unchanged this week.
  - 2) Corn and soybean harvest are nearing completion in the state.
  - 3) Very little precipitation is expected during the upcoming week and into early December.
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# Last Week Precip

## November 21, 2023 7-Day Observed Precipitation

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Valid on: November 21, 2023 12:00 UTC



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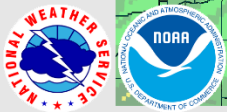
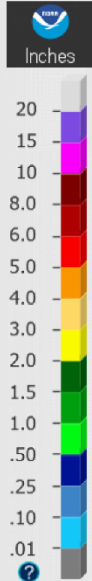
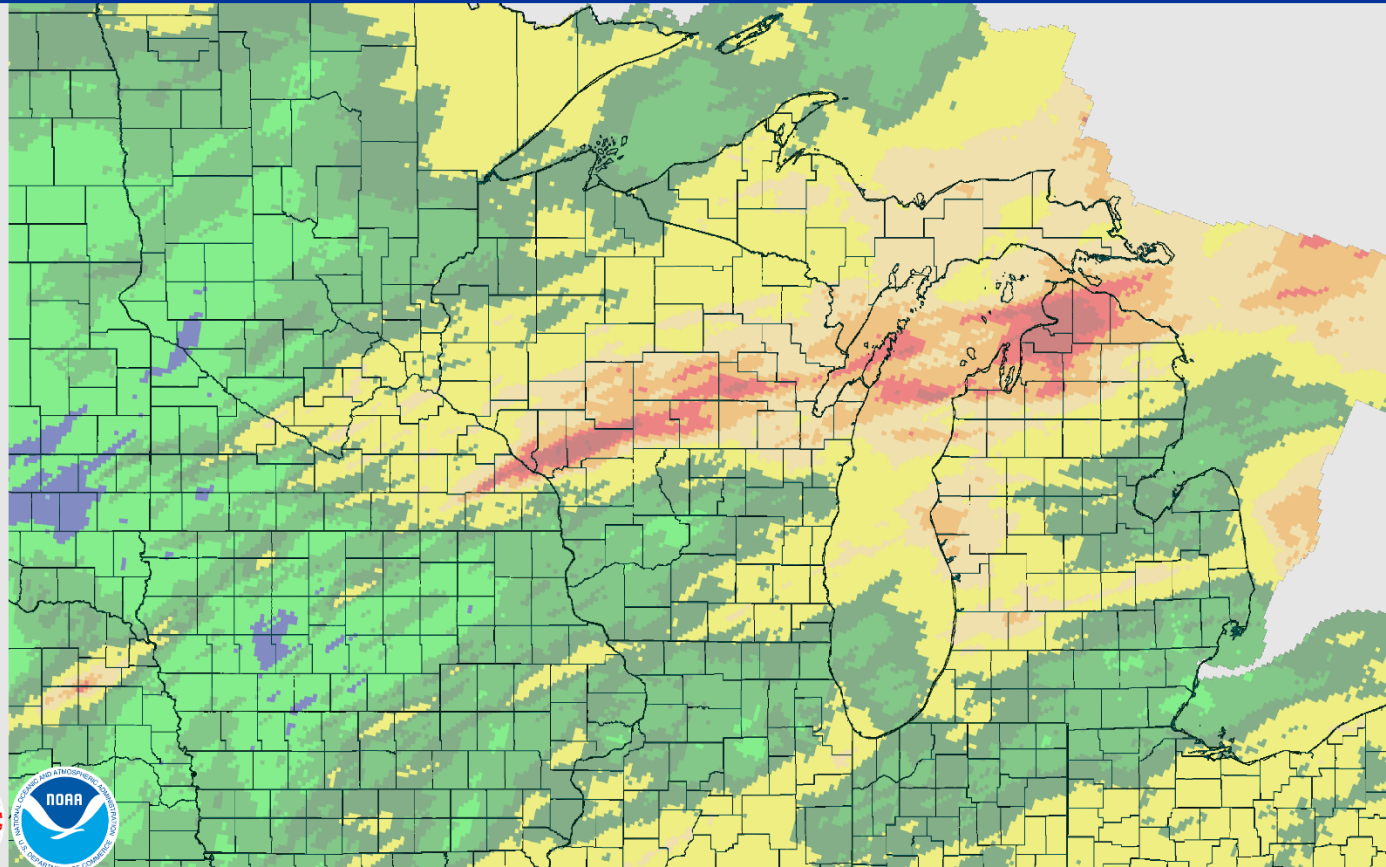
- Highest totals in the SE/SC (0.5" – 1")
- Lowest totals in the Central and N (0" – 0.1")

# 30 Day Precip

## November 21, 2023 30-Day Observed Precipitation

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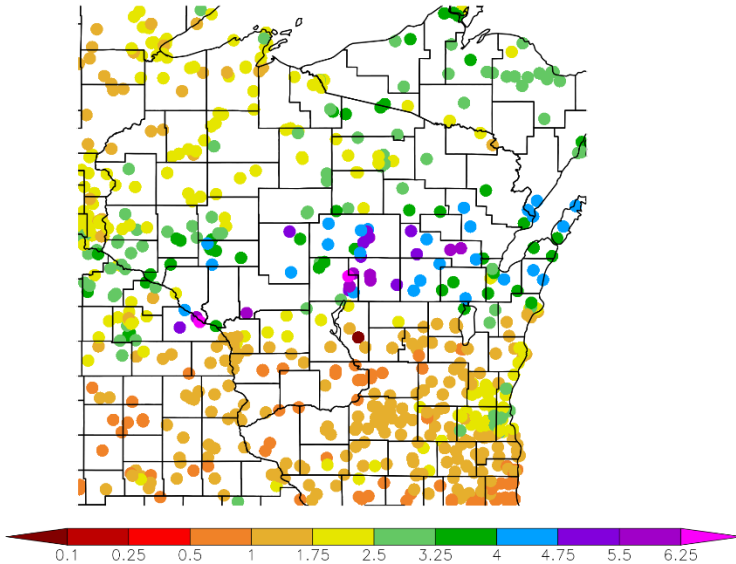
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*Note: most of the precip shown in Central WI fell during **late October**, and thus will soon be outside of the 30-day range.*

*This map is created using both measured precipitation at ground sites and radar estimates of total precipitation.*

# 30 Day Precip Total/% Avg.

Precipitation (in)  
10/22/2023 - 11/20/2023



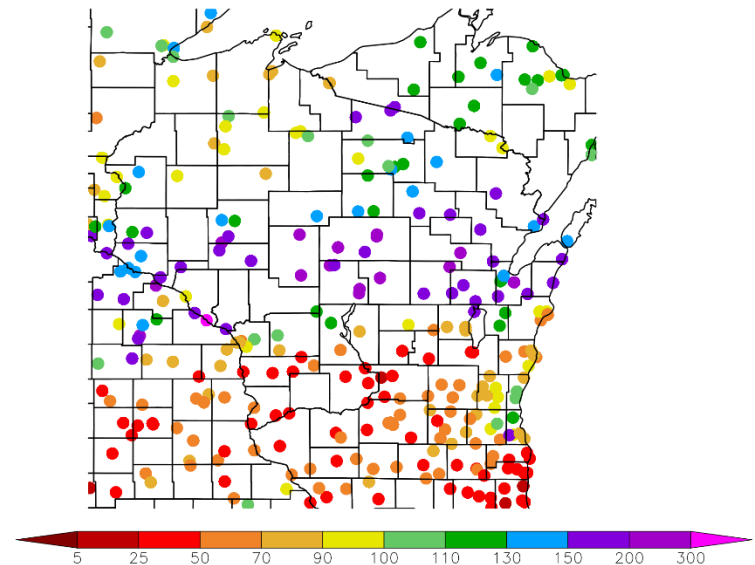
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- Totals ranged from <1" in the SC/SW to >5" across Central WI.
- Monthly totals of <50% of average were common in the south.
- Central WI had the most precip, receiving 150+% of normal precip.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
10/22/2023 - 11/20/2023

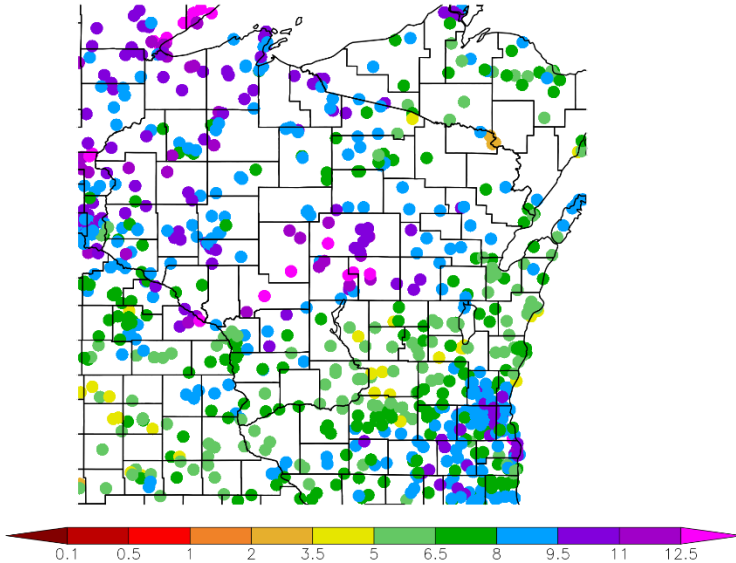


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# 90 Day Precip Total/% Avg.

Precipitation (in)  
8/23/2023 - 11/20/2023

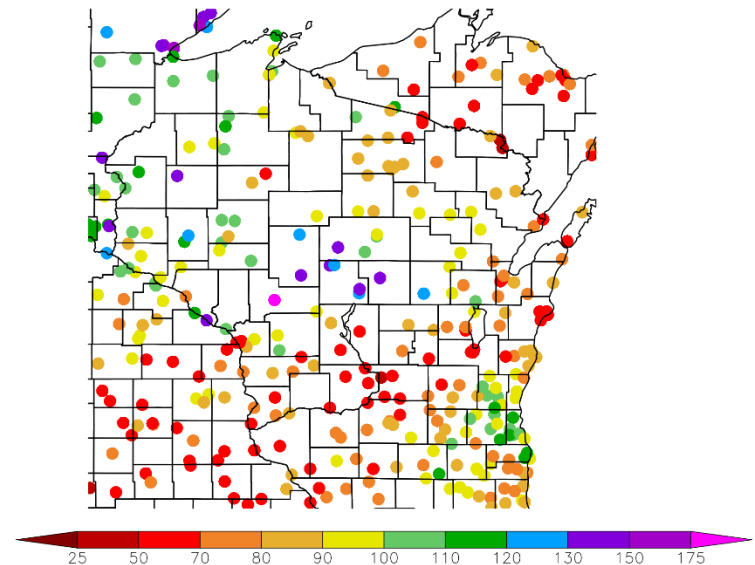


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- Totals >5" are common statewide, with the highest totals in the SE, Central, and NW regions (stations >9.5").
- Percentages are a mixed bag:
  - Most of the state was below normal.
  - >70% of normal in NE, SC, and SW.
  - >120% in Central and NW WI.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
8/23/2023 - 11/20/2023



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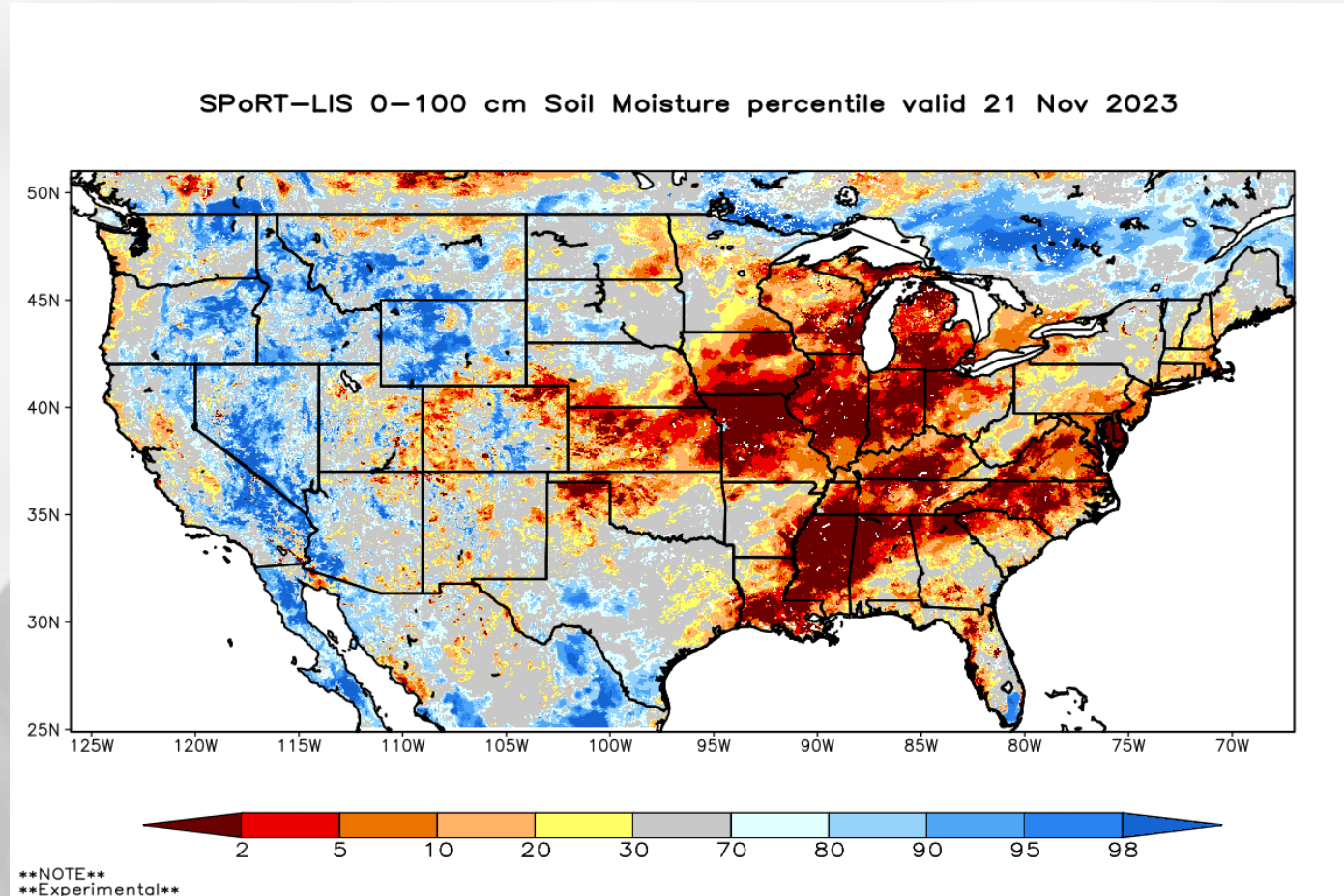
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# Modeled Soil Moisture

- Little to no change in WI from last week due to relatively low rainfall last week.
- Model indicates higher level of dryness in the E and SE.

*Model Notes:*

*Red areas would be top 5 driest in 100 years. Dark red = top 2 driest.*



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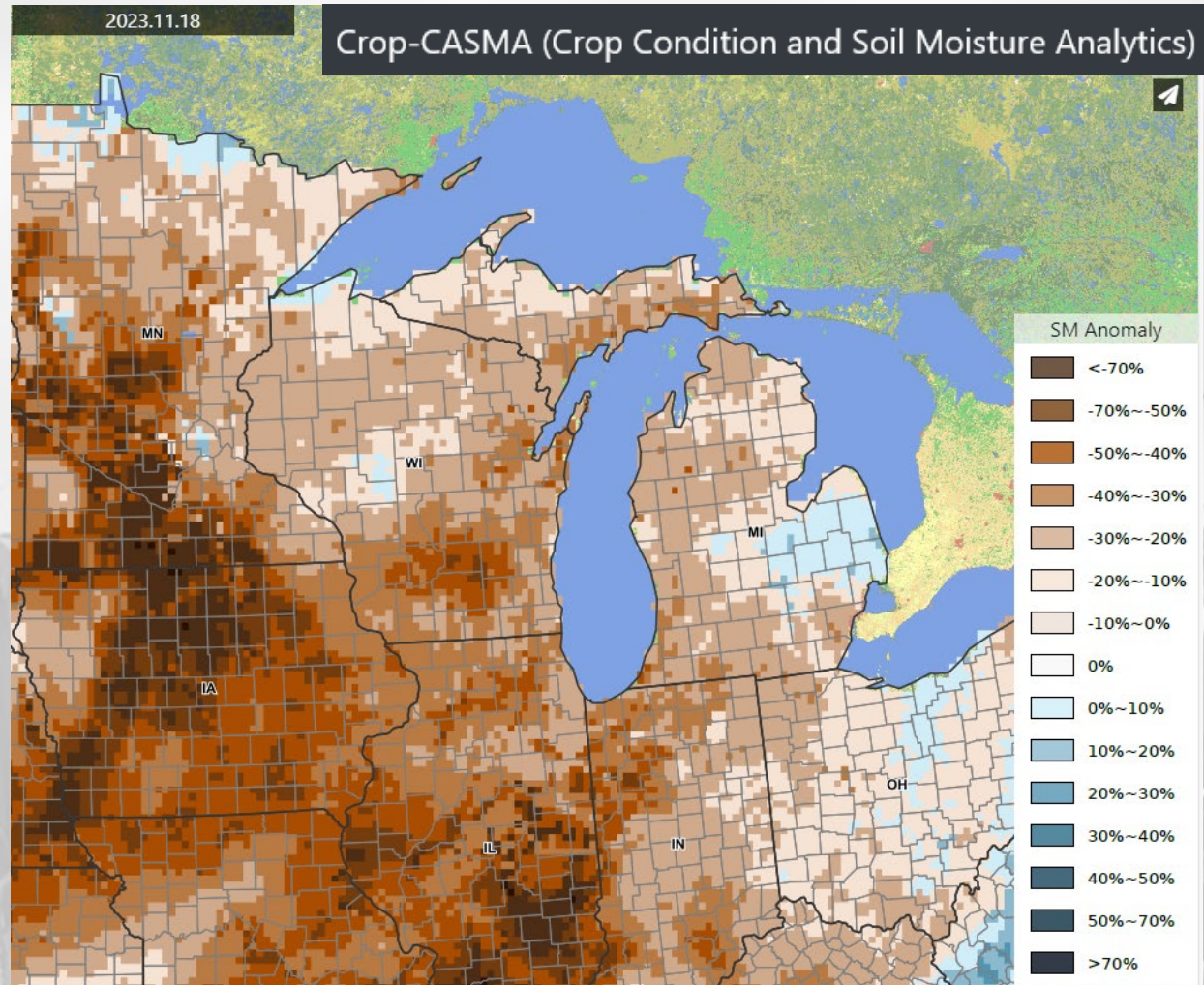
# Modeled Soil Moisture

**Alternate product from GMU and partners.**

- Minimal change in dryness/wetness in WI compared to last week.
- Most dry in the SC region.
- Increased dryness to the S and W of WI compared to last week.

**Model Notes:**

*Model compares to time of year – suggests that soils are drier/wetter than is typical for this time of the season.*

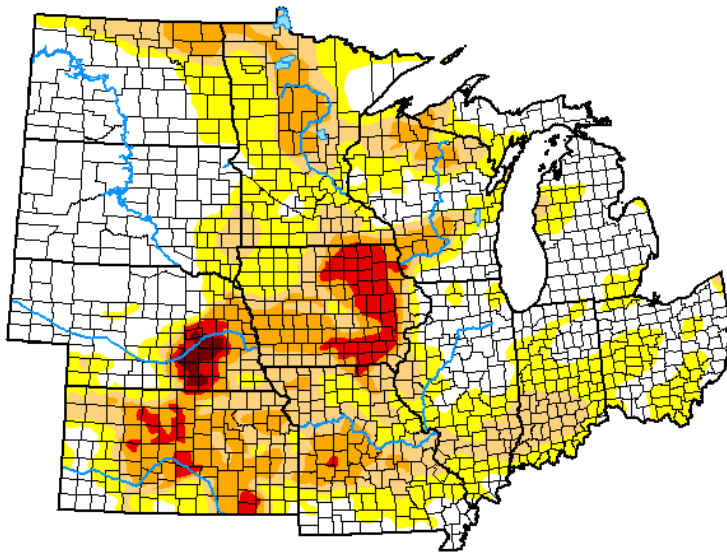


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# US Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor North Central States



**November 14, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	40.52	59.48	33.62	16.51	4.07	0.47
<b>Last Week</b> 11-07-2023	43.93	56.07	31.77	15.76	3.79	0.47
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 08-15-2023	33.30	66.70	42.75	19.55	5.09	0.32
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	23.51	76.49	51.22	24.39	11.79	5.25
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2023	25.87	74.13	49.98	25.16	7.67	0.73
<b>One Year Ago</b> 11-15-2022	16.87	83.13	61.91	28.47	14.95	5.50

Intensity:



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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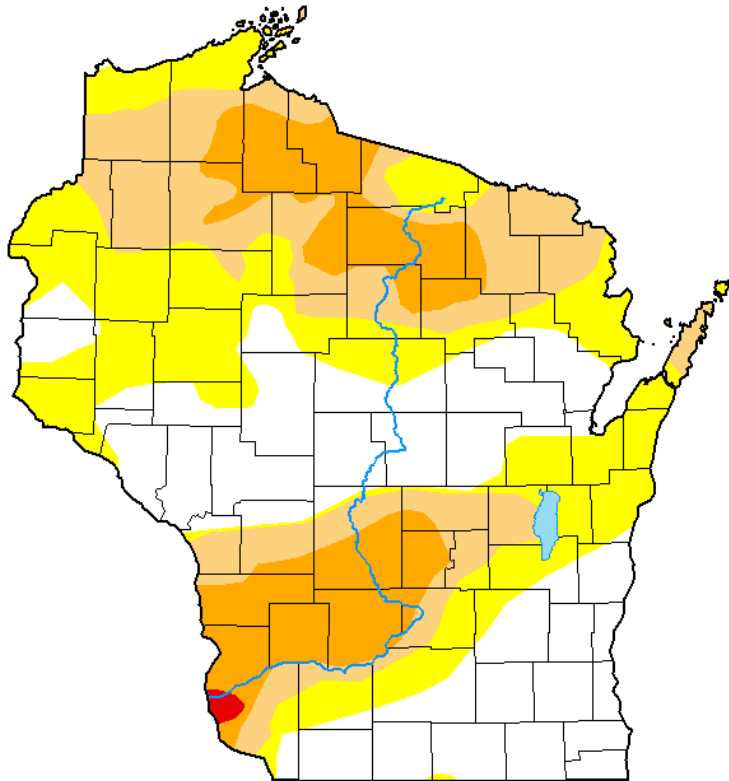
- Minimal change in regional drought intensity.
- See current percent area compared to previous periods.
- Small area of D3 remains near Prairie du Chien.
- Parts of Central & SE WI no longer in drought or abnormal dryness.

*Note: D0 is not considered drought.*

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

# US Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor Wisconsin



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	33.59	66.41	37.07	16.02	0.26	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 11-07-2023	33.59	66.41	36.22	16.02	0.26	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 08-15-2023	3.31	96.69	78.35	42.85	11.29	0.66
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	67.99	32.01	5.71	1.84	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2023	2.04	97.96	80.86	37.74	6.77	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 11-15-2022	68.37	31.63	12.01	1.84	0.00	0.00

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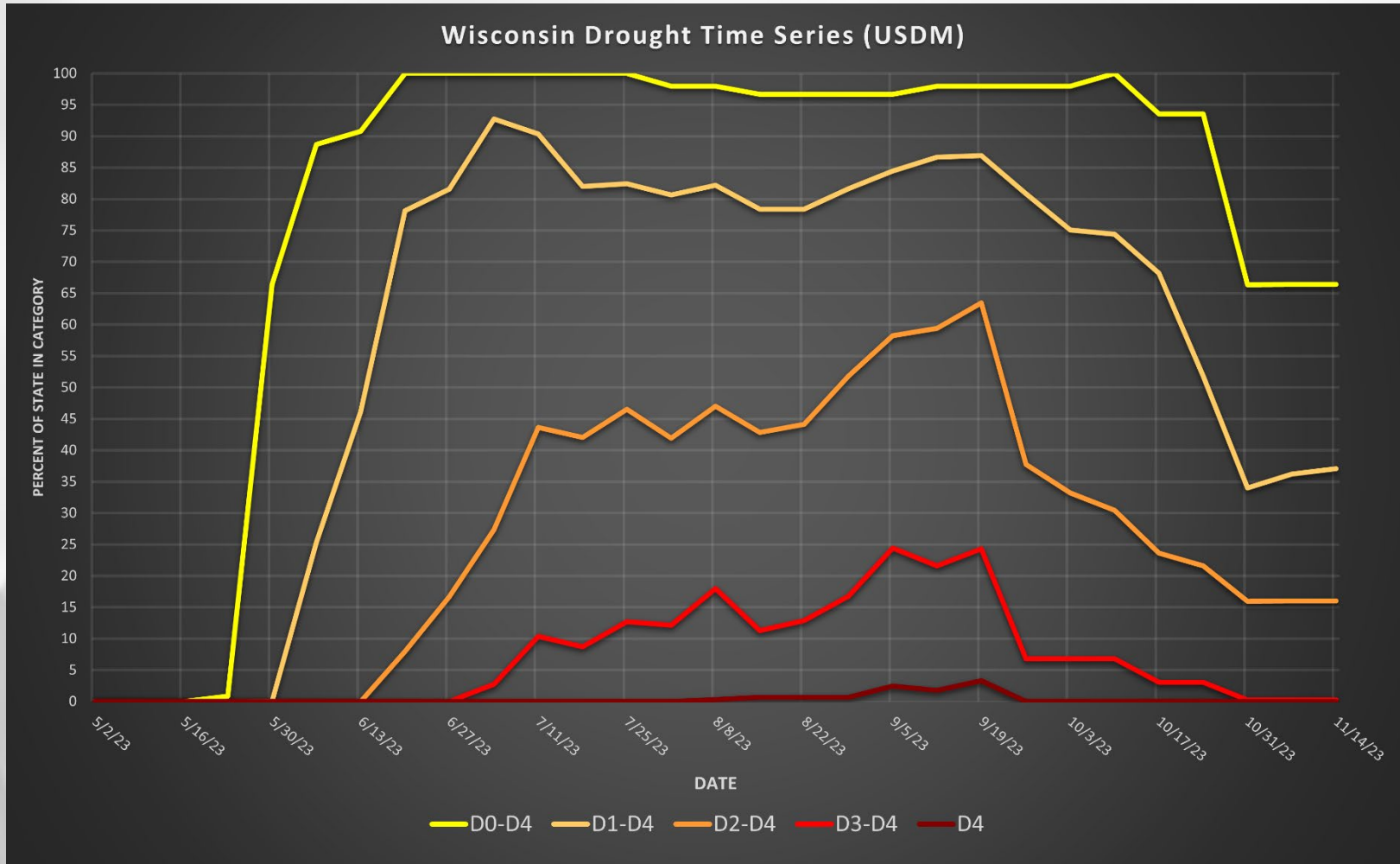
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Amount of state in:

- **D1-D4** – 37.1% ↑
- **D2-D4** – 16.0% --
- **D3-D4** – 0.3% --
- **D4** – 0.0% --

*Note: ↑ ↓ indicate change from the previous week. Red up arrows indicate increase in drought area; vice-versa for green arrows.*

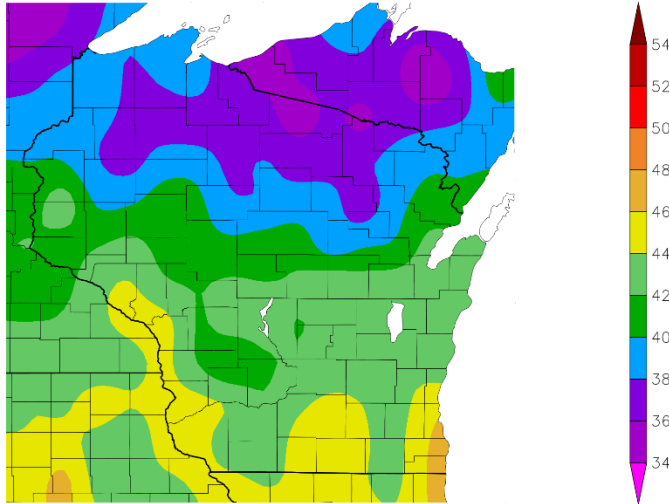
# Drought in WI – Last 6 months



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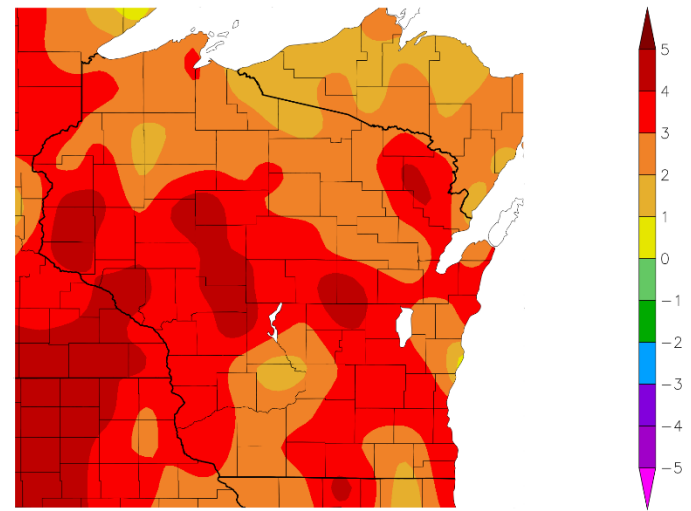
# 30 Day Temperatures

Temperature (F)  
10/22/2023 – 11/20/2023



- Highest average T along the Mississippi River, SC, and the far SE (44-48°F).
- Lowest averages in NC WI (≤38°F).
- Monthly averages across the state were mostly higher-than-normal by 2-4°F.

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
10/22/2023 – 11/20/2023



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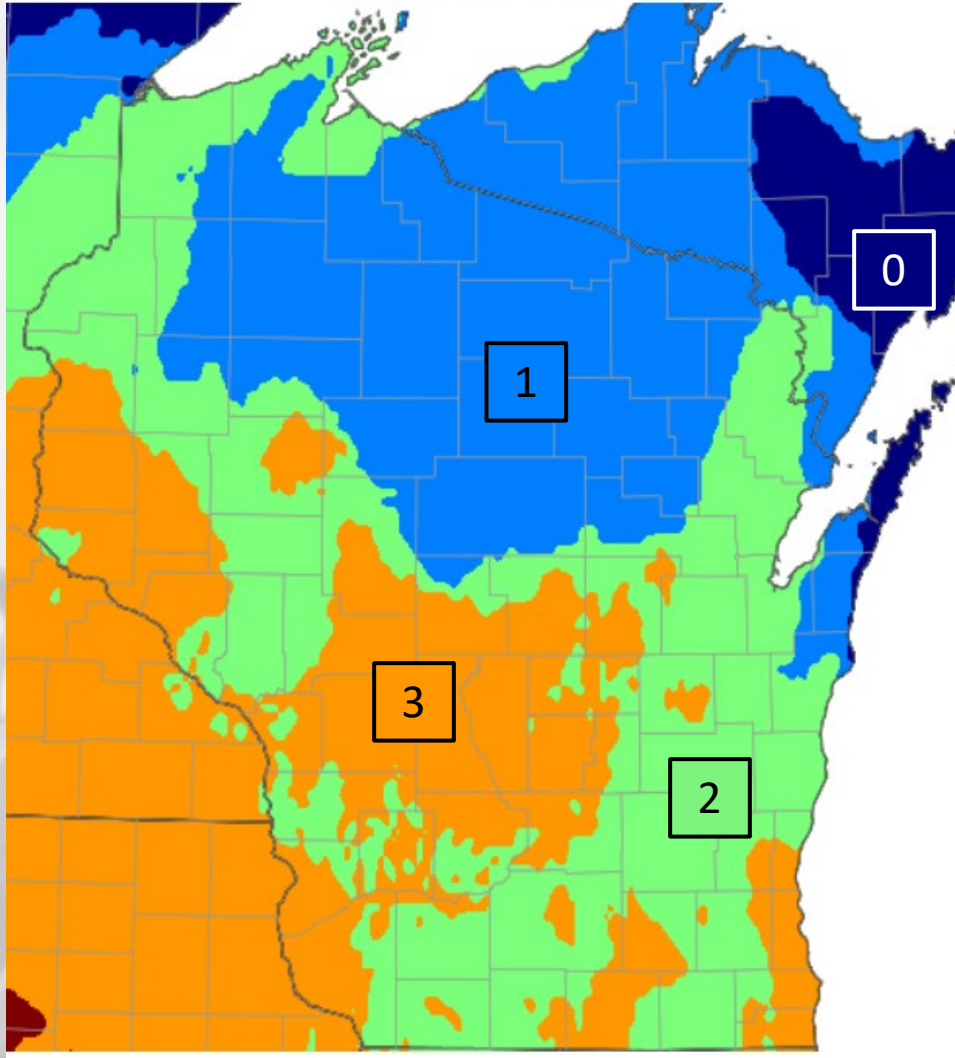
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# Last Week's Warmth

Number of Days Max Temperature  $\geq 60$  - November 15, 2023 through  
November 21, 2023



<https://scacis.rcc-acis.org/>



# Corn Progress (NASS)

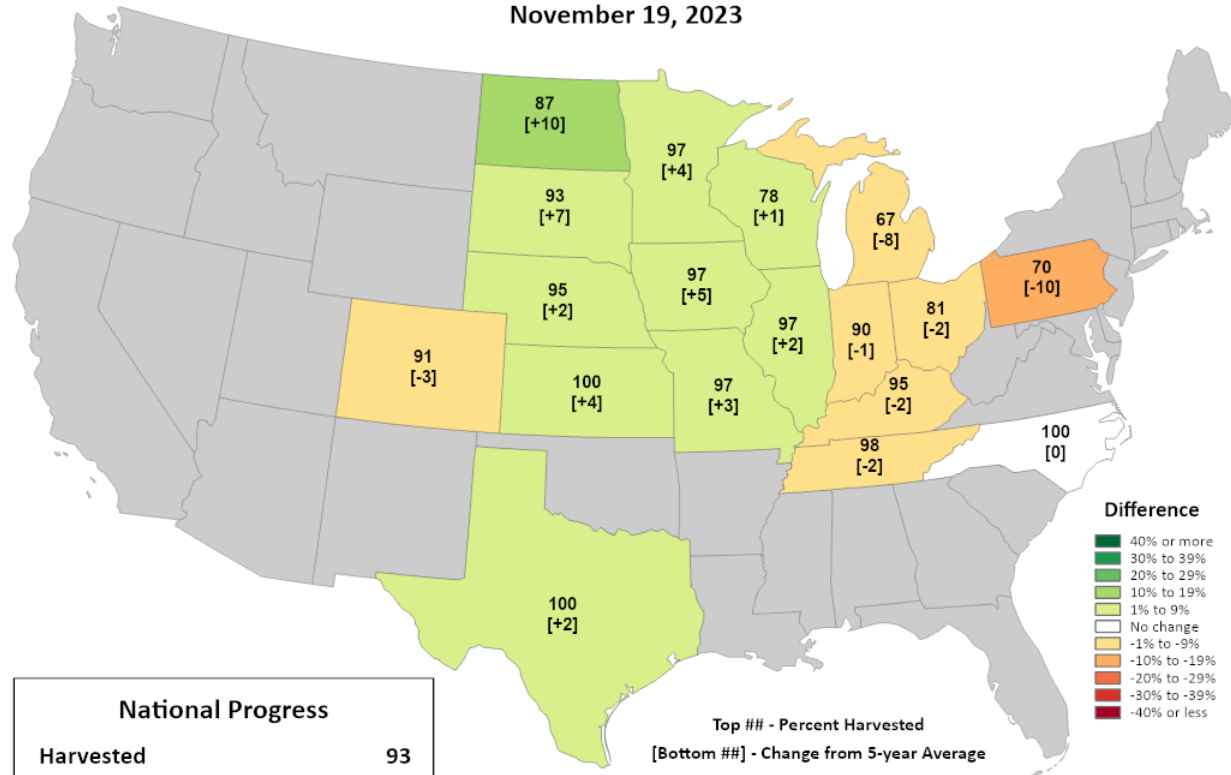


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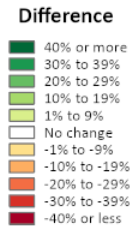
### Percent Harvested

November 19, 2023



National Progress	
Harvested	93
Change from 5-year Average	+2

Top ## - Percent Harvested  
 [Bottom ##] - Change from 5-year Average



Data obtained from USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service weekly Crop Progress reports.

## Corn Harvested (NASS):

- Wisconsin: 78% (+1%)
- National: 93% (+2%)

Corn harvest running slightly ahead of the 5-year average in WI. Progress increased by **12%** from last week.

Trending behind average to the E.

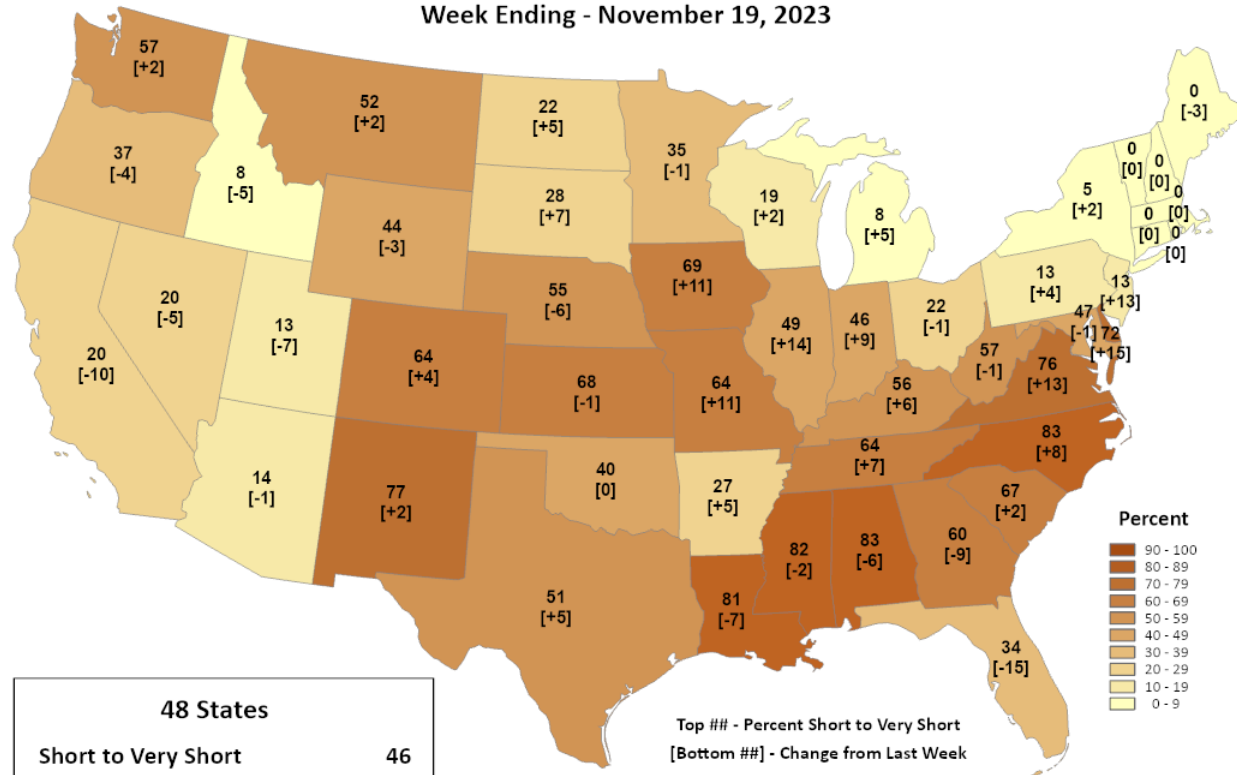
Nearing completion to the S and W. A few states are reporting harvest is **>95%** complete.

# Soil Moisture Conditions (NASS)



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## Topsoil Moisture Percent Short to Very Short Week Ending - November 19, 2023



<b>48 States</b>	
<b>Short to Very Short</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Change from Last Week</b>	<b>+3</b>

Top ## - Percent Short to Very Short  
 [Bottom ##] - Change from Last Week

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### Soil moisture S-VS (NASS):

- Wisconsin: 19% (+2%)
- National: 46% (+3%)

Conditions worsen slightly in WI with a week of low rainfall.

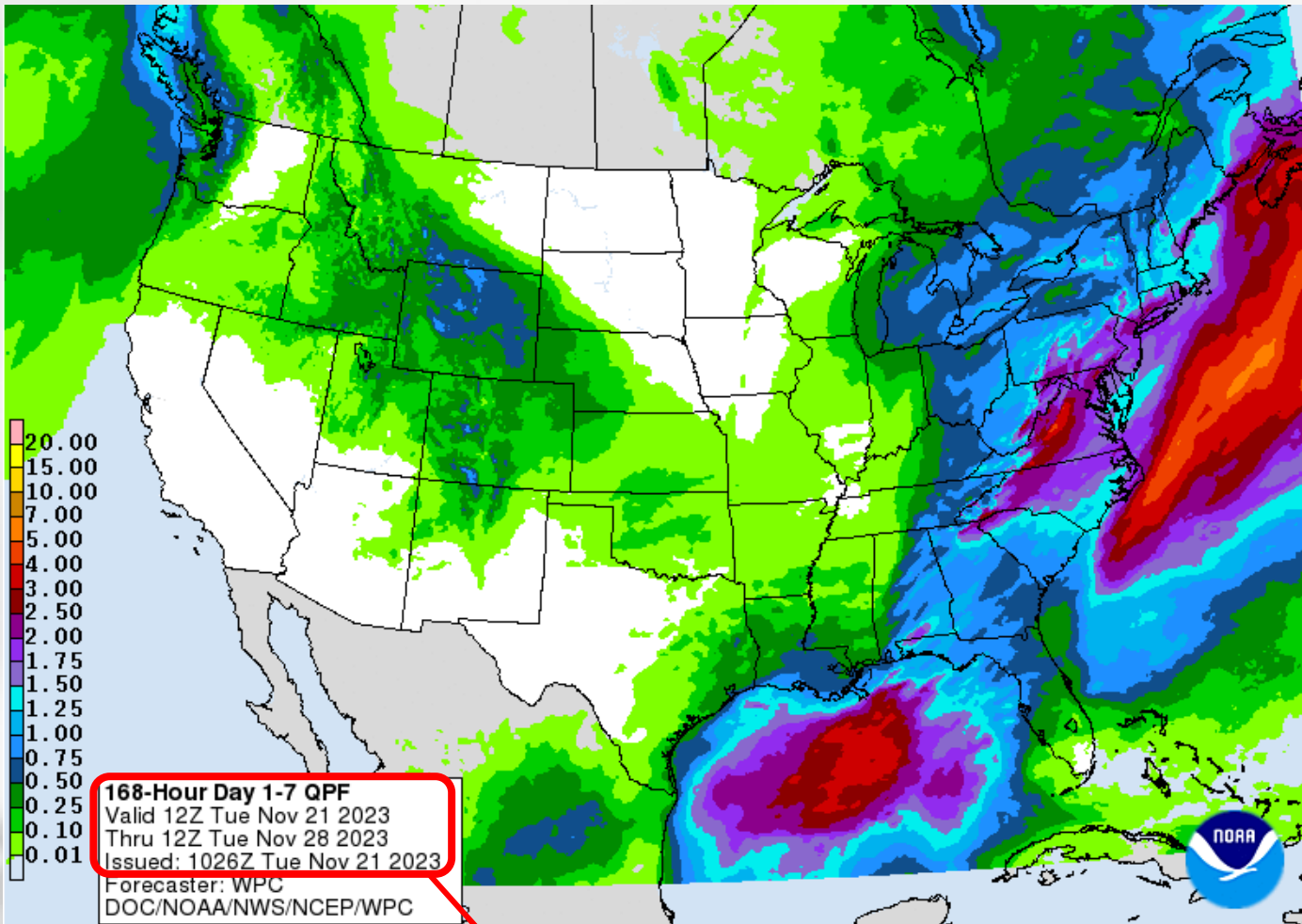
Compared to neighboring states, WI has a much lower S-VS percentage.

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# 7 Day Forecast Precip

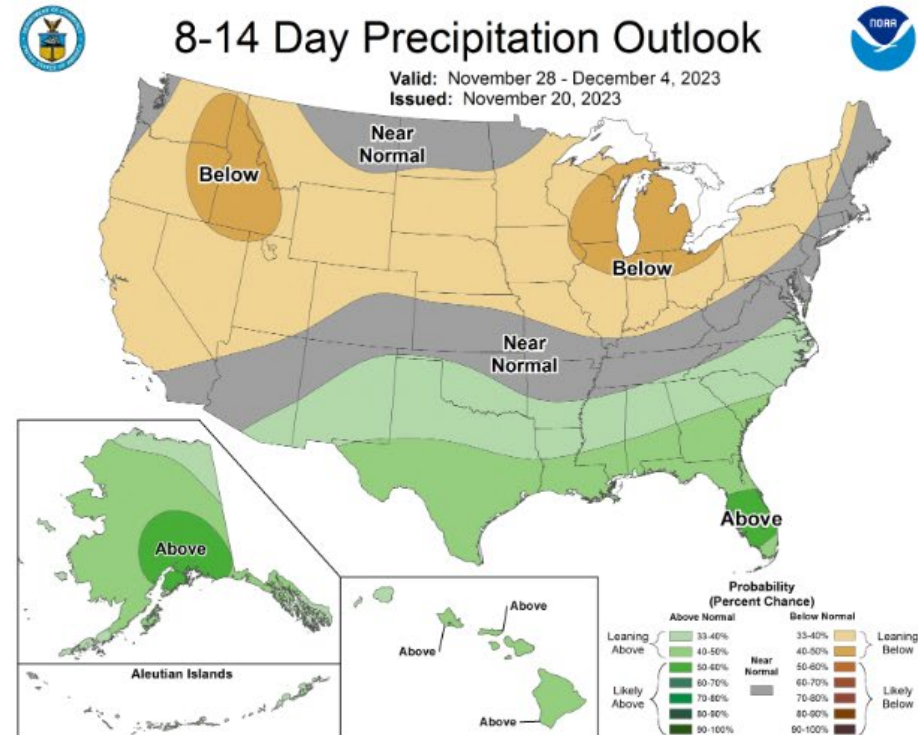
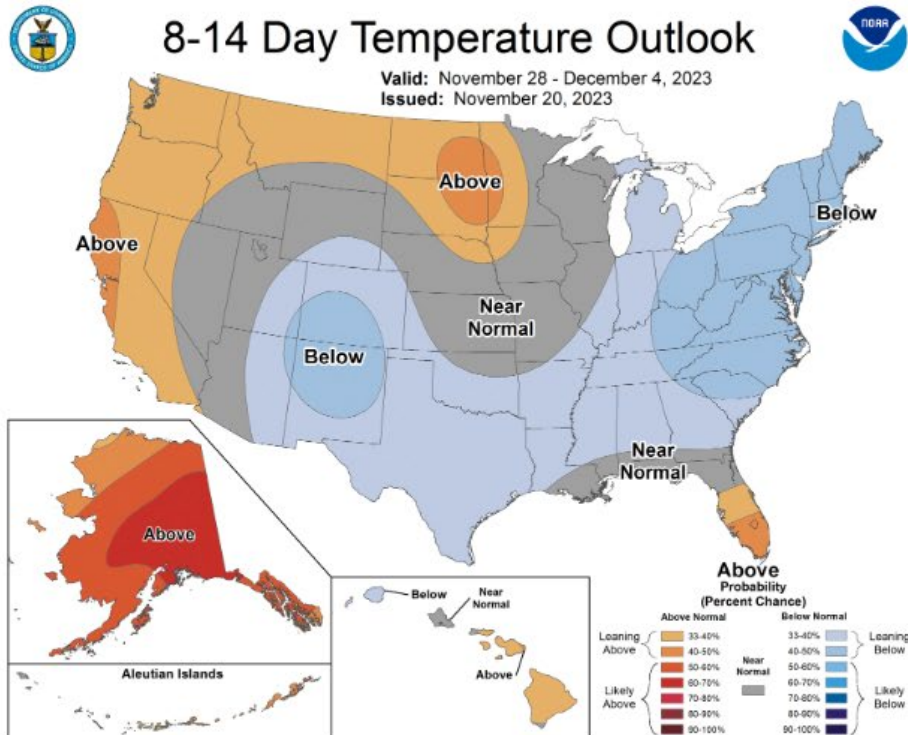
- Expect a dry week this week.
- Chances for precipitation for the S, E, & far NW, but totals are expected to be minimal (<0.5").
- Areas in the N half of WI may see no precip this week.



Forecast for 11/21/23 thru 11/28/23

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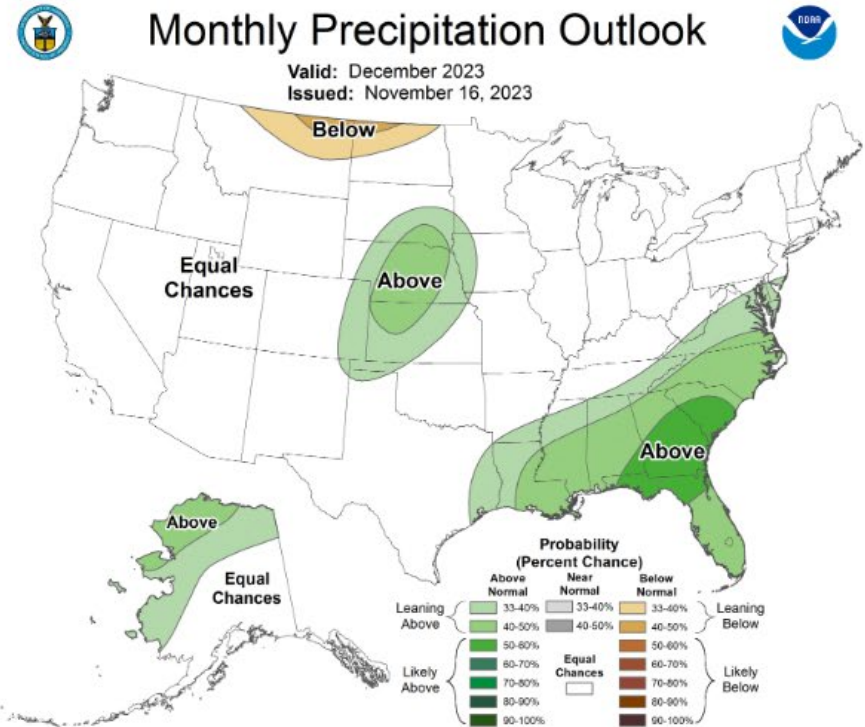
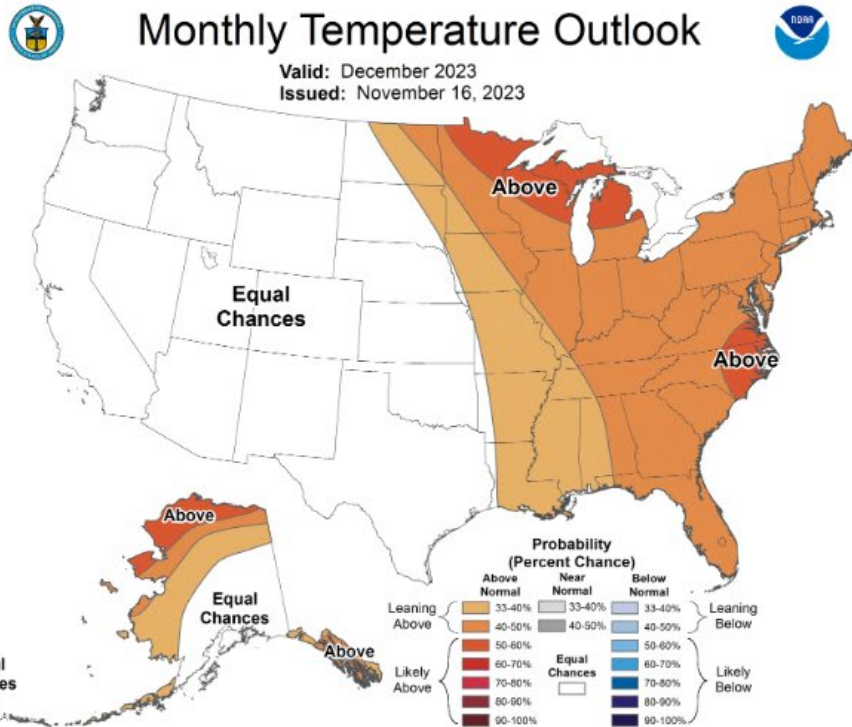
# 8-14 Day Temp & Precip Outlook



**Late Nov – Early Dec:** Temperatures leaning towards near normal. Precipitation is leaning below normal.

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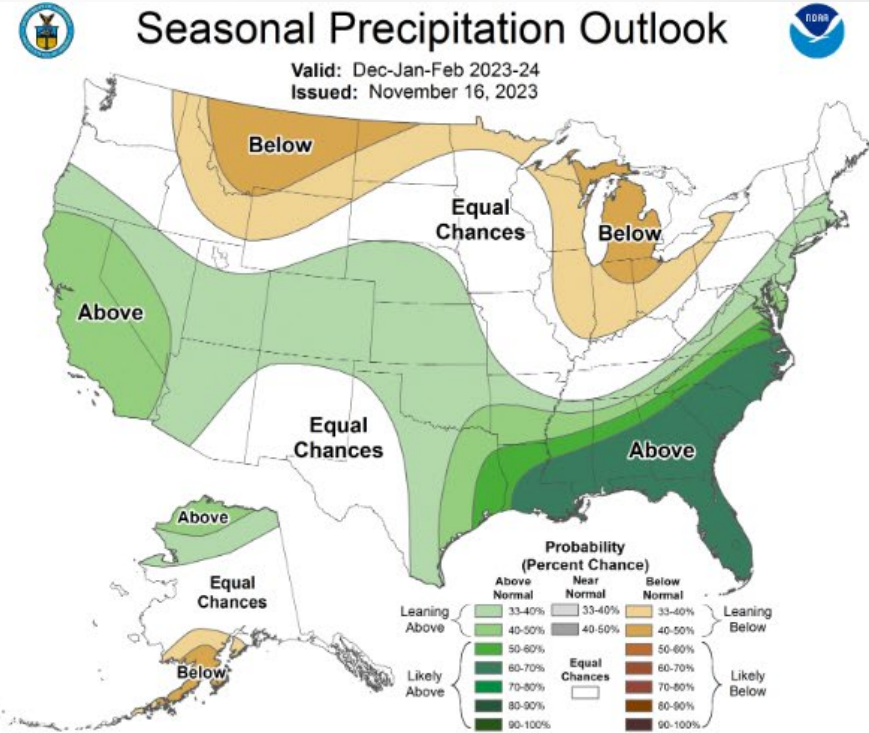
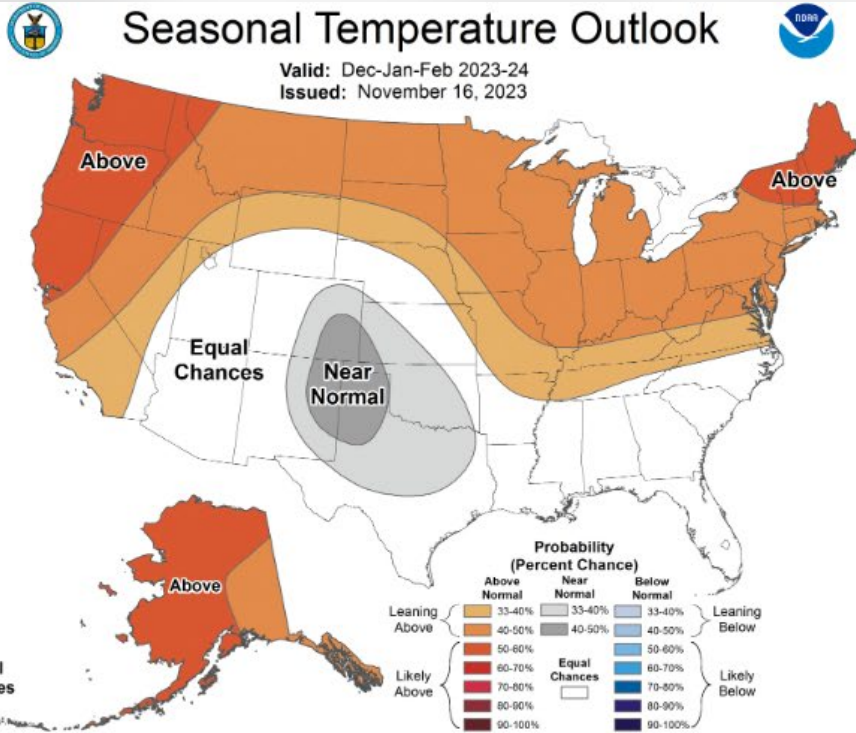
# 30 Day Temp & Precip Outlook



The month of **December**: Temperatures have the potential to be above normal. No strong indicators for precipitation for this period (“equal chances”).

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# 90 Day Temp & Precip Outlook



**December – February:** Temperatures leaning towards above average. Precipitation is leaning below average in the E half of WI. *El Nino is a major driver of these conditions.*

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# Take Home

- Current conditions:

- Drought conditions & soil moisture conditions remain mostly unchanged after a dry week for most.
- A warm week in the state that included some daily highs >60°F.
- Weekly average 4" soil temperatures are below 50°F statewide.

- Impact:

- Without rain to keep farmers out of the fields, corn harvest continues to near completion (**12%** jump to **78%**).
- Soybean harvest is very close to completion (**94%**), running near the 5-year average.
- Nearly all winter wheat in the state has emerged (**94%**).

- Outlook:

- December has a higher probability for warmer-than-average temperatures in WI.
- Precipitation totals are once again forecasted to be low this upcoming week, with the potential for lower-than-average precip into early December.

# For More Information



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