



Drought Information Statement for Middle Tennessee

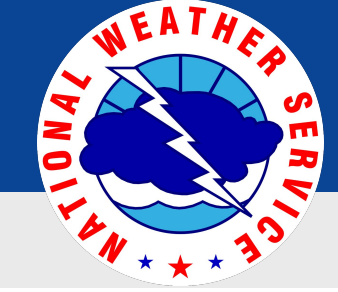
Valid April 30, 2026

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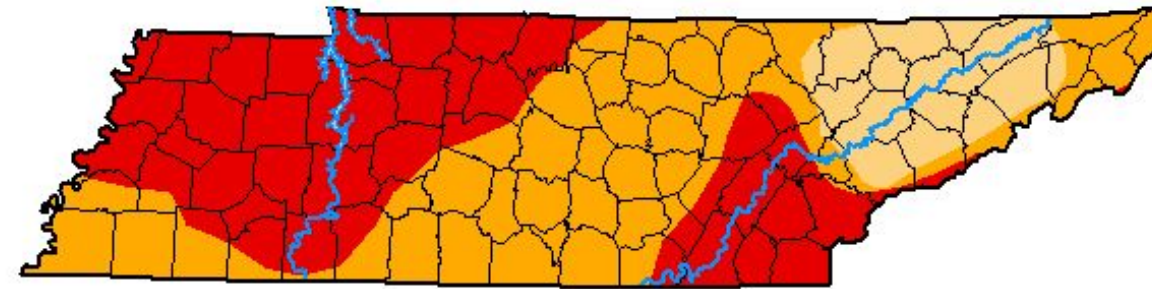
U.S Drought Monitor

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

Drought Intensity and Extent:

- **D4 Exceptional Drought:** No areas classified
- **D3 Extreme Drought:** Much of West and Middle Tennessee and a portion of southern East Tennessee
- **D2 Severe Drought:** All of West and Middle Tennessee, and portions of the Blue Ridge Mountains
- **D1 Moderate Drought:** Northern portions of the Appalachian Valley including Knox County
- **D0 Abnormally Dry:** All of the state is worse than this category

U.S. Drought Monitor Tennessee



April 28, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	86.94	44.36	0.00
Last Week <i>04-21-2026</i>	0.00	100.00	100.00	86.31	44.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-27-2026</i>	10.48	89.52	61.65	21.63	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	0.00	100.00	83.00	11.84	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	51.82	48.18	34.33	19.58	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-29-2025</i>	92.58	7.42	1.35	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D0 Abnormally Dry	D2 Severe Drought	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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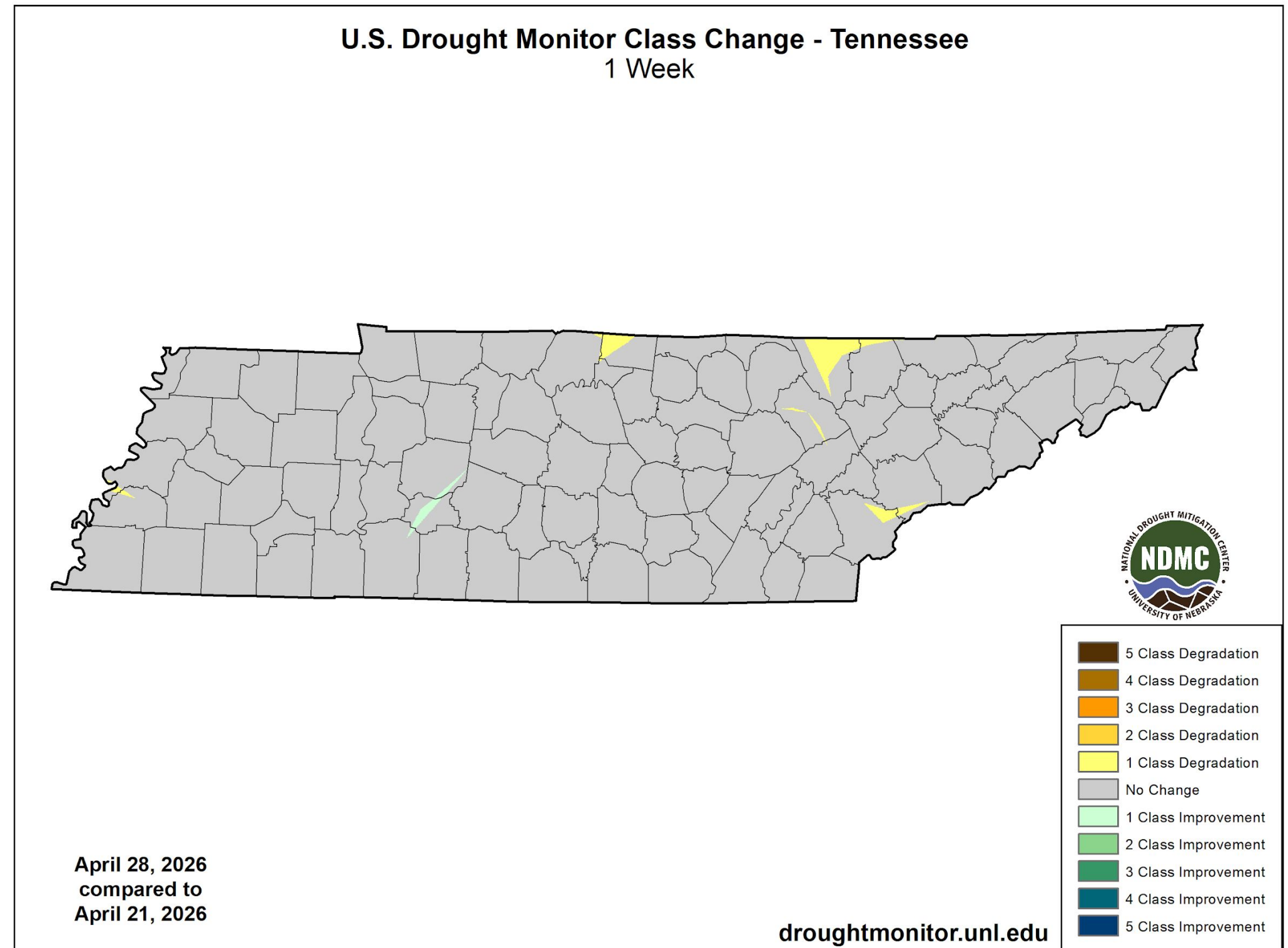


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the [latest 1-week change map](#) for Tennessee

One Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- **Drought Worsened:** Portions of West, Middle, and East Tennessee continue to see deteriorating drought conditions
- **Drought Improved:** No areas saw improvement in the drought over the last week

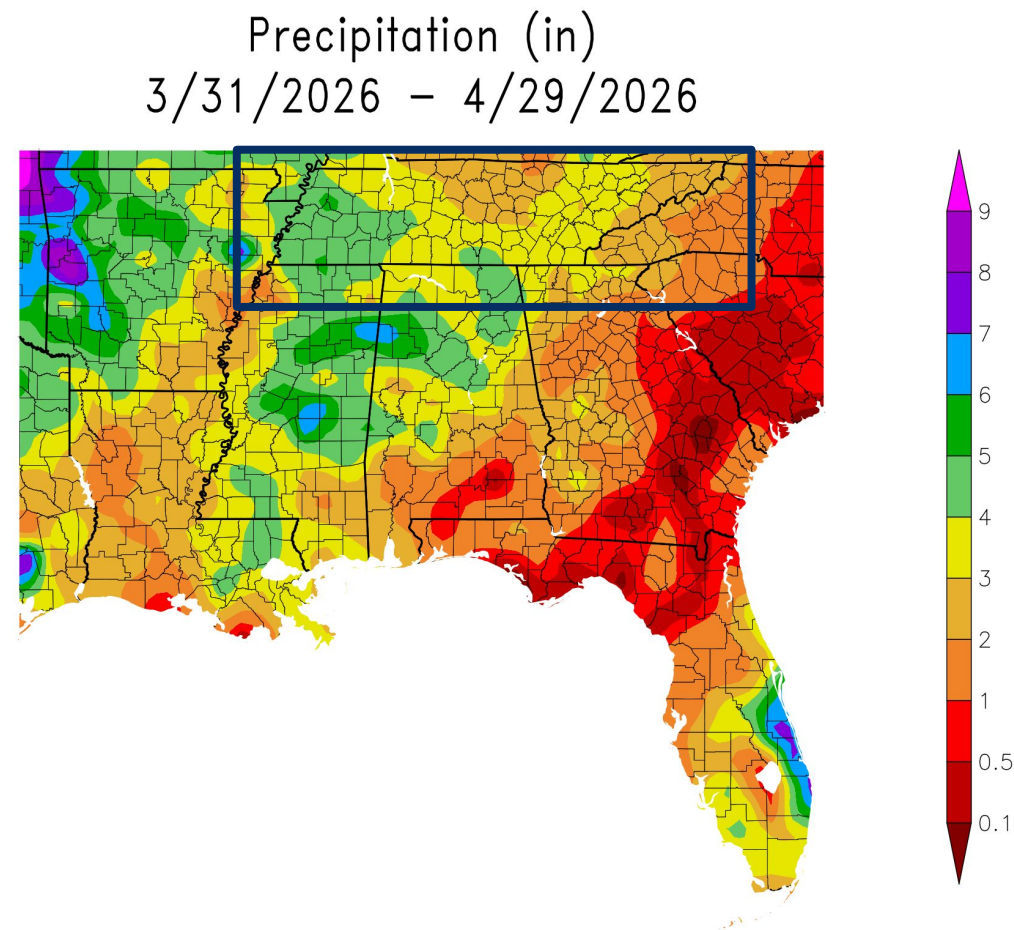




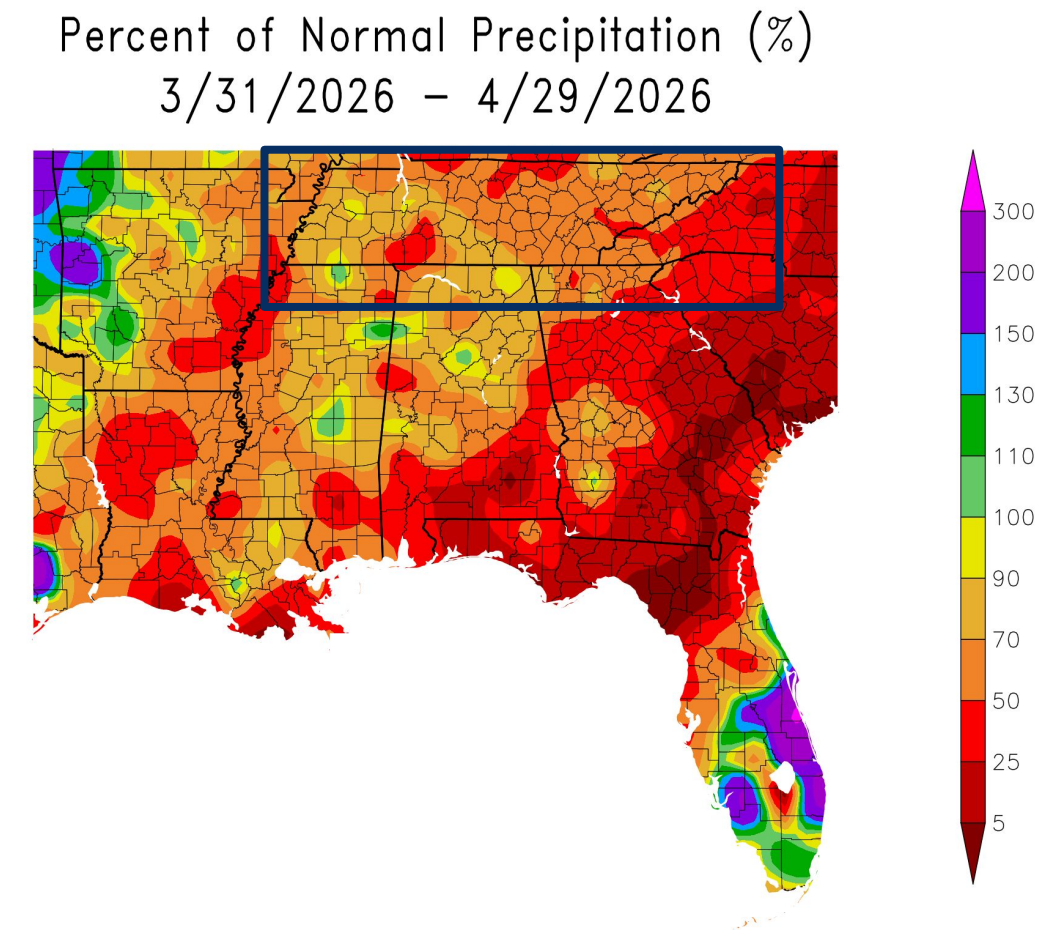
Precipitation

Over the past 30 days from the [High Plains Regional Climate Center](#)

- Most of the state saw between 2 and 4 inches of rain or less over the past 30 days
- Portions of West TN saw 5+ inches of rain
- This is about 70-90% of normal, although some pockets of TN only saw 50% of normal rainfall during this time



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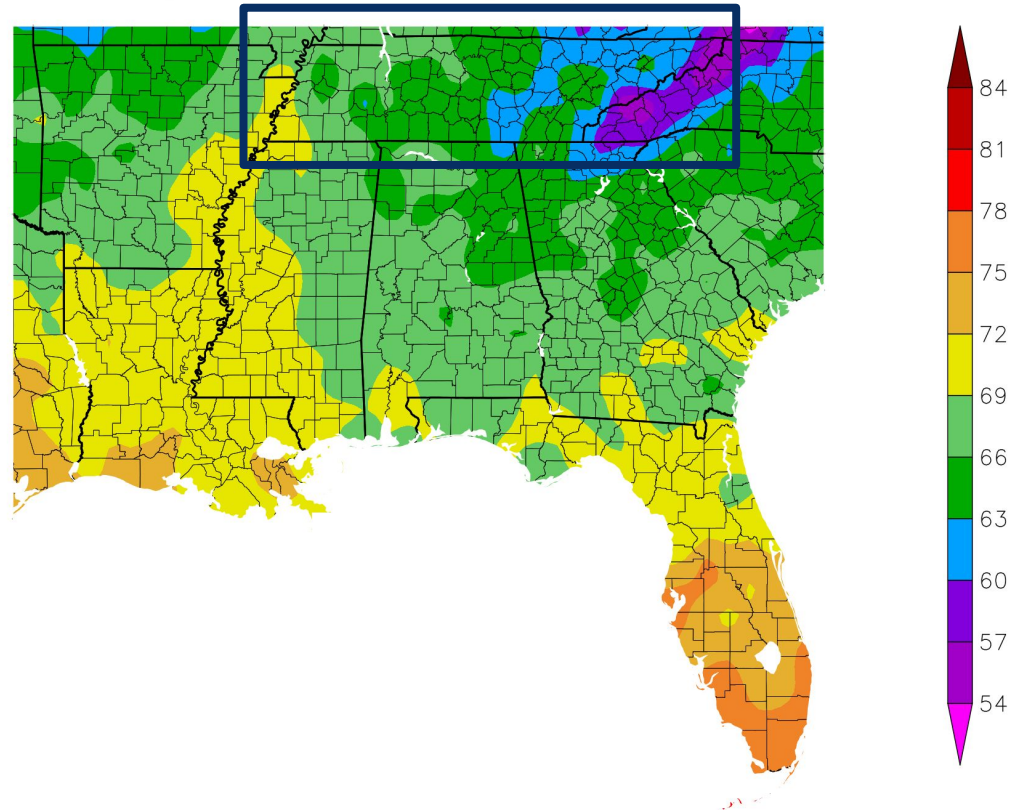


Temperature

Data over the past 30 days from the [High Plains Regional Climate Center](#)

- Well above normal temperatures across the entire state.

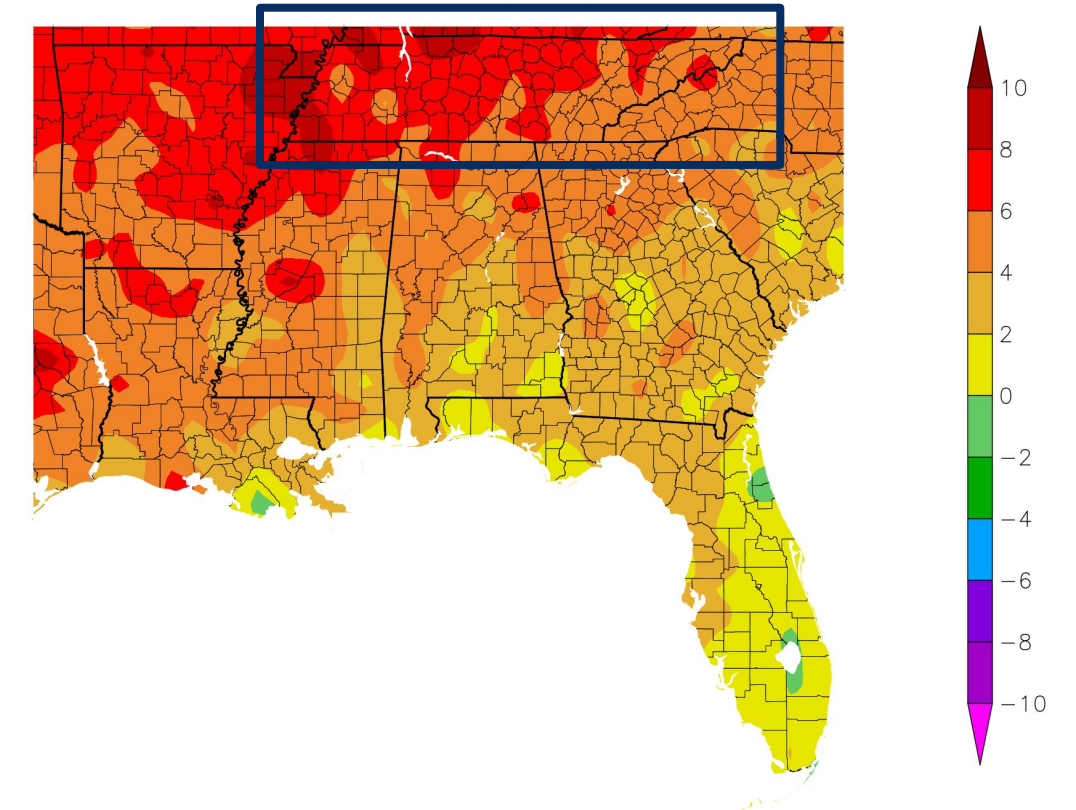
Temperature (F)
3/31/2026 - 4/29/2026



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Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
3/31/2026 - 4/29/2026



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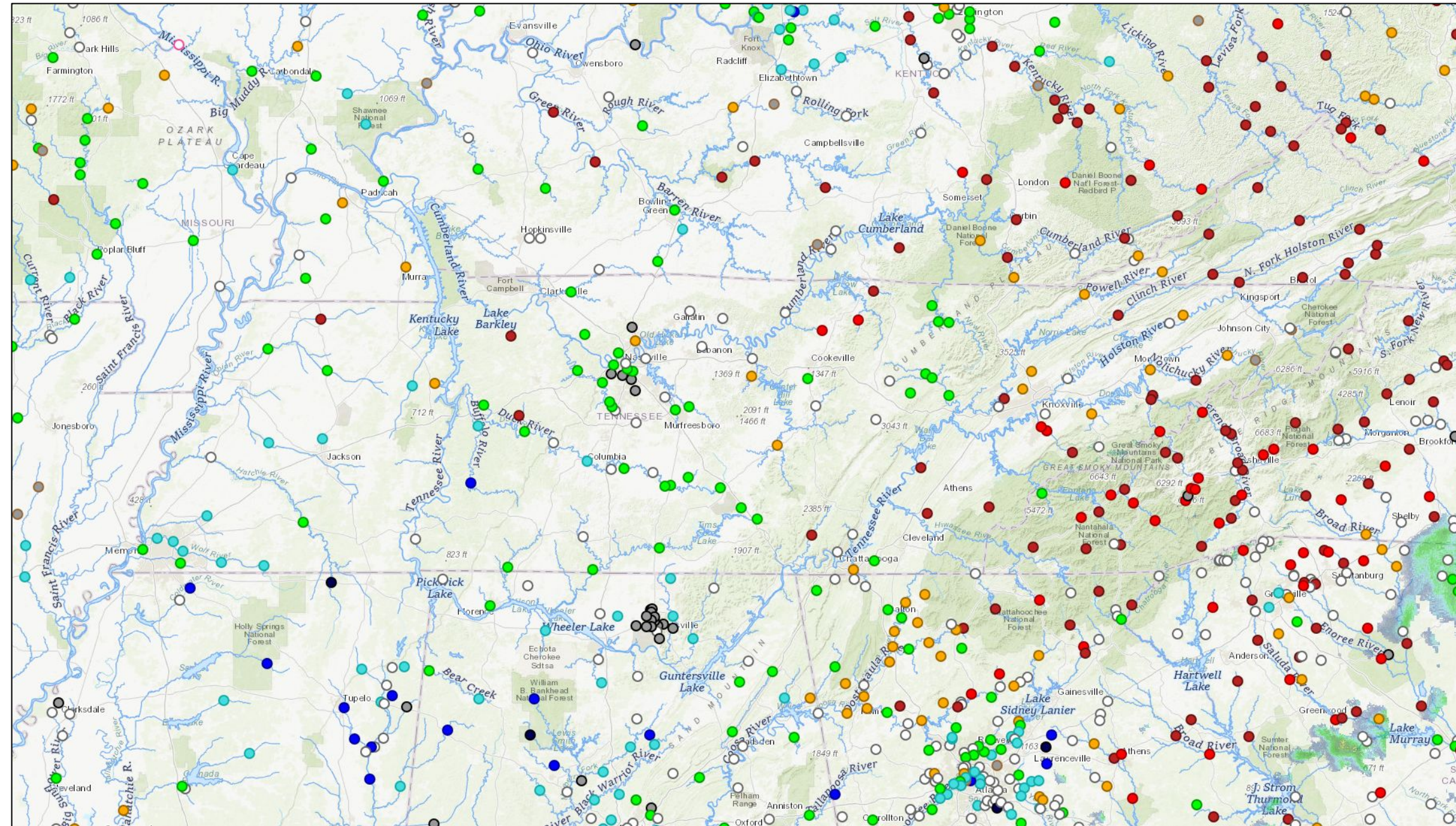
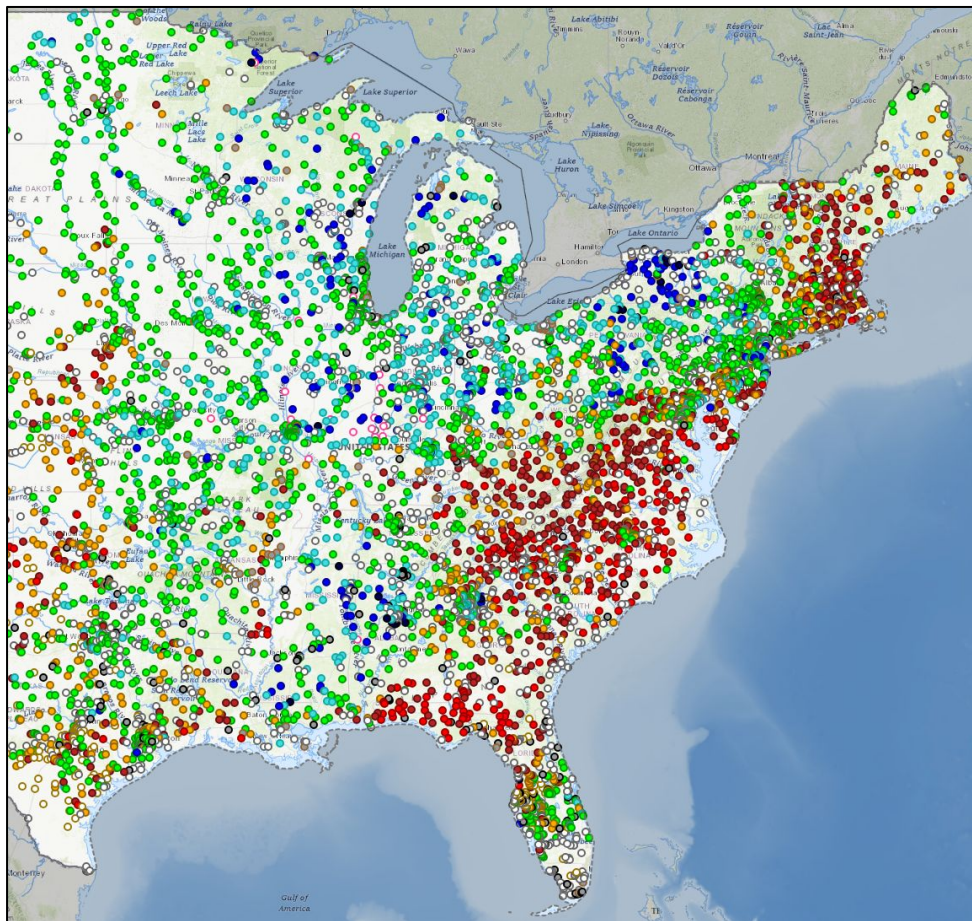




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Main Takeaways:

- Locations across West and Middle Tennessee are seeing Normal to Above Normal, while East TN sees Below Normal to Low streamflows
- Below Normal to Low streamflows are prevalent across the southeast U.S. and up the Atlantic seaboard, into the New England Region



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		





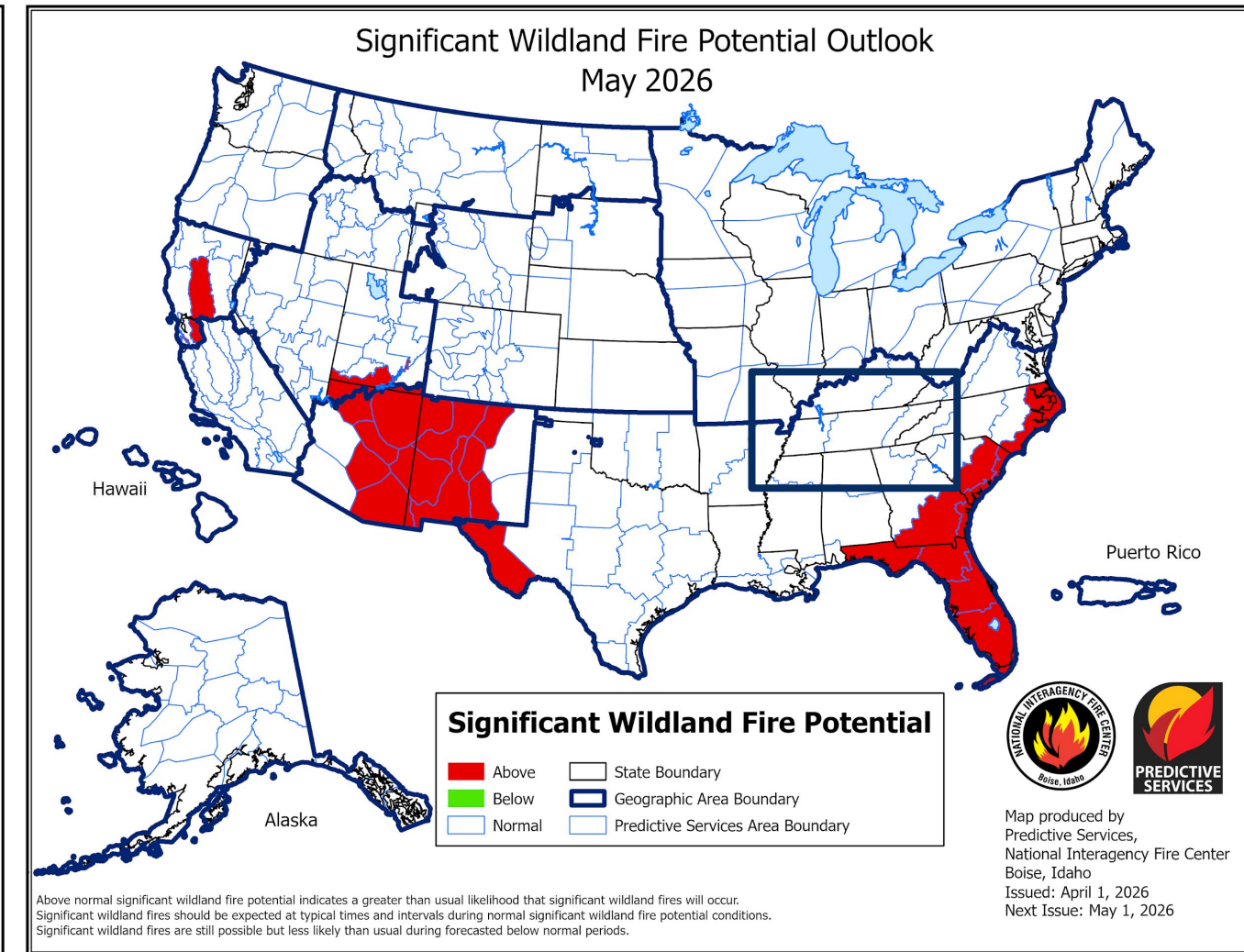
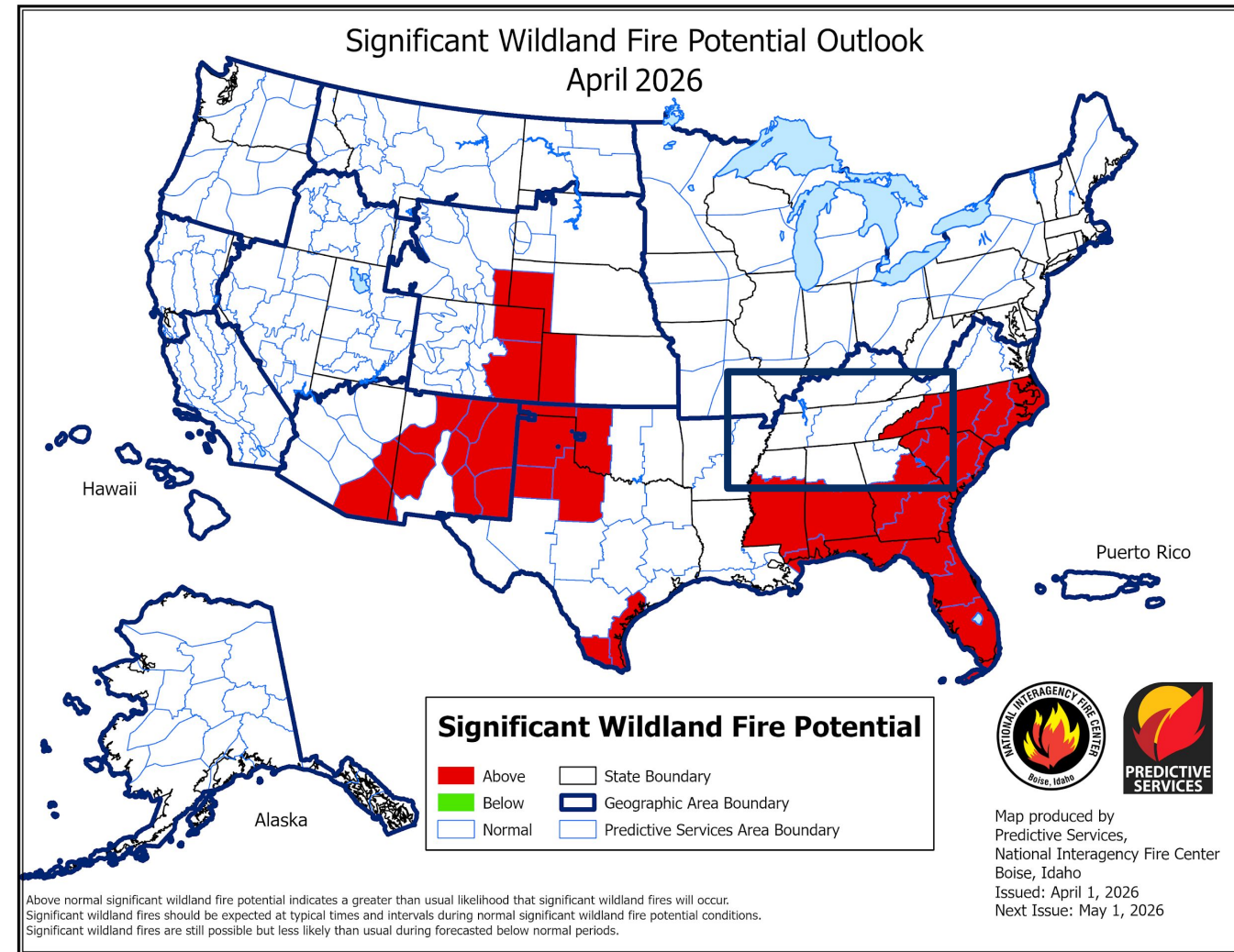
Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

Main Takeaways

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential is normal for April and May

Latest TN Burn Ban map available [here](#).





Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Recent rains have allowed for some improvements in streamflows across West and Middle TN, while East TN is still seeing Below Normal to Low streamflows

Agricultural Impacts

- Poor crop conditions being reported across the state. Reports of grass becoming extremely brittle and no new growth causing poor hay yields. Loss of evergreen trees reported due to water stress.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- From October 15 through May 15, a burn permit from the Tennessee Division of Forestry (TDF) is required for debris pile fires and prescribed fires.

Other Impacts

- None known currently

Mitigation actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

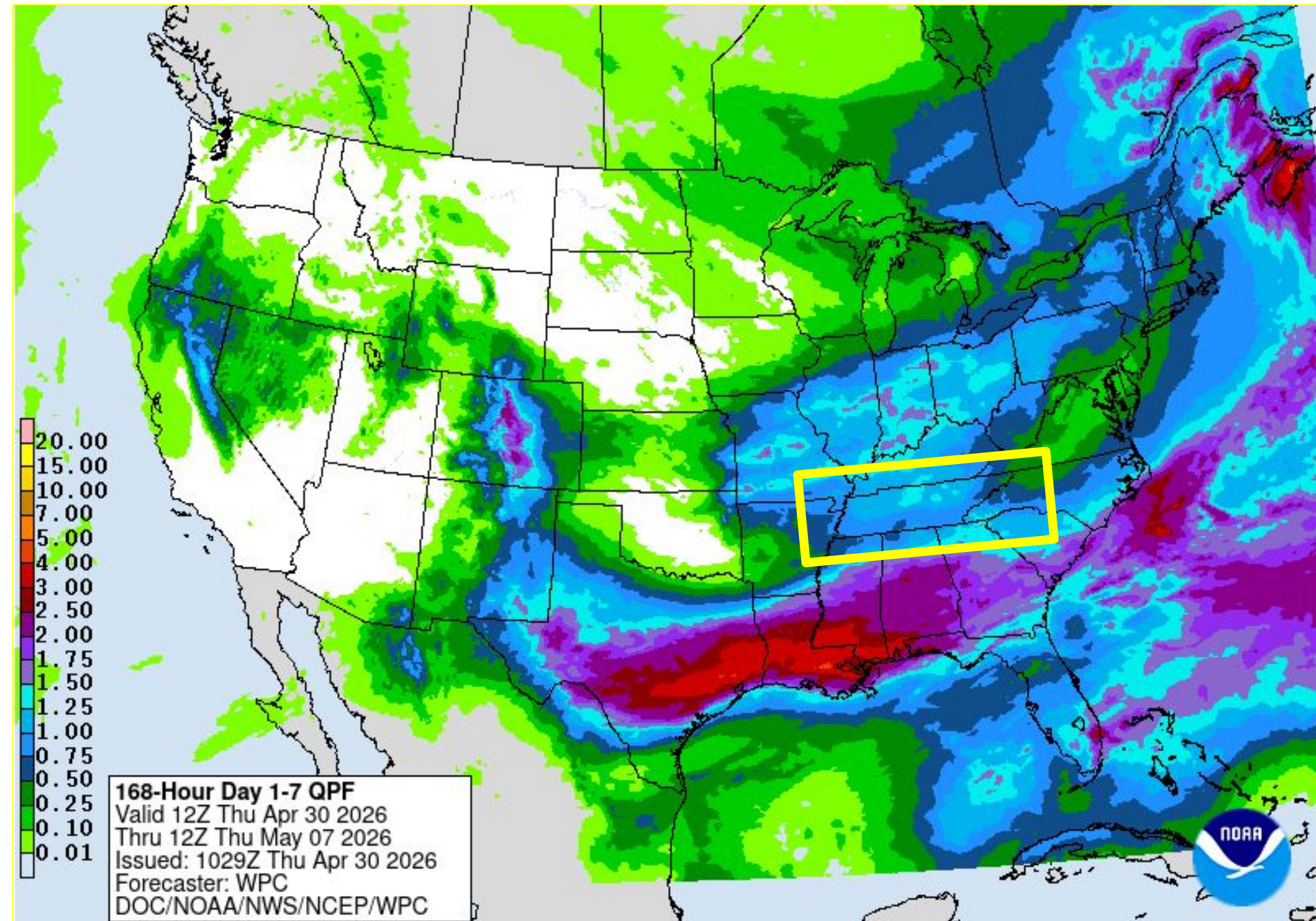




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

Next 7 Days:

- Amounts of 1.00 inch to 1.50 inches are forecasted for much of the state
- With less than 2.00 inches possible over the next 7 days, we may only see minor improvements to current drought conditions



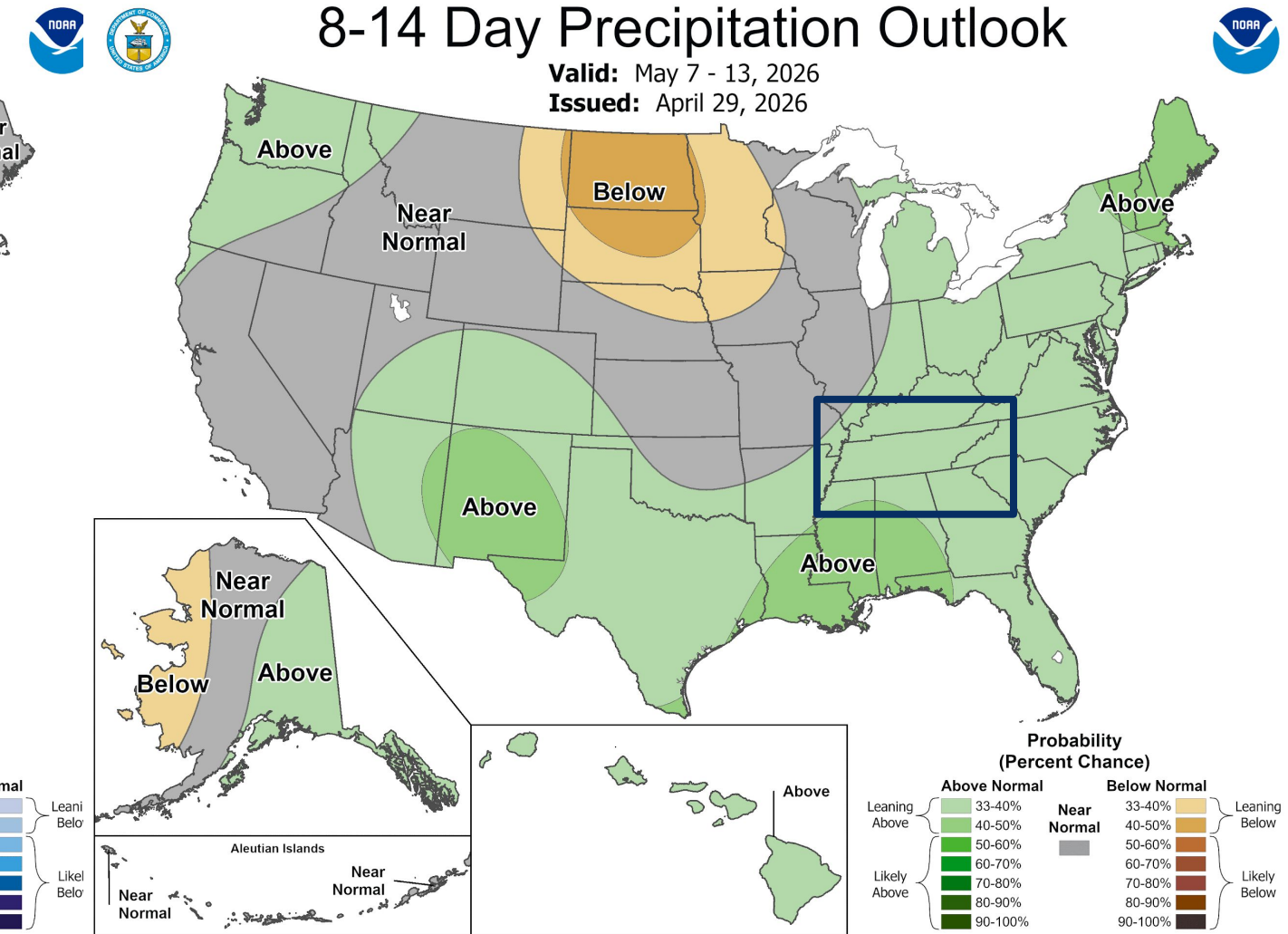
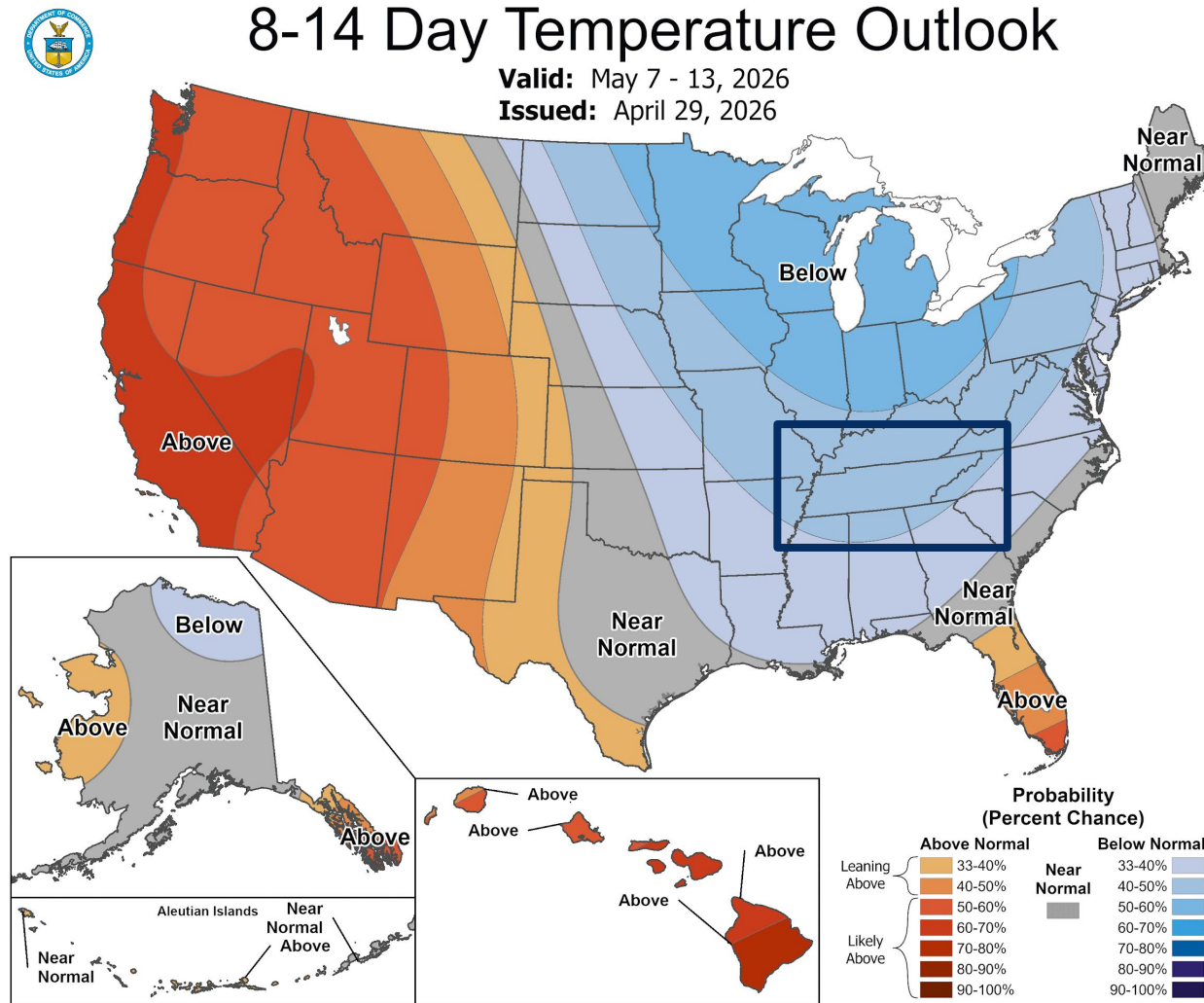


8-14 Day Outlook

Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

Main Takeaways:

- Temperatures are leaning towards below normal for May 7th through the 13th
- Precipitation is leaning towards above normal for May 7th through the 13th



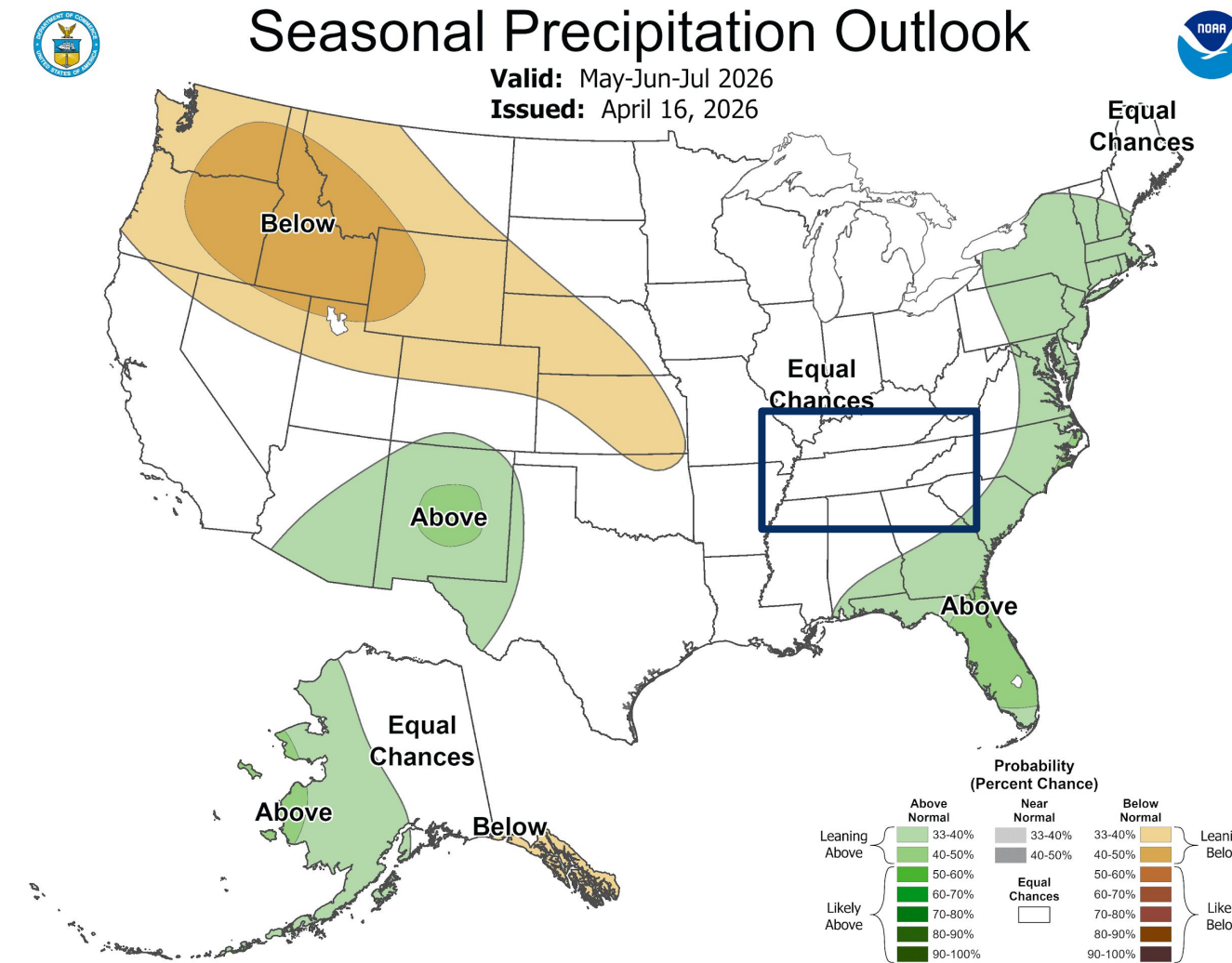
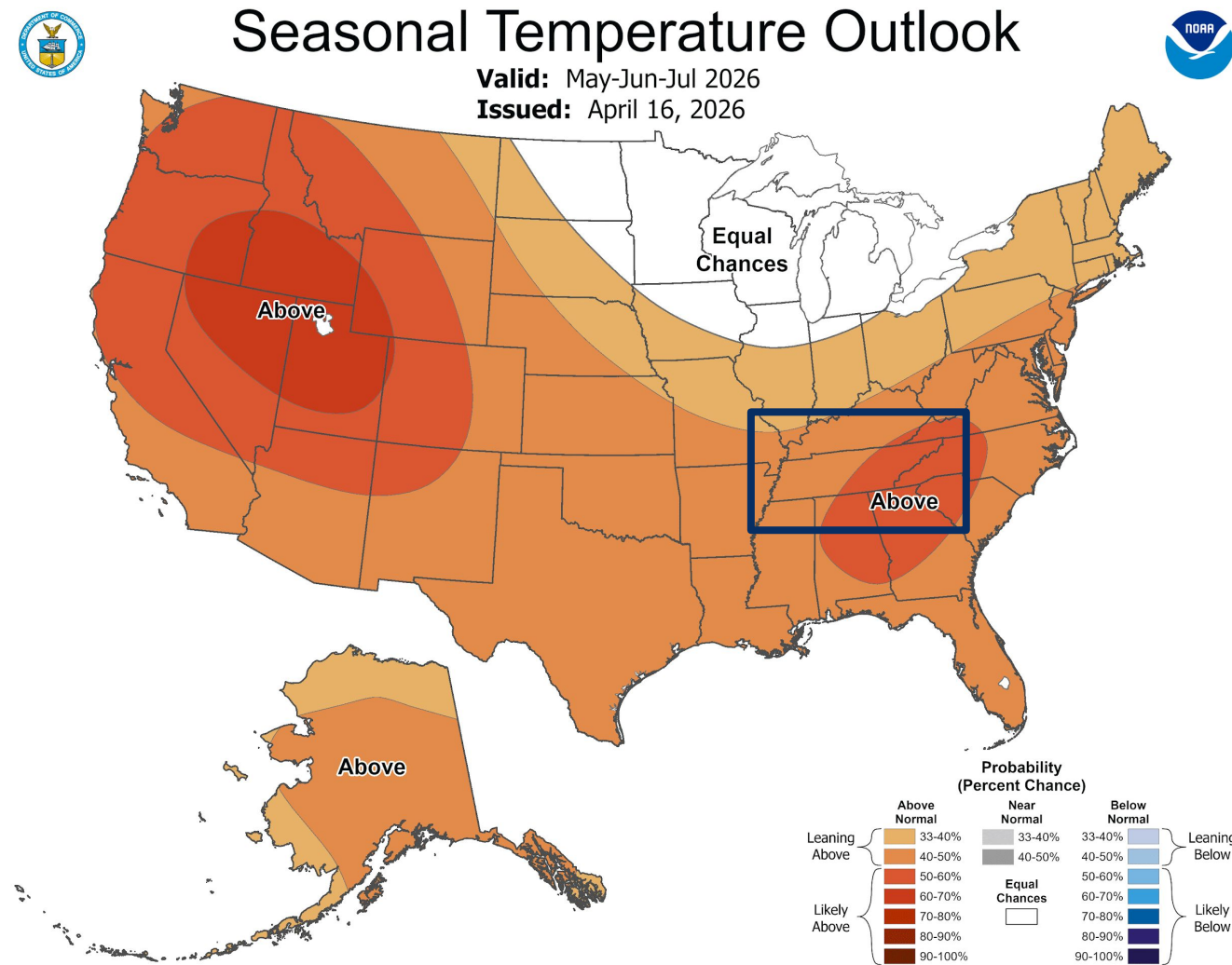


Seasonal Outlook - May/June/July

Seasonal Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

Main Takeaways:

- Above normal temperatures are expected between May and July
- There are equal chances for above/below normal precipitation between May and July





Drought Outlook

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

Main Takeaways

- Drought is expected to remain but have some improvements across West and Middle TN
- Drought is expected to persist across much of East TN
- With additional rainfall, some drought removal could occur across portions of West and Middle Tennessee
- No drought is outlooked for portions of the northern Appalachian Valley

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

Valid for April 16 - July 31, 2026
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