March Conditions & Northeast DEWS Discussion

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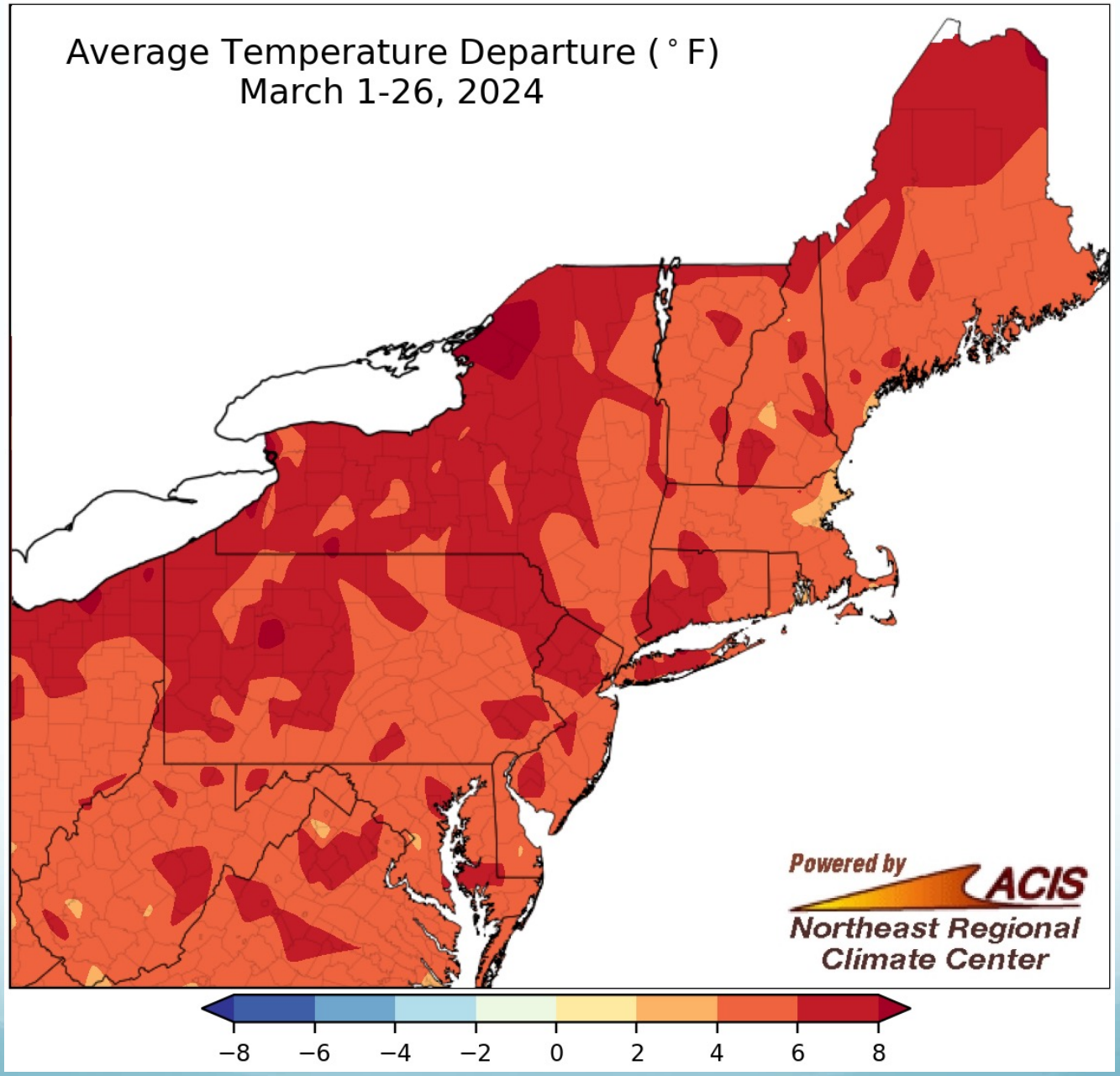
March Temperatures



From 2°F to more than 8°F above normal

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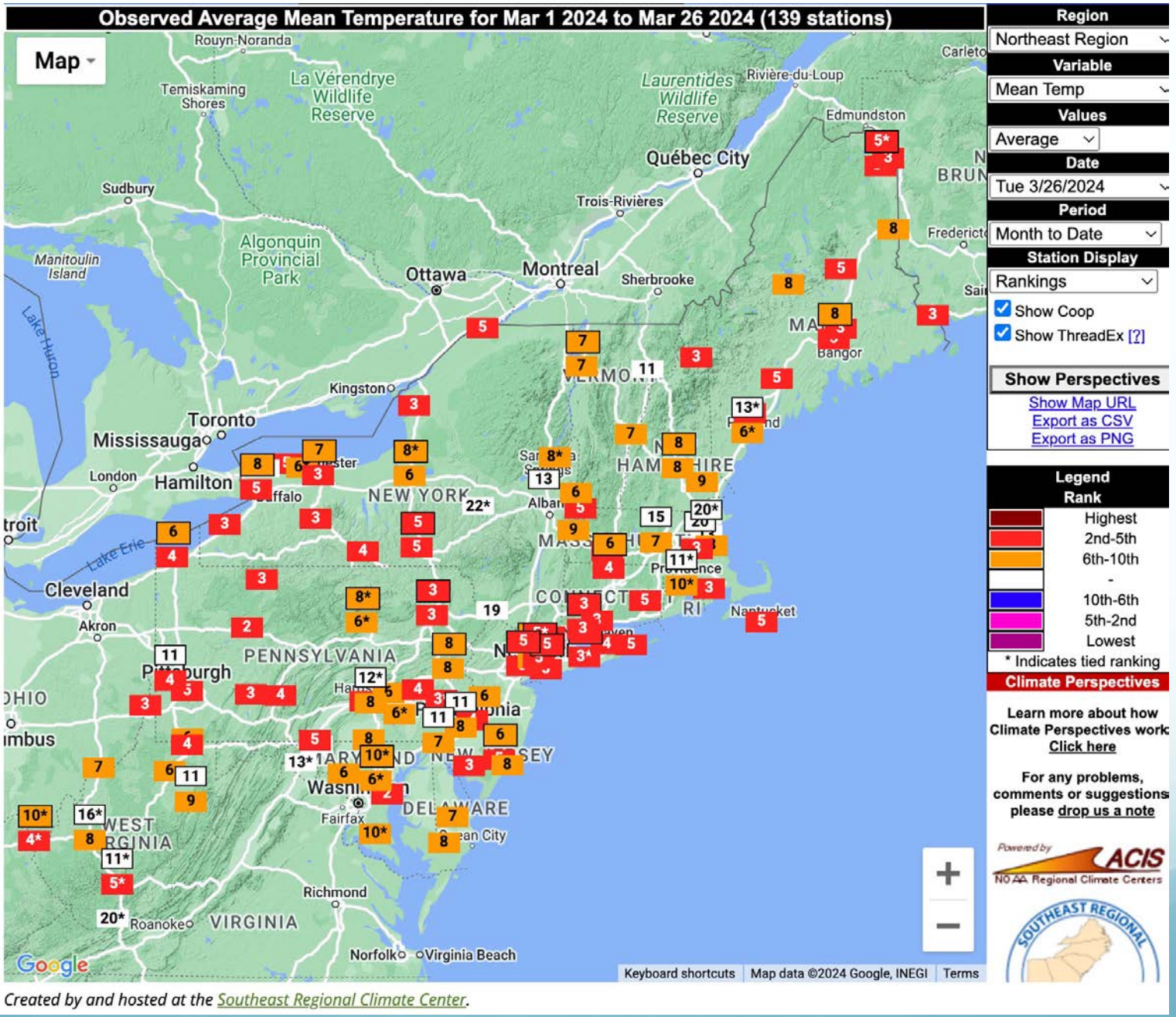

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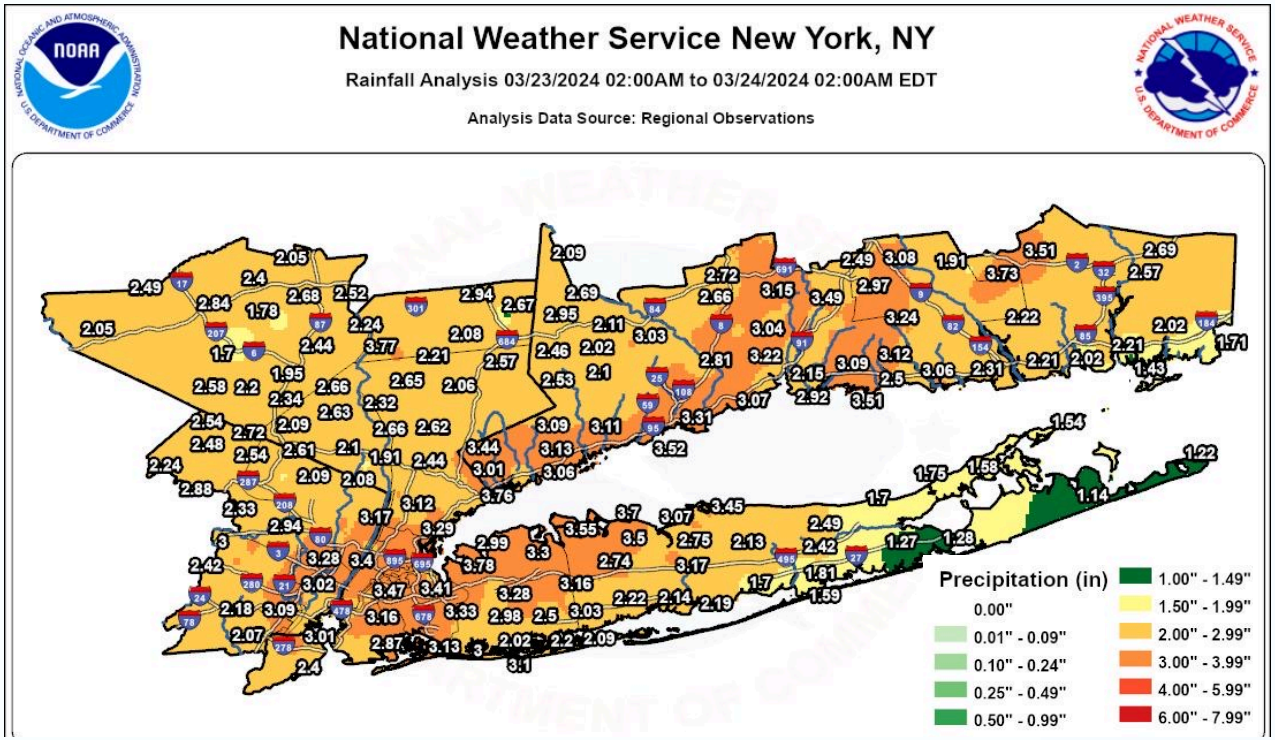
March Storms

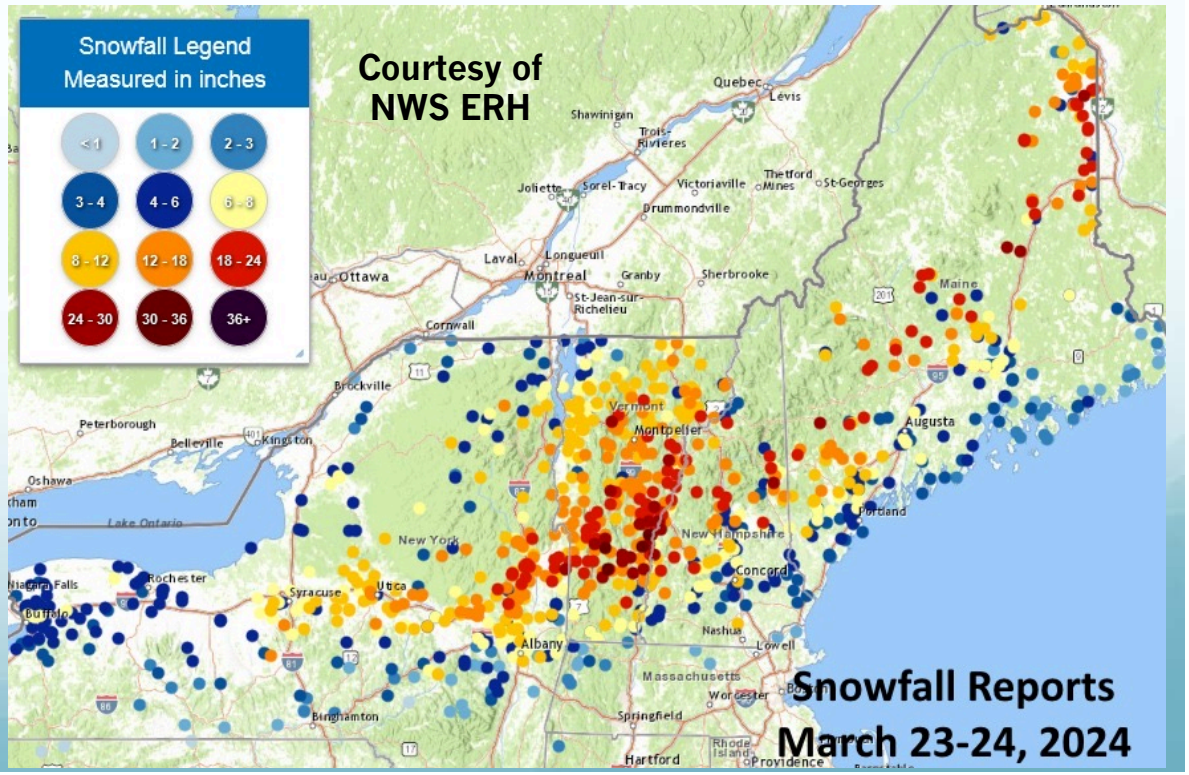
Station	Mar. 23 Precip	Rank (wettest March day)
Central Park, NY	3.66	3
LaGuardia Airport, NY	3.47	1
Bridgeport, CT	3.31	3
Kennedy Airport, NY	3.13	1
Newark, NJ	3.10	2
Philadelphia, PA	3.09	1
Wilmington, DE	2.81	2
Atlantic City, NJ	2.69	2
Concord, NH	2.43	2
Hartford, CT	2.24	6
Albany, NY	1.69	9

Data for Burlington Area, VT (ThreadEx)

Click column heading to sort ascending, click again to sort descending.

Date	Snowfall
2024-03-23	8.6
2024-01-07	6.4
2024-01-16	5.0
2024-03-20	2.7
2023-11-21	2.4





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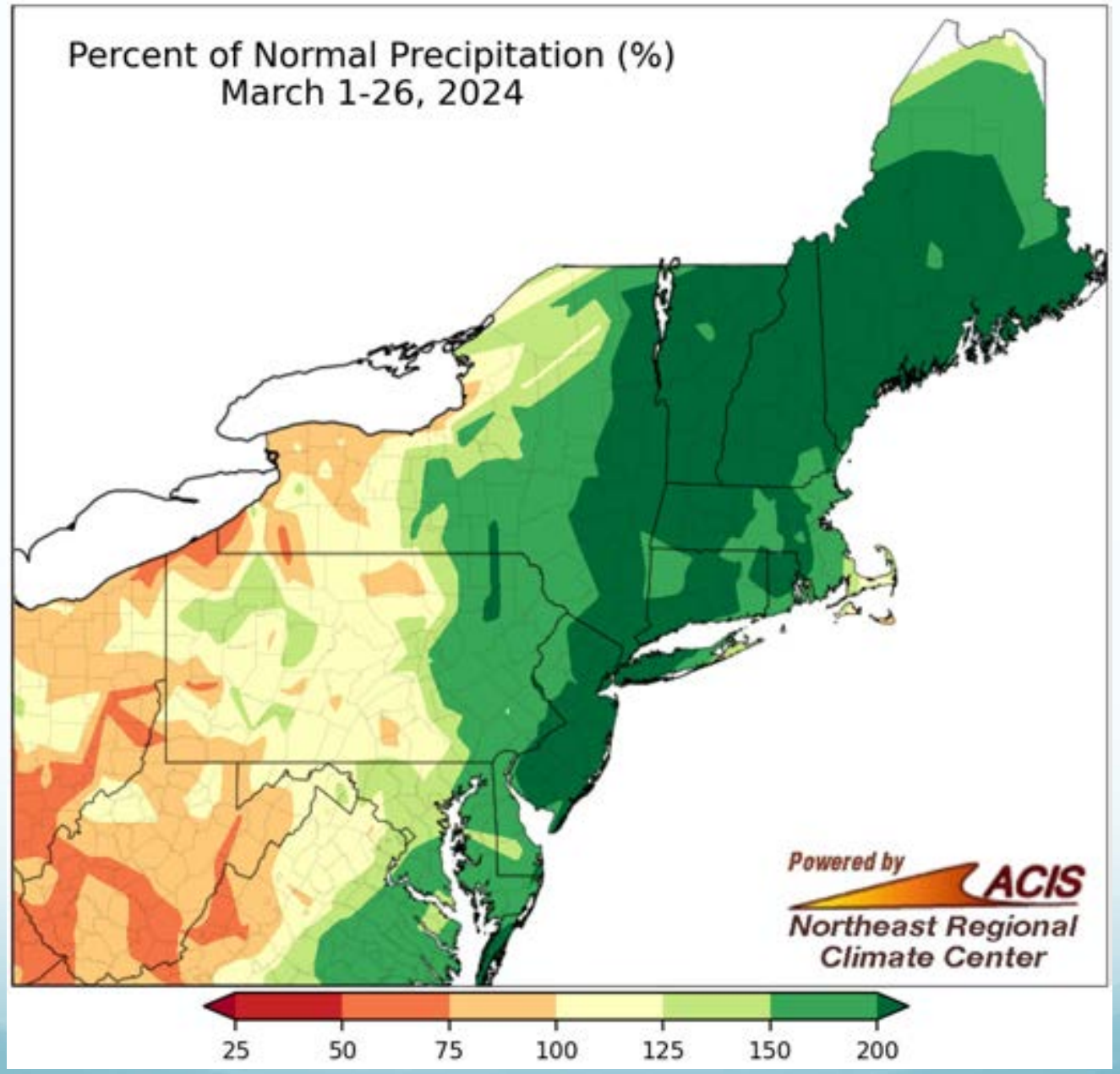

From 75% of normal to more than 200% of normal

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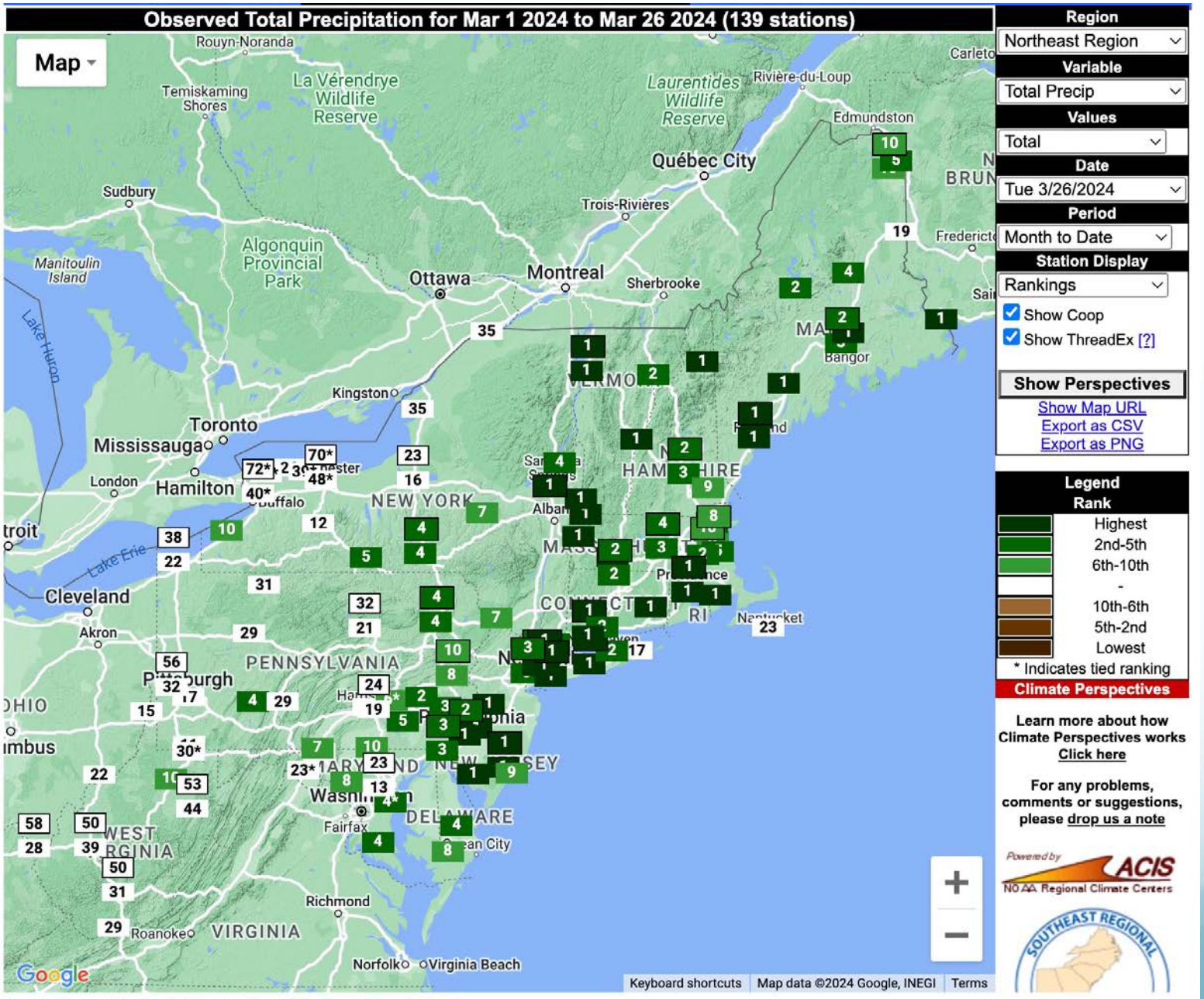

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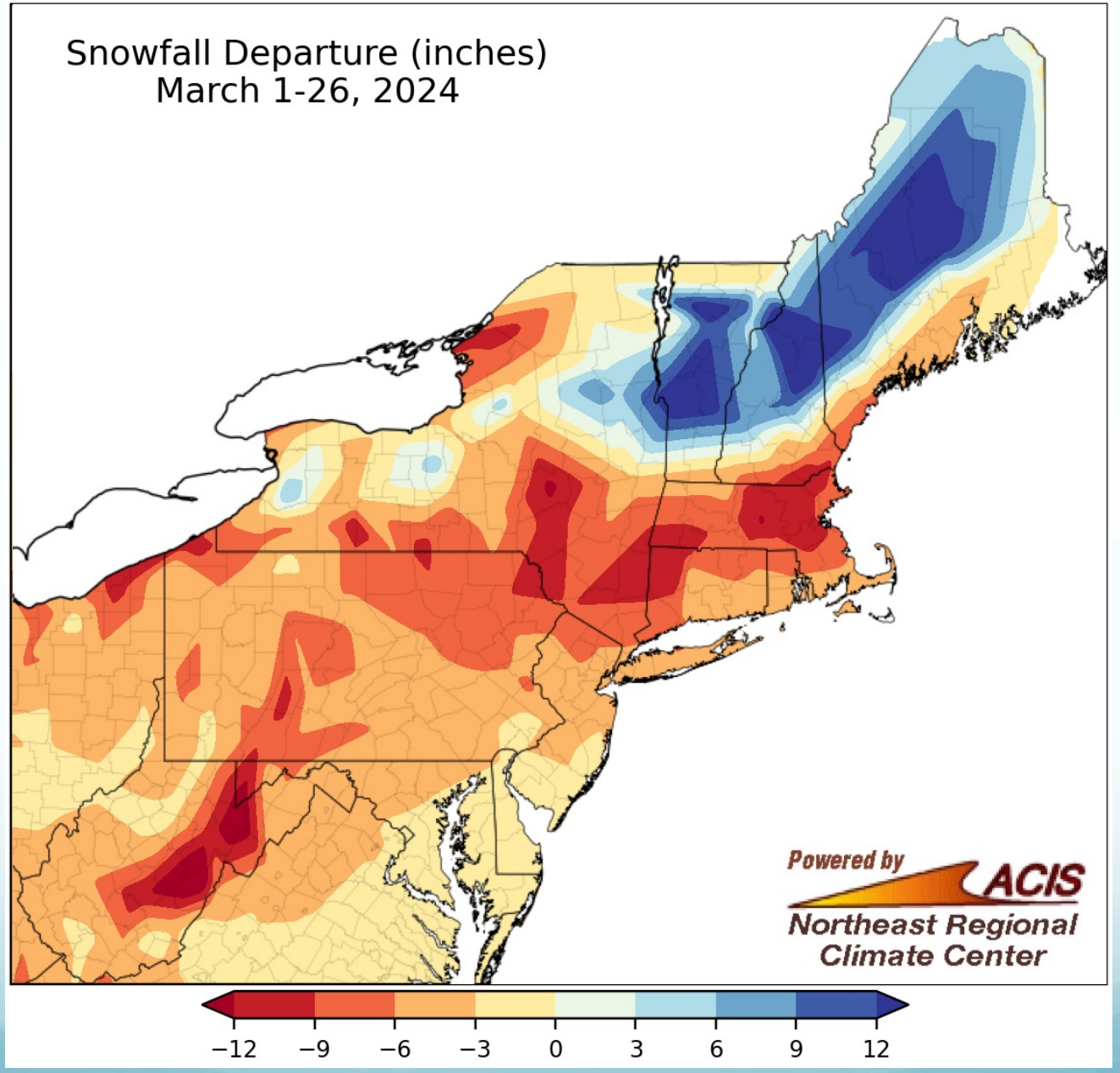
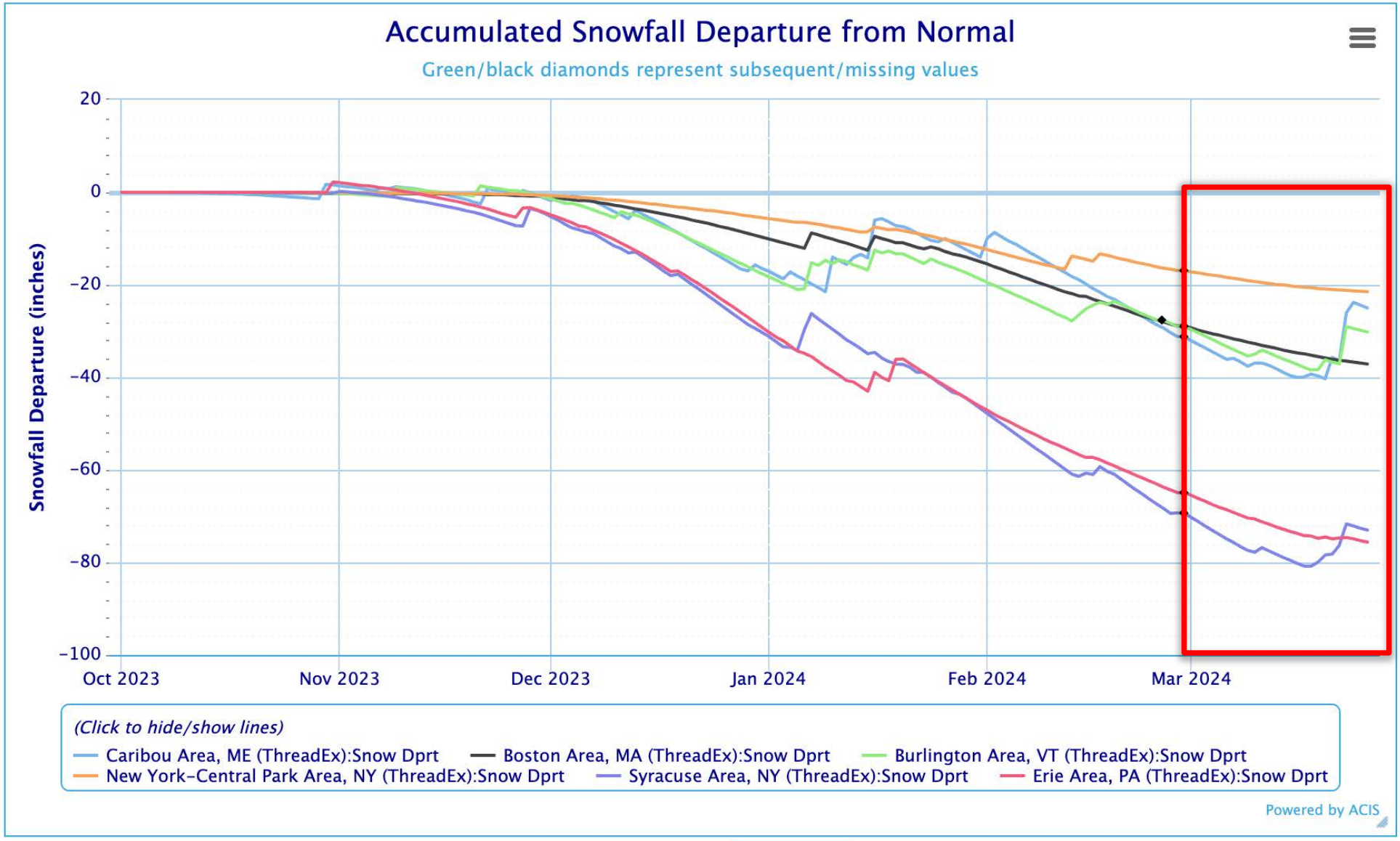


From more than 12” below normal to more than 12” above normal

Snowfall


Accumulated Snowfall Departure from Normal
Green/black diamonds represent subsequent/missing values
Snowfall Departure (inches)
20
0
-20
-40
-60
-80
-100
Oct 2023
Nov 2023
Dec 2023
Jan 2024
Feb 2024
Mar 2024
(Click to hide/show lines)
Caribou Area, ME (ThreadEx):Snow Dprt
Boston Area, MA (ThreadEx):Snow Dprt
Burlington Area, VT (ThreadEx):Snow Dprt
New York-Central Park Area, NY (ThreadEx):Snow Dprt
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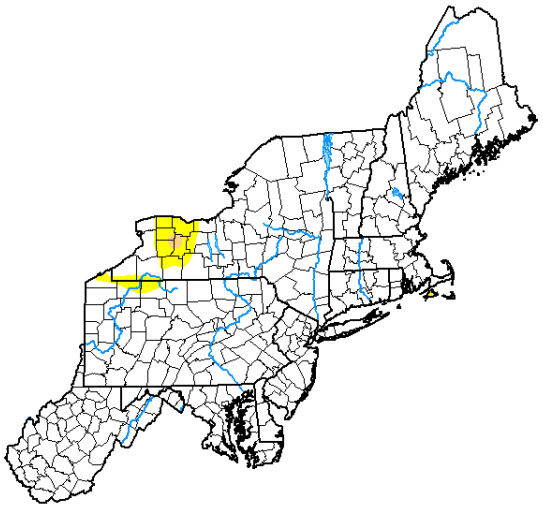

February 27, 2024

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	97.07	2.72	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 02-20-2024	97.07	2.72	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-28-2023	74.36	19.18	5.76	0.71	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	87.20	10.30	1.83	0.67	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	88.48	10.08	1.36	0.08	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 02-28-2023	94.27	5.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
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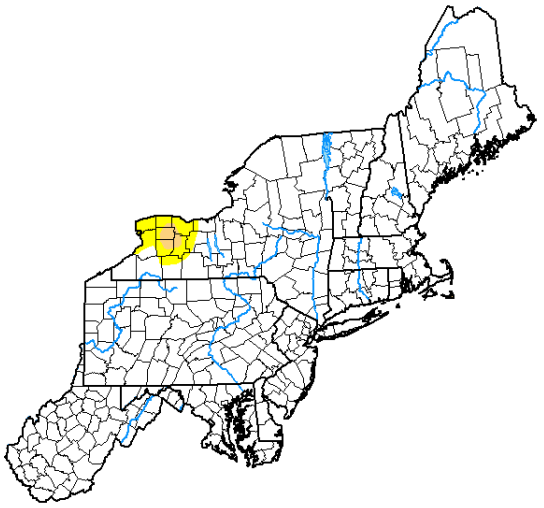

March 26, 2024

(Released Thursday, Mar. 28, 2024)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	97.54	1.98	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-19-2024	97.54	1.98	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-26-2023	85.18	11.44	2.71	0.68	0.00	0.00
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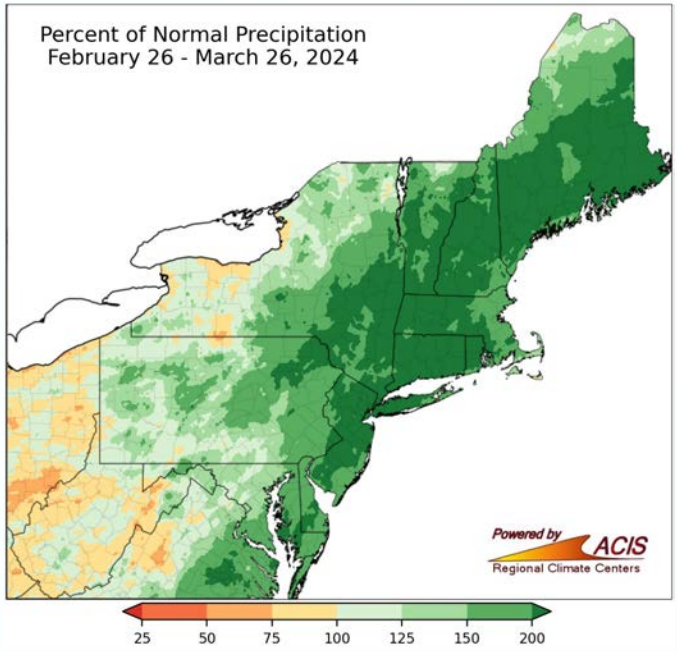
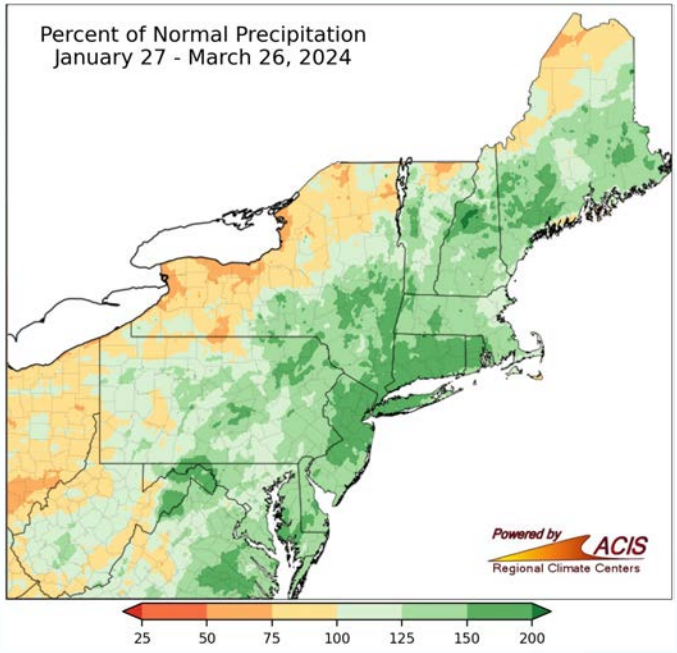
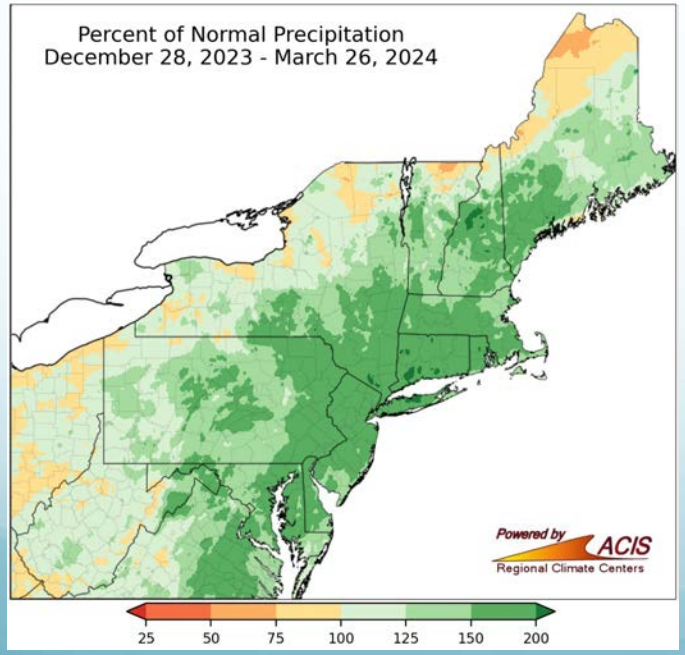
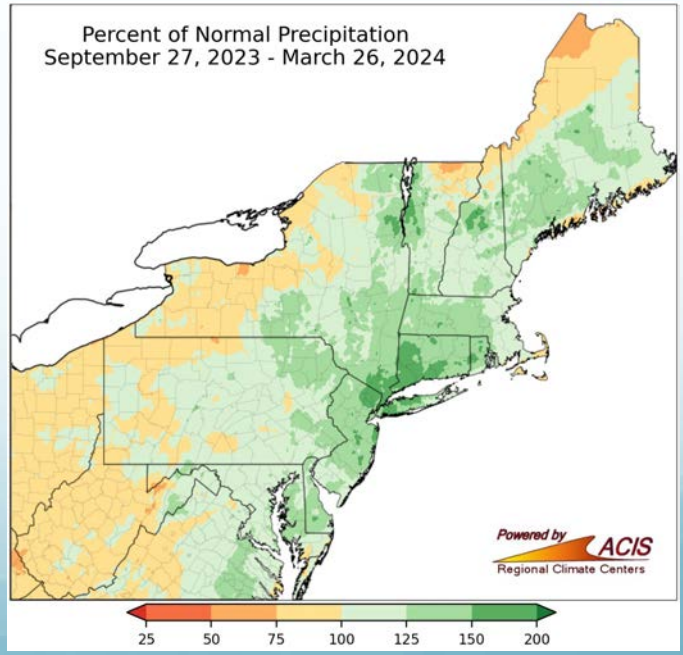
Precipitation

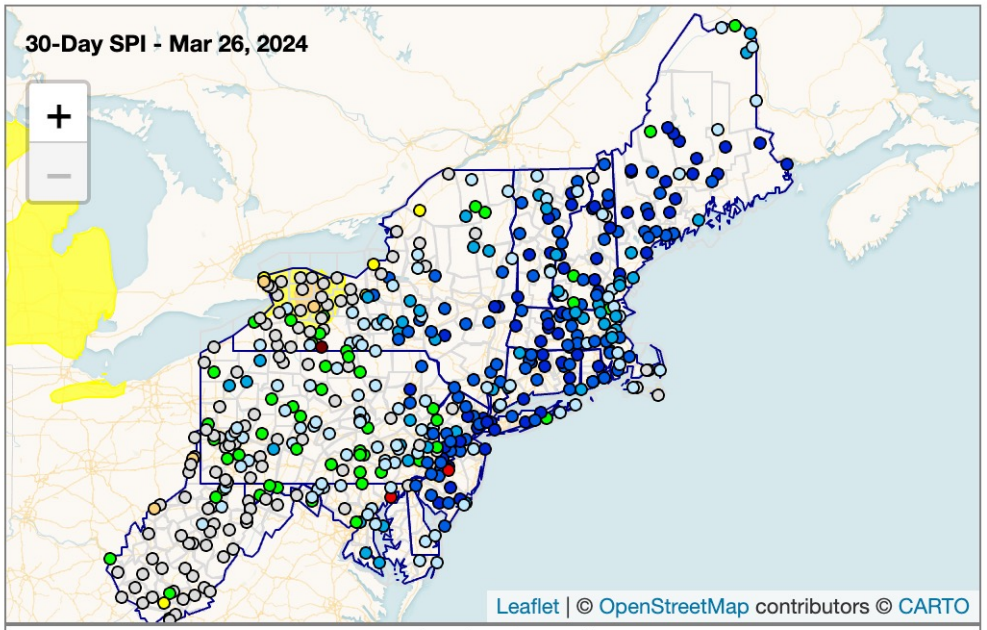








Standardized Precipitation Index



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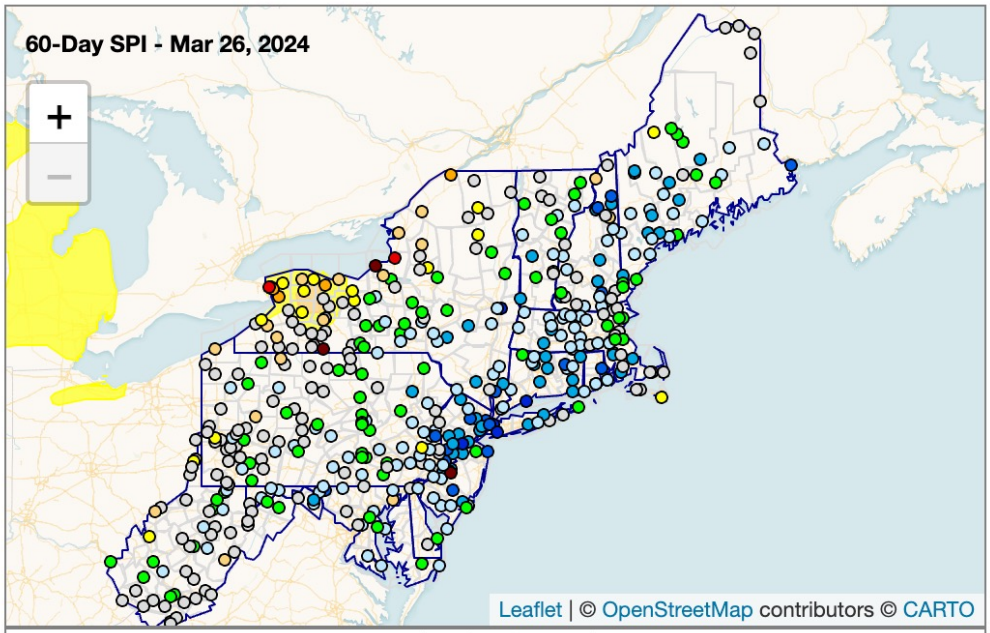

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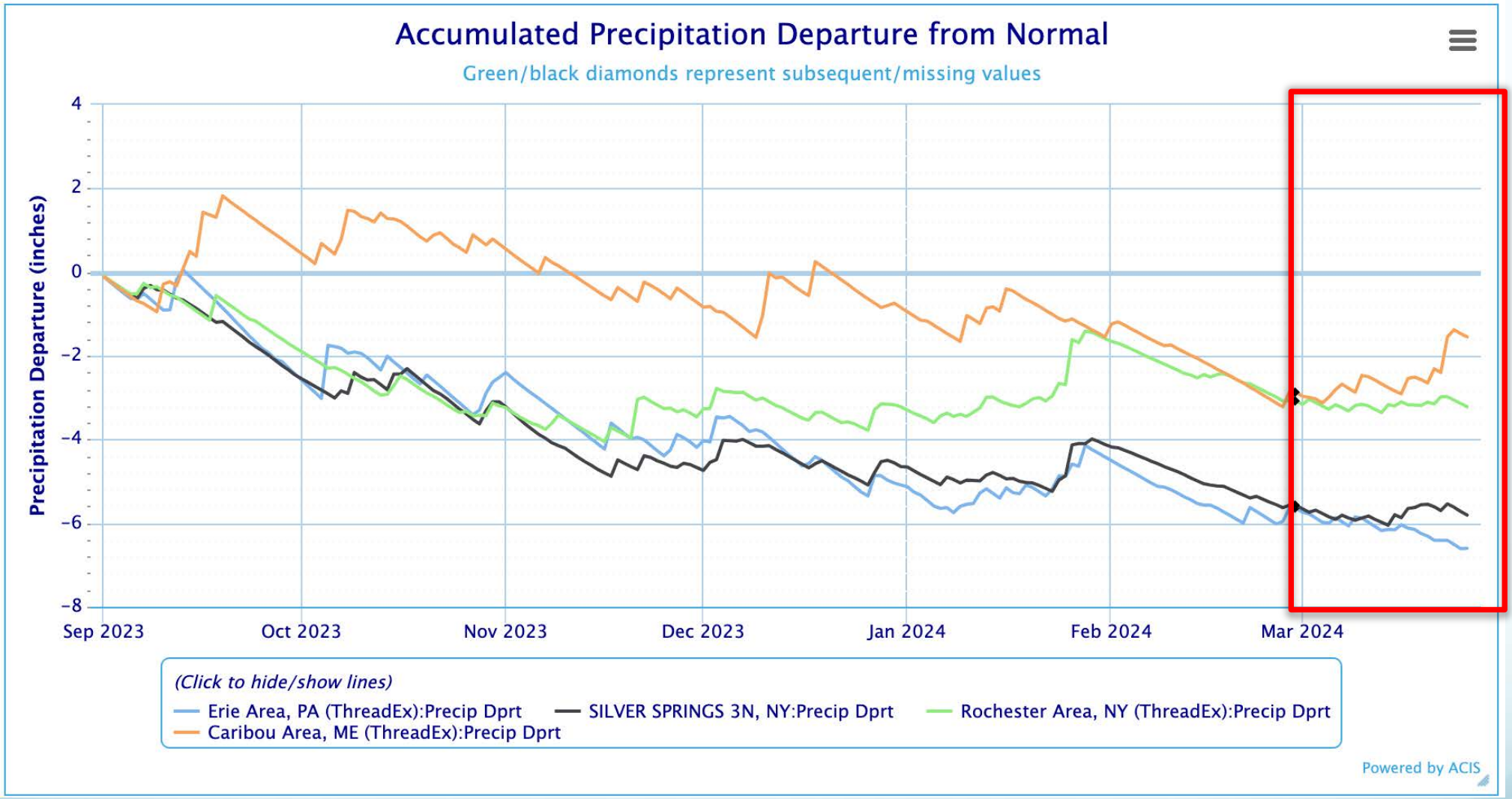

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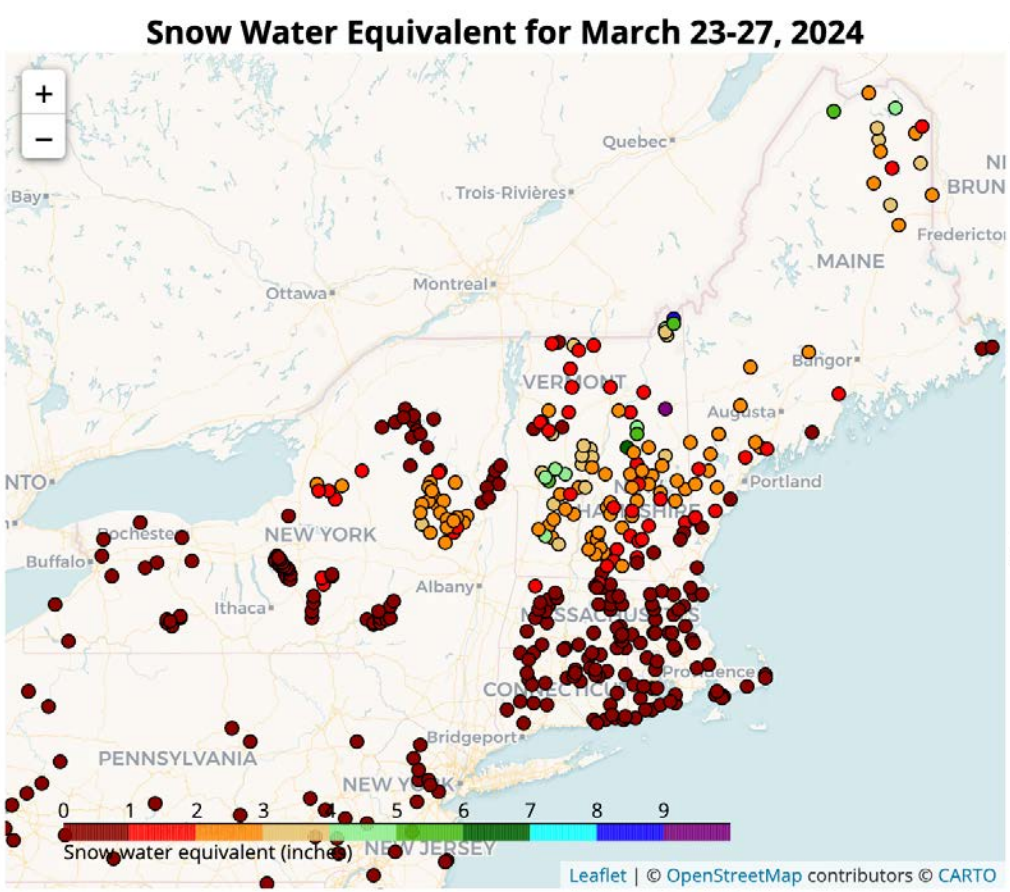

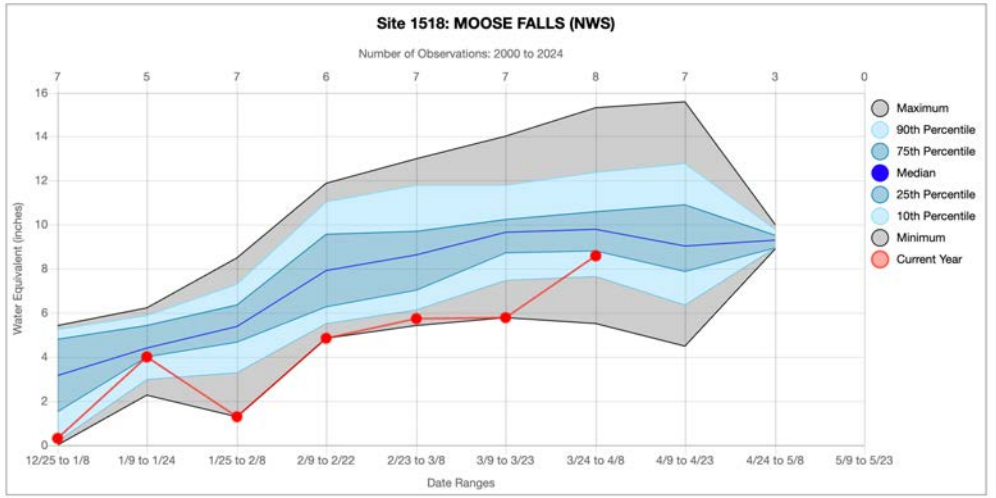

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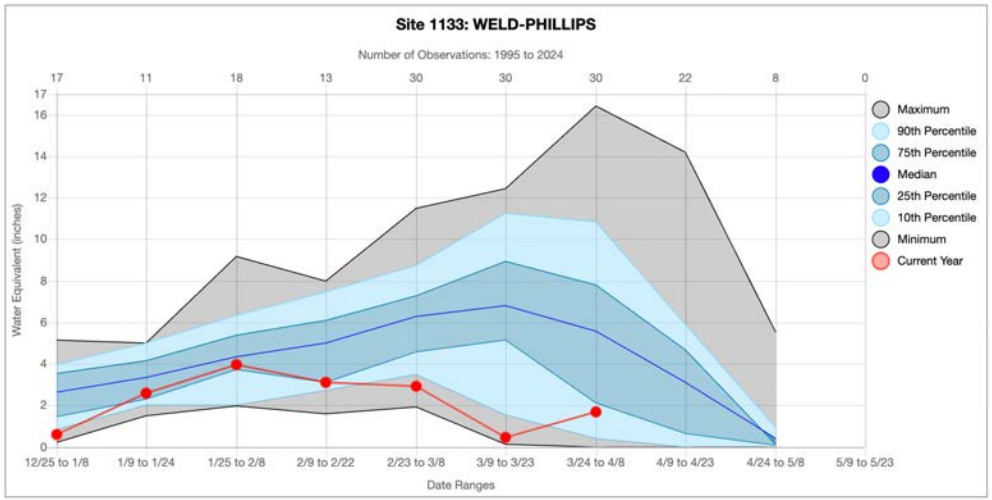

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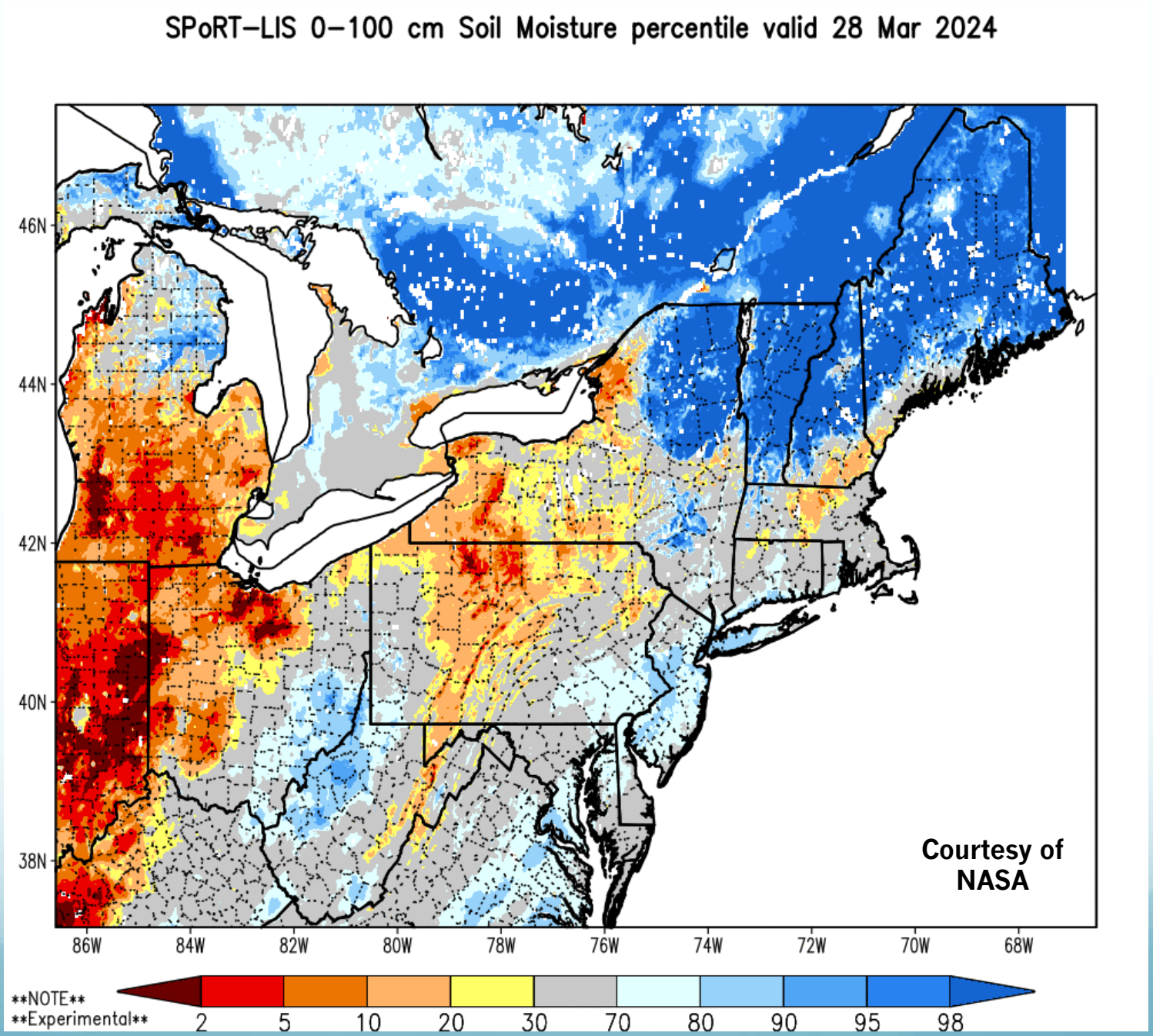

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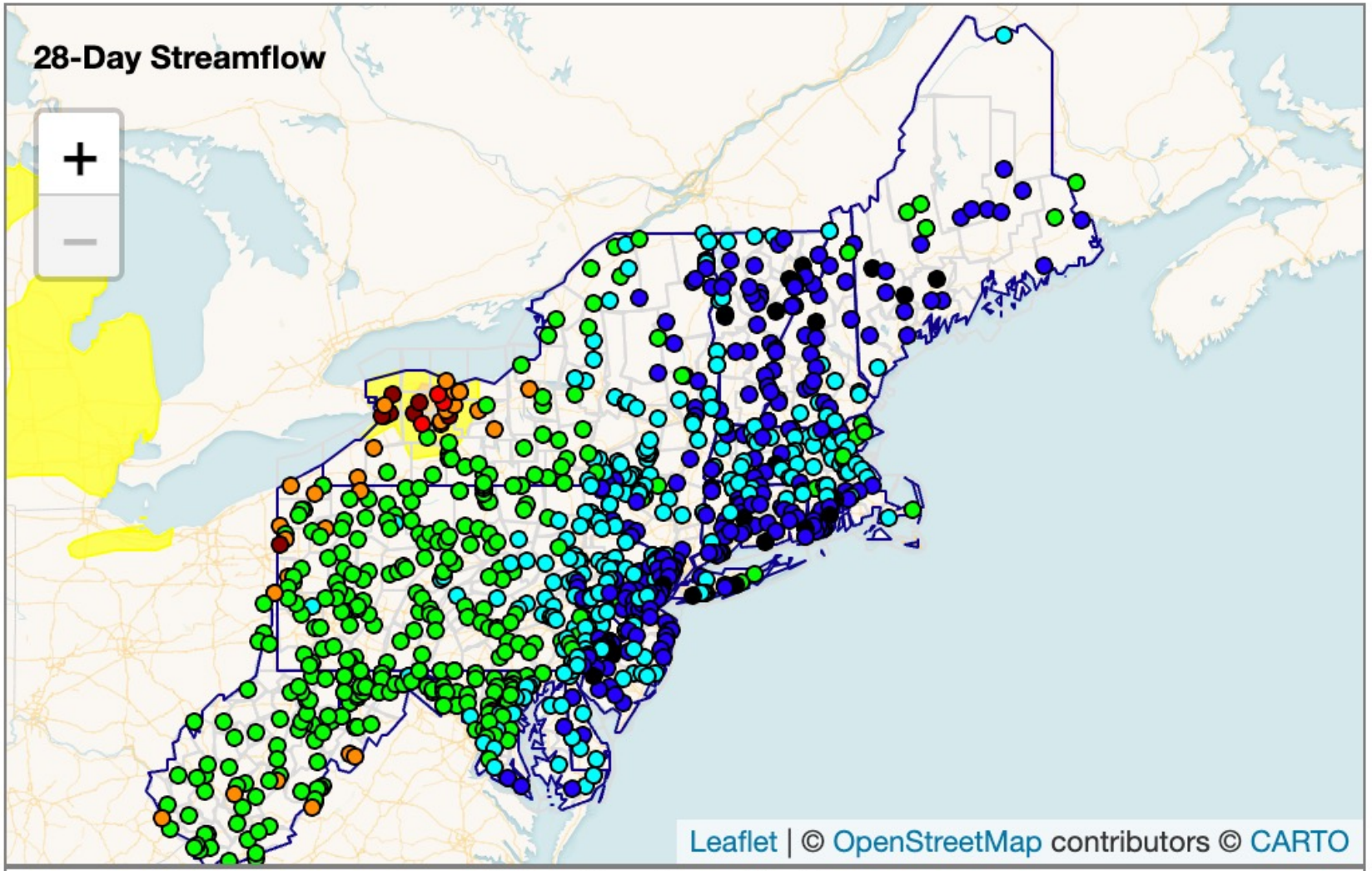

Explanation - Percentile Classes

Low	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	High
	<10%	10-24%	25-75%	76-90%	>90%	

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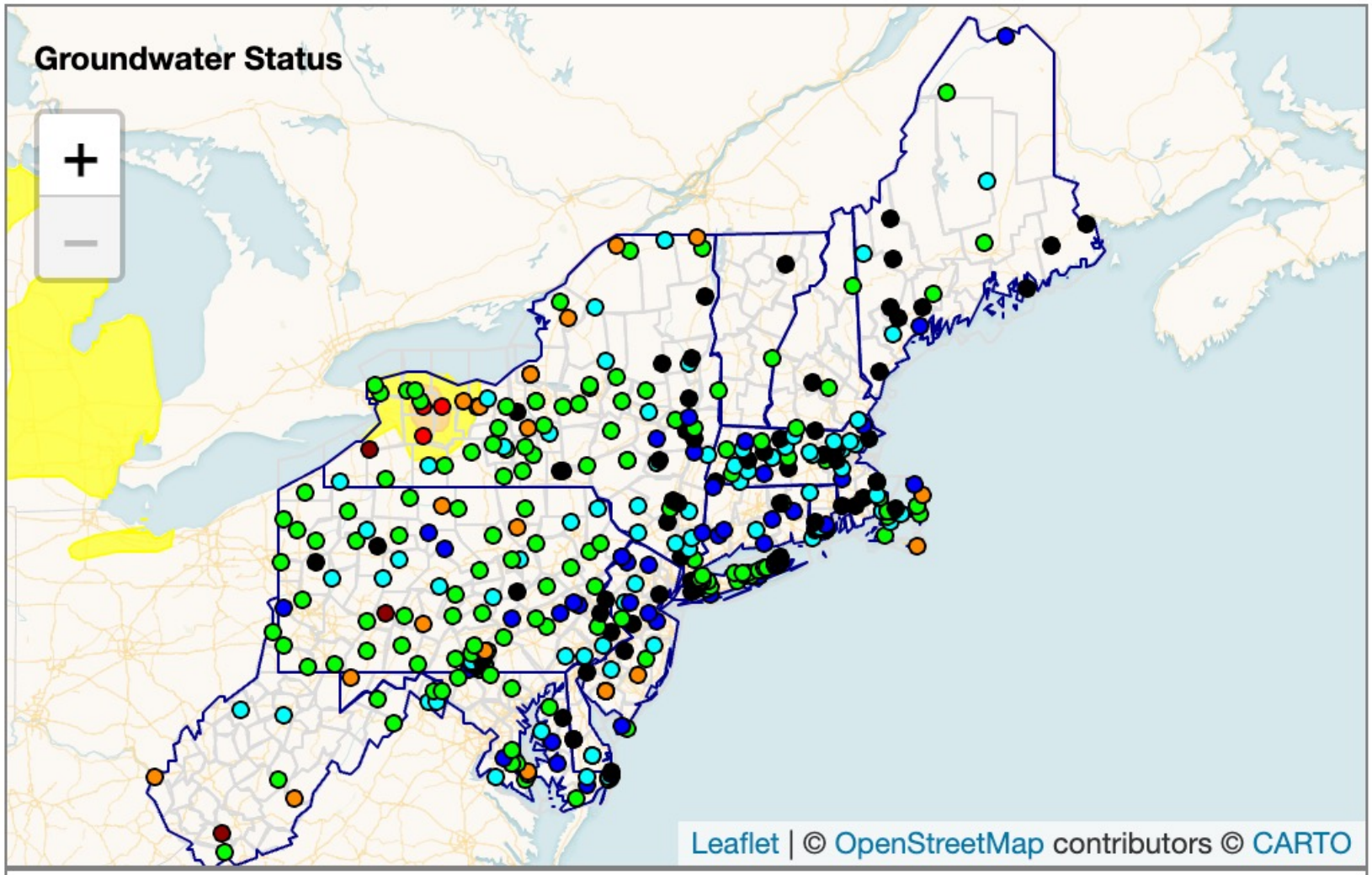
Groundwater



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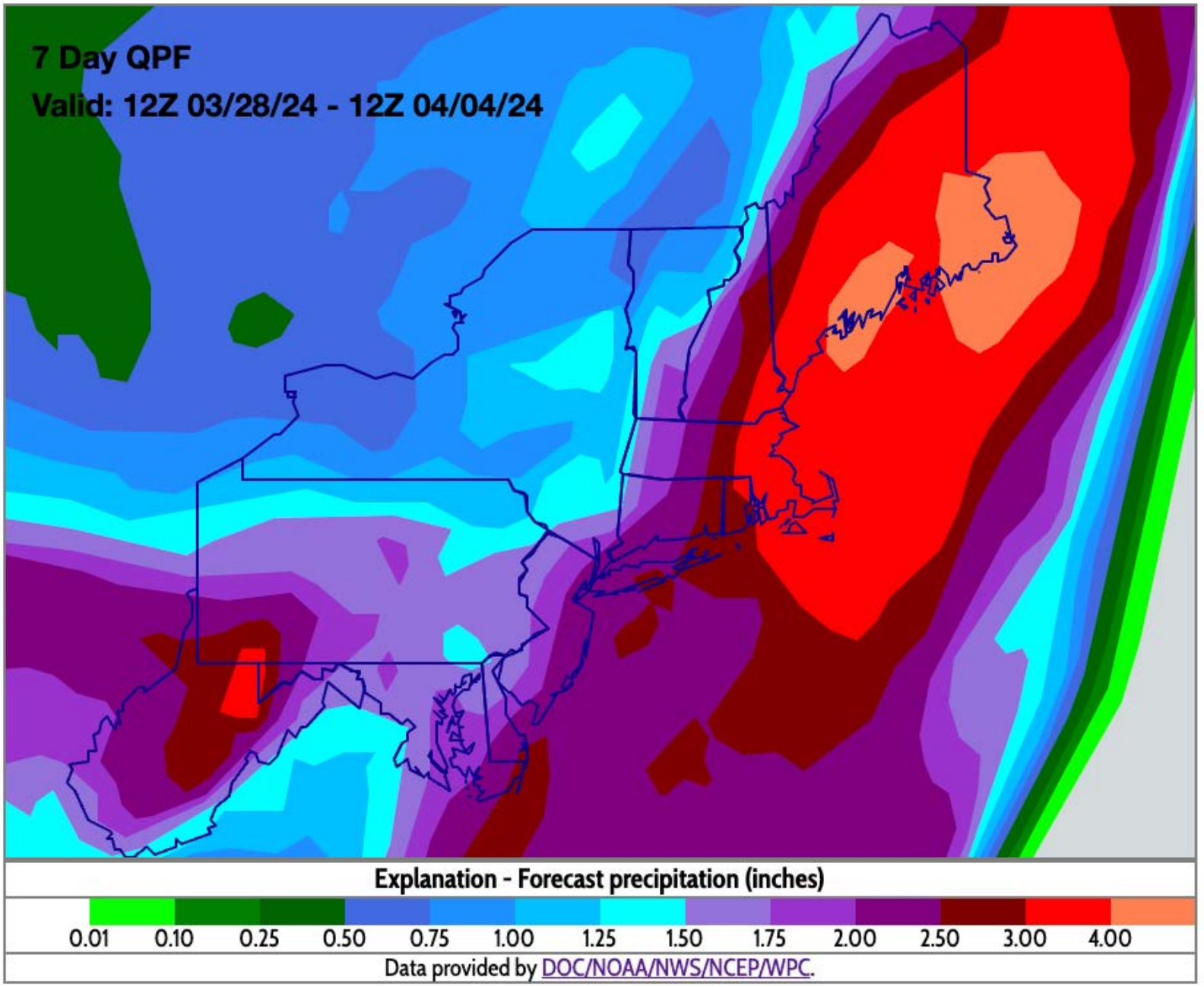
Precipitation Forecast



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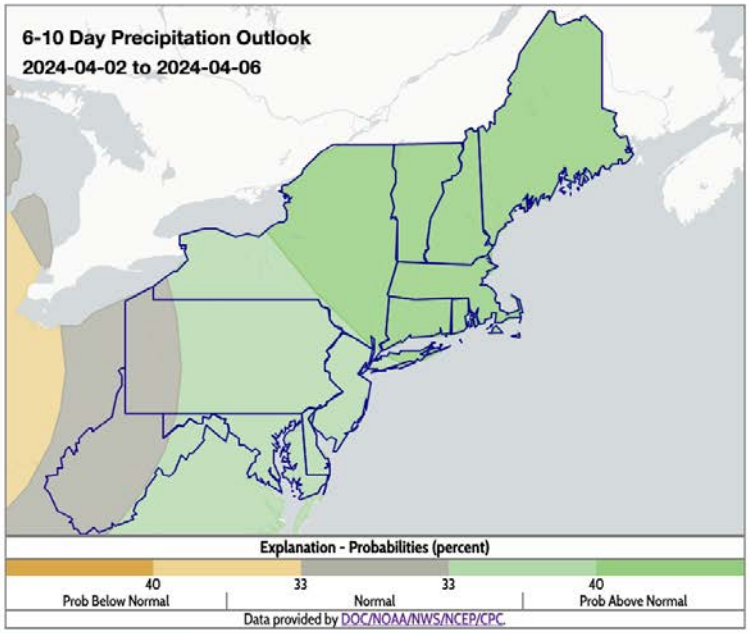
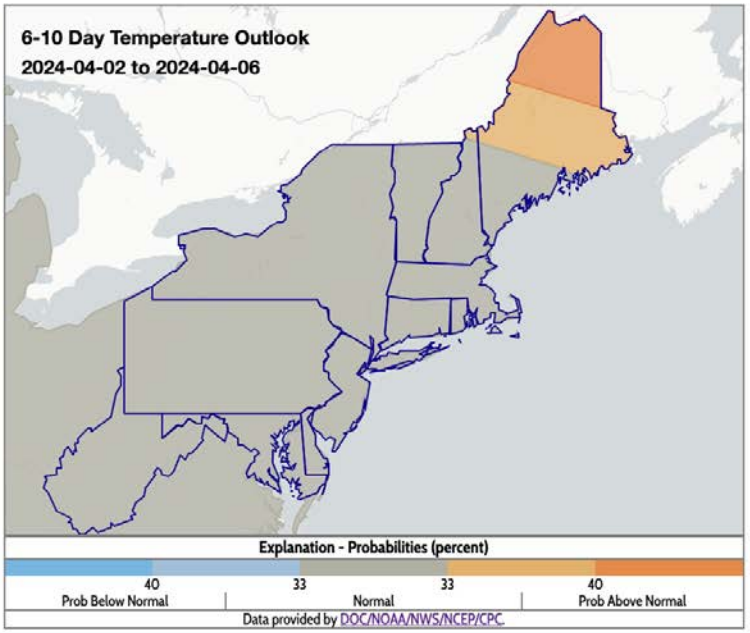
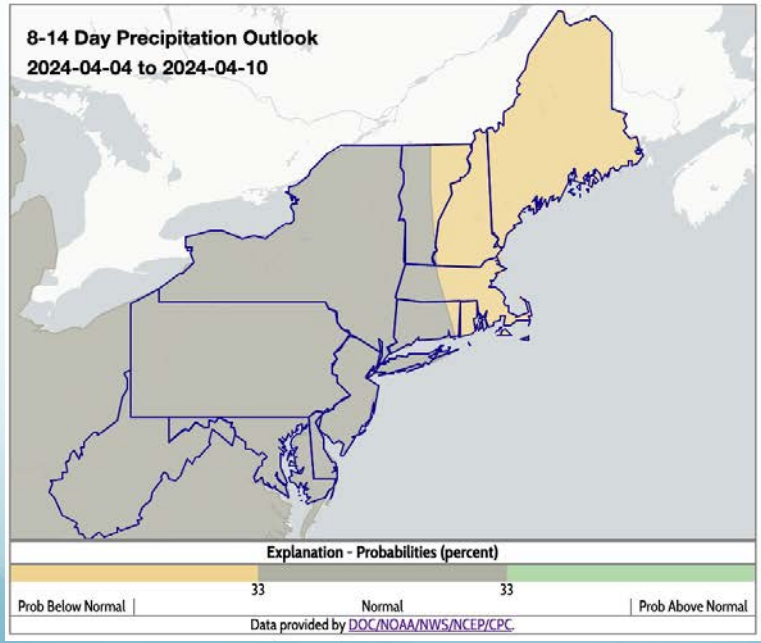
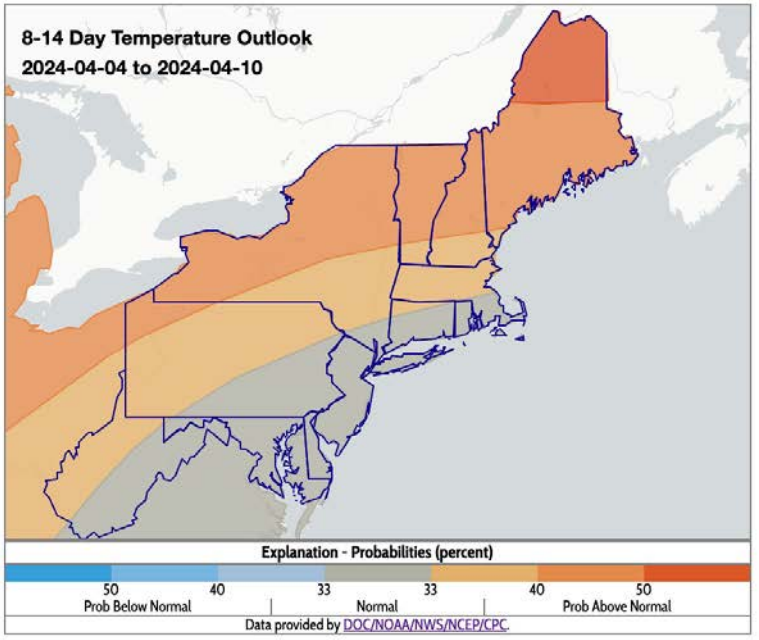
Short-term Outlooks









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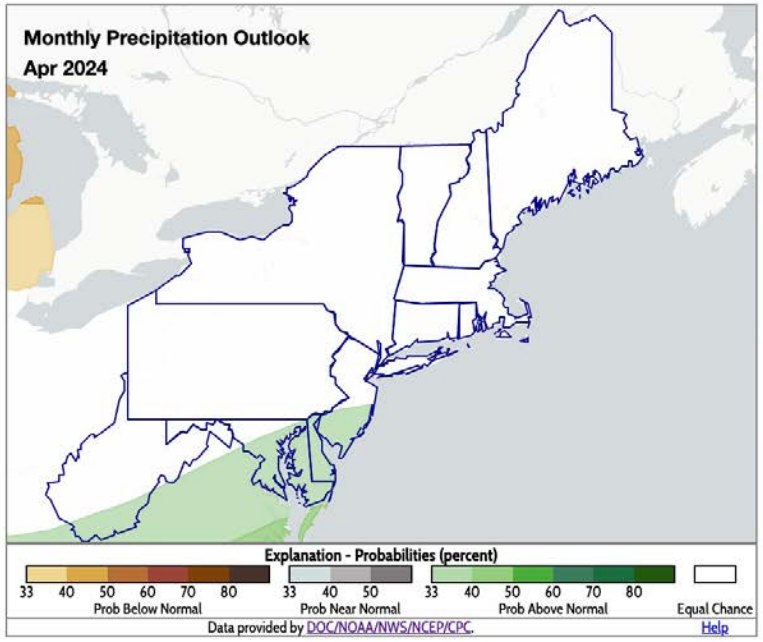
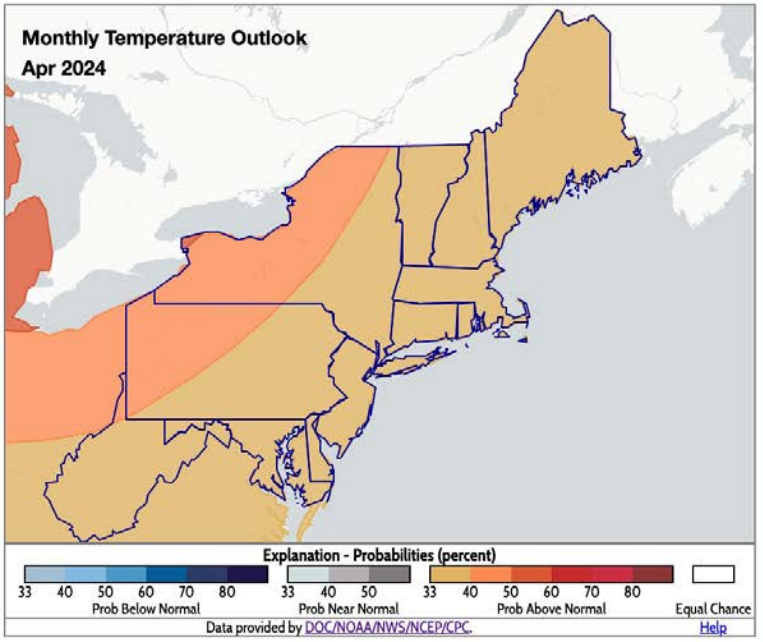
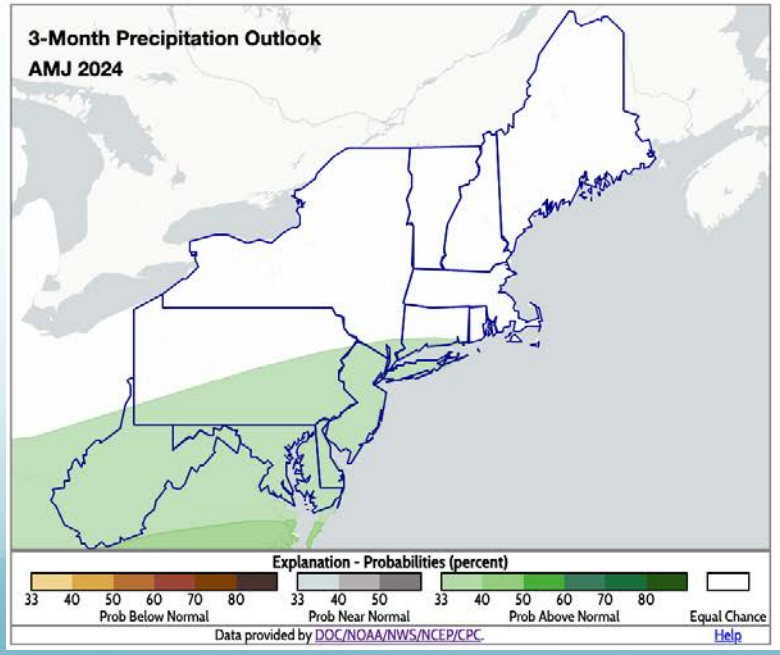
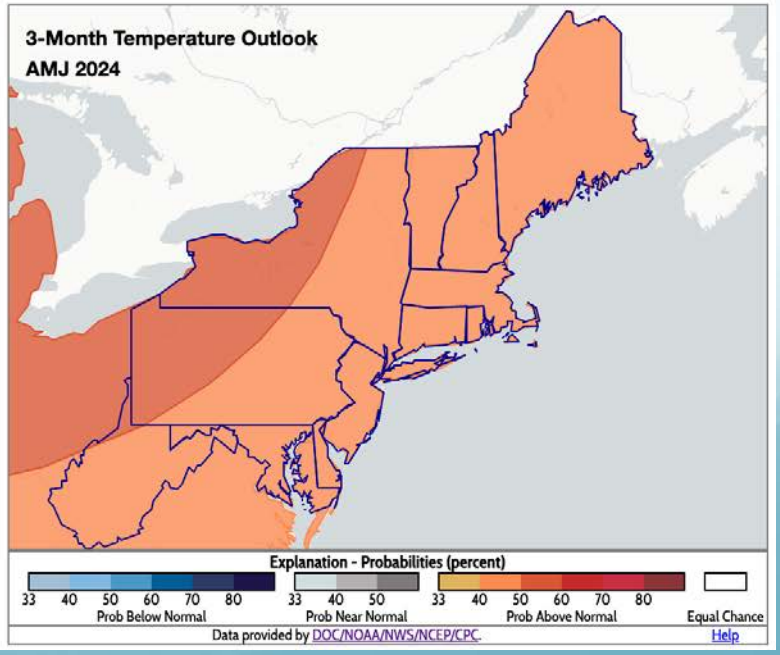




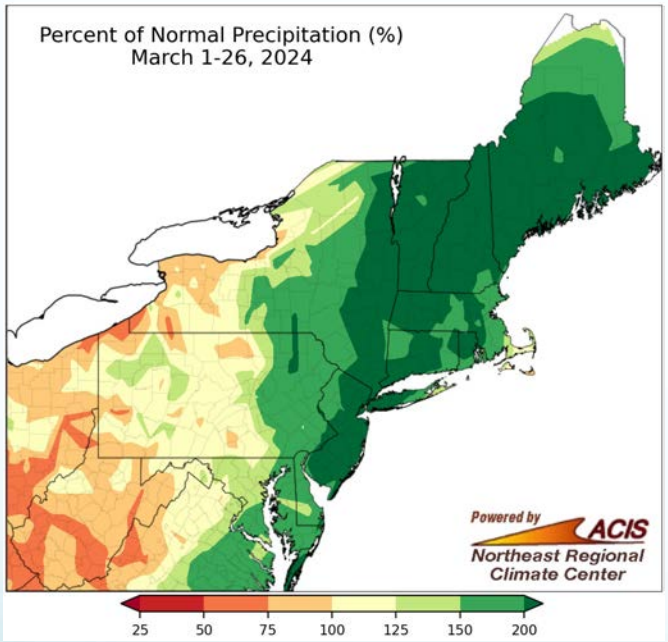




Summary

March-to-date conditions:

- Above-normal temperatures for the region
- Above-normal precipitation for most, except drier in some interior areas
- Below-normal snowfall for many; above-normal for northern New England



Drought:

- Abnormal dryness improved in northwestern Pennsylvania
- Slight expansion of moderate drought and abnormal dryness in western New York; moderate drought persists on Nantucket

Outlooks:

- Short-term: near- or above-normal precipitation for 6-10 day; below- or near-normal precipitation for 8-14 day; near- or above-normal temperatures for both time periods
- Apr and Apr-June: above-normal precipitation for some southern areas and above-normal temperatures for all

Contact Information

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Upcoming Webinars

- Tuesday, April 30 at 9:30am EDT
  - Ocean Warming and Marine Impacts
- Thursday, May 30 at 9:30am EDT
  - National Water Model & Flood Inundation Mapping
- Thursday, June 27at 9:30am EDT
  - Dept. of Transportation Resiliency Projects

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