# May Conditions & Northeast DEWS Discussion

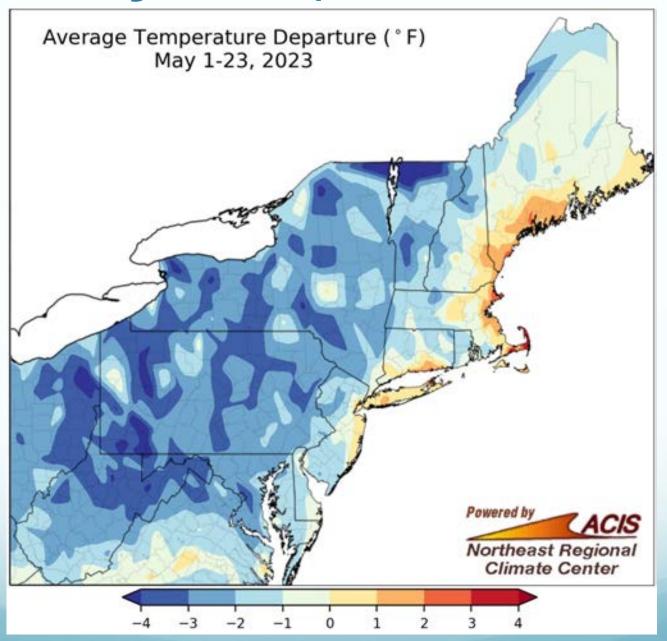
By: Samantha Borisoff, Climatologist Northeast Regional Climate Center







# May Temperatures





From more than 4°F below normal to 3°F above normal

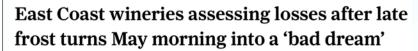
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Daily Minimum Temperature (°F)

24 hours ending at 8am, May 18, 2023

Vermont farmers take stock of frost damage on apple, strawberry and blueberry crops

Vermont Public | By Howard Weiss-Tisman



Updated: May. 23, 2023, 6:36 p.m. | Published: May. 22, 2023, 2:19 p.m.

**CENTRAL NY NEWS** 

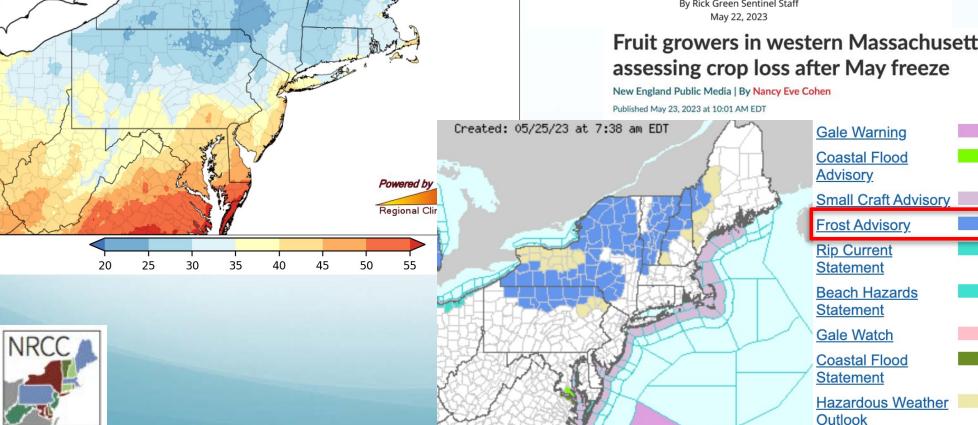
Recent widespread frost damage creates worry for Finger Lakes wineries

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Hard freeze causes significant crop damage at farms in NH, beyond

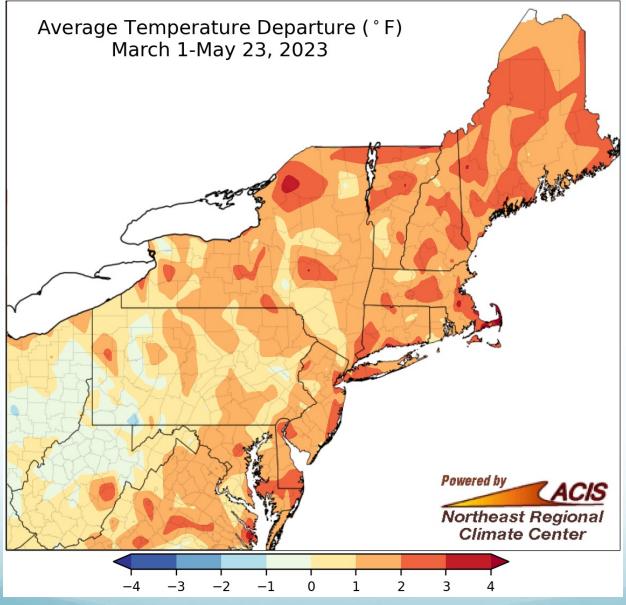
By Rick Green Sentinel Staff

#### Fruit growers in western Massachusetts

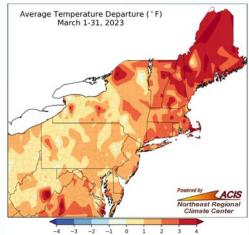


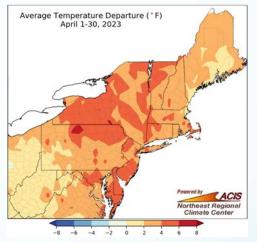
Jacob Colonian

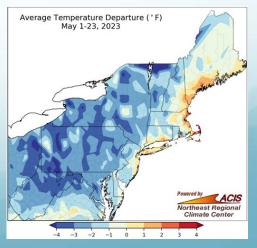
# Spring Temperatures





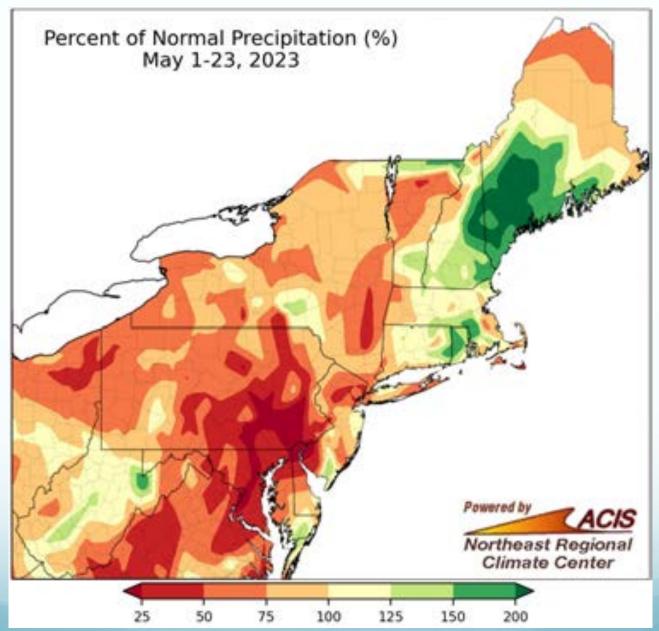








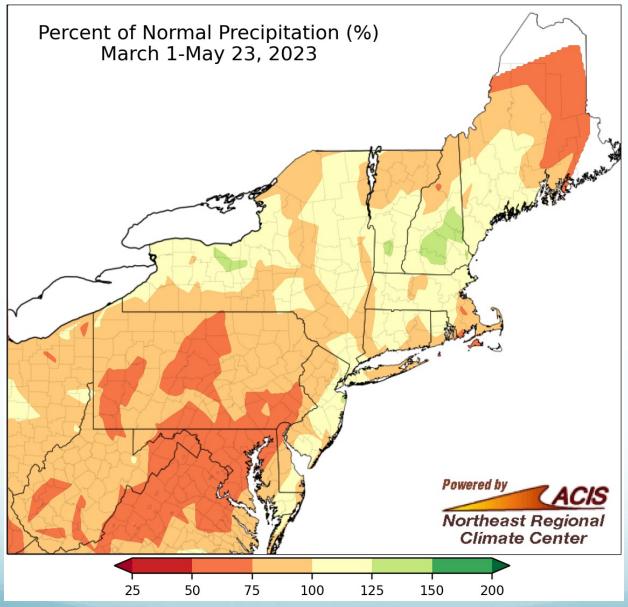
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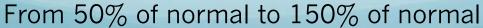


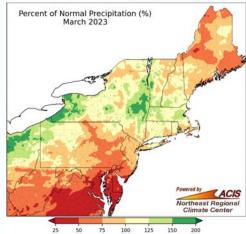


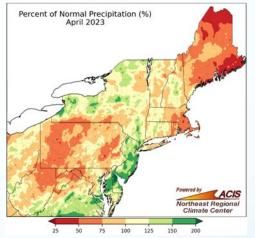
From less than 25% of normal to more than 200% of normal

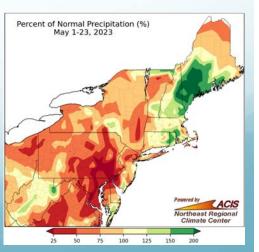
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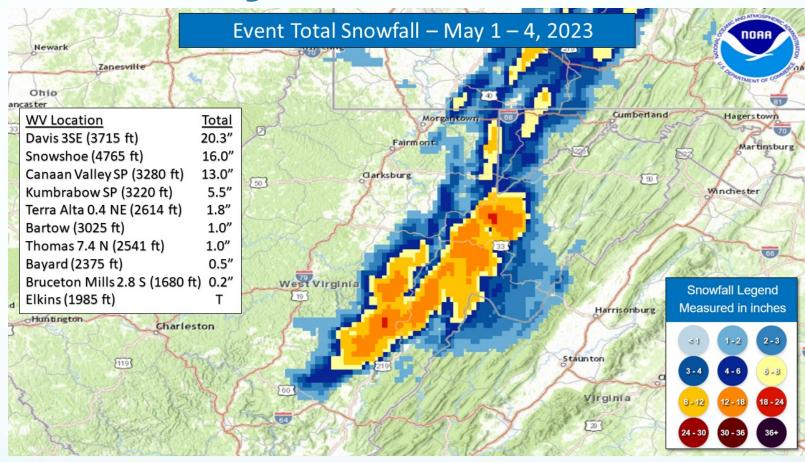








# May Snowfall



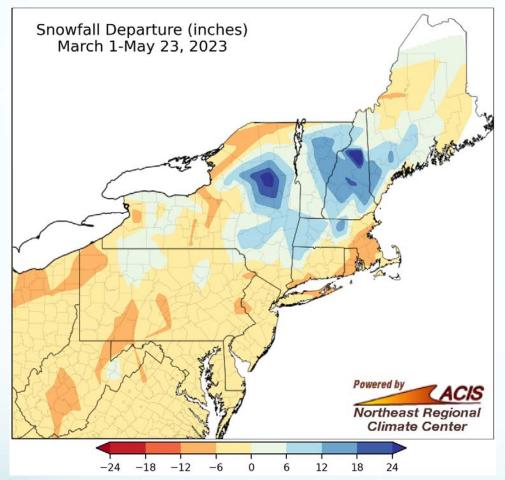
#### All-Time May West Virginia State Snowfall Records Broken

Category	Old Record	New Record
Largest 24-Hr May Snow Largest May Snowstorm Greatest May Snow Depth Snowiest May	<pre>10.0 In (Beckley, WV: May 8/9, 1923) 12.0 In (Kumbrabow State Forest (WV): May 4-6, 1945) 6 In (Cheat Bridge, WV: May 12, 1924) 12.0 In (Kumbrabow State Forest (WV): May 1945)</pre>	10.1 In (3 SE Davis, WV: May 2/3, 2023) 20.3 In (3 SE Davis, WV: May 1-4, 2023) 15 In (Snowshoe, WV: May 4, 2023) 20.3 In (3 SE Davis, WV: May 2023)

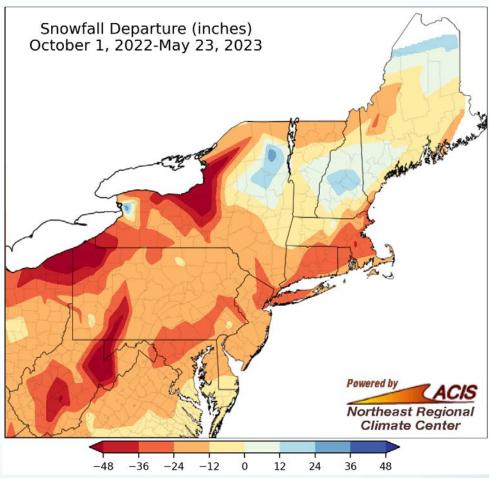
This is preliminary data until published by NOAA/NCEI in Asheville, NC.



# Spring & Season Snowfall



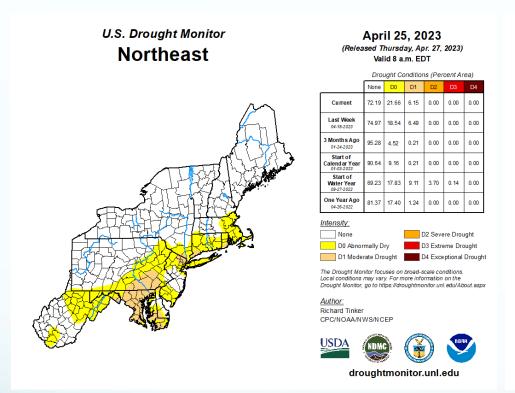
From 12" below normal to more than 24" above normal

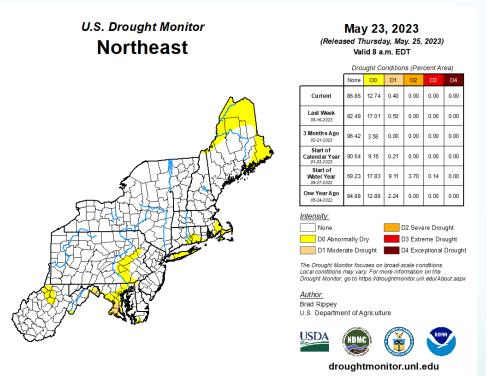


From more than 48" below normal to 24" above normal



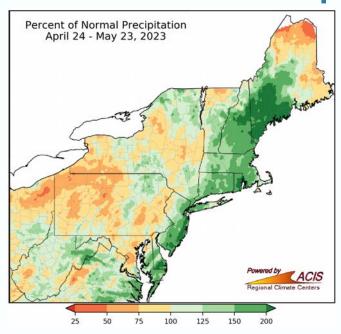
# Drought Monitor

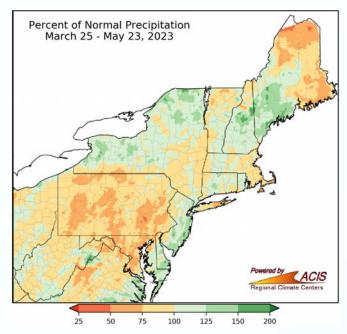


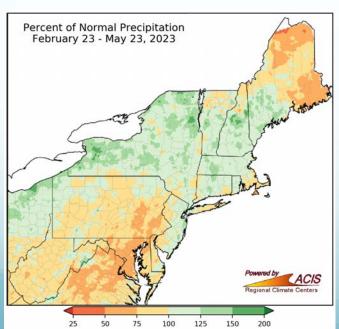


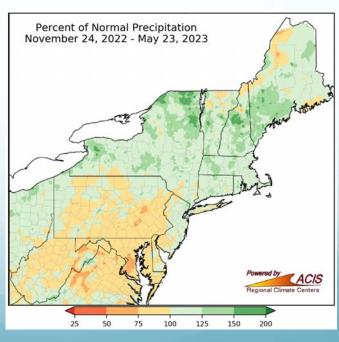


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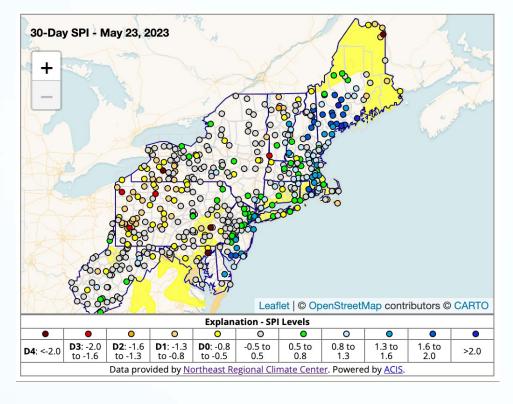


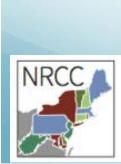




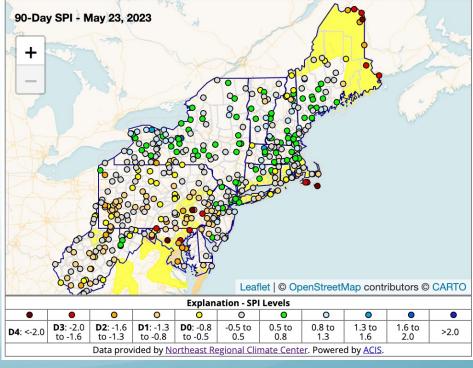




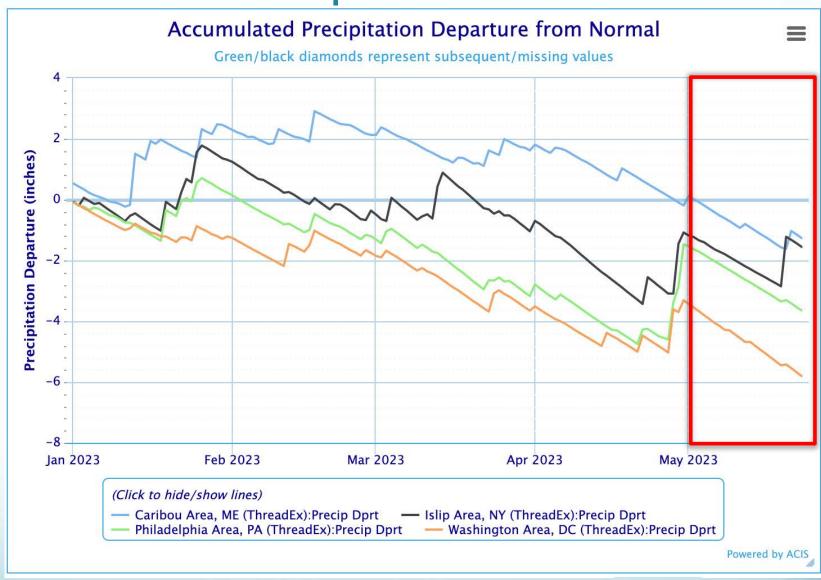




# Standardized Precipitation Index



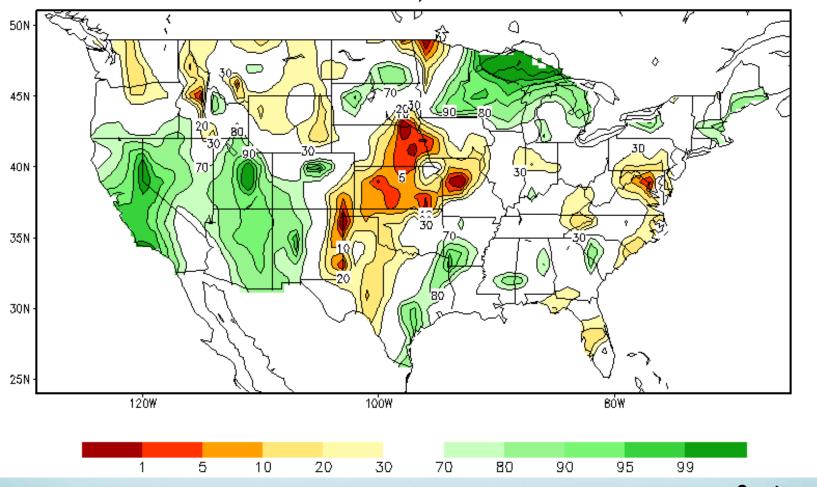
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## Soil Moisture

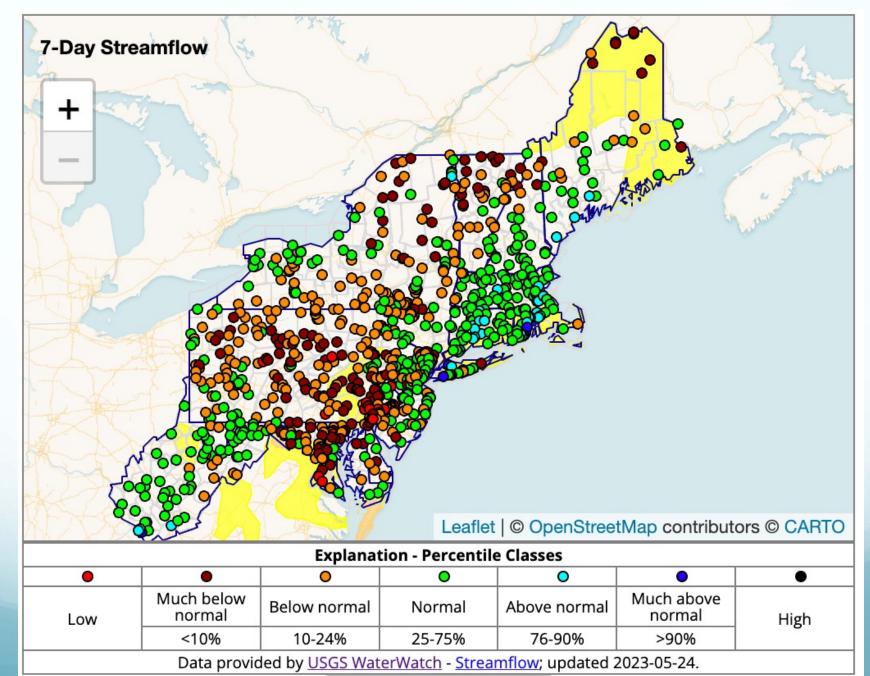
### Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile MAY 23, 2023





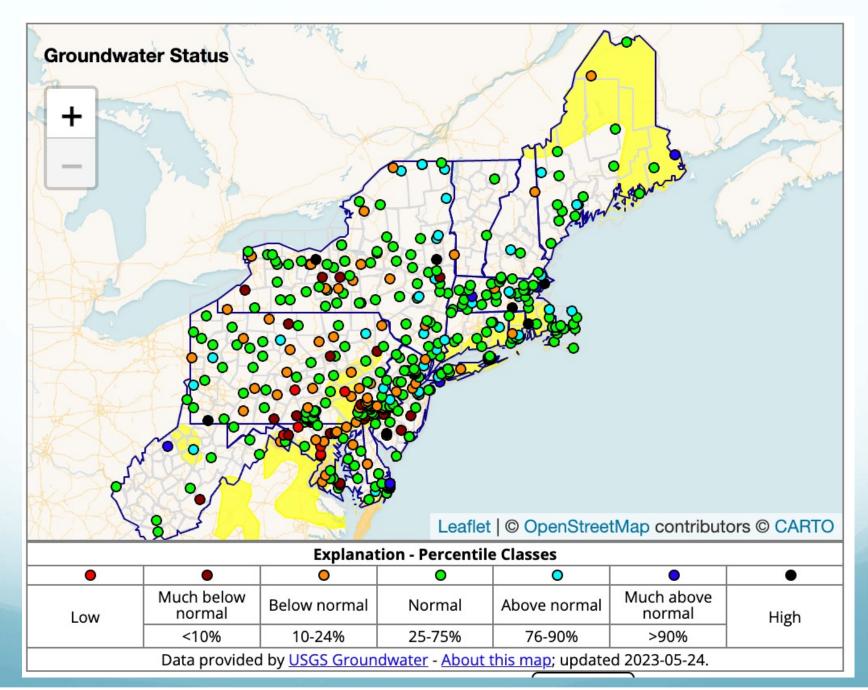
**Courtesy of NOAA CPC** 

### Streamflow



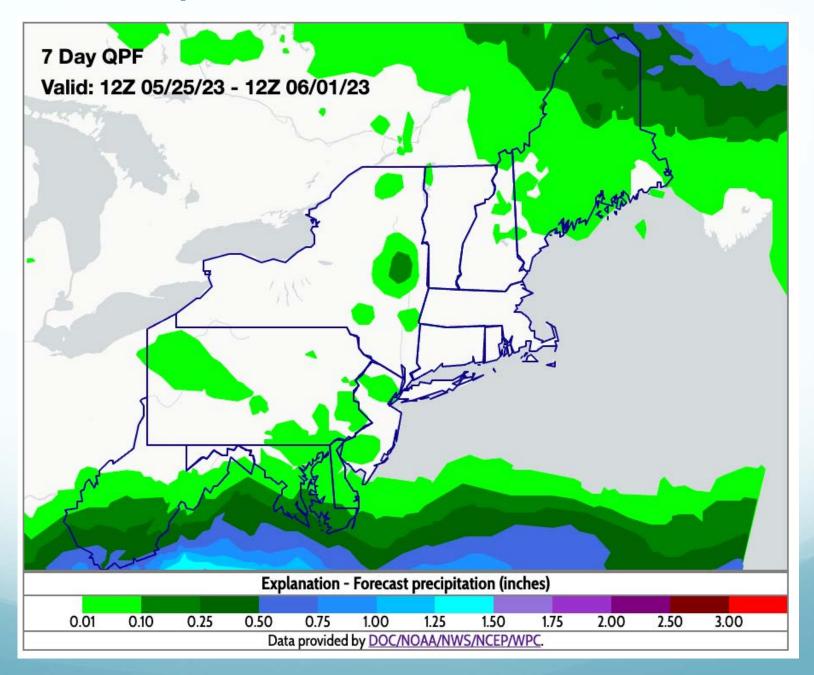


### Groundwater



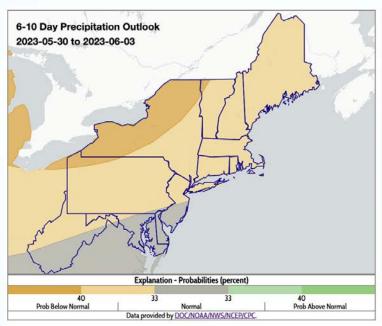


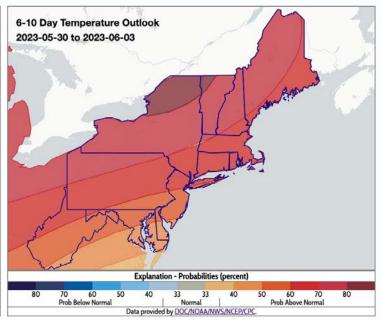
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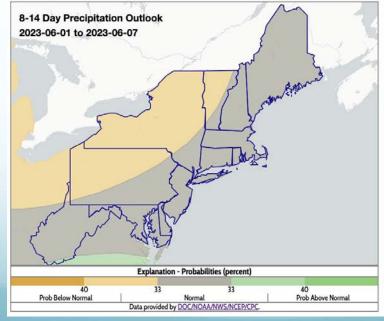


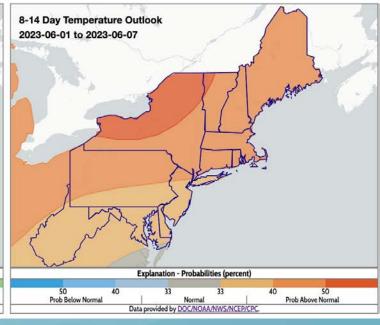


## Short-term Outlooks



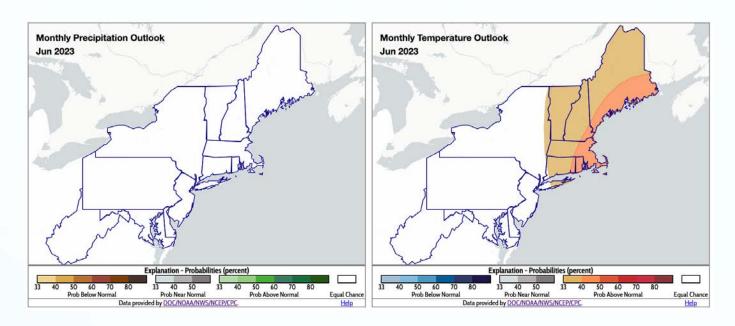


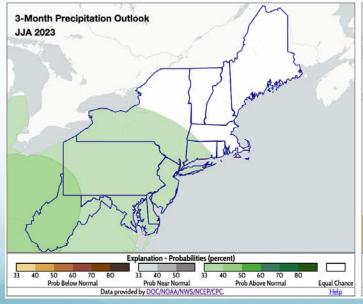


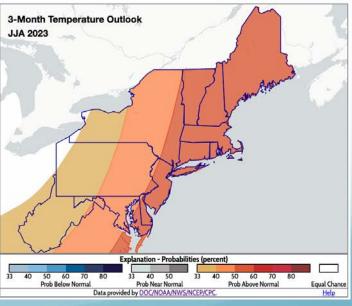




# Monthly & 3-Month Outlooks





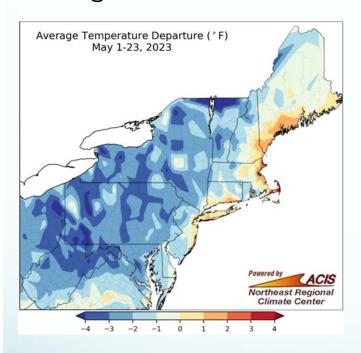




# Summary

#### **May-to-date conditions:**

- Below or near-normal temperatures
- Below-or near-normal precip in multiple areas; wetter in parts of WV and New England



#### **Drought**:

Moderate drought and abnormal dryness contracted in the Northeast

#### **Outlooks:**

- Short-term: below- or near-normal precipitation and near- or above-normal temperatures favored for both periods
- June: Equal chances precipitation; above-normal temperatures for New England
- Summer: Above-normal precipitation for many areas outside northern New England; abovenormal temperatures for most of the region



#### **Contact Information**

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# **Upcoming Webinars**

- Thursday, June 29 at 9:30am EDT
  - Heat Health Pilots Around the U.S.
- Thursday, July 27 at 9:30am EDT
  - Drought.gov Update
- Thursday, August 31 at 9:30am EDT
  - Hurricane Season Update and Outlook
- Thursday, September 28 at 9:30am EDT
  - Maryland State Climatologist Office



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