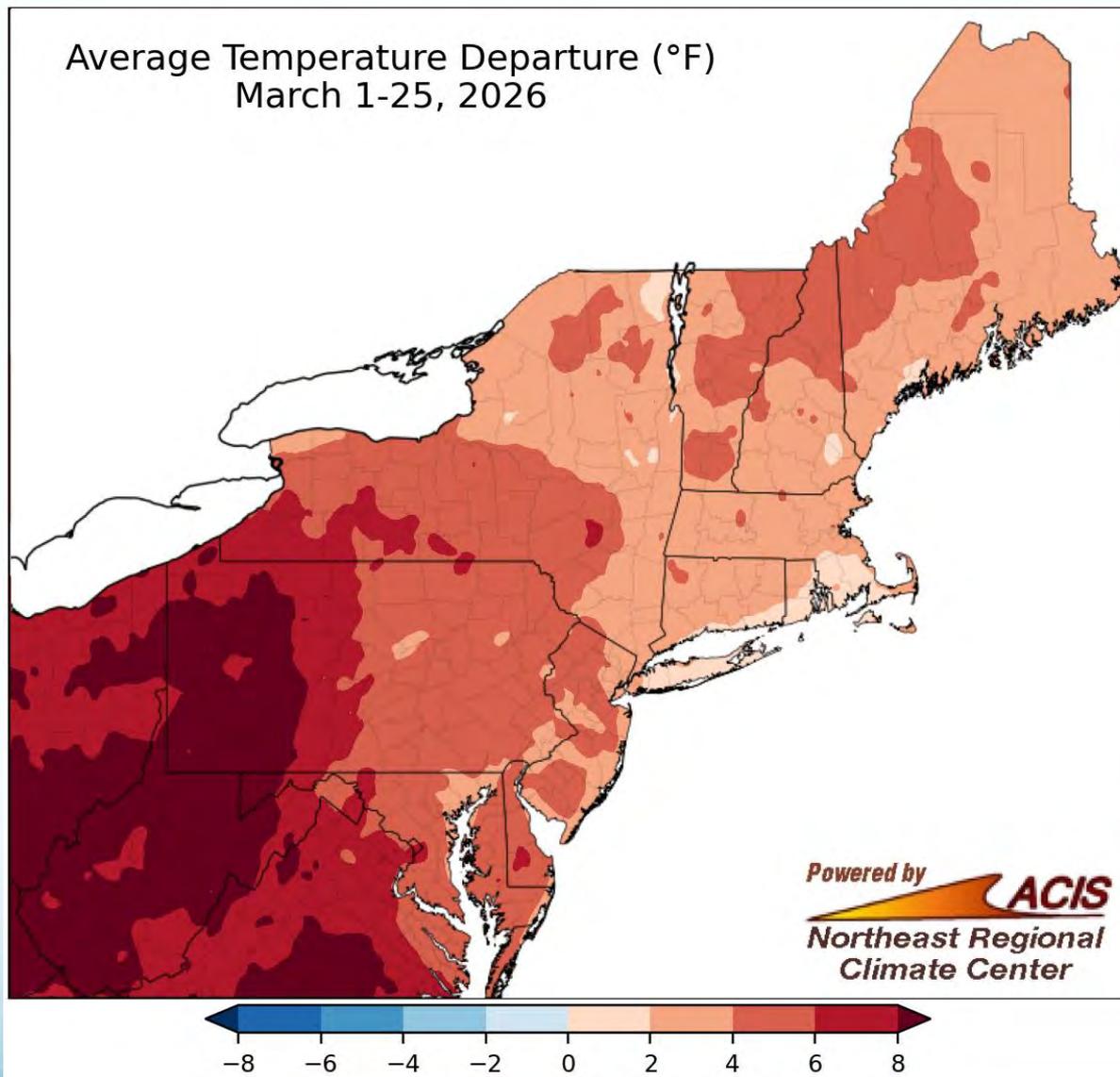


March Recap & Northeast DEWS Discussion

By: Jessica Spaccio, Climatologist
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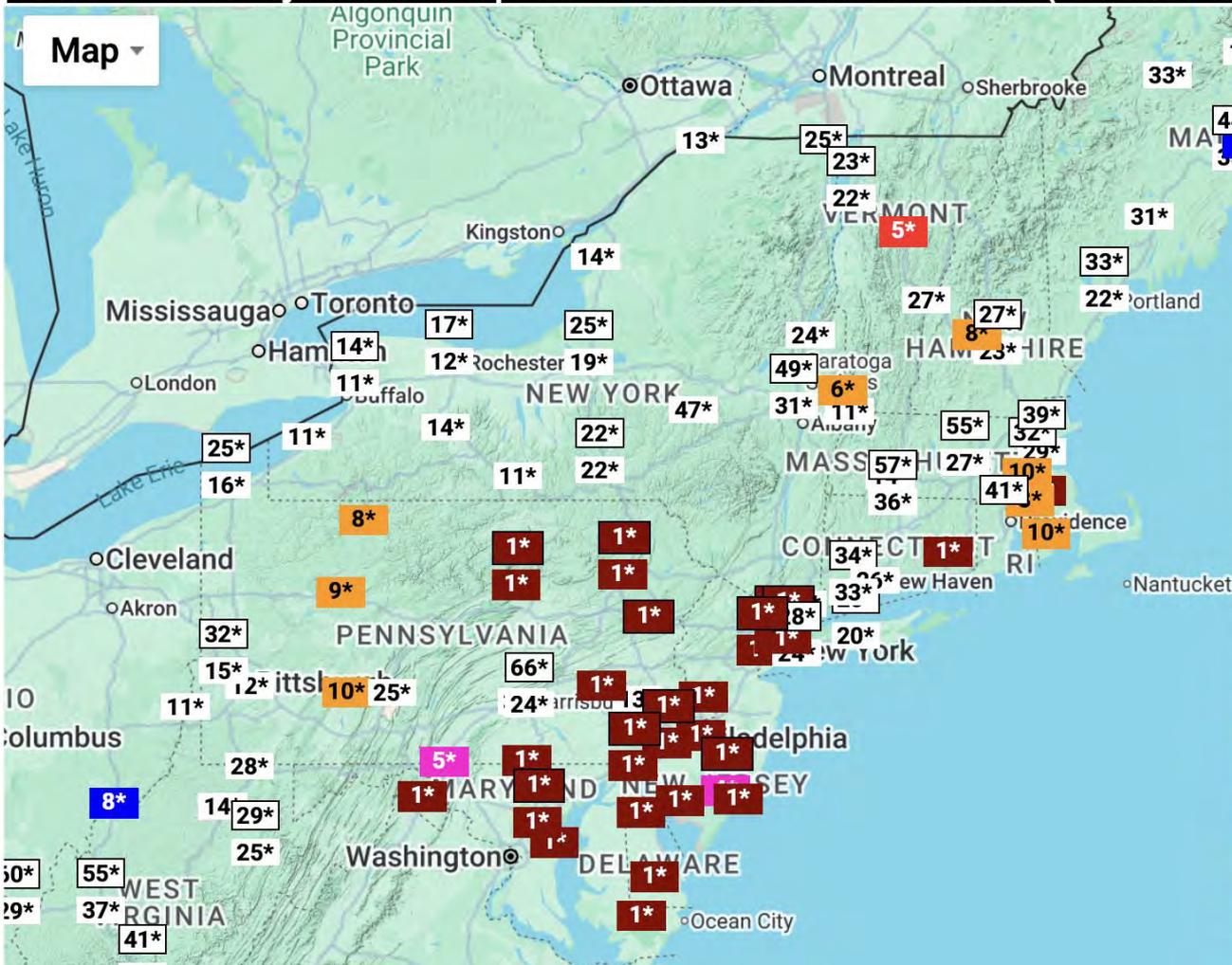
March Temperatures



2-8+°F above normal

March Temperatures

Observed Total Days of Max Temp >32F for Mar 1 2026 to Mar 24 2026 (124 stations)



Region
Northeast Region

Variable
Maximum Temp

Values
Days >32F

Date
Tue 3/24/2026

Period
Month to Date

Station Display
Rankings

Show Coop
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Legend Rank

Red	Highest
Orange	2nd-5th
Yellow	6th-10th
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Blue	10th-6th
Pink	5th-2nd
Purple	Lowest

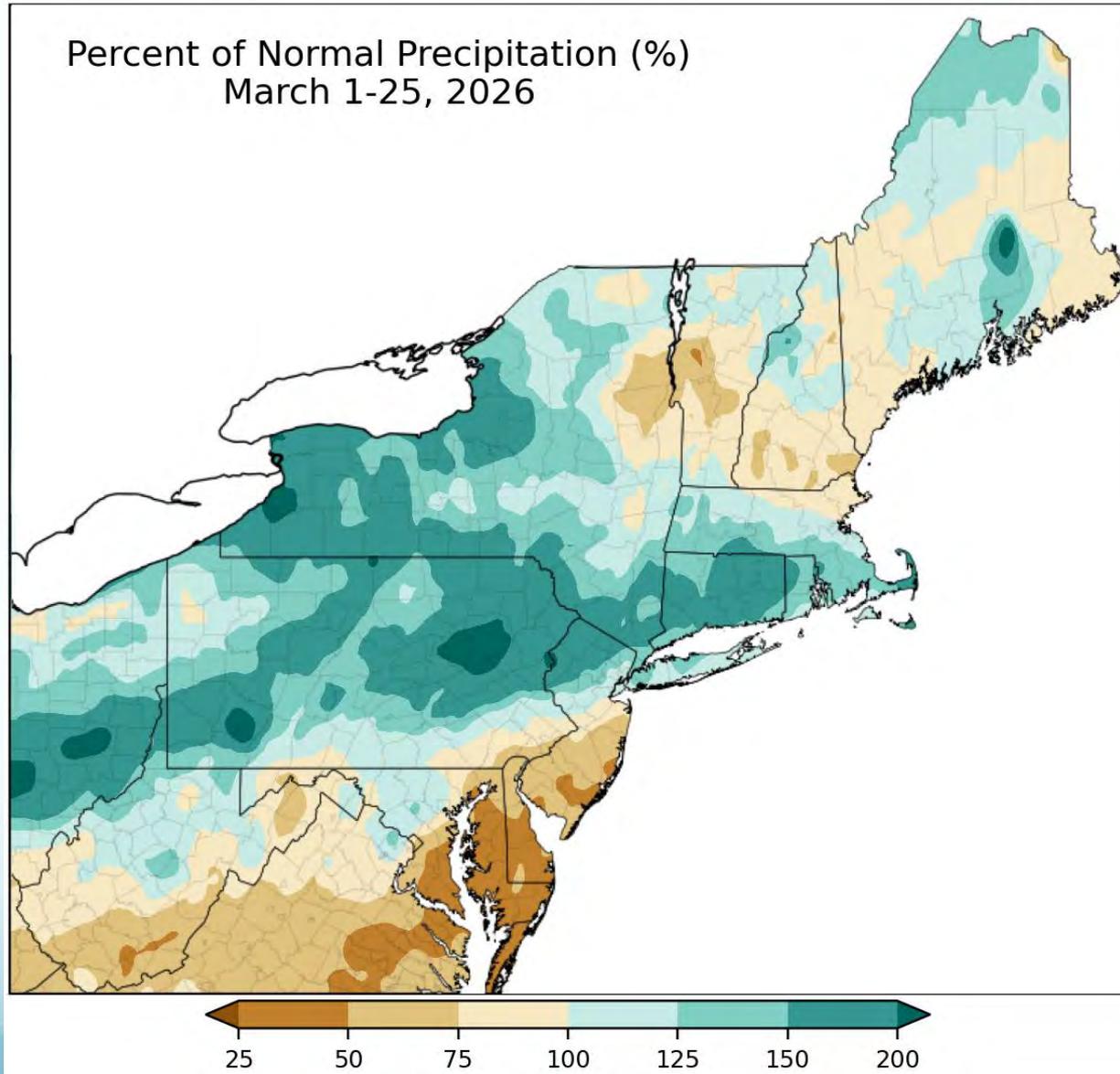
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Climate Perspectives



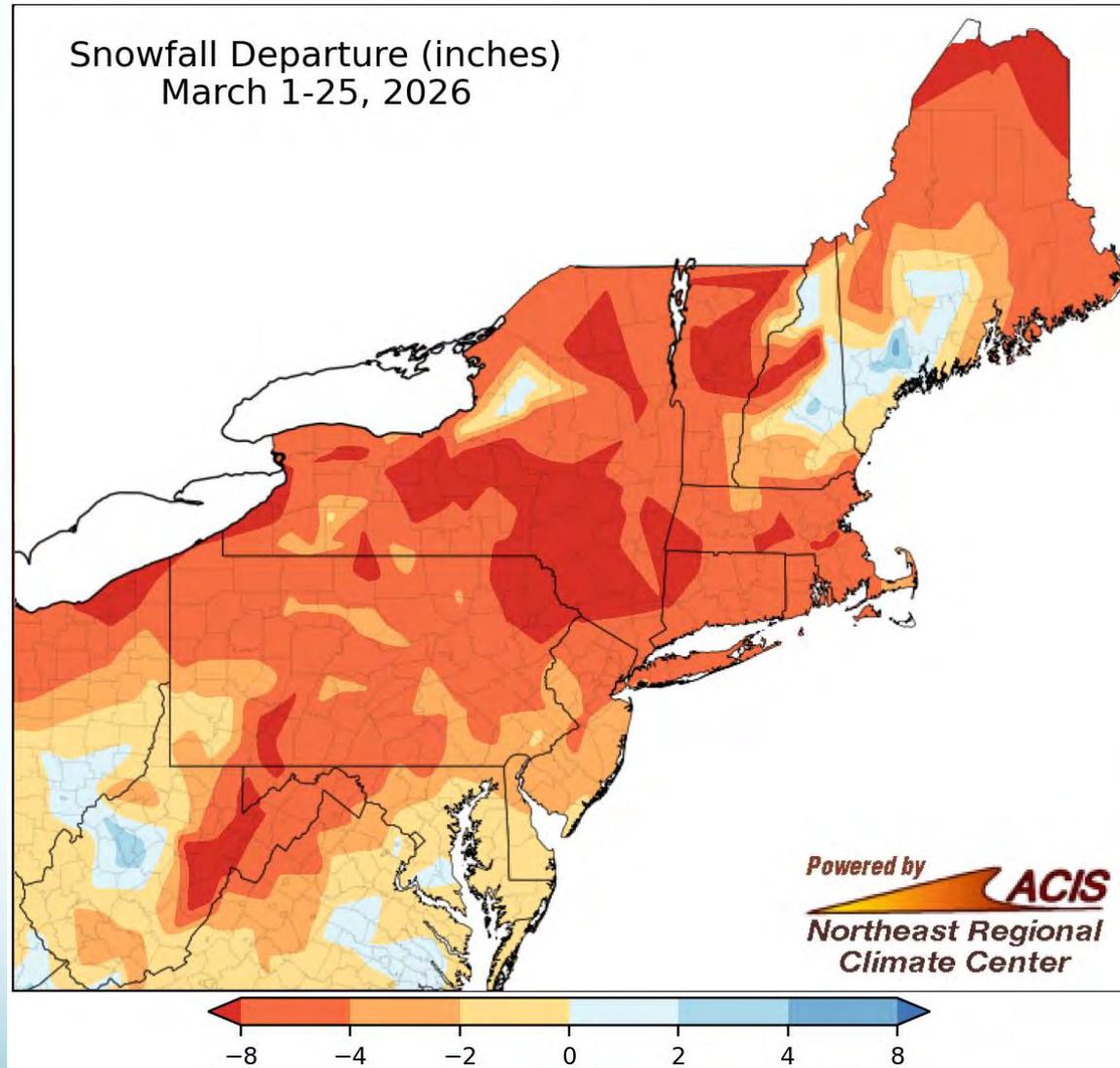
Days above freezing

March Precipitation



From 25% of normal to over 200% of normal

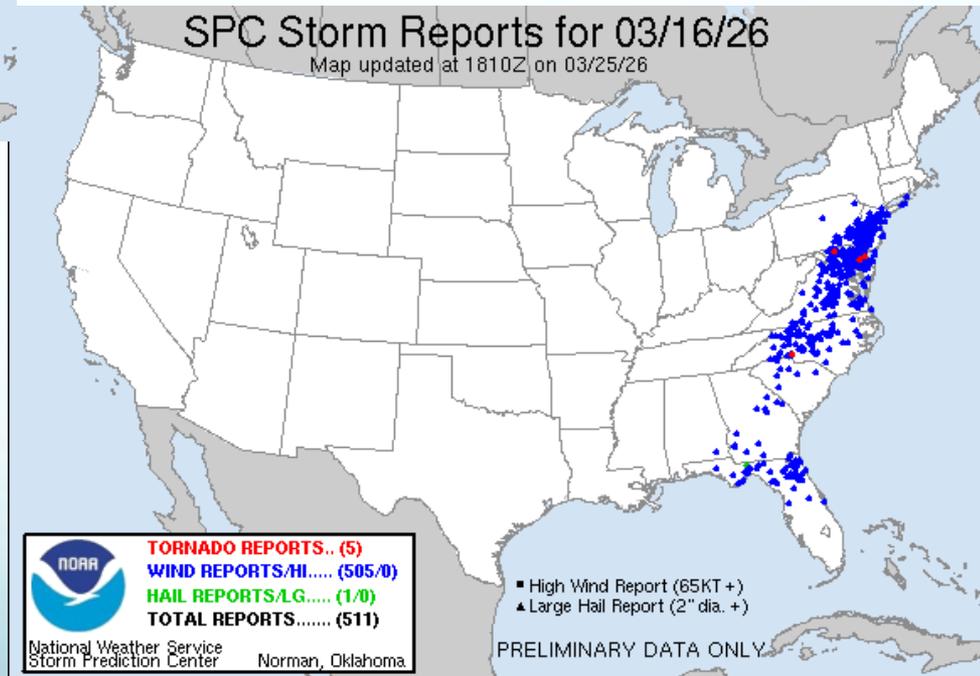
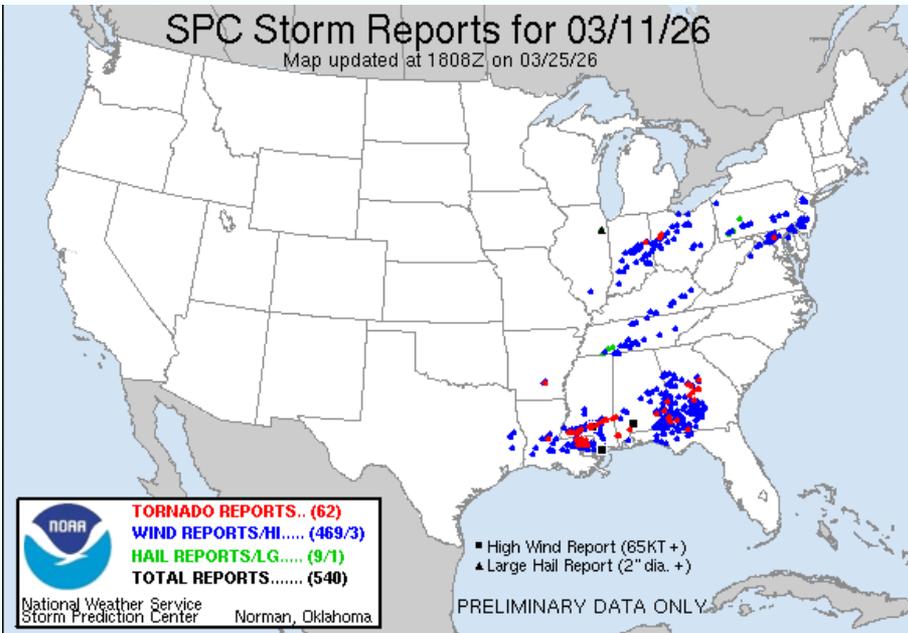
March Snowfall



From 8" below normal to 4" above normal

March Events

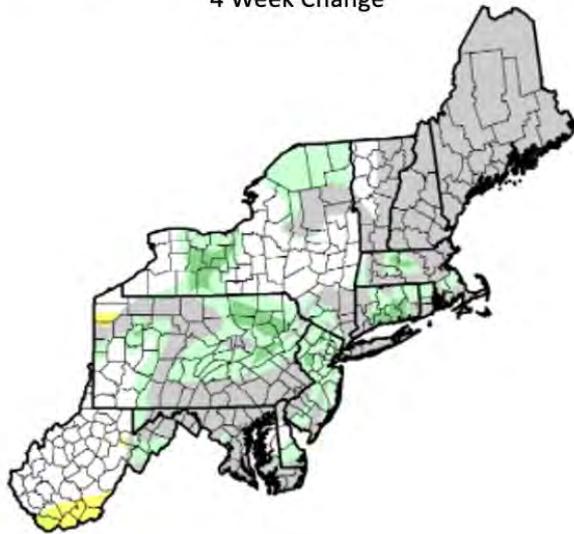
Severe Weather including an EF-1 tornado in Kent County, DE on March 16



Drought Monitor

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4 Week Change

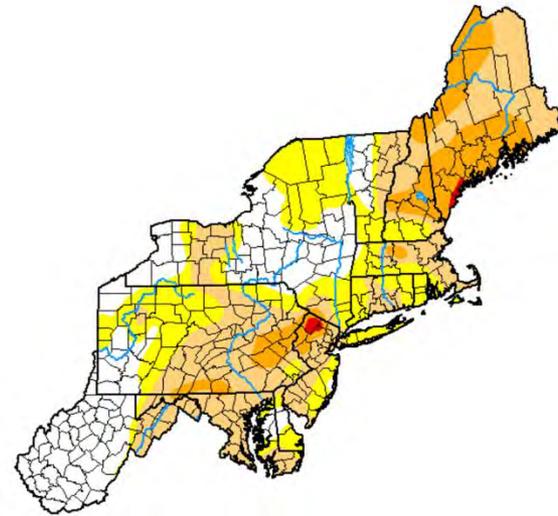


March 24, 2026
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February 24, 2026

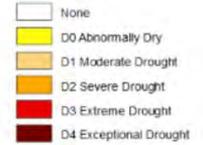
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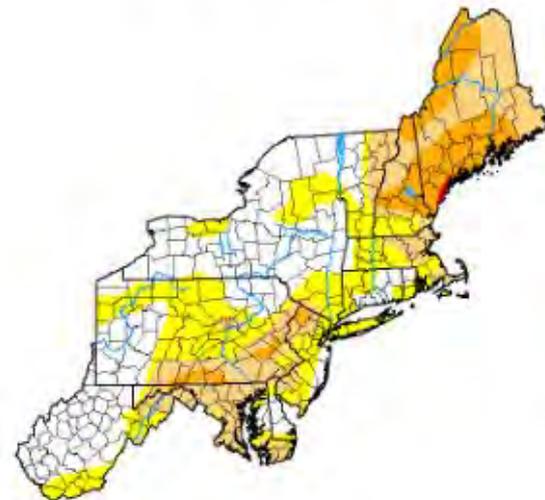
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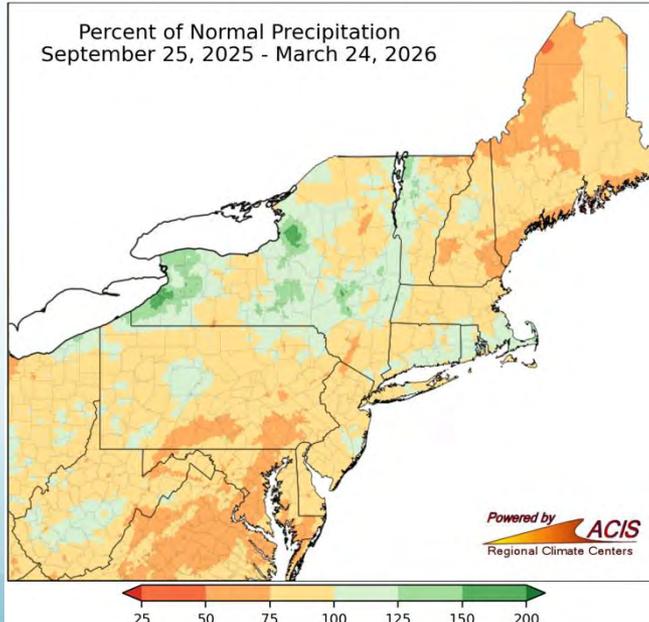
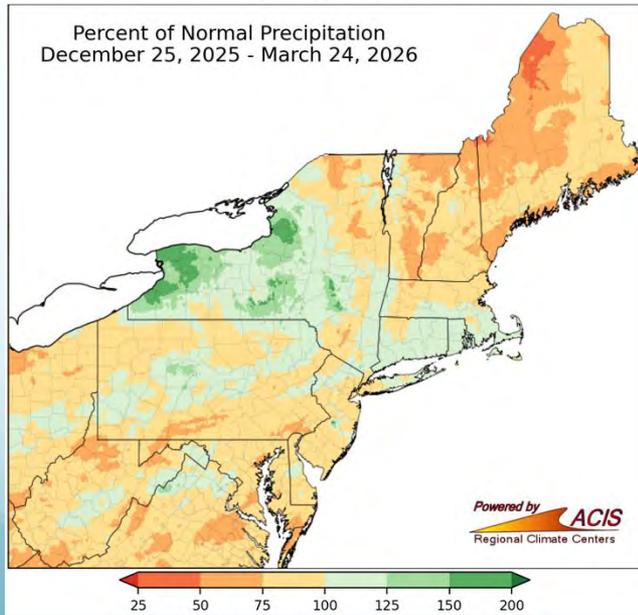
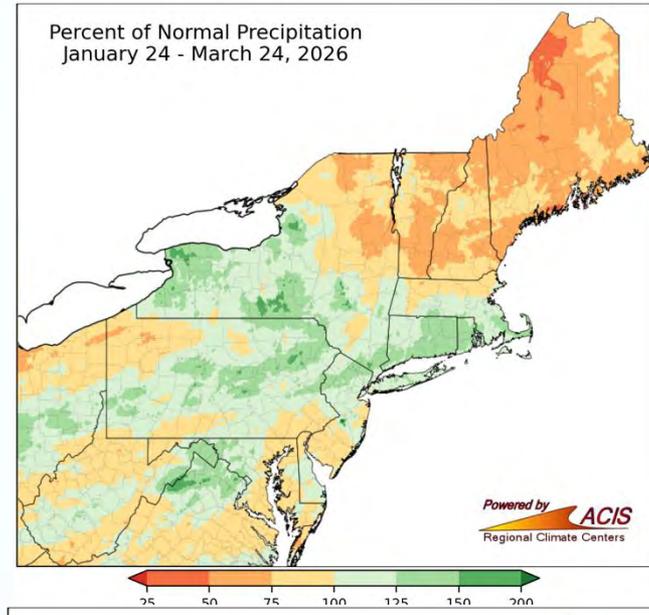
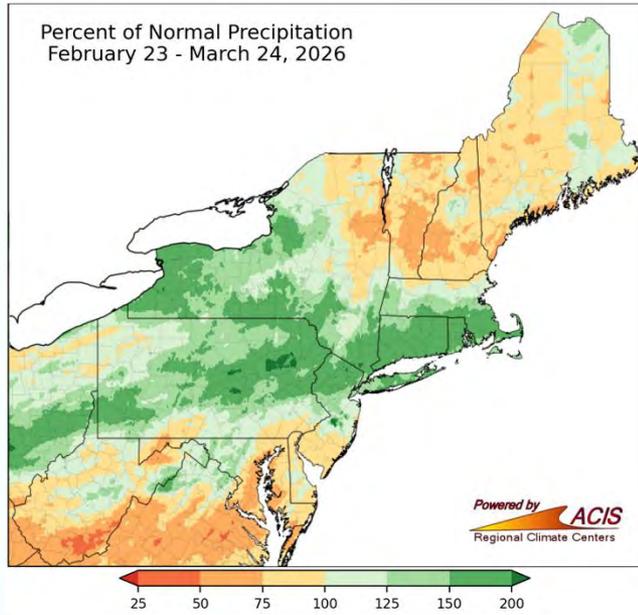
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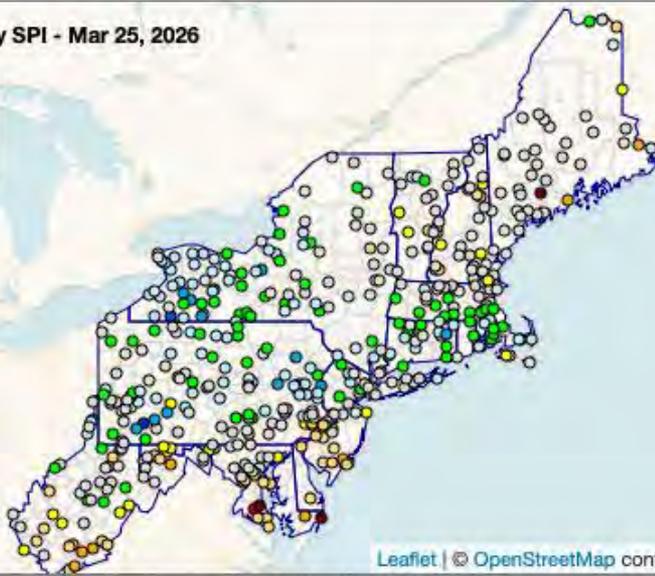


Precipitation



Standardized Precipitation Index

30-Day SPI - Mar 25, 2026



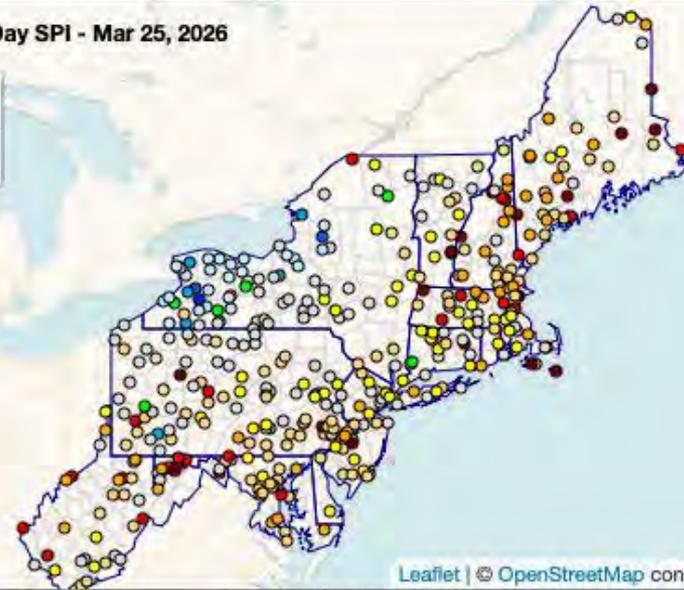
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120-Day SPI - Mar 25, 2026

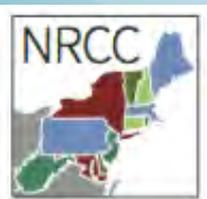


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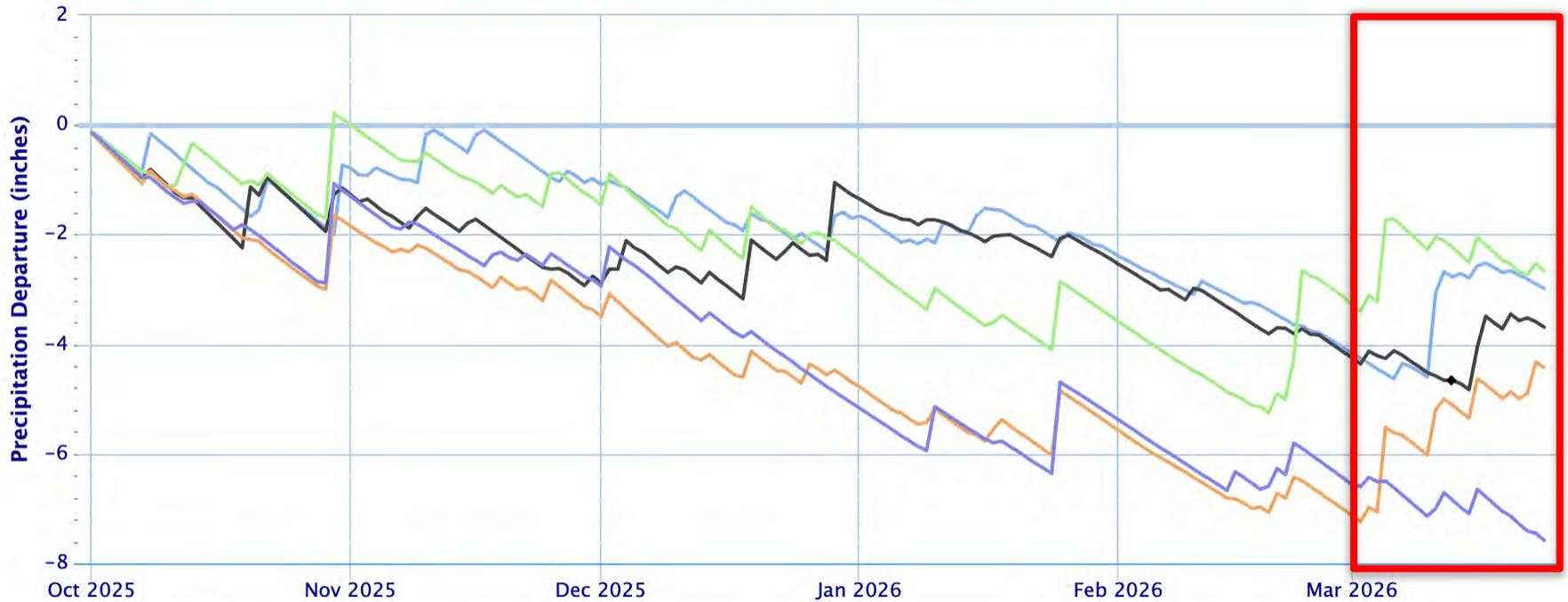
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Precipitation

Accumulated Precipitation Departure from Normal

Green/black diamonds represent subsequent/missing values



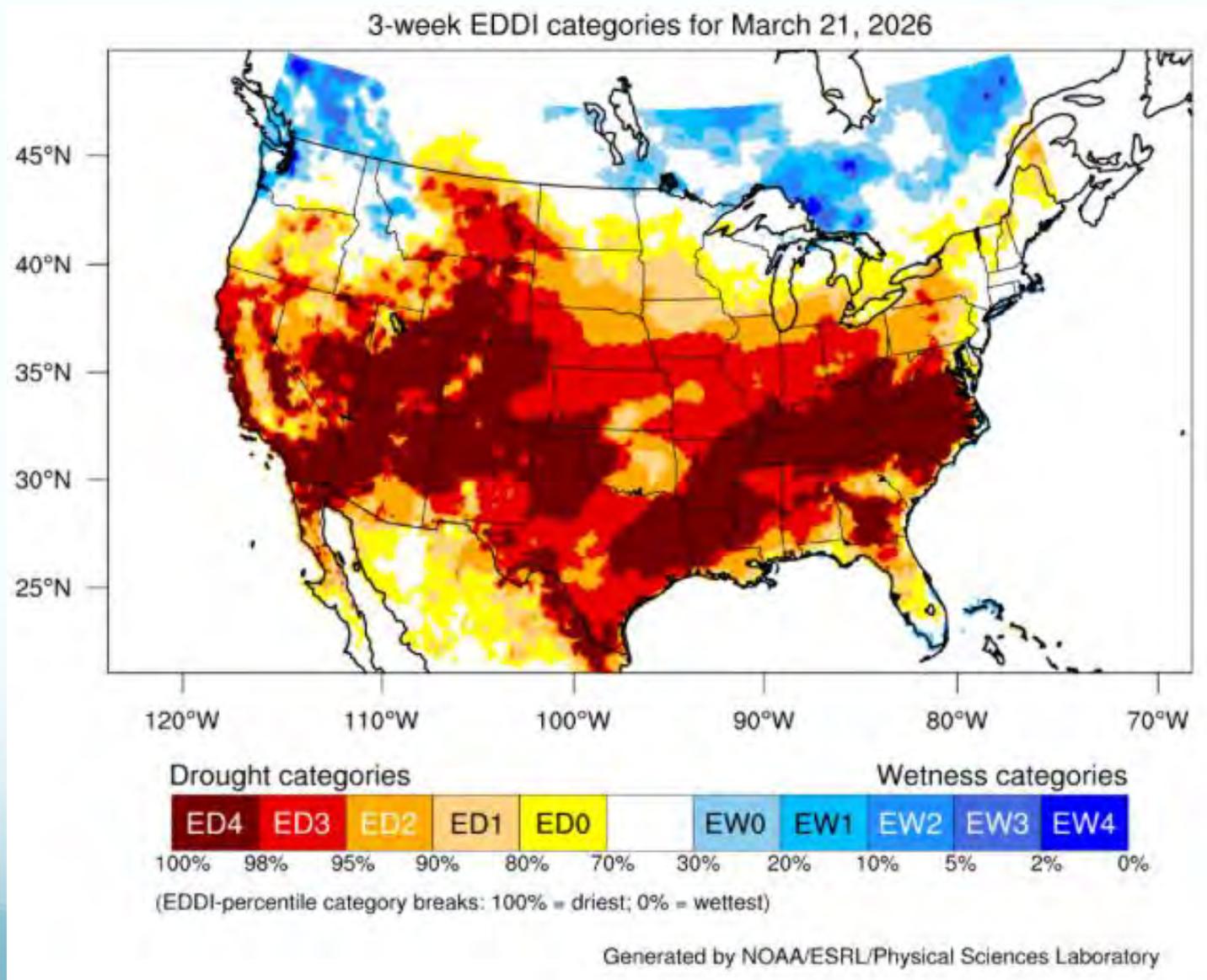
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- Caribou Area, ME (ThreadEx):Precip Dprt
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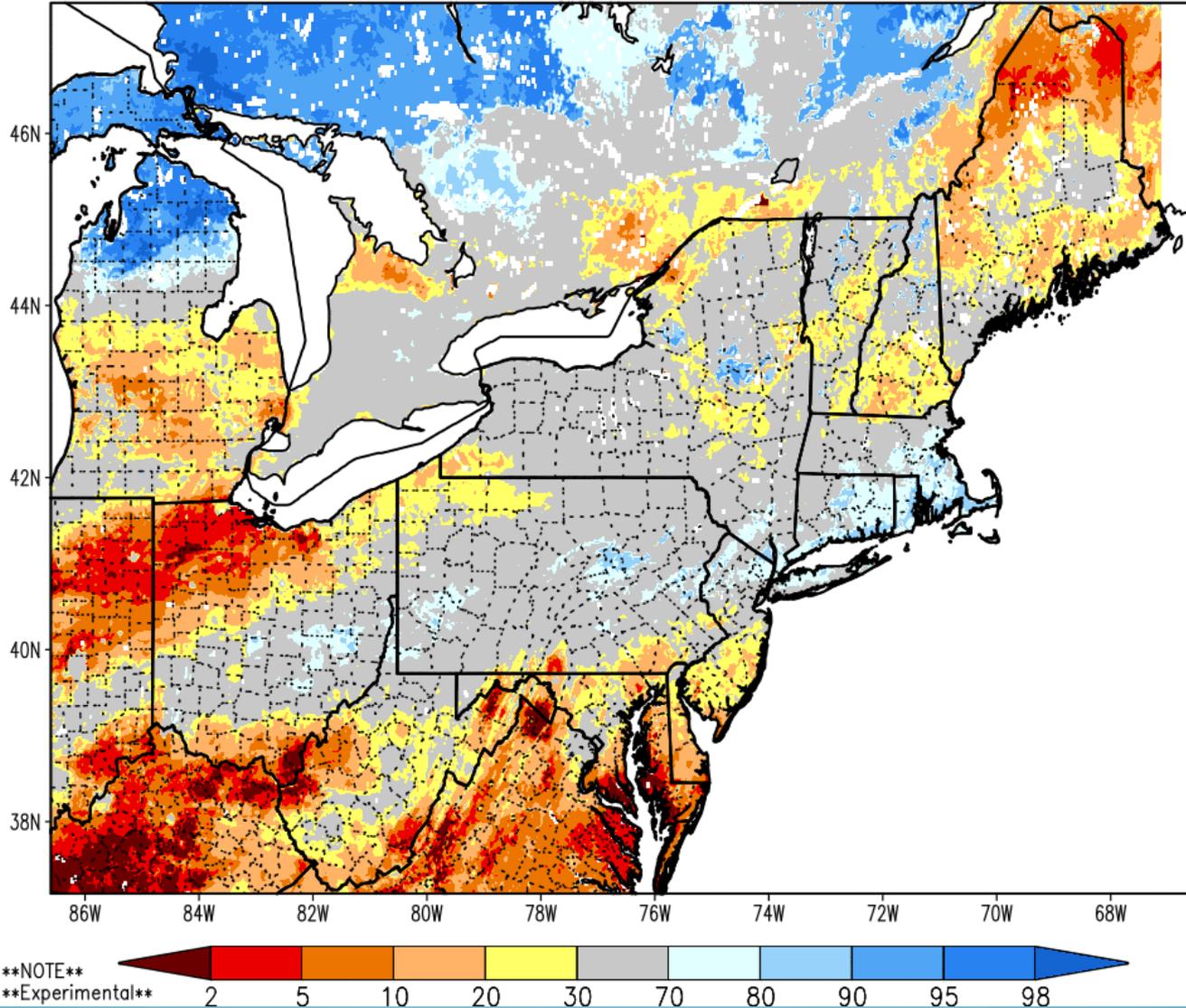


Evap. Demand Drought Index



Soil Moisture

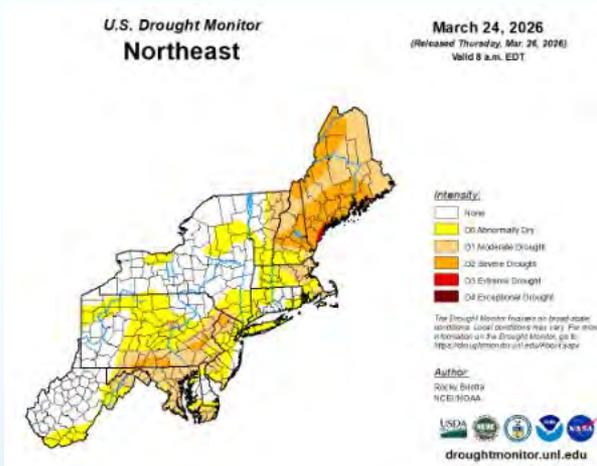
SPoRT-LIS 0-10 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 25 Mar 2026



Summary

March-to-date conditions:

- Temperatures were above normal for the entire region
- Precipitation varied.



Drought:

- Small improvements were made in several states
- Northern New England remains status quo
- West Virginia saw some degradations
- Abnormally dry conditions in every state



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Upcoming Webinars

- Thursday, April 30 at 9:30am EDT
 - Forest Climate Indicators
- Thursday, May 28 at 9:30am EDT
 - USGS
- Tuesday, June 30 at 9:30am EDT
 - TBD



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