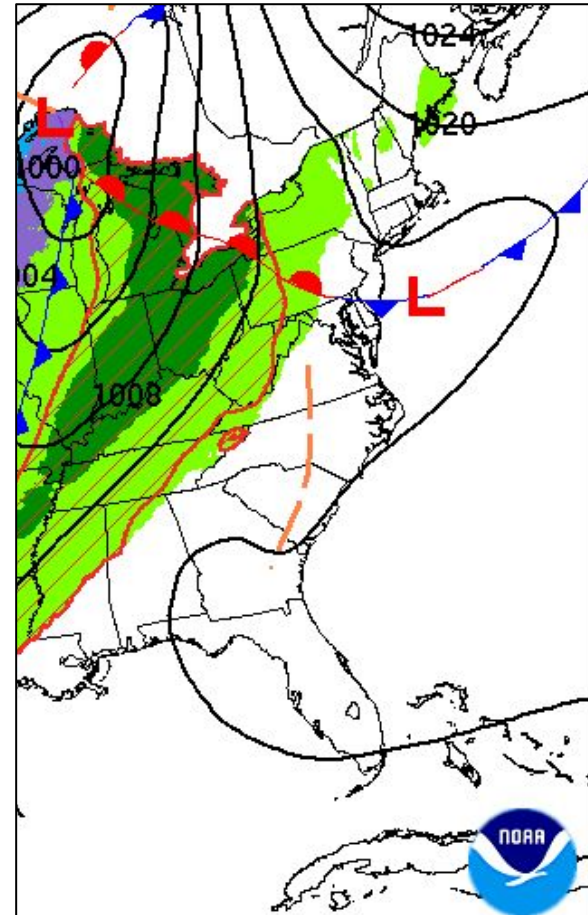
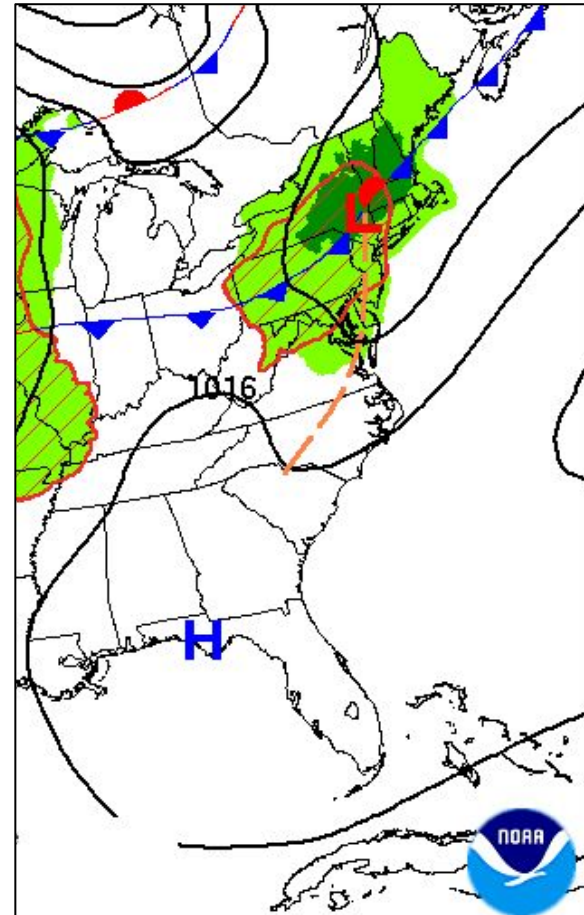
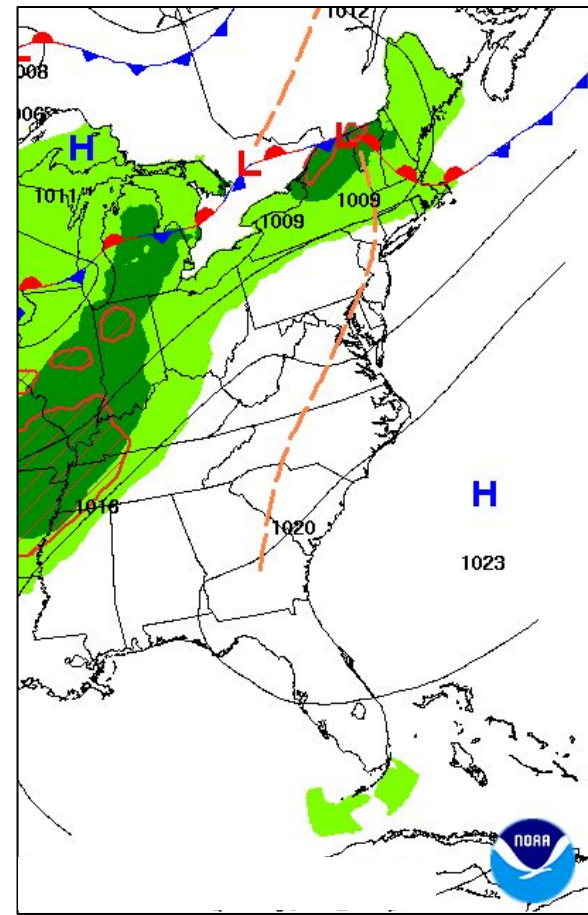
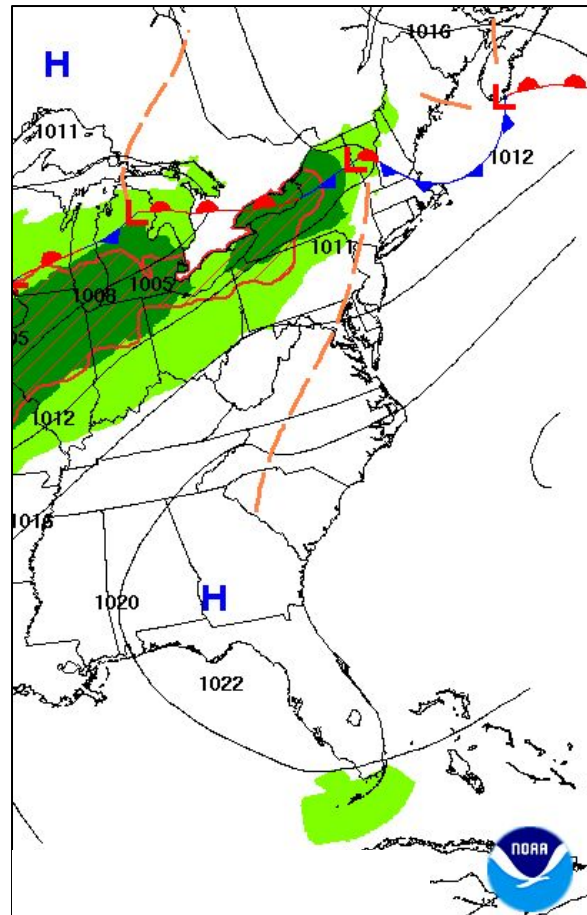
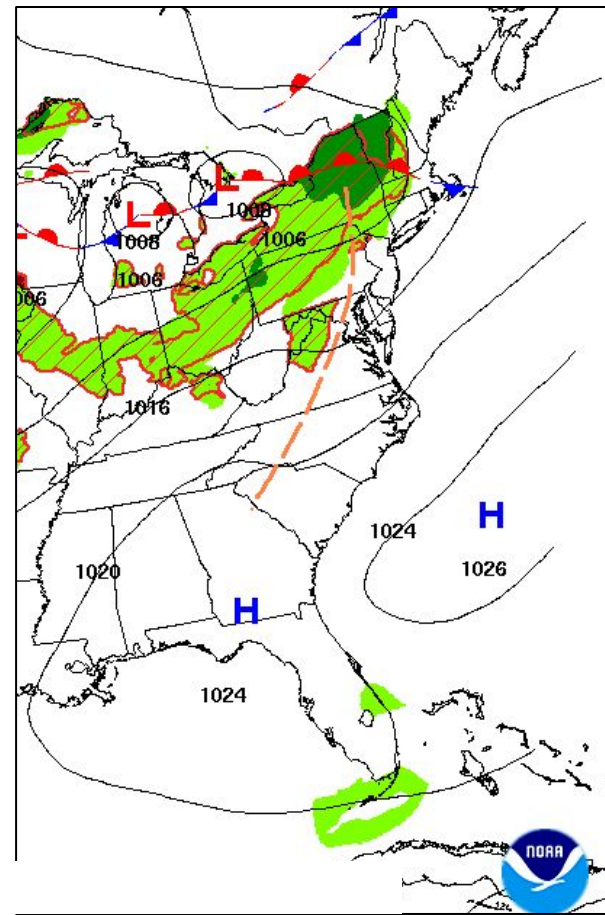


- **The combination of low relative humidity, dry fuels, and gusty SW winds will result in increased potential for adverse fire behavior today.** An Increased Fire Danger Statement is in effect for much of the Commonwealth. Additional Increased Fire Danger Statements are possible through the week.
- Turning very warm to hot for the mid to late week period. Near-record to record highs are forecast from today through Thursday.
- Drought conditions have expanded, with much of the Commonwealth having at least moderate drought (D1 or greater) conditions.
- There is little to no chance for a wetting rain (≥ 0.1 "") through much of the week. The next potential for a wetting rain is likely not until late this weekend or early next week.



Weather Pattern / Outlook

April 14, 2026
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Today/Tonight

Well above normal temperatures (90s), continued dry.

Wednesday

Well above normal temperatures (90s), continued dry.

Thursday

Well above normal temperatures (90s), continued dry.

Friday

Still warm (80s) and mostly dry. Very low chance for a shower.

Saturday

Well above normal temperatures (90s), and dry.





Increased Fire Danger Today



FORECAST DETAILS

- Relative Humidity: 25-35%
- Winds: SW gusts up to 20-25 mph
- 10 Hour Fuel Moistures: 8-10%



TIMING AND LOCATION

- **Now through this evening**
- Much of Virginia outside of far eastern/coastal areas.
- Additional statements are possible through the week.



ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Residents are urged to exercise caution handling any potential ignition source, including machinery, cigarettes, and matches. Be sure to properly discard all smoking materials. Any dry grasses and tree litter that ignite will have the potential to spread quickly.





7 Day Total Rainfall

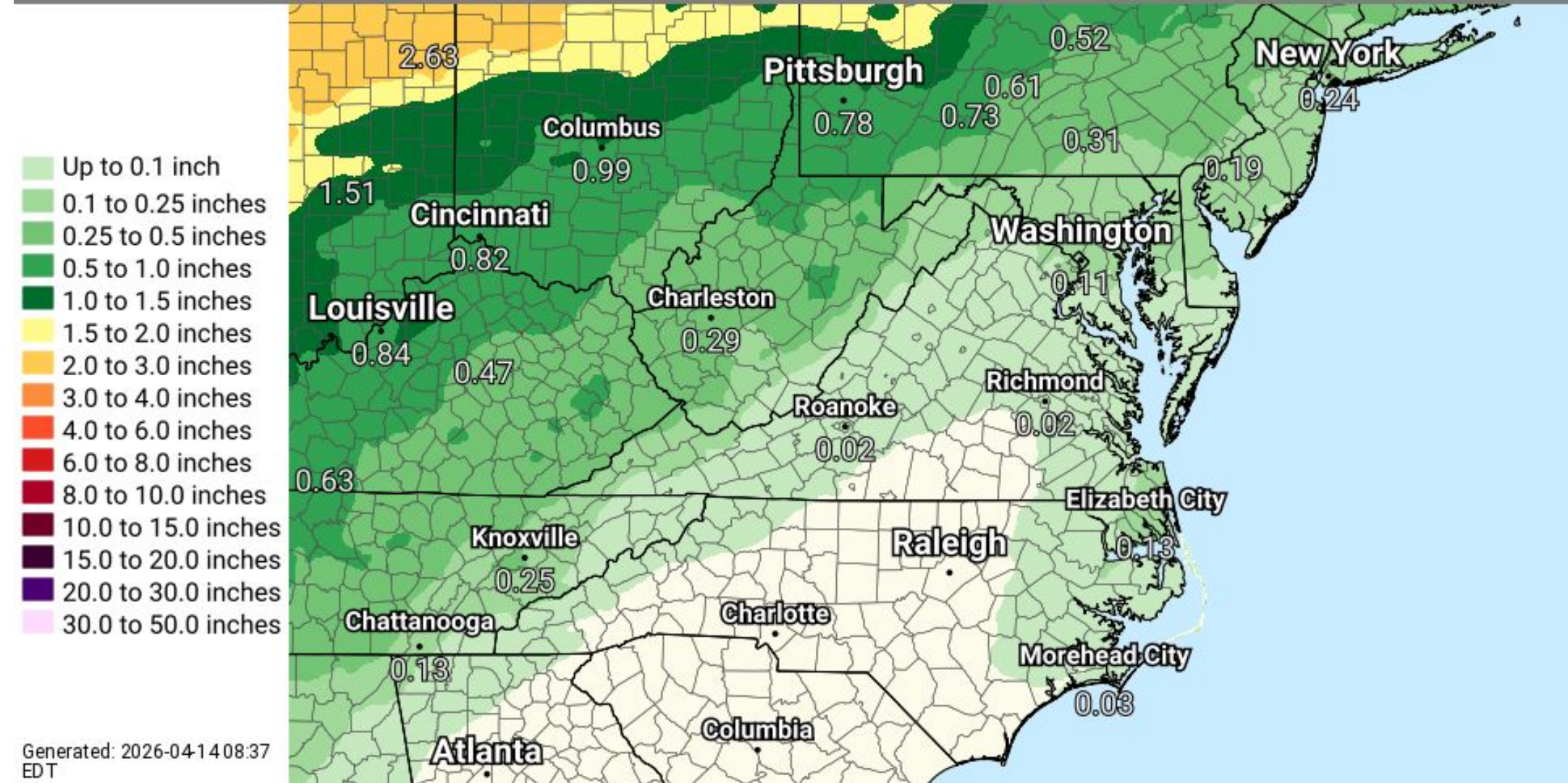
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Today through early Monday



Forecast Precipitation

Valid Ending Tuesday April 21st, 2026 at 8 AM EDT



- Little to no rain is expected in the entire 7 day period.
- *The next chance for appreciable rainfall won't be until Sunday, April 19 at the earliest.*



Wind & Humidity

April 14, 2026
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Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	4/14 Tue		4/15 Wed				4/16 Thu			
	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
Accomac	20	18	17	14	20	18	14	14	15	17
Blacksburg	18	16	10	14	14	14	8	15	17	16
Bristol	20	16	8	14	15	13	7	15	18	16
Cape Charles	20	20	20	17	17	17	16	16	15	18
Charlottesville	26	23	5	10	26	23	7	10	25	21
Culpeper	26	23	6	9	25	21	6	10	25	21
Danville	16	14	12	10	15	14	12	13	18	17
Emporia	15	15	12	12	17	15	13	13	17	16
Fairfax	26	23	6	10	23	12	7	10	25	23
Farmville	17	15	10	12	16	14	14	14	18	17
Fredericksburg	26	23	7	10	25	21	8	12	25	21
Galax	15	13	9	10	13	12	7	12	17	17
Harrisonburg	29	25	6	10	26	23	6	12	26	21
Louisa	15	15	10	12	17	15	13	13	17	16
Luray	25	21	6	10	23	21	6	10	23	12
Lynchburg	17	16	12	13	16	15	12	14	18	17
Manassas	26	23	7	10	25	21	7	10	25	23
Norfolk	18	17	16	17	18	17	15	15	17	17
Petersburg	17	15	10	12	17	15	14	14	18	17
Richmond	18	16	12	12	20	16	14	13	18	18
Roanoke	16	16	9	12	14	14	7	13	17	16
South Hill	17	15	10	12	17	14	15	15	18	17
Tappahannock	18	15	10	10	17	15	12	10	15	14
Williamsburg	18	16	12	12	17	15	15	15	17	17
Winchester	26	23	7	15	23	12	6	15	23	21
Wise	17	15	12	13	15	14	9	16	18	17
Wytheville	20	16	13	16	16	13	9	15	17	16

Minimum RH (%) Forecast

	4/14 Tue		4/15 Wed				4/16 Thu			
	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
Accomac	37	41	61	52	40	43	63	48	38	42
Blacksburg	39	41	70	42	28	30	52	44	31	33
Bristol	37	38	65	41	30	29	63	46	34	34
Cape Charles	39	41	61	50	40	43	63	52	39	43
Charlottesville	32	32	46	37	27	26	35	33	25	28
Culpeper	30	31	49	37	27	28	36	30	23	24
Danville	29	30	54	35	24	27	46	40	25	27
Emporia	31	35	57	46	32	35	61	46	32	35
Fairfax	26	30	45	37	27	27	39	31	24	25
Farmville	29	32	53	41	25	27	49	43	28	31
Fredericksburg	27	30	45	36	24	26	37	32	23	26
Galax	36	39	61	38	28	32	52	43	31	33
Harrisonburg	32	36	61	41	28	30	47	34	25	28
Louisa	32	36	57	44	28	30	48	40	28	31
Luray	30	34	57	40	26	27	40	32	23	24
Lynchburg	32	33	56	39	25	27	44	37	26	27
Manassas	28	30	50	39	27	27	37	32	23	26
Norfolk	30	35	55	41	31	34	55	43	32	36
Petersburg	28	31	51	43	26	28	52	41	29	33
Richmond	26	30	51	40	26	27	50	40	27	30
Roanoke	32	34	60	38	25	27	47	39	27	29
South Hill	29	32	51	43	29	33	51	43	28	30
Tappahannock	28	32	53	44	29	30	52	40	29	33
Williamsburg	30	35	53	44	31	34	55	44	33	37
Winchester	33	36	55	40	28	28	46	34	25	27
Wise	42	42	54	44	33	34	58	53	34	34
Wytheville	40	40	65	40	28	30	57	43	32	34

- There are heightened fire weather concerns today for much of Virginia. There is the potential for additional fire concerns through the week.
- Minimum RH values may reach as low as the mid to upper 20s each afternoon.
- Wind gusts up to 15-25 mph are possible today and will continue to be possible during the afternoons through the week.



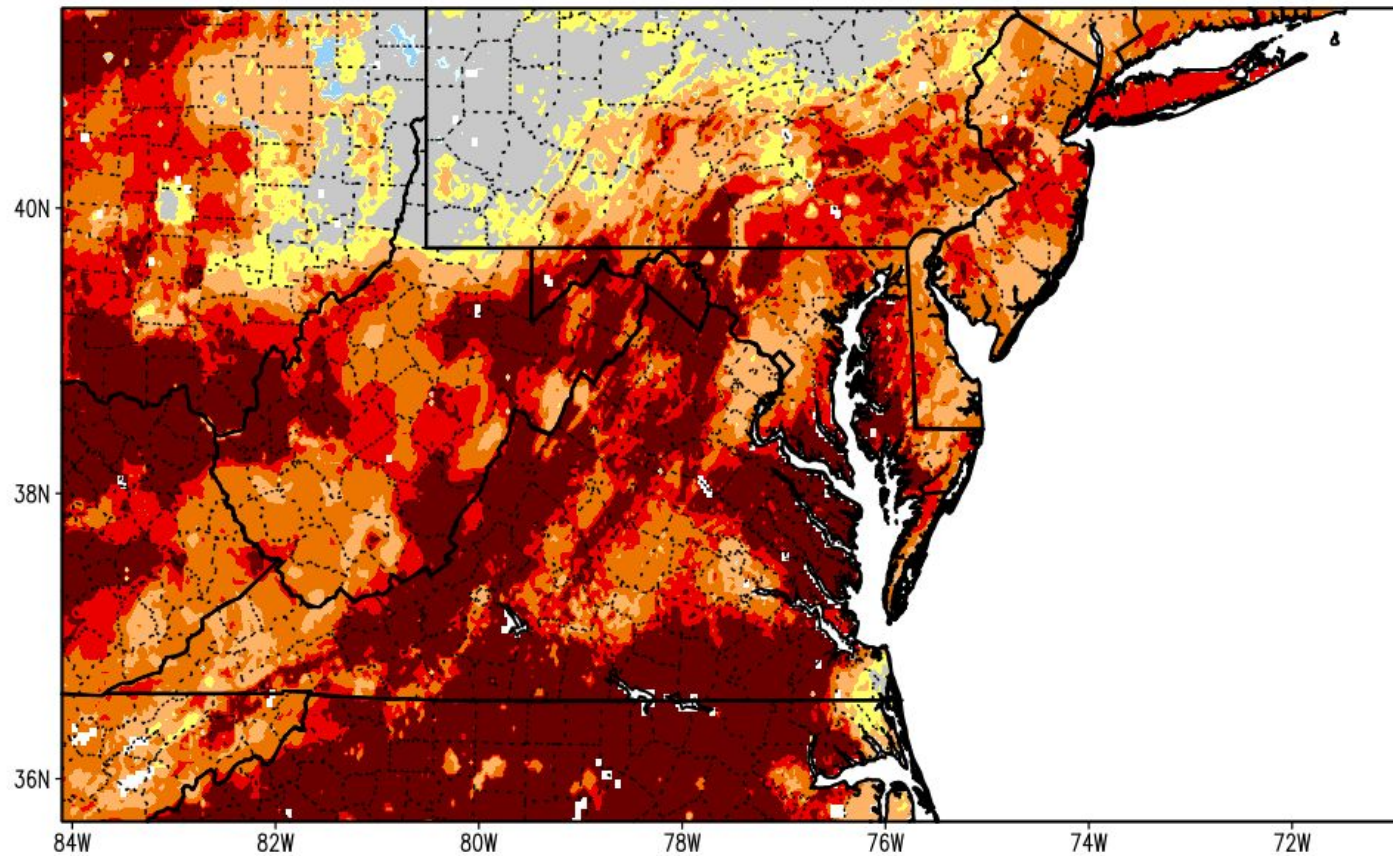


Soil Moisture Percentile

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State View

SPoRT-LIS 0-100 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 14 Apr 2026



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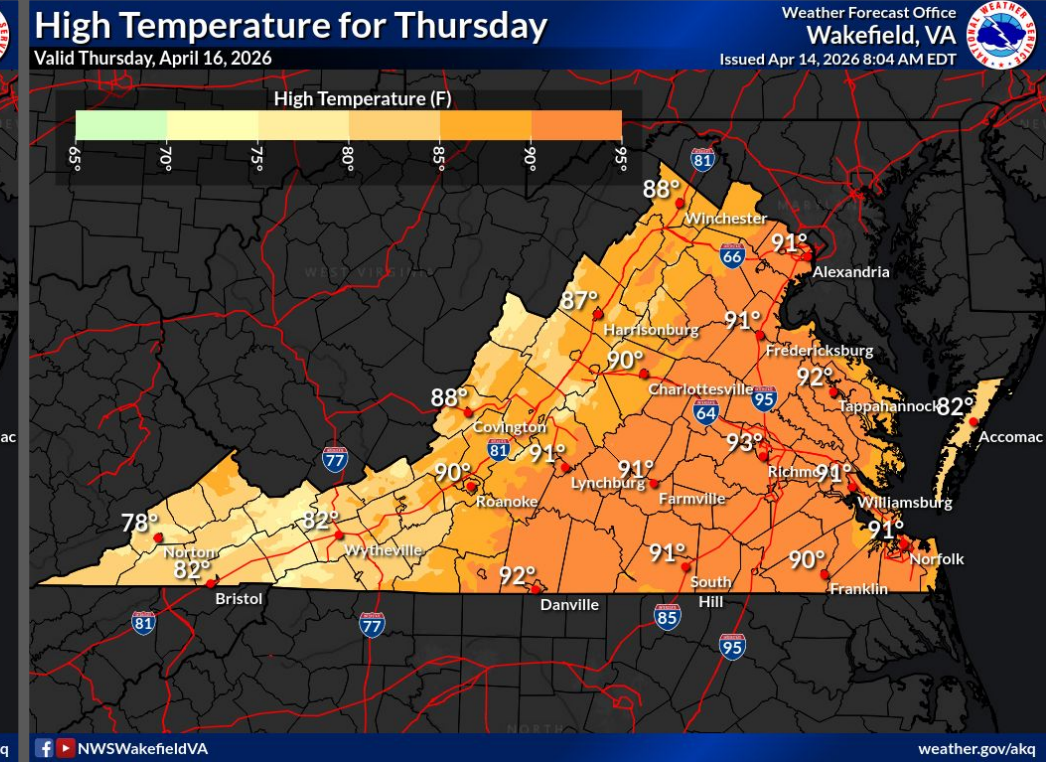
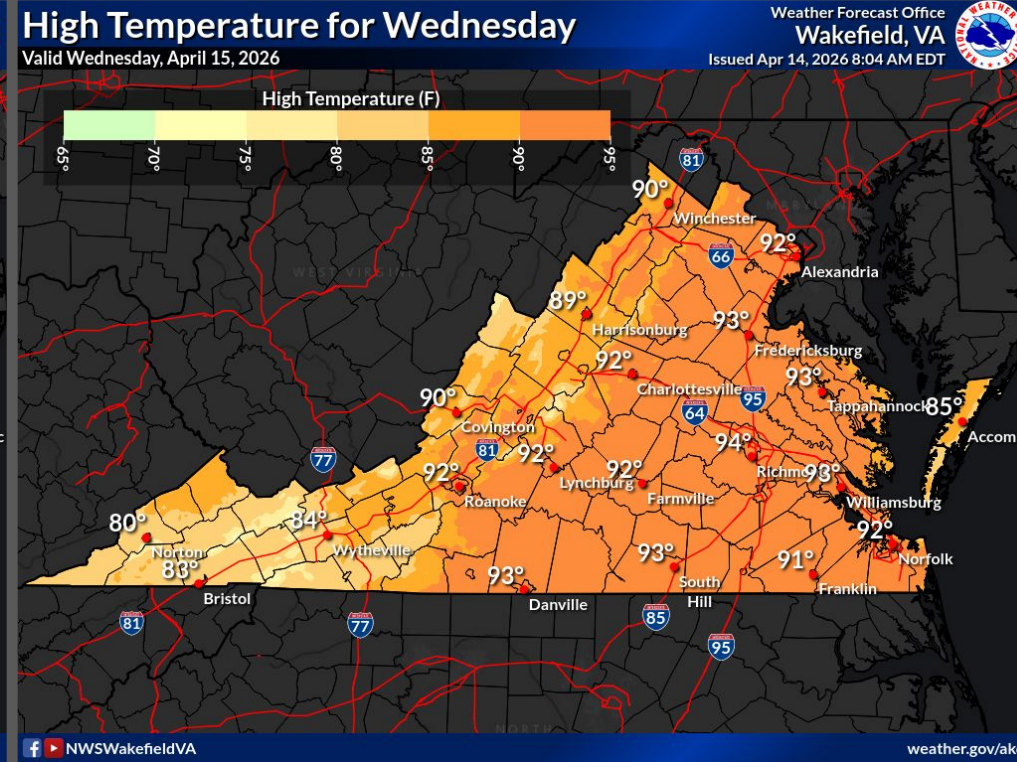
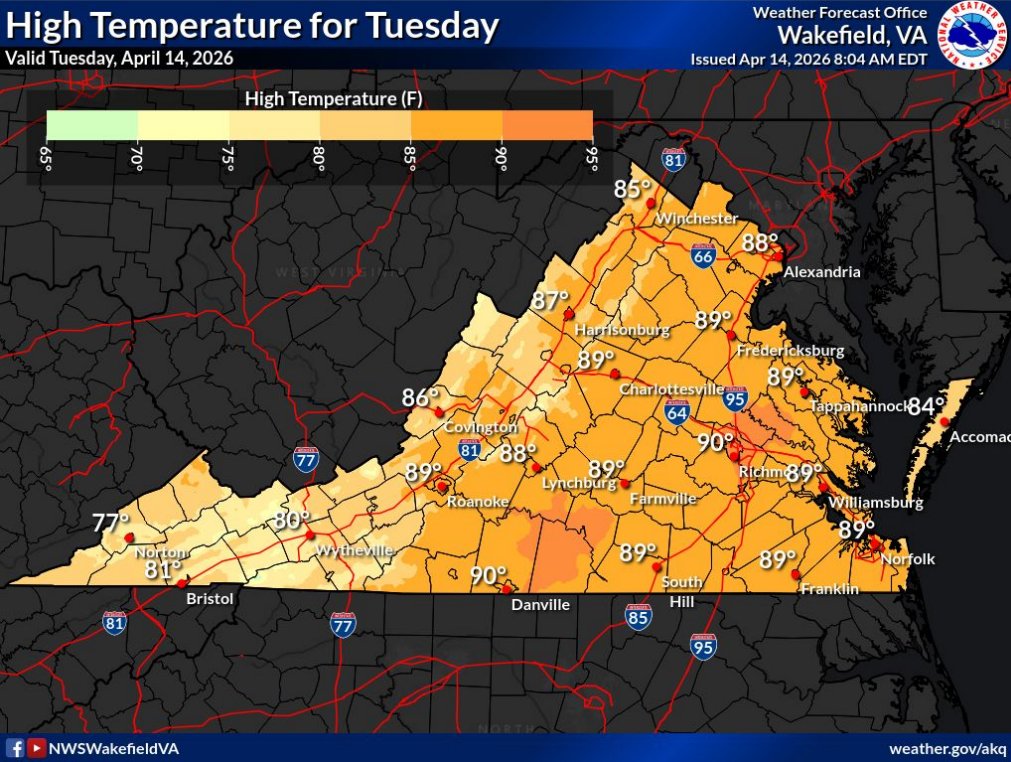
This product is a **general indication** of the soil moisture percentile for the first meter of soil.

The entire region is experiencing below normal soil moisture with very low soil moisture across much of the state.



Temperature Trend

April 14, 2026
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- High temperatures today warm well into the 80s to lower 90s and warm even further on Wednesday and Thursday with widespread mid 80s to mid 90s.
- Heat indices will stay close to the air temperatures due to low humidity.
- Record highs will likely be challenged for much of the state today through at least Thursday.





Daily Regional Forecast Summary

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Maximum Temperature (°F)

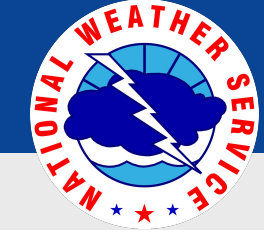
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	4/14	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	4/19	4/20
	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Accomac	85	86	84	79	76	73	65
Blacksburg	83	86	84	82	87	68	64
Bristol	81	83	82	82	86	67	66
Cape Charles	85	86	85	79	76	76	67
Charlottesville	89	92	90	88	89	78	70
Culpeper	88	92	91	86	89	75	66
Danville	90	93	92	90	93	80	72
Emporia	89	92	91	88	91	82	71
Fairfax	89	93	91	86	88	75	66
Farmville	89	92	91	88	92	80	71
Fredericksburg	89	94	92	88	90	78	68
Galax	85	88	87	86	89	73	69
Harrisonburg	87	89	87	83	87	71	64
Louisa	88	93	91	87	90	78	69
Luray	88	92	90	86	90	74	66
Lynchburg	88	92	91	88	90	77	71
Manassas	89	93	91	86	88	74	65
Norfolk	89	92	91	85	86	81	69
Petersburg	90	94	92	89	91	81	71
Richmond	90	94	93	88	91	80	71
Roanoke	89	92	90	88	92	75	70
South Hill	89	92	91	89	92	81	72
Tappahannock	89	93	92	87	88	78	69
Williamsburg	89	93	91	87	87	81	70
Winchester	85	90	88	83	86	69	61
Wise	80	83	81	82	85	65	65
Wytheville	80	84	82	81	85	65	63

	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	4/19	4/20
	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Accomac	63	62	59	58	49	45
Blacksburg	55	57	55	52	38	37
Bristol	56	58	57	51	39	39
Cape Charles	64	63	60	60	51	49
Charlottesville	68	67	60	60	45	42
Culpeper	68	66	60	60	43	40
Danville	62	64	59	59	45	42
Emporia	62	63	59	59	46	41
Fairfax	70	70	63	62	47	44
Farmville	64	66	60	60	45	41
Fredericksburg	68	68	61	61	45	41
Galax	61	61	59	58	43	42
Harrisonburg	63	62	57	57	40	37
Louisa	64	66	60	60	44	40
Luray	65	62	58	56	40	38
Lynchburg	62	63	59	59	45	42
Manassas	69	68	62	60	45	42
Norfolk	67	67	63	63	53	49
Petersburg	65	67	61	61	46	42
Richmond	67	68	62	62	47	44
Roanoke	62	63	59	59	44	42
South Hill	65	66	61	61	47	44
Tappahannock	66	67	60	60	46	41
Williamsburg	67	67	62	62	48	45
Winchester	68	65	59	56	42	39

Probability of Precipitation (%) Forecast

	4/14	4/15		4/16		4/17		4/18		4/19		4/20	
	12pm	12am	12pm	12am	12pm	12am	12pm	12am	12pm	12am	12pm	12am	12pm
	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Mon
Accomac	0	5	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	10	15	35	5
Blacksburg	5	5	0	0	0	15	10	0	5	30	40	10	5
Bristol	5	0	0	0	0	30	5	0	5	30	45	5	0
Cape Charles	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	10	15	35	5
Charlottesville	5	5	0	0	0	15	20	0	0	20	35	10	5
Culpeper	5	5	0	5	0	15	25	0	0	30	35	15	0
Danville	0	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	10	25	10	5
Emporia	0	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	10	20	25	5
Fairfax	0	5	0	5	0	20	25	5	0	30	35	20	5
Farmville	0	5	0	0	0	10	15	0	0	15	30	15	5
Fredericksburg	0	5	0	0	0	15	20	0	0	25	30	20	5
Galax	0	0	0	0	0	10	5	0	0	20	40	10	5
Harrisonburg	5	5	0	0	0	20	20	0	0	30	35	10	0
Louisa	0	5	0	0	0	15	20	0	0	20	30	15	5
Luray	5	5	0	5	0	20	30	0	0	35	40	10	5
Lynchburg	0	5	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	20	35	10	5
Manassas	0	5	0	5	0	20	25	5	0	30	35	20	5
Norfolk	0	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	10	15	35	5
Petersburg	0	5	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	15	25	25	5
Richmond	0	5	0	0	0	10	15	0	0	20	25	20	5
Roanoke	5	5	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	20	40	10	5
South Hill	0	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	10	20	20	5
Tappahannock	0	5	0	0	0	10	15	0	0	20	25	25	5
Williamsburg	0	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	15	20	30	5
Winchester	10	5	5	5	0	30	40	0	0	40	50	15	5
Wise	10	0	0	0	0	45	5	0	5	45	40	5	0
Wytheville	5	0	0	0	0	20	10	0	5	35	45	10	0





Record High Temperatures This Week

April 14, 2026
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	April 14 (Tue)	April 15 (Wed)	April 16 (Thu)
Richmond	90°	92°	93°
Norfolk	90°	90°	91°
Washington (DCA)	91°	89°	92°
Roanoke	91°	89°	90°





Drought Monitor

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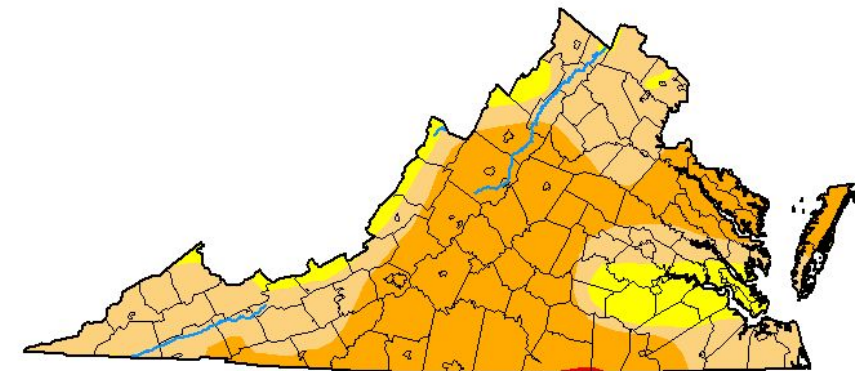
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Drought conditions are worsening in Virginia due to a lack of substantial rainfall. The table below shows examples of drought impacts that the state of Virginia has experienced in the past with each of the drought categories currently observed in the state.

Category	Examples of historically observed impacts
D1	Corn yield is low; soybean, cotton, hay and pastures are stressed
	Fire danger increases; burn bans begin
	Voluntary water restrictions are requested; river water levels are lower; streams are dry
	Wildlife eat crops
D2	Fire frequency increases
	Hay and pasture supply is low; cattle are weaned early; producers are feeding livestock supplemental hay and baling corn for feed
D3	Mandatory water restrictions are implemented; reservoir levels are low; water table is dropping
	Cattle are sold; hay is extremely scarce
	Lakes are nearly dry

U.S. Drought Monitor Virginia

April 7, 2026
(Released Thursday, Apr. 9, 2026)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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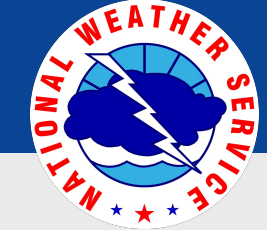
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Spring Fire Season

February 15 - April 30

Open burning is prohibited before 4 pm
daily in Virginia.

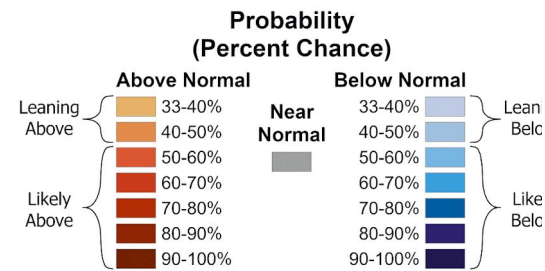
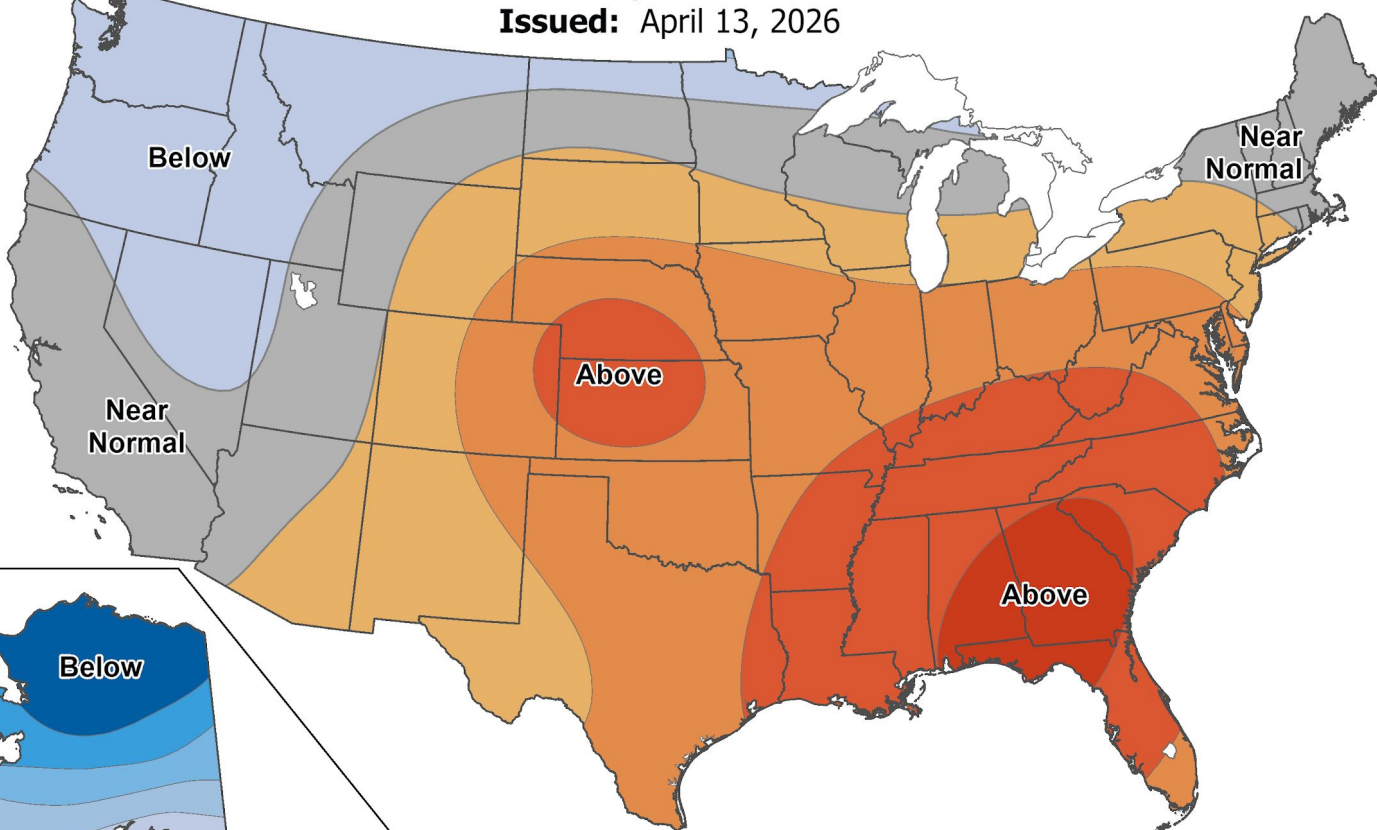


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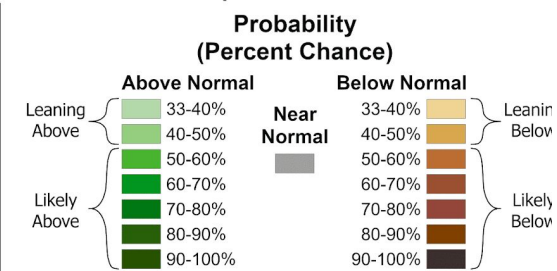
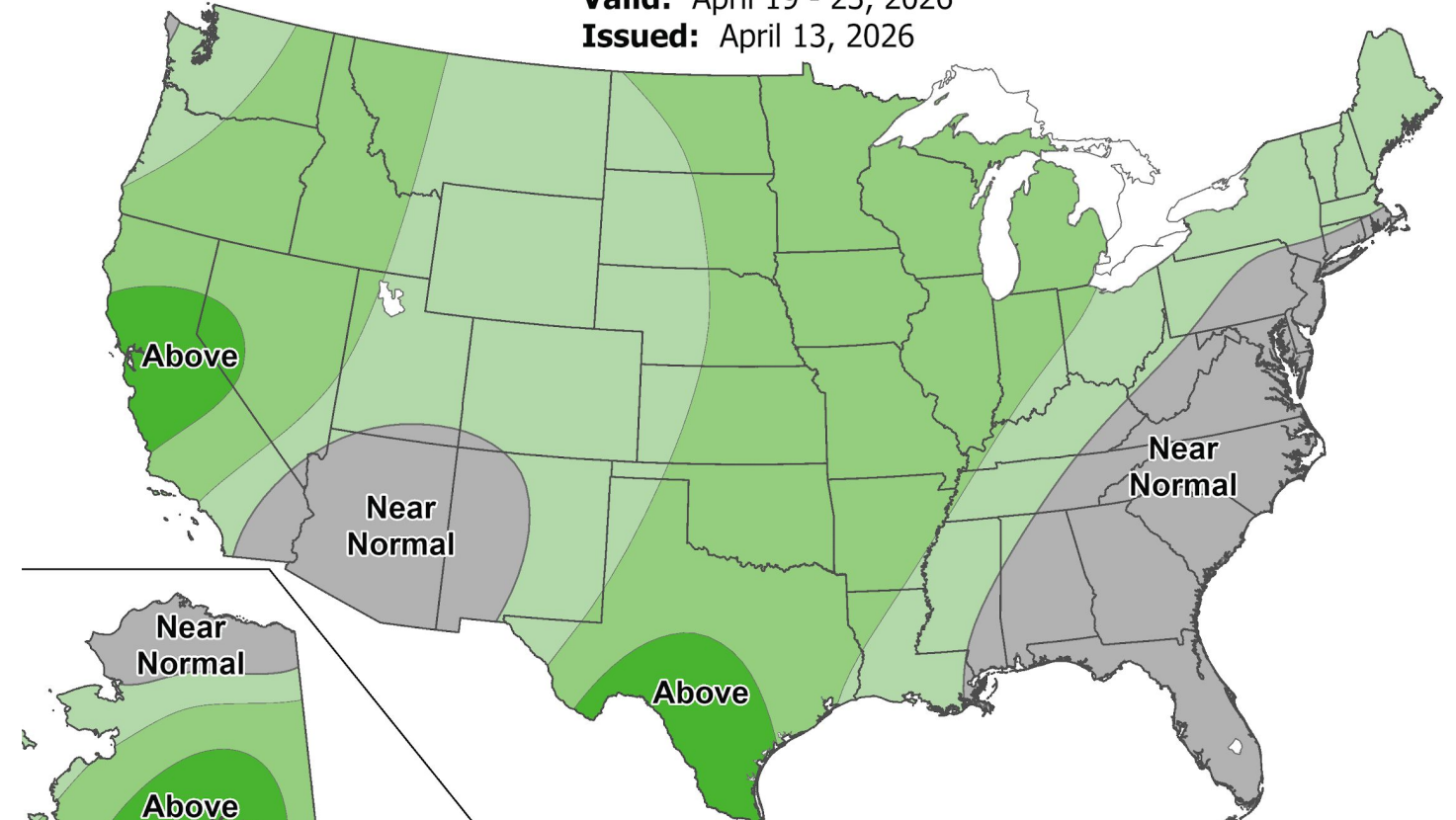
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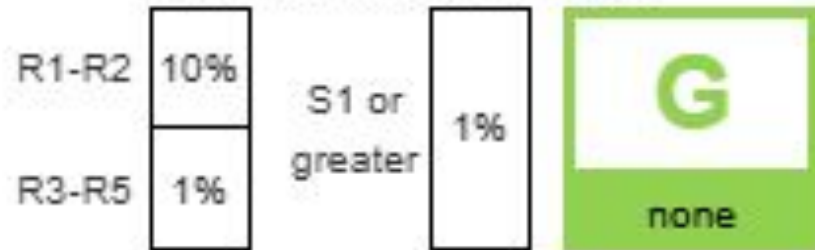
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Today

Predicted 2026-04-14 UTC



3-Day Outlook

NOAA Geomagnetic Activity Probabilities 14 Apr-16 Apr

Active	25/35/25
Minor storm	05/25/05
Moderate storm	01/05/01
Strong-Extreme storm	01/01/01

NOAA Kp index forecast 14 Apr - 16 Apr

	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16
00-03UT	1.67	2.67	1.67
03-06UT	2.67	3.00	2.67
06-09UT	1.67	4.00	2.67
09-12UT	1.67	2.67	2.33
12-15UT	1.00	2.67	1.67
15-18UT	0.67	1.67	1.67
18-21UT	1.67	1.67	1.67
21-00UT	2.00	2.00	2.33



NOAA Space Weather Scales



Category	Effect	Physical measure	Average Frequency (1 cycle = 11 years)
Scale	Descriptor	Duration of event will influence severity of effects	
Geomagnetic Storms			
G 5	Extreme	Power systems: widespread voltage control problems and protective system problems can occur, some grid systems may experience complete collapse or blackouts. Transformers may experience damage. Spacecraft operations: may experience extensive surface charging, problems with orientation, uplink/downlink and tracking satellites. Other systems: pipeline currents can reach hundreds of amps, HF (high frequency) radio propagation may be impossible in many areas for one to two days, satellite navigation may be degraded for days, low-frequency radio navigation can be out for hours, and aurora has been seen as low as Florida and southern Texas (typically 40° geomagnetic lat.).**	Kp values* determined every 3 hours Kp=9 Number of storm events when Kp level was met; (number of storm days) 4 per cycle (4 days per cycle)
G 4	Severe	Power systems: possible widespread voltage control problems and some protective systems will mistakenly trip out key assets from the grid. Spacecraft operations: may experience surface charging and tracking problems, corrections may be needed for orientation problems. Other systems: induced pipeline currents affect preventive measures, HF radio propagation sporadic, satellite navigation degraded for hours, low-frequency radio navigation disrupted, and aurora has been seen as low as Alabama and northern California (typically 45° geomagnetic lat.).**	Kp=8, including a 9- 100 per cycle (60 days per cycle)
G 3	Strong	Power systems: voltage corrections may be required, false alarms triggered on some protection devices. Spacecraft operations: surface charging may occur on satellite components, drag may increase on low-Earth-orbit satellites, and corrections may be needed for orientation problems. Other systems: intermittent satellite navigation and low-frequency radio navigation problems may occur, HF radio may be intermittent, and aurora has been seen as low as Illinois and Oregon (typically 50° geomagnetic lat.).**	Kp=7 200 per cycle (130 days per cycle)
G 2	Moderate	Power systems: high-latitude power systems may experience voltage alarms, long-duration storms may cause transformer damage. Spacecraft operations: corrective actions to orientation may be required by ground control; possible changes in drag affect orbit predictions. Other systems: HF radio propagation can fade at higher latitudes, and aurora has been seen as low as New York and Idaho (typically 55° geomagnetic lat.).**	Kp=6 600 per cycle (360 days per cycle)
G 1	Minor	Power systems: weak power grid fluctuations can occur. Spacecraft operations: minor impact on satellite operations possible. Other systems: migratory animals are affected at this and higher levels; aurora is commonly visible at high latitudes (northern Michigan and Maine).**	Kp=5 1700 per cycle (900 days per cycle)





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