



# MA Drought Management Task Force NWS Update

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# February Precipitation & Departures



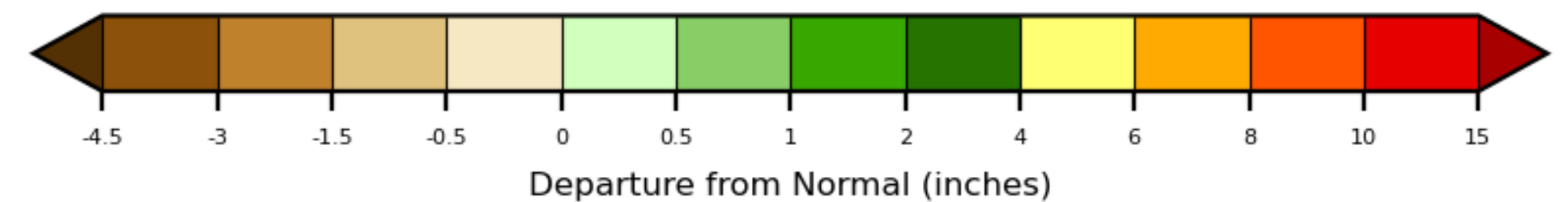
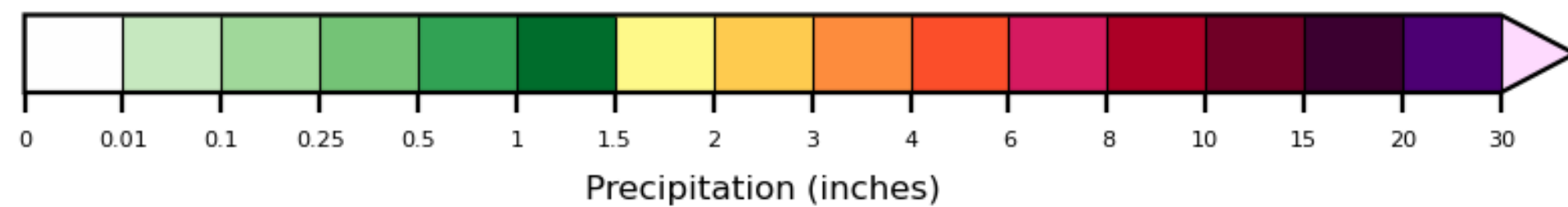
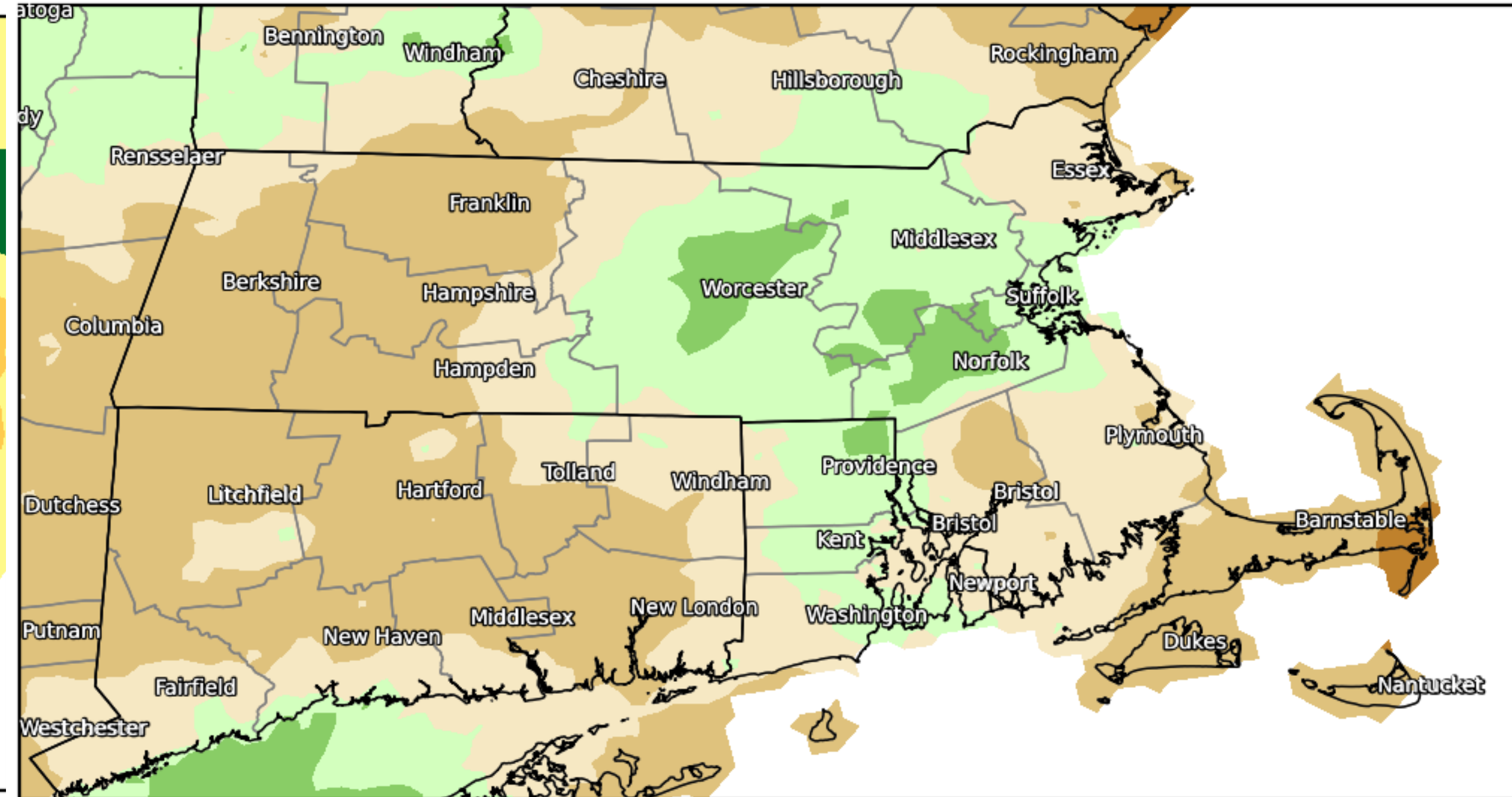
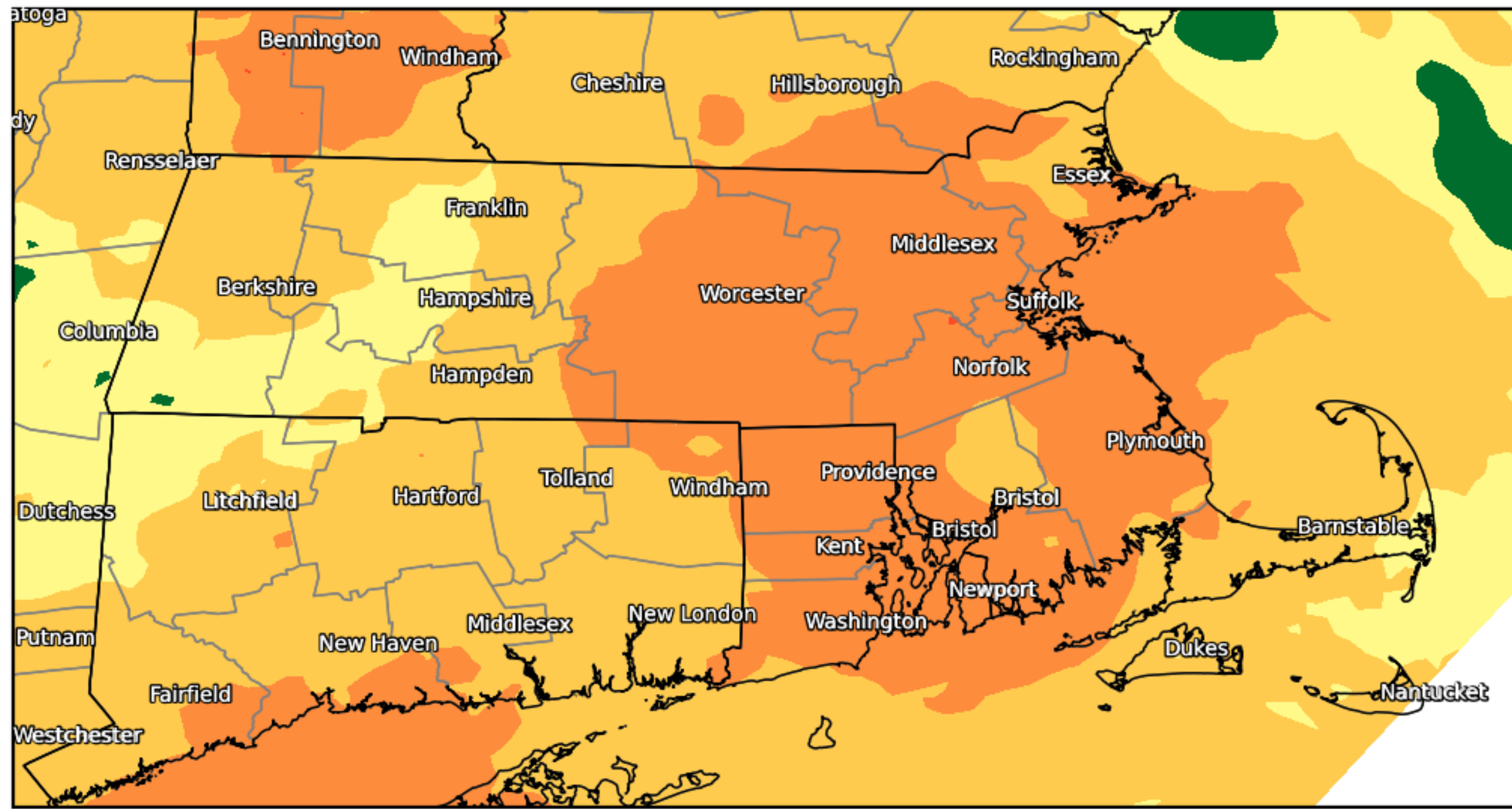
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## Precipitation

Accumulated Precipitation (inches)  
February 01, 2025 to February 28, 2025

## Departure from Normal

Precipitation Departure from Normal (inches)  
February 01, 2025 to February 28, 2025



1.5-4+ inch totals for most of the Commonwealth

Departures were generally within 1 inch of normal

# 3 and 6 Month Percent of Normal

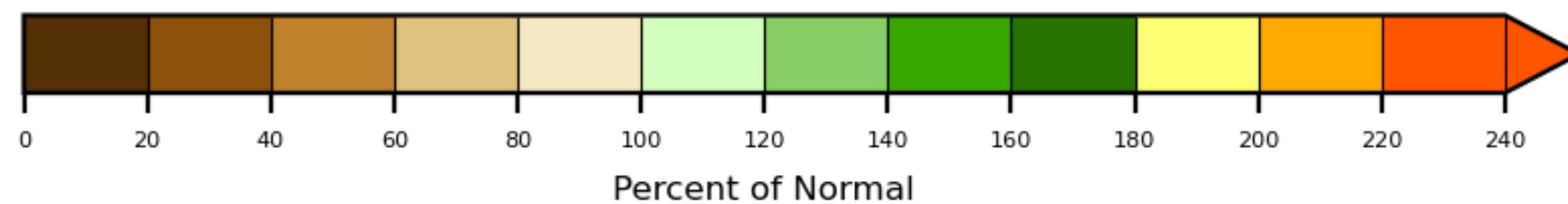
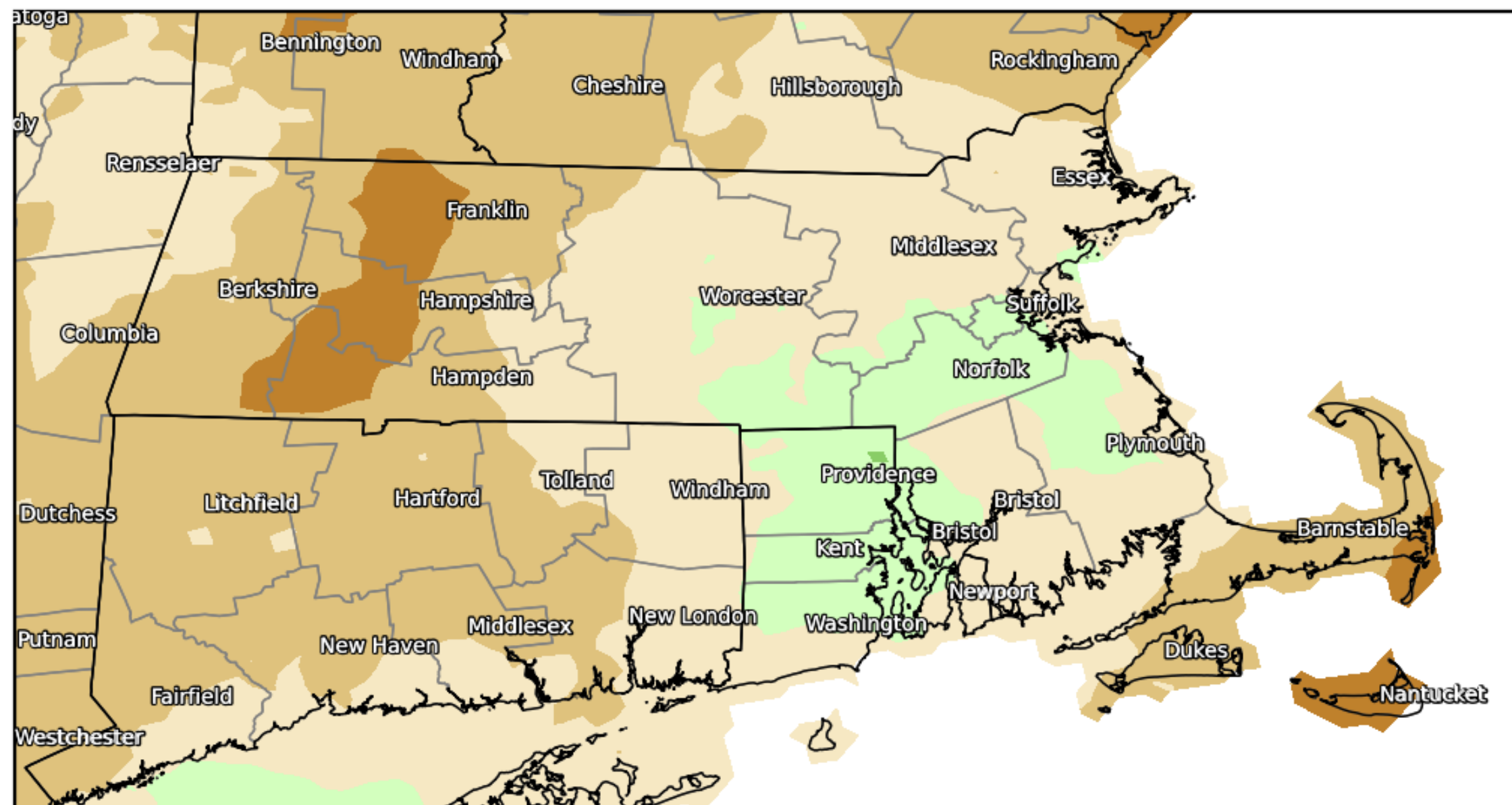


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## Last 3 Months (Dec-Feb)

- Near normal (80-120%) across eastern/southeastern MA
- Below normal (60-80%) across western MA and Cape/Islands

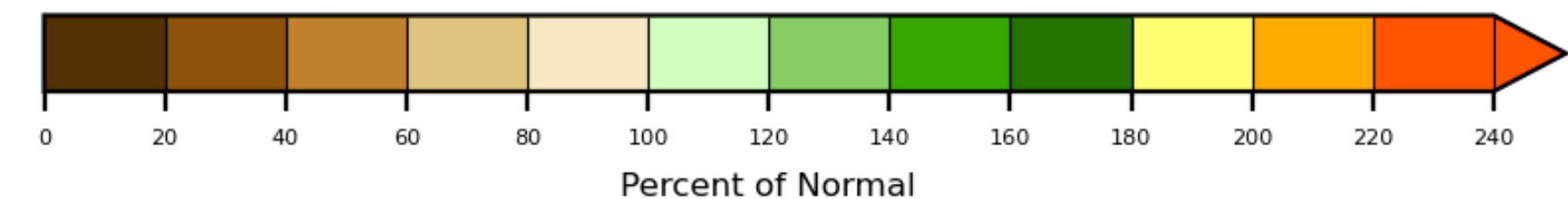
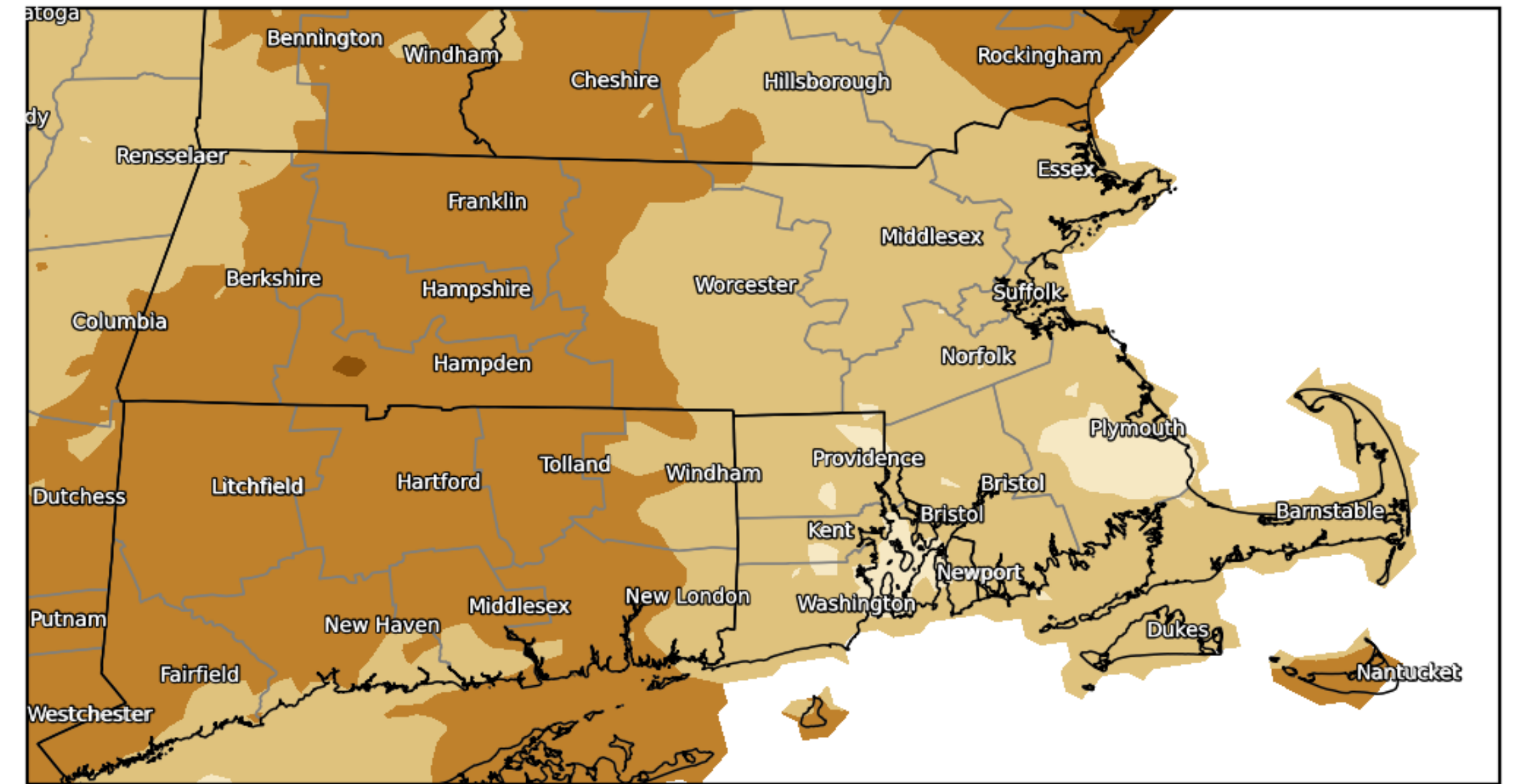
Precipitation Percent of Normal  
December 01, 2024 to February 28, 2025



## Last 6 Months (Sep-Feb)

- Mostly below normal (40-80 percent)

Precipitation Percent of Normal  
September 01, 2024 to February 28, 2025

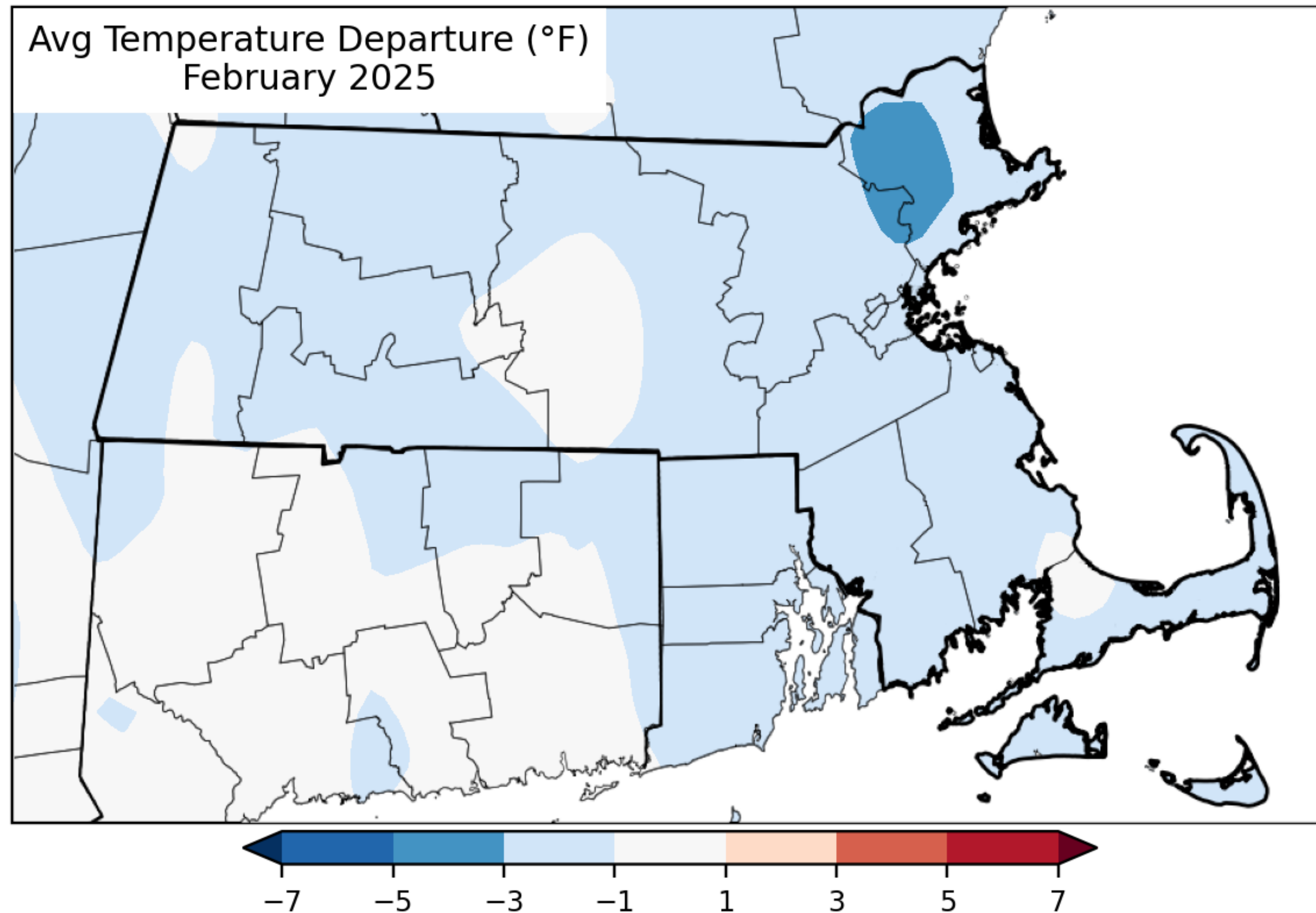


# Average Temperatures for February



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## Near to Below Normal



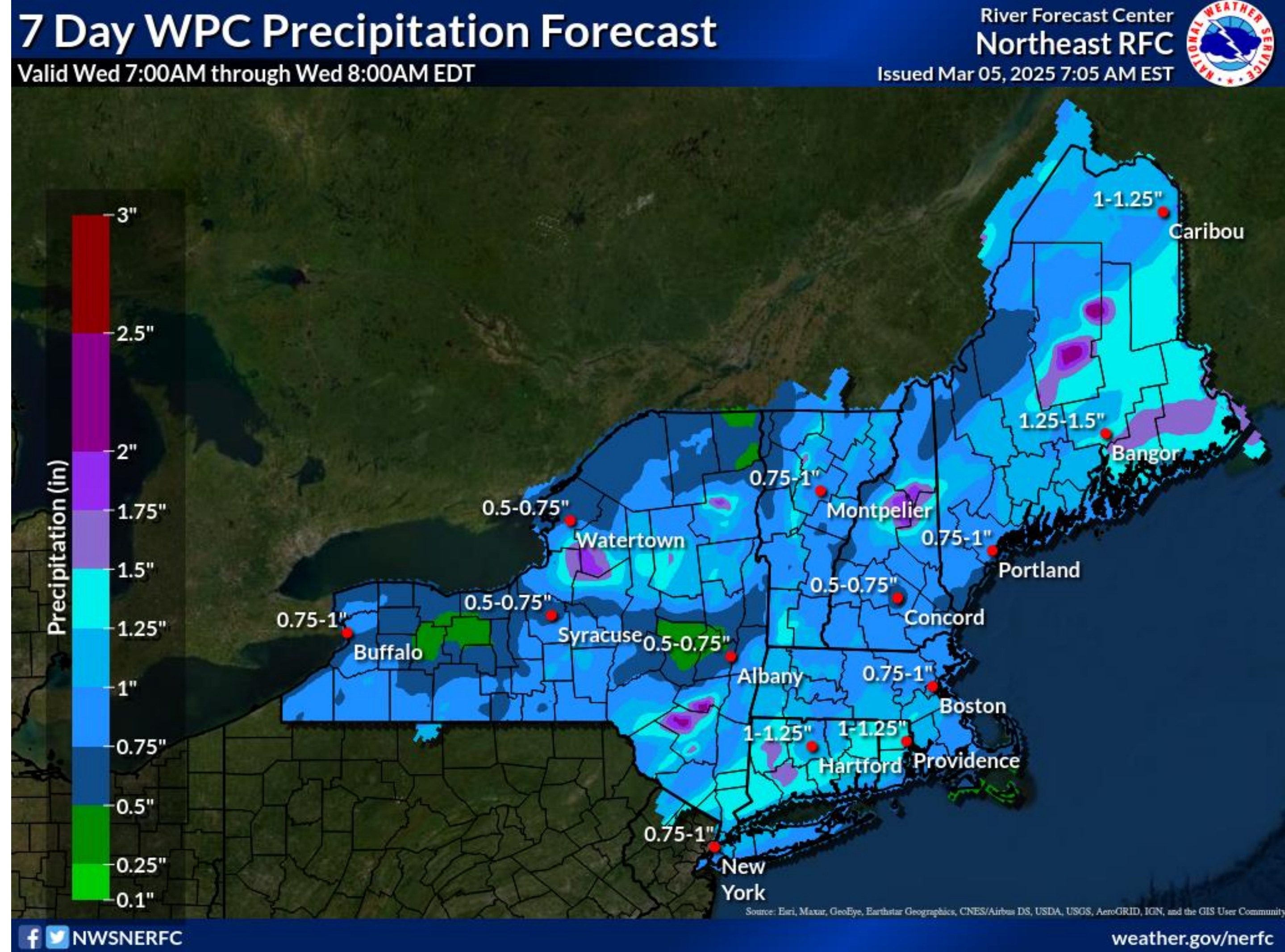
# 7 Day Precipitation Forecast

Through Wed March 12th



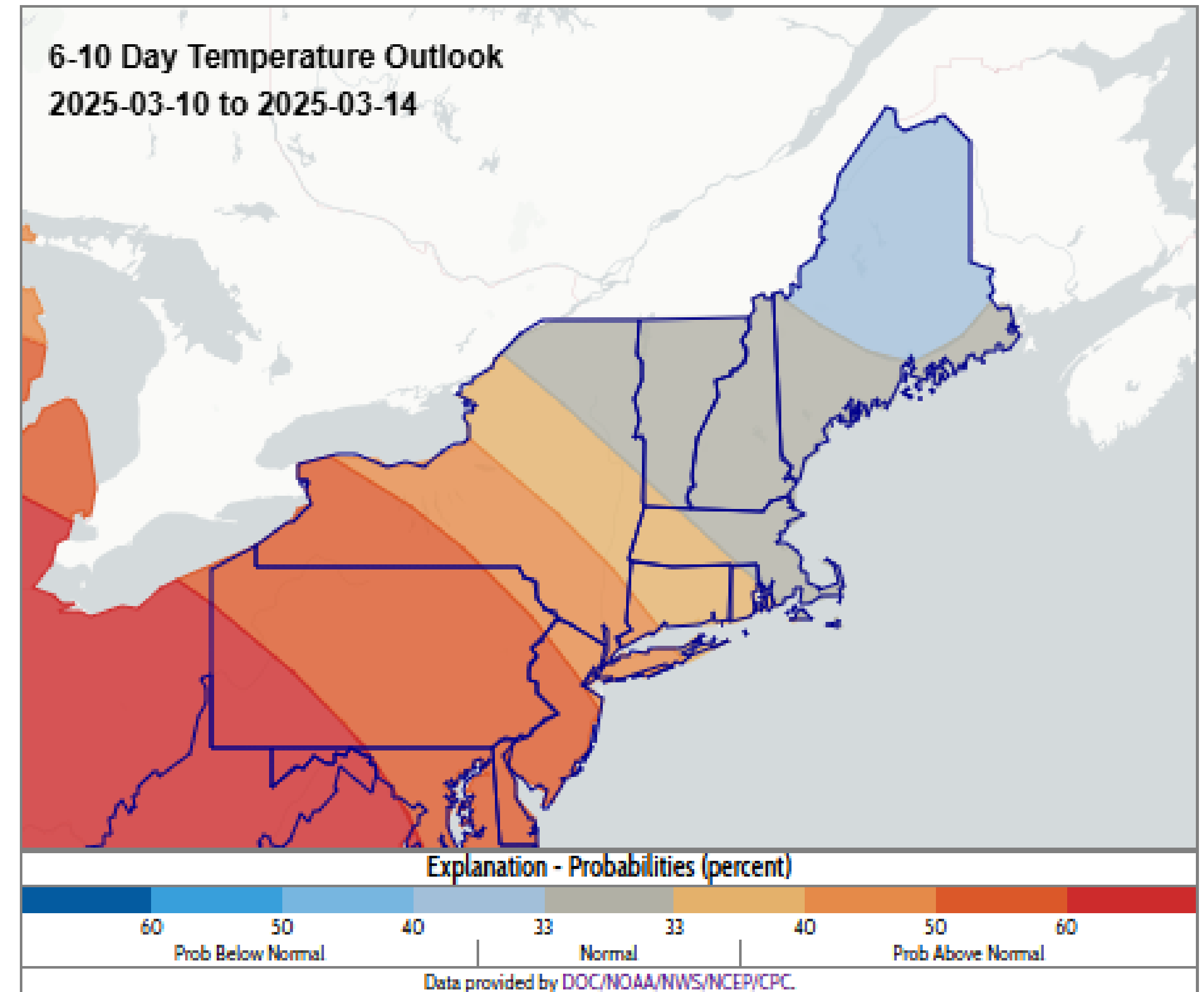
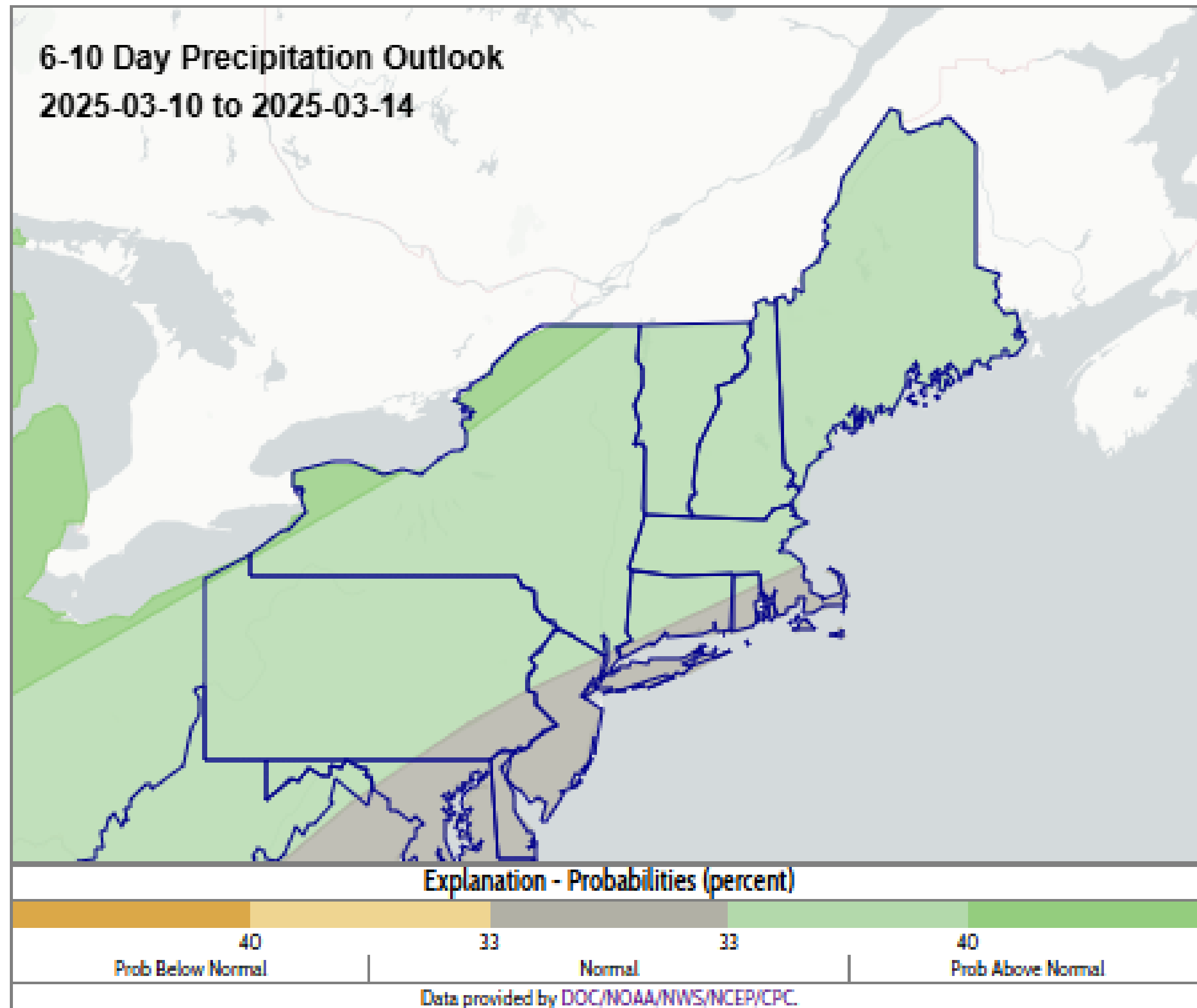
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- Very little opportunity for substantial precipitation through the middle of next week



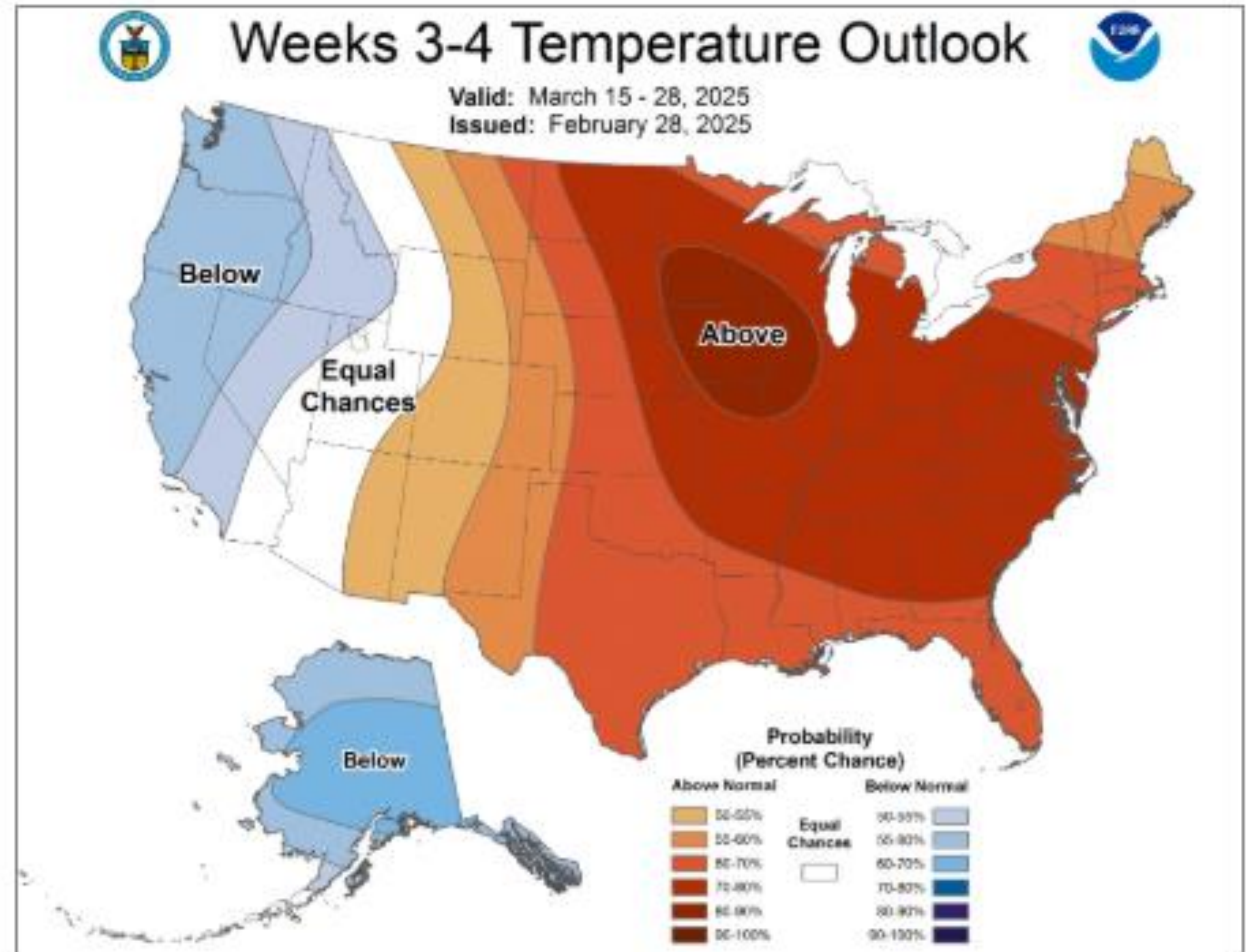
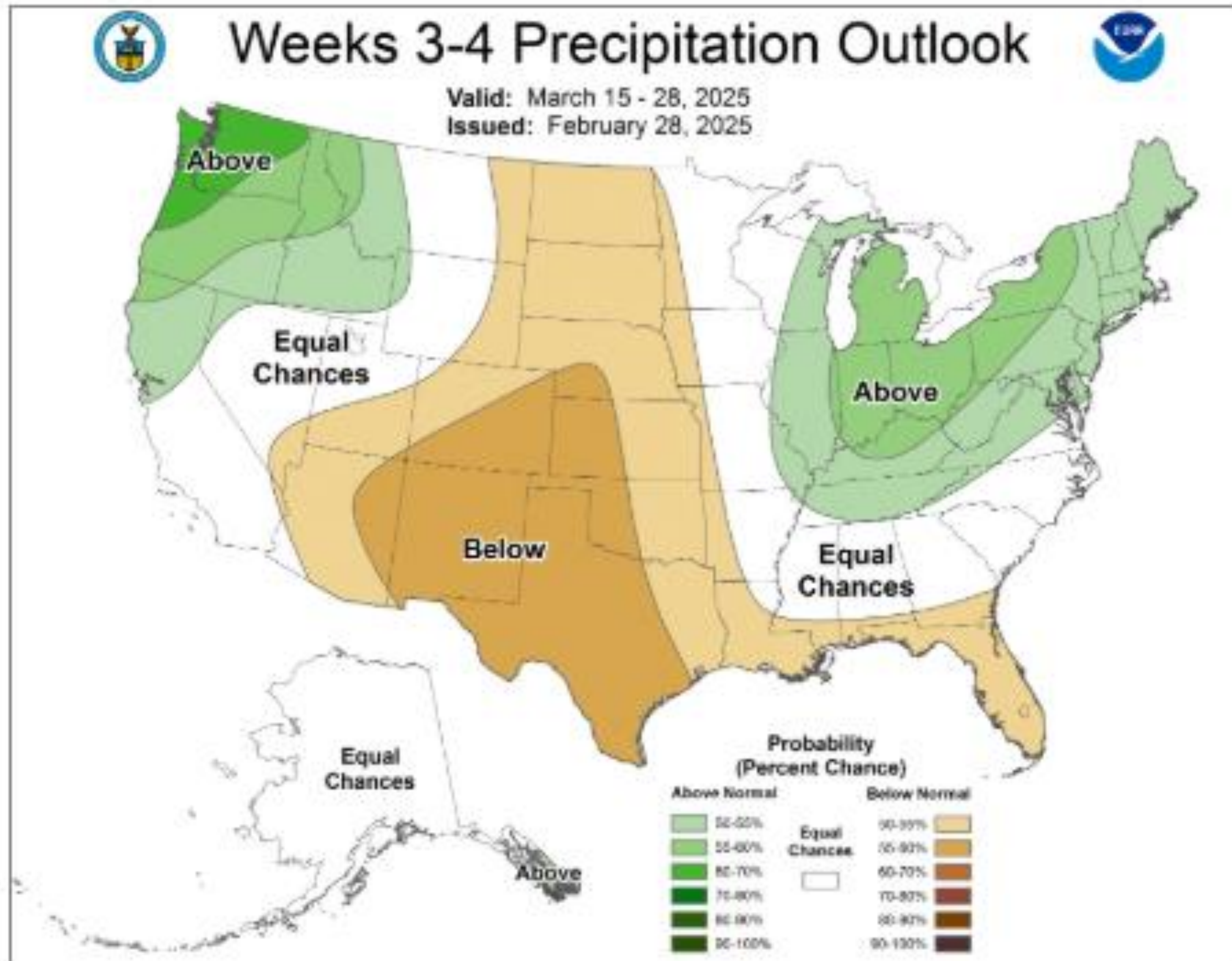


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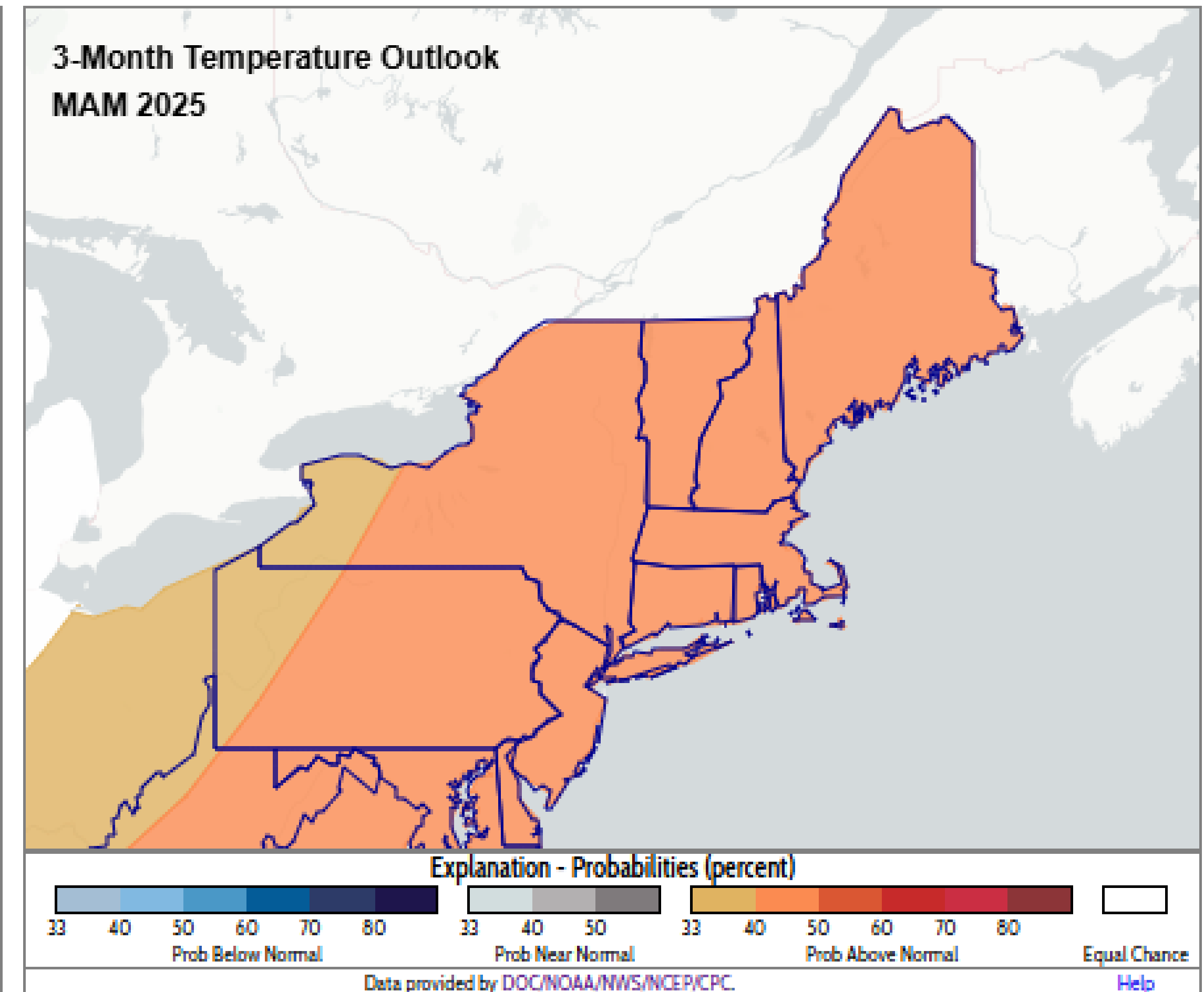
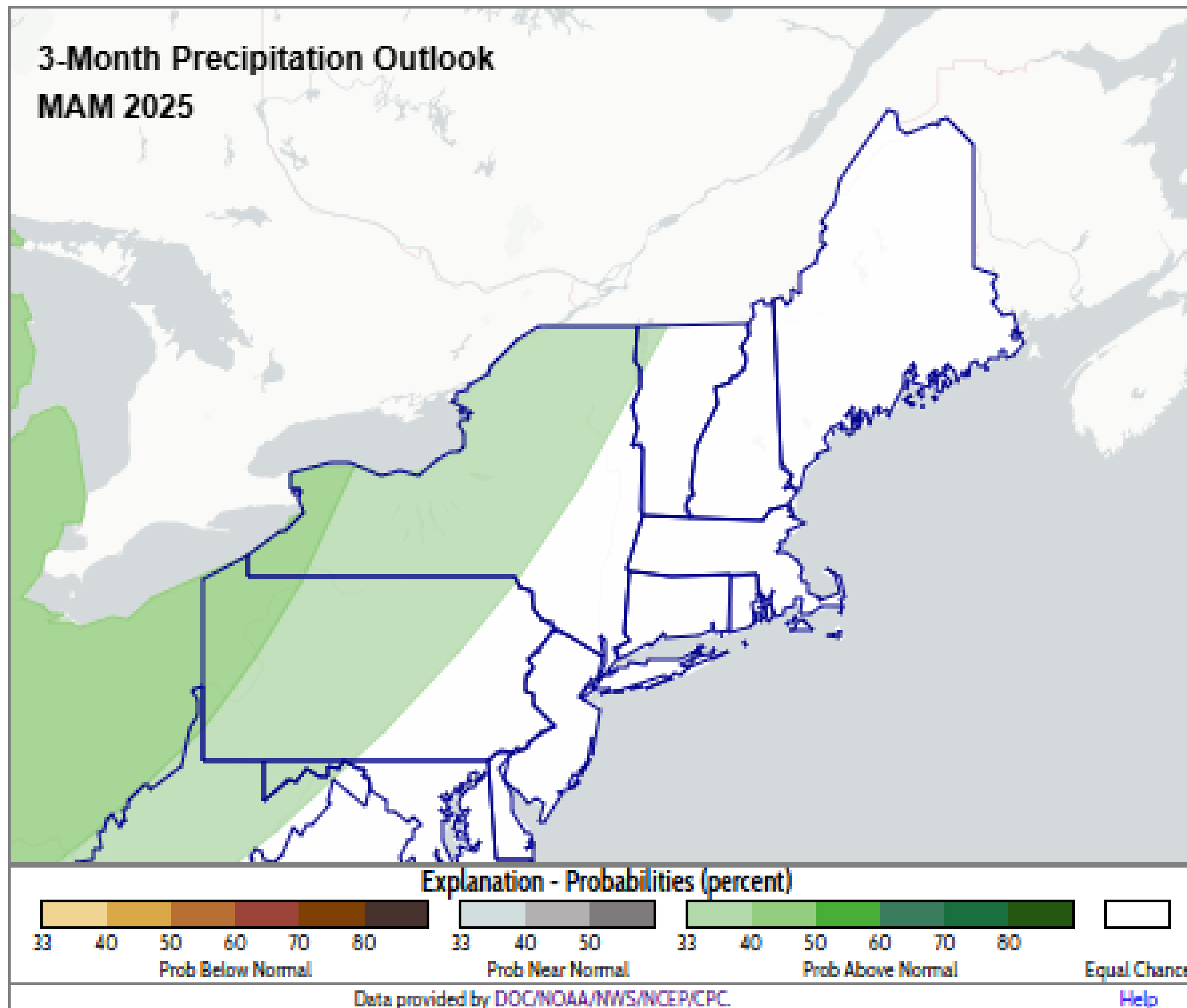


# Outlook for Mar, Apr, May



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Odds favor above normal temperatures with no clear signal for above/below normal precipitation







February: Slightly Below normal temperatures and near normal precipitation

- Precipitation was generally slightly below to slightly above normal (2-4 inches) for January
- Temperatures were 1 to 3 degrees below normal on average

Longer Range Precipitation Departures:

- 3-month and 6-month departures starting to show signs of long term dryness with 6 month PON ranging from 40 to 80 percent of normal across The Commonwealth
- 3-month departures only slightly below normal across most of eastern and southeastern MA

Outlook:

- No substantial precipitation forecast over the next 7 days
- Odds favor above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation through the end of March