



# Mississippi River Flooding Continues



## MISSISSIPPI RIVER CREST INFORMATION

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
QUAD CITIES

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Dubuque Railroad Bridge	Major Flooding	↗	4/27 - 4/28
Bellevue	Major Flooding	↗	4/28 - 4/30
Fulton	Major Flooding	↗	4/28 - 4/30
Camanche	Major Flooding	↗	4/29 - 5/1
Le Claire	Moderate Flooding	→	4/29 - 5/1
Rock Island	Major Flooding	→	4/29 - 5/1
Illinois City	Major Flooding	↘	4/30 - 5/2
Muscatine	Major Flooding	↘	4/30 - 5/2
New Boston	Major Flooding	↘	4/30 - 5/3
Keithsburg	Major Flooding	↘	4/30 - 5/3
Gladstone	Major Flooding	↘	5/1 - 5/3
Burlington	Major Flooding	↘	5/1 - 5/3
Keokuk	Major Flooding	↘	5/1 - 5/4
Gregory Landing	Major Flooding	↘	5/1 - 5/4

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- Heavy rainfall is possible Friday and Saturday across southern Wisconsin and along the Iowa/Minnesota border just behind the crest. Another round of heavy rain is possible Sunday and Monday across Iowa, Missouri and Illinois.

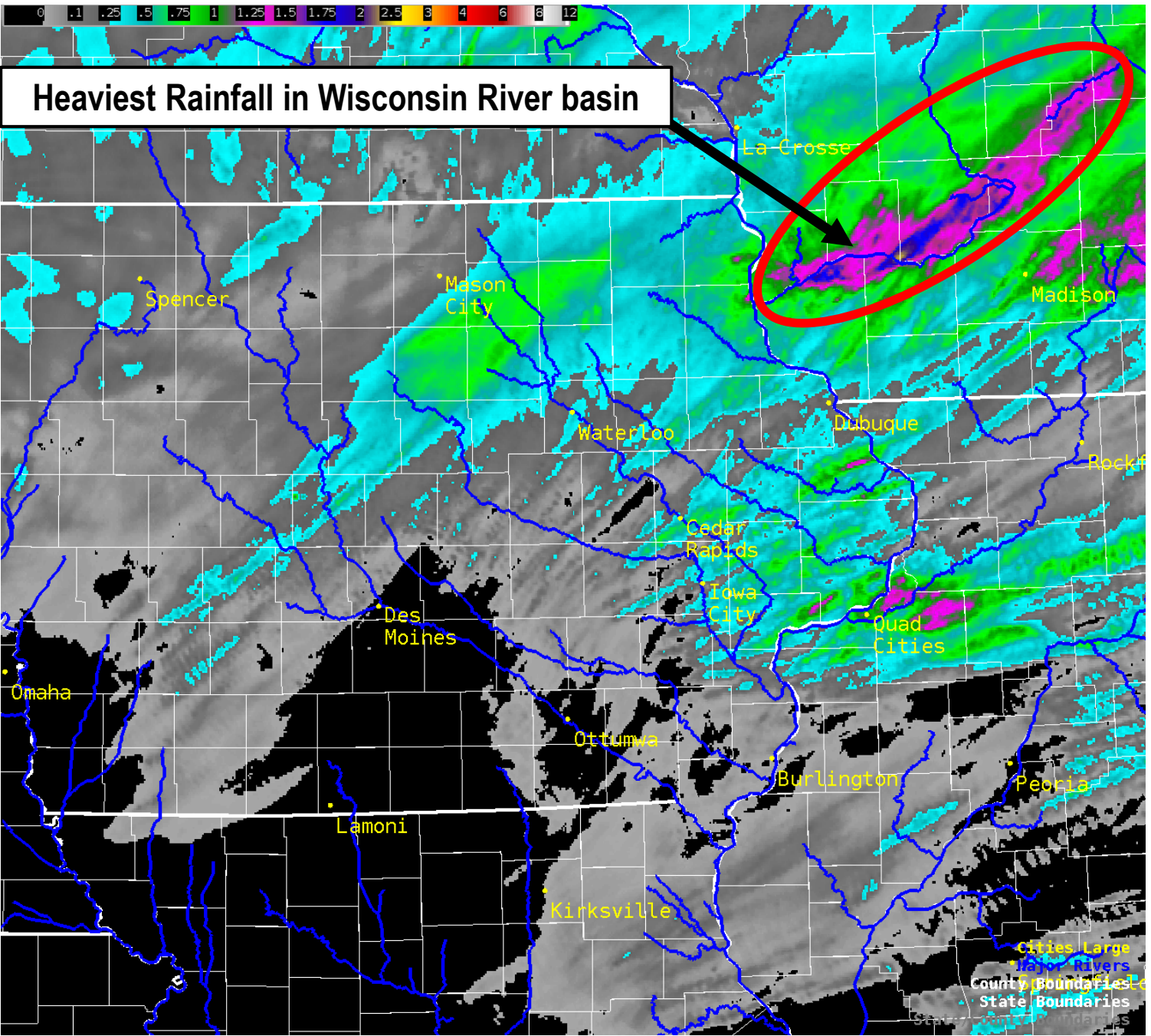


### Important Forecast Changes:

Rises are now underway upstream of LD13. Downstream of LD13 the Mississippi is either leveling off or still dropping. Crests will be higher than the first snowmelt crest from LD11 down to LD13. LD14 to LD16 the crests will be similar to the first crest. Crests *may* be lower downstream of LD16 than the first crest.



# 24 Hour Regional Precipitation ending 7 AM 4/23/2019





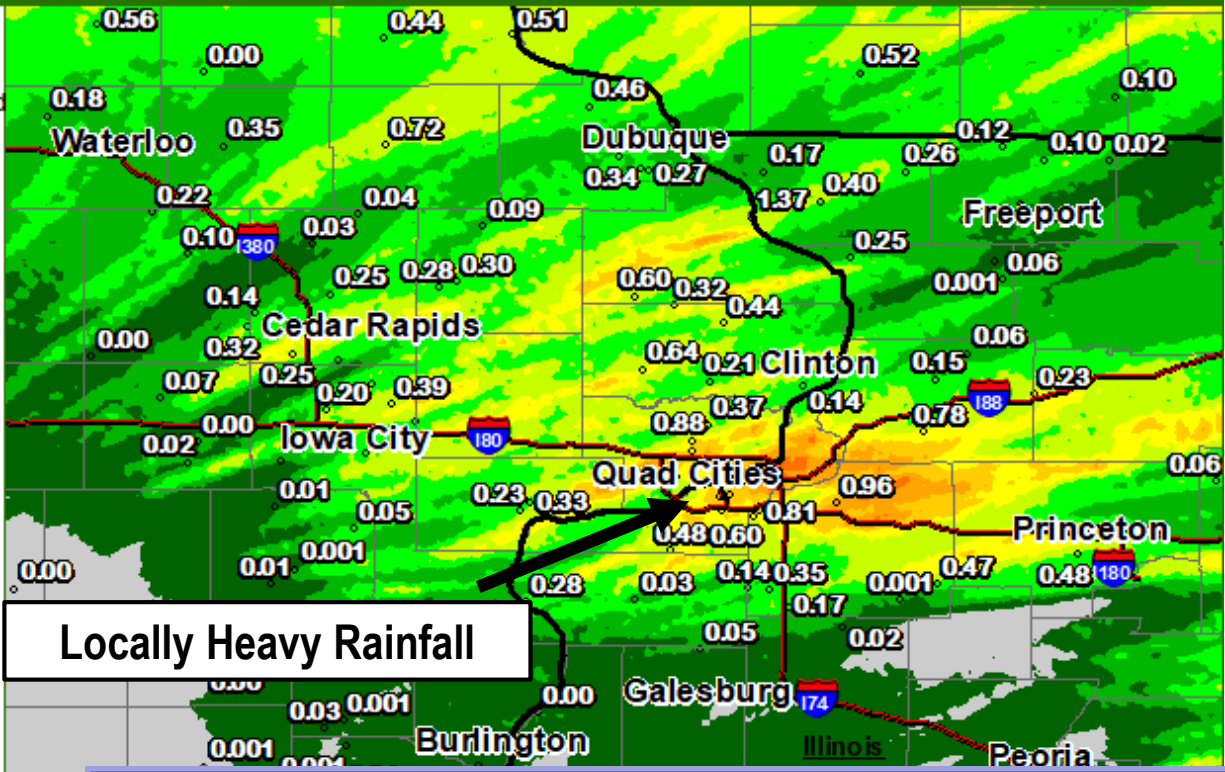
# 24 Hour Local Precipitation ending 4/23/2019

## 24-hour Precipitation ending 9am - 4/23/2019

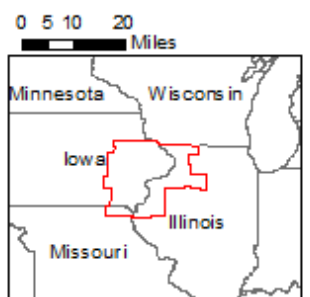
This map is a 24-hr multi-radar multi sensor (MRMS) analysis with reported values displayed on top of analysis. This method is used to attempt to capture convective events more effectively.

This should still be considered an estimation only. Not all reports used in the analysis will be displayed due to space constraints. Reports are 24 hour values from yesterday morning through this morning.

Note: 0.001 indicates trace of precipitation.

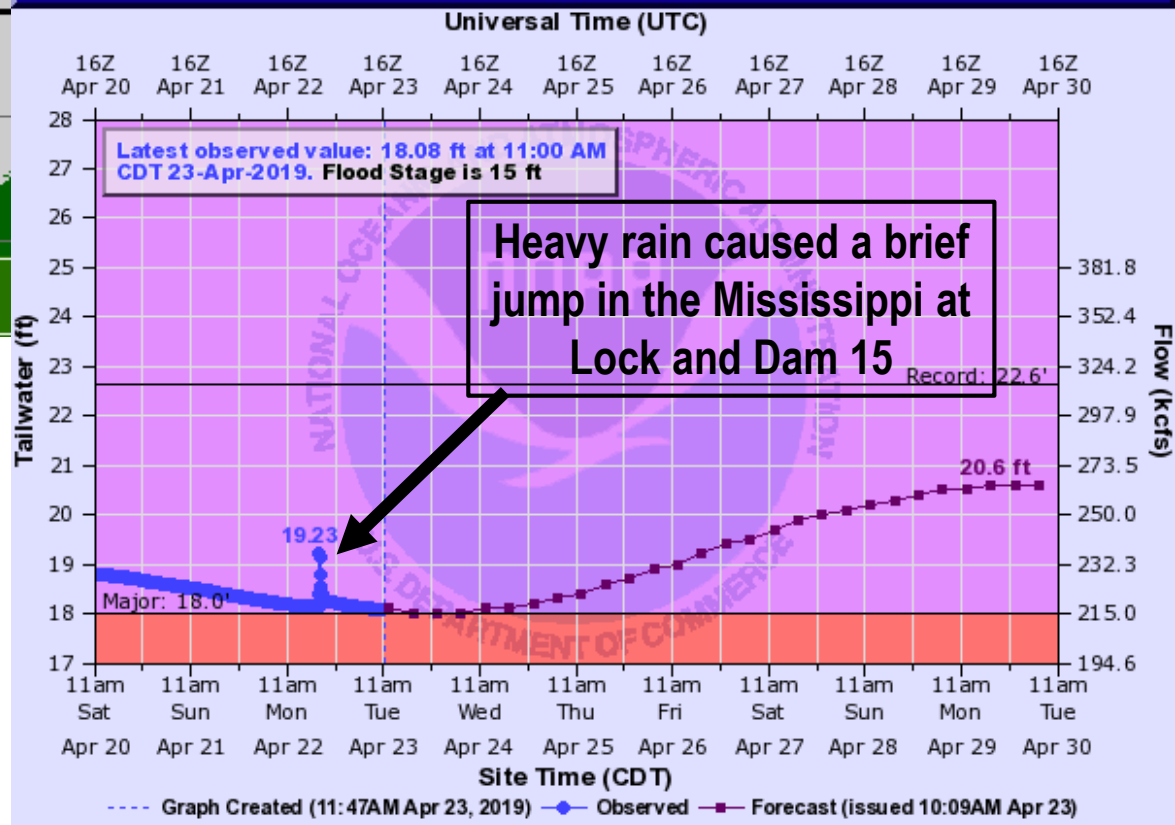


**Locally Heavy Rainfall**



Sources :  
Cooperative Observers  
CoCoRaHS / ASOS

### MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT ROCK ISLAND



RCKI2(plotting HTIRG) "Gage 0" Datum: 542.5' | Observations courtesy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



# Mississippi Flood Crest

**Final snowmelt crest combined with runoff from heavy rain is moving down the Mississippi River**

- River levels are rising from LD11 down to LD13. Downstream of LD13 river levels continue to fall but will begin rising again by late week.
- Rainfall in the next 2 weeks could cause changes to the crests and crest dates.



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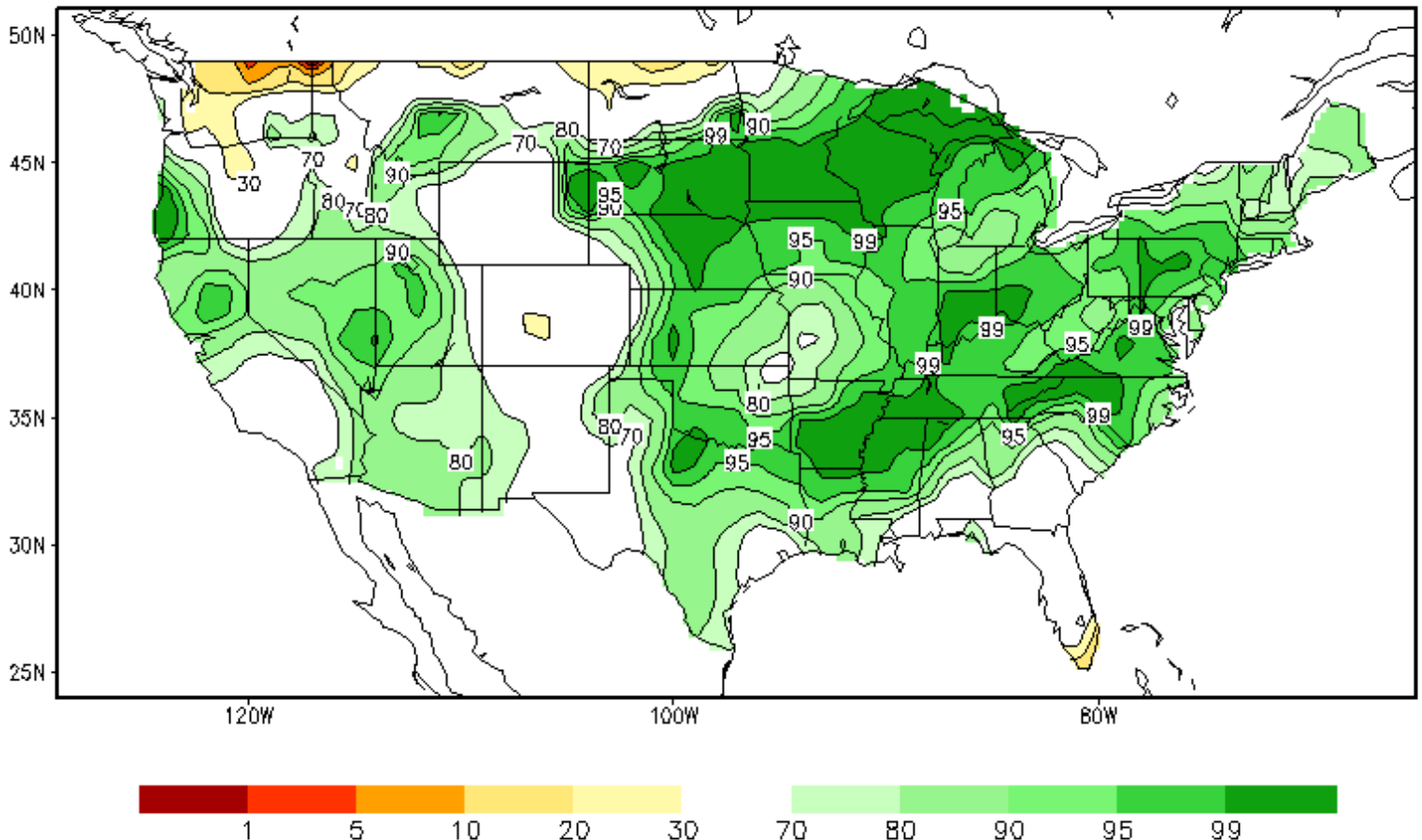
## Current Soil Moisture

**Soil Moisture**: remains saturated across the region despite the ongoing spring green-up.

Some improvement in soil moisture has occurred over the past five days across Iowa and northern Illinois

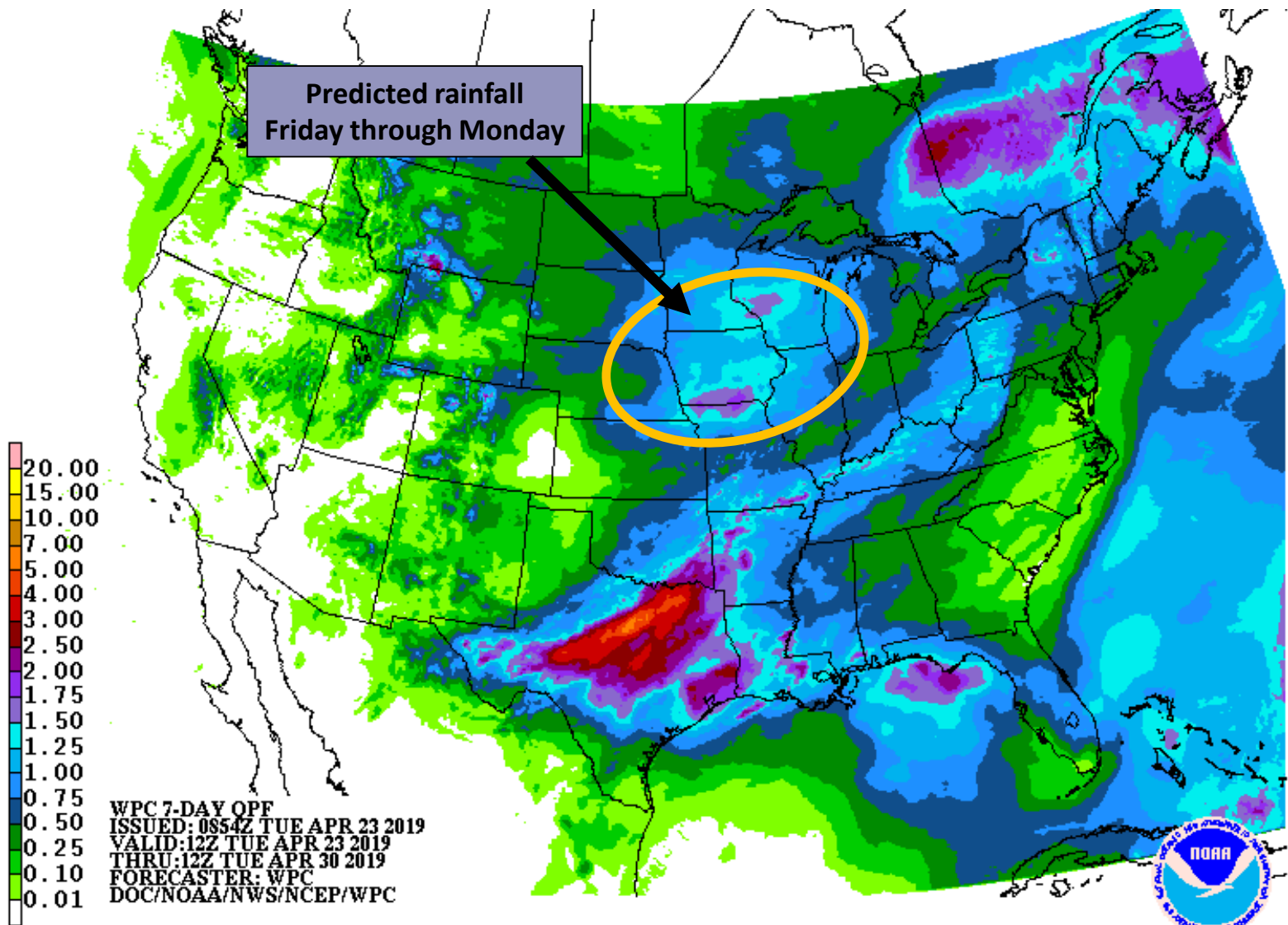
The entire region remains very susceptible to additional rises from heavy rains.

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile  
APR 22, 2019





## Forecast Rainfall through next Monday

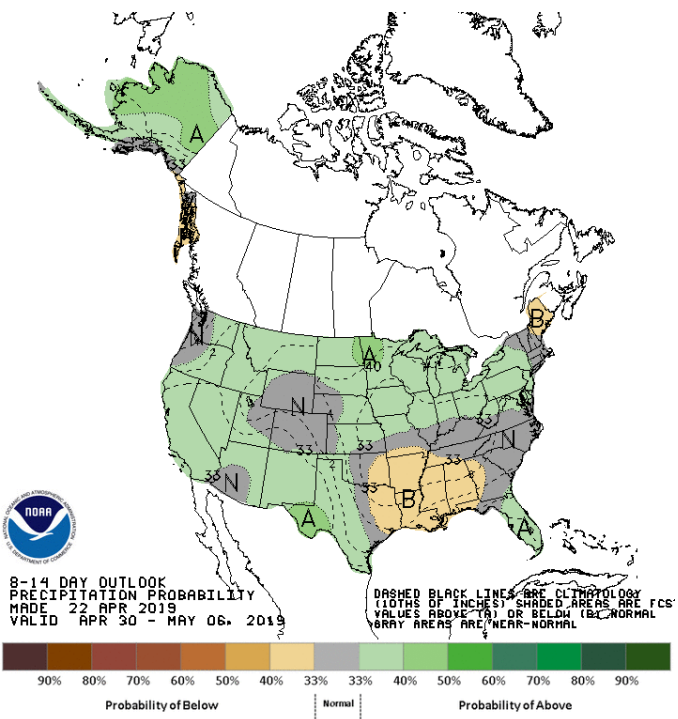


- Little if any rainfall through Thursday
- Active pattern Friday through Monday. Two rounds of heavy rainfall possible.



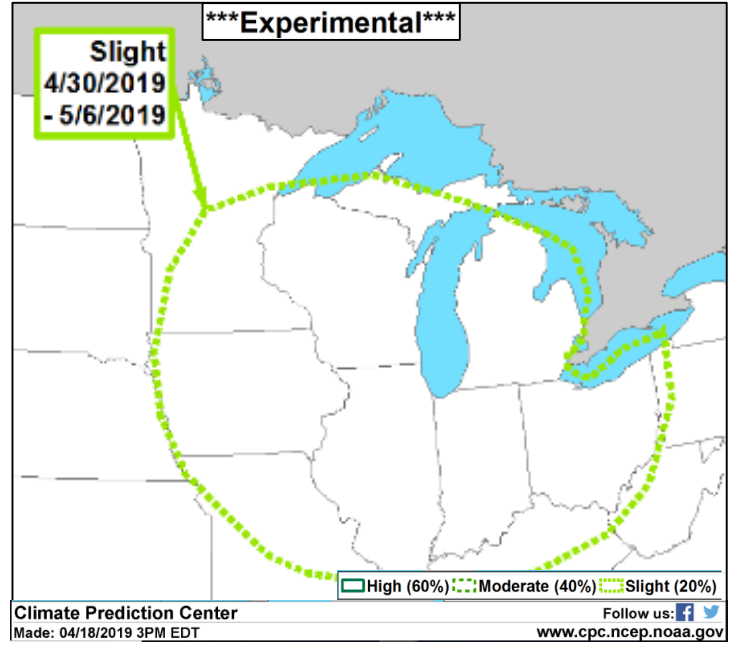
# Looking Ahead: April 30<sup>th</sup> → May 6<sup>st</sup>

## Precipitation

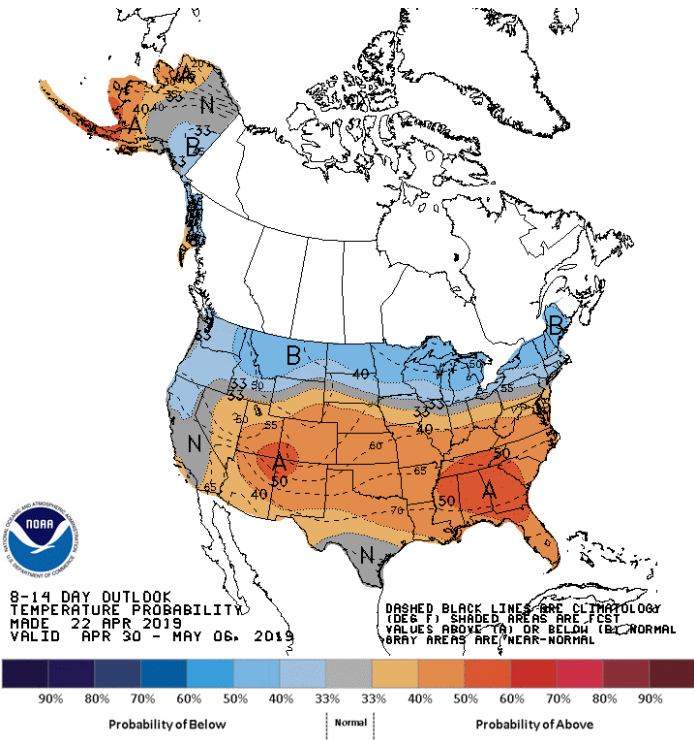


## Risk of Heavy Precipitation

Valid 4/30/2019-5/6/2019



## Temperatures



- An active pattern continues into early May with a slight risk of heavy rain.
- Location of any heavy rainfall in relation to the crest will be important. At a minimum it would prolong high river levels.



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- High river levels are expected through Memorial Day Weekend.



## NWS Quad Cities WFO Forecast Discussions

(technical weather and hydrology discussion)

[forecast.weather.gov/product.php?site=DVN&issuedby=DVN&product=AFD](http://forecast.weather.gov/product.php?site=DVN&issuedby=DVN&product=AFD)

## NWS Quad Cities WFO River Information Page

[www.weather.gov/dvn/river\\_levels](http://www.weather.gov/dvn/river_levels)

## Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS)

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/forecasts.php?wfo=DVN>

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