8/17/2026

Futures Price Changes

Corn up 1 (Sep) @ 4.59
Corn up 1 (Dec) @ 4.84

Soybeans up 4 (Sep) @ 11.81
Soybeans up 3 (Nov) @ 11.96

Wheat down 9 (Sep) @ 6.67
Wheat down 6 (Jul 27) @ 7.05

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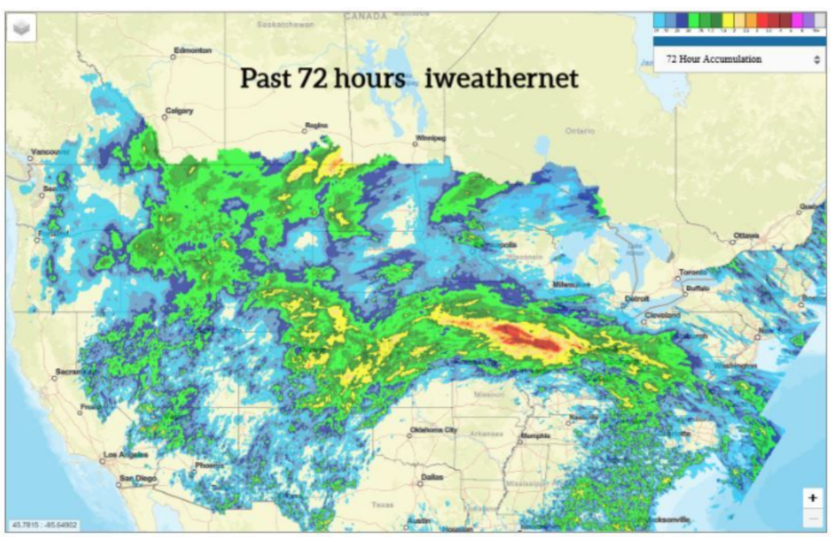
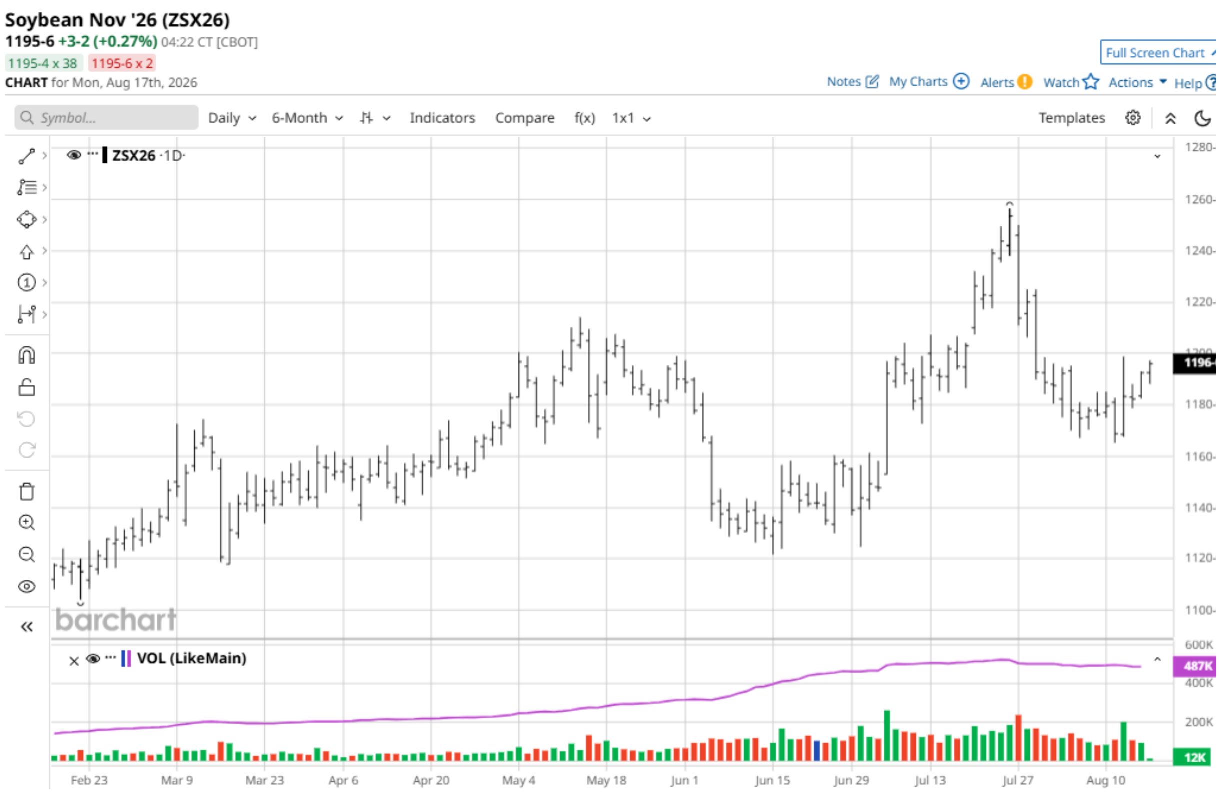
Perdue Grains Commentary

Good morning. It's been a rough weekend here in central and eastern Indiana. The worst flooding in decades is being seen in the Indianapolis area and I suspect a lot of farm ground is now under water to the east of the city. The state's two biggest rivers are out of their banks in numerous locations, which is quickly adding to the farmland toll. We're seeing less severe flooding in the other two I-states but some damage is occurring nonetheless. Historically, the markets have been slow to react to these kinds of events and we're seeing that again this morning (although futures have popped an extra two cents since I started typing this). Droughts are easy to trade, especially if they are widespread. Flooding on the other hand, is far more difficult for the spec community to grasp. While thousands of acres are being damaged or lost, millions of acres are being helped with the rains we've seen over the past week. So, while that may sound like a net positive for yield and production, we need to remember that the USDA was assuming good weather from August 12 forward while compiling their national yield projection of ***180.7***.

I'm now leaning toward that yield coming down a bushel or two in the coming reports but the bigger story could ultimately come on the demand side. The drought situation in Europe hasn't eased by much and the French crop is now estimated to be down 20-30%. Perhaps an even more powerful demand event is the destruction of grain export facilities in both Russia and Ukraine. Given that we're likely heading for the second largest corn crop in history, it's not easy to put the horns on with gusto but at the least, I believe we're bringing the spring high of $5.06 (versus the December) back into play.

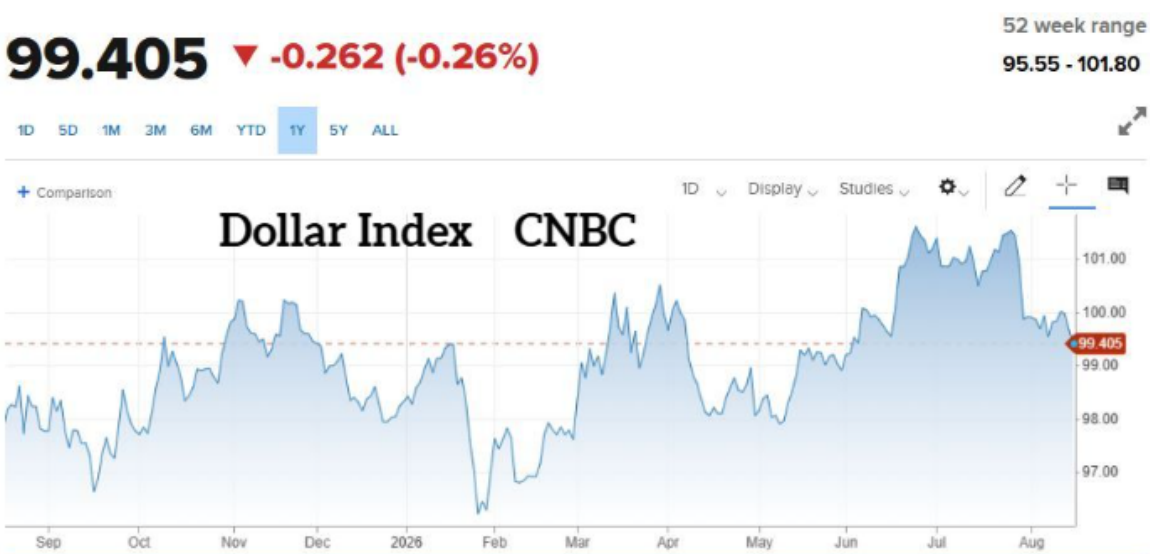


The futures have started to show a little more pep over the past 30 minutes, with most contracts currently up 3-4 cents. There isn't a lot to add here over and above what I had in the corn section but my view on yield could be a little different. The USDA posted a ***52.7*** national yield last week and my first thought, given the rains moving across the Belt, was that it would be the lowest we'll see in the coming months. In addition to the flooding, some areas of note were missed, so my confidence in a higher yield isn't strong. Without a doubt, we'll be seeing a lot of record yields in certain areas but we won't be seeing last year's yield bump out of the far western Belt. The next two weeks are going to be cooler-than-normal for the majority of the Corn Belt but there will also be a lot of sunshine. I believe that's a net positive for 80% of the Belt, so the weather bulls may struggle to support their heavy long position. There could be enough momentum to get the November back above the $12 mark but holding onto it will prove more difficult I suspect.



Wheat futures are not following along well with corn and soybeans this morning. The September contract is currently down 3 cents to ***$6.71 3/4***, while the July is down 1 1/4 cent to ***$7.09 1/4***. The biggest news for this commodity continues to be the damaged Russian and Ukrainian export facilities but that has yet to result in increased U.S. sales or shipments. That time will eventually come but for now, the funds are content with holding onto their short position in Chicago futures.

It could be a quieter day than usual for Wall Street, as traders and investors attempt to decipher the latest moves in the Iran war. Energy futures are quiet for the most part, which could give the bulls the upper hand today. Interest rates are slightly lower but at this level, will be viewed as a negative moving forward. The Dollar Index is moderately weaker at ***99.40***, while gold futures are up $16 to ***$4,453***.



Energy futures are moving off their early-session lows, with the nearby crude contract currently up 65 cents to ***$83.05.*** Gasoline futures are up a penny to ***$3.20***, while diesel is up 6 cents to ***$4.34***. My concern over diesel price continues to grow, as I'm not hearing anything of a bearish nature coming from the analyst I follow most closely. The outflows from the Middle East can be debated on a daily basis but what is not up for vigorous debate is the fact that Russia has pulled out of the export market. We certainly haven't, which is helps explain our domestic stocks falling to the lowest levels of the past twenty years. Making recommendations on covering fall fuel needs is a bit out of my wheelhouse but I'd be having some serious conversations with your supplier. The sooner the better. .

NATIONAL AVERAGE GAS PRICES AAA

	Regular	Mid-Grade	Premium	Diesel	E85
Current Avg.	$4.0636	$4.5606	$4.9479	$5.4454	$3.1551
Yesterday Avg.	$4.0656	$4.5744	$4.9563	$5.4460	$3.1456
Week Ago Avg.	$4.0091	$4.4997	$4.8900	$5.2996	$3.0645
Month Ago Avg.	$3.9814	$4.4846	$4.8630	$5.0580	$3.0736
Year Ago Avg.	$3.1381	$3.6243	$3.9811	$3.7025	$2.5471

The national radar map had quieted down substantially this morning, which is very good news for a lot of beleaguered farmers in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. It's not the best of news however, for farmers in the Dakotas and parts of Minnesota. The extended maps are looking favorable for the Corn Belt in regard to temperature, which is something I haven't gotten to say on August 17 in recent years. The far western Belt could be seeing some additional precipitation and that will certainly be welcomed with open arms. Aside from a mid-week system moving through the Corn Belt, there will be a lot of sunshine over the next two weeks.

That's all for this this morning. Please have an exceptional day.

John

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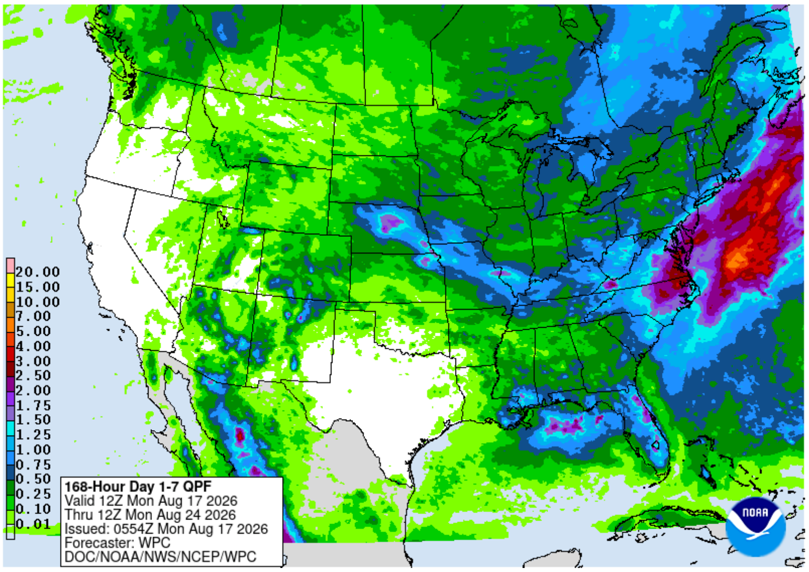

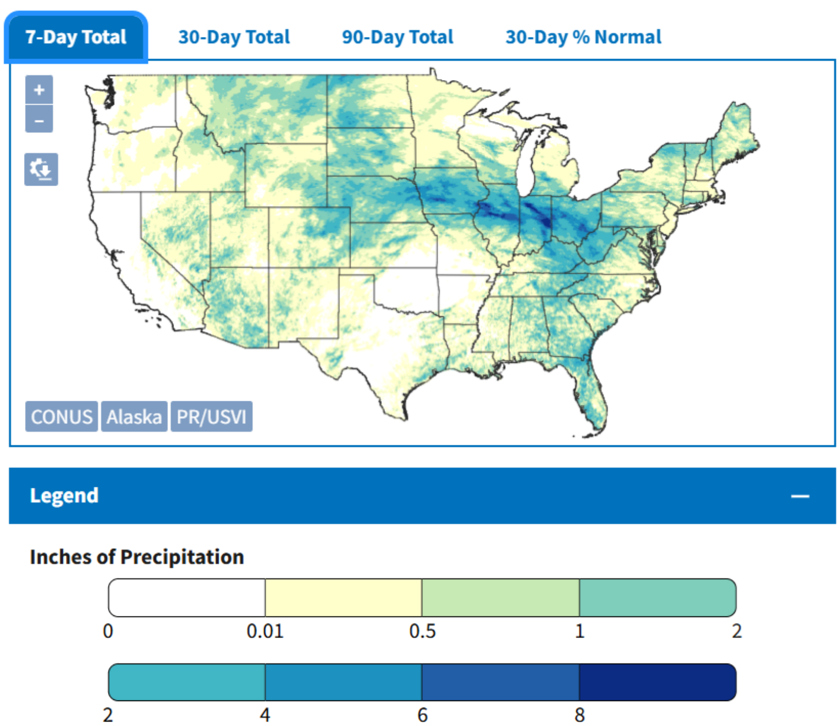

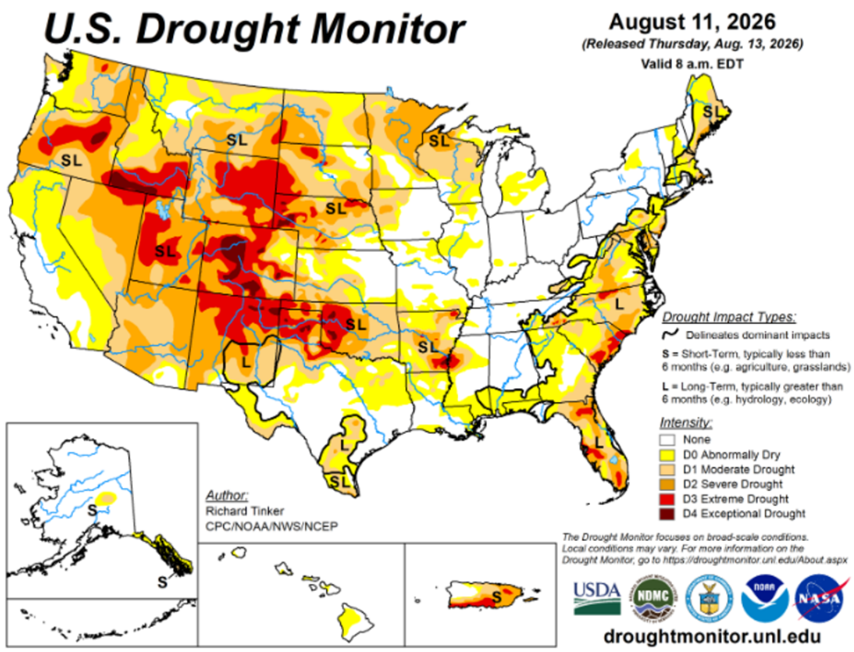
U.S. Drought Monitor
August 11, 2026
(Released Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT
Drought Impact Types:
Delineates dominant impacts
S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)
Intensity:
None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought
Author:
Richard Tinker
CPC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP
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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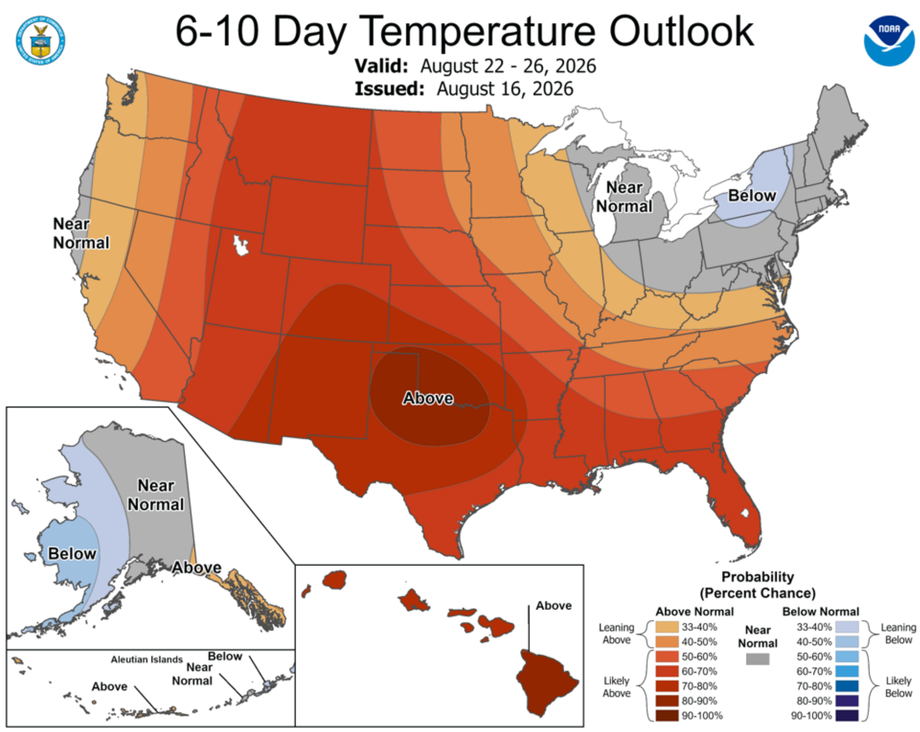
6-10 Day Temperature Outlook
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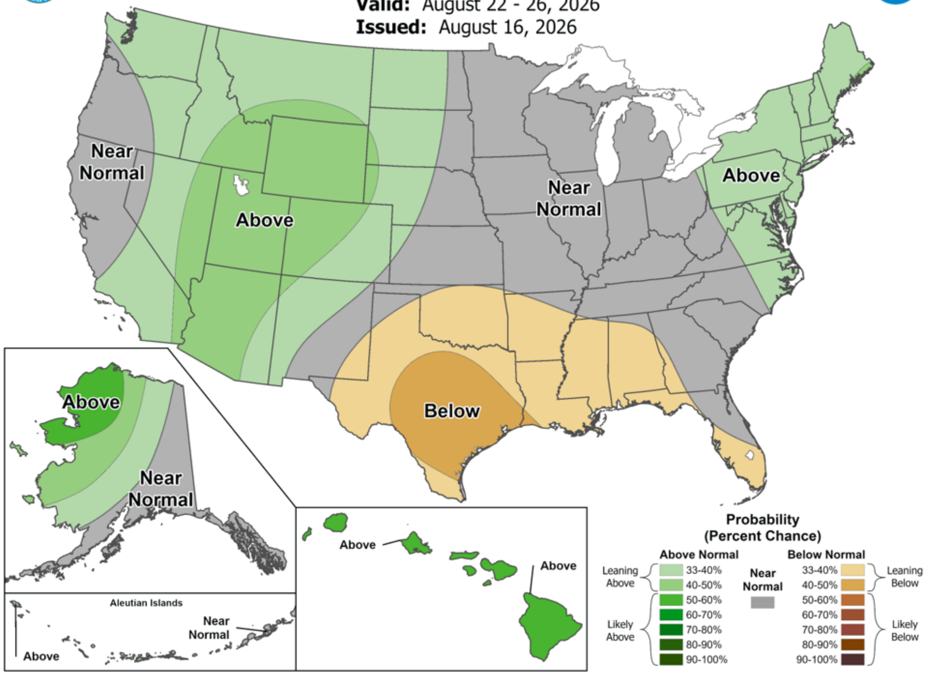

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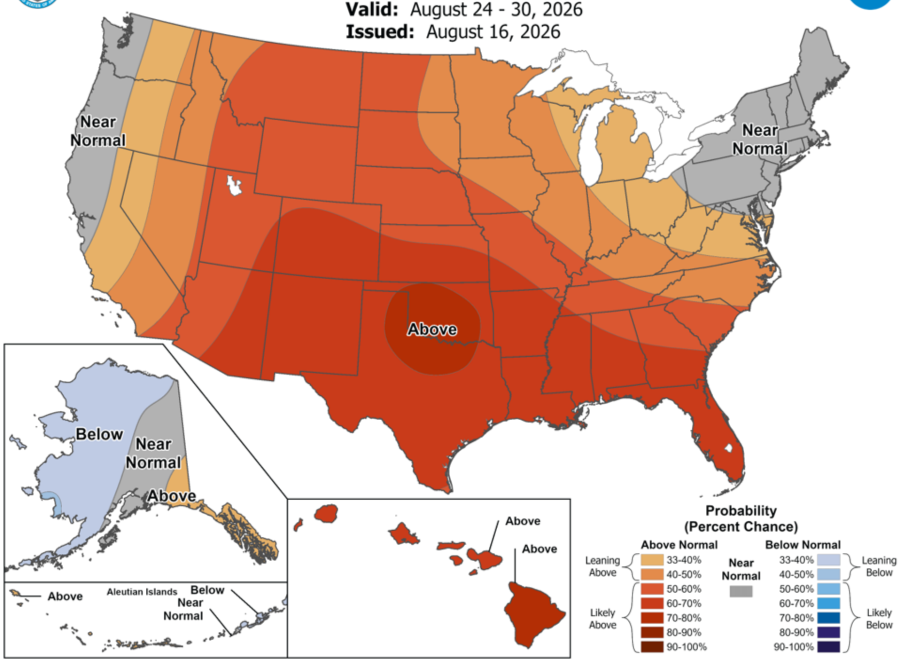

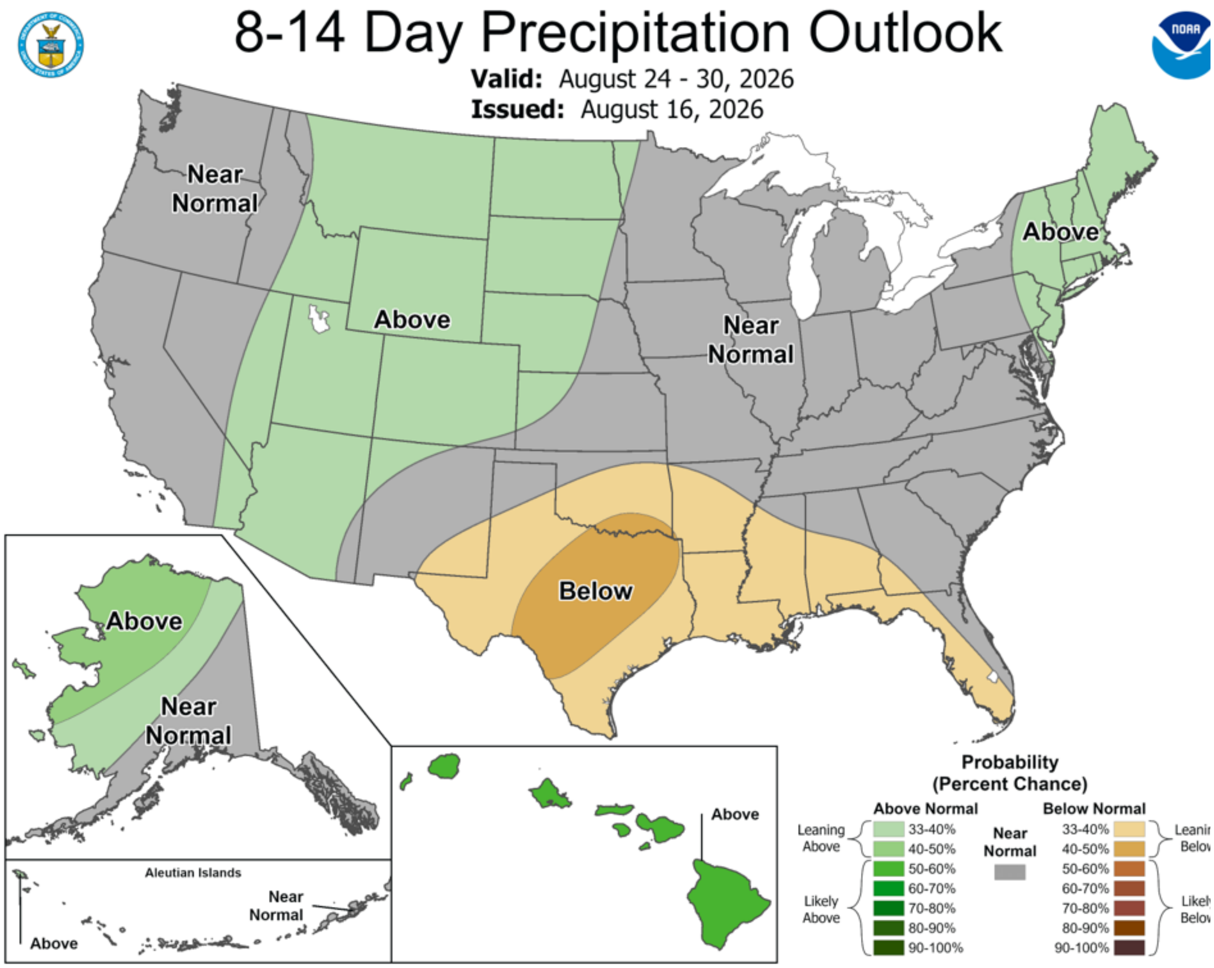
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