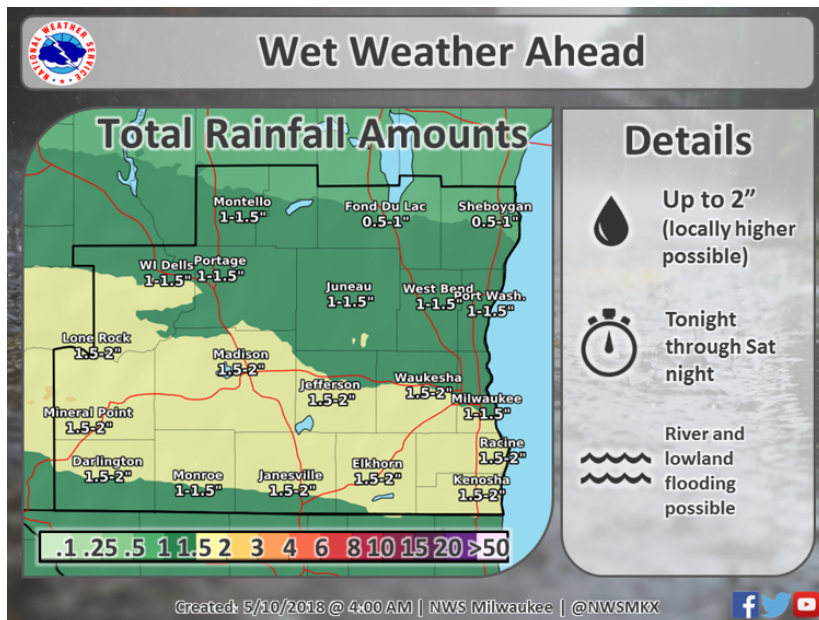




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Flooding possible along southern Wisconsin rivers, streams this weekend, thanks to persistent rain

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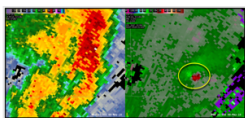
A week's worth of rain has rivers and streams to the point of overflowing their banks this weekend, prompting forecasters to warn southern Wisconsin residents to take precautions if in low-lying areas at risk of flooding.

The National Weather Service said up to 2 inches of rain is forecast beginning Thursday night through Saturday night, adding more water to already saturated ground and bulging rivers and streams.

"Some rivers are already experiencing minor flooding," the Weather Service said Thursday. "The additional rainfall expected over the next few days could lead to more flooding by the end of the weekend into early next week."

Areas seeing minor flooding already include the Baraboo River in Sauk County, the Wisconsin River at Portage and the Rock and Crawfish Rivers in Jefferson County.

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Flood warnings have been issued for those streams as well as the Mississippi River.

Heavy thunderstorms that rumbled through southern Wisconsin Wednesday afternoon dumped a lot of rain in the region, and also

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produced possible tornadoes near Fennimore in Grant County and in Washington and Waukesha counties in southeast Wisconsin.

The forecast for Thursday is much quieter than it has been all week, with a mix of clouds and sun and a high of 67, according to 27 Storm Track meteorologist Branden Borremans.

Showers are expected to develop overnight and continue intermittently all day and night on Friday and Saturday.

It will be a cold rain on Friday, with highs only reaching the mid-40s.

Borremans said Saturday should be cloudy and cool with scattered showers and a high of 54.



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Mother's Day on Sunday should be much better, with early clouds giving way to sunshine and a high of 66.

The work week should start out with nice weather, sun and 77, then more rain is possible on Tuesday and Wednesday with highs of 81 and 75.

Borremans said sunshine should return next Thursday with a high of 66.

Wednesday's high of 71 was 5 degrees below normal and 21 degrees below the record high of 92 for May 9, set in 1934.

The low was 55, 11 degrees above normal and 35 degrees above the record low of 20 for the date, set in 1966.

The 1.51 inches of rain that fell at the airport on Wednesday was only 0.06 of an inch away from the record 1.57 inches that fell on May 9, 1990.

So far in May, Madison has received 4.95 inches of rain, 3.97 inches above normal.

For the meteorological spring of March through May, Madison has received 7.83 inches of precipitation (rain and melted snow), 1.25 inches above normal.

Since Jan. 1, Madison has received 12.01 inches of precipitation, 2.75 inches above normal.

No snow has fallen this month. The record snowfall of 0.6 inches on May 9 came in 1945.

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