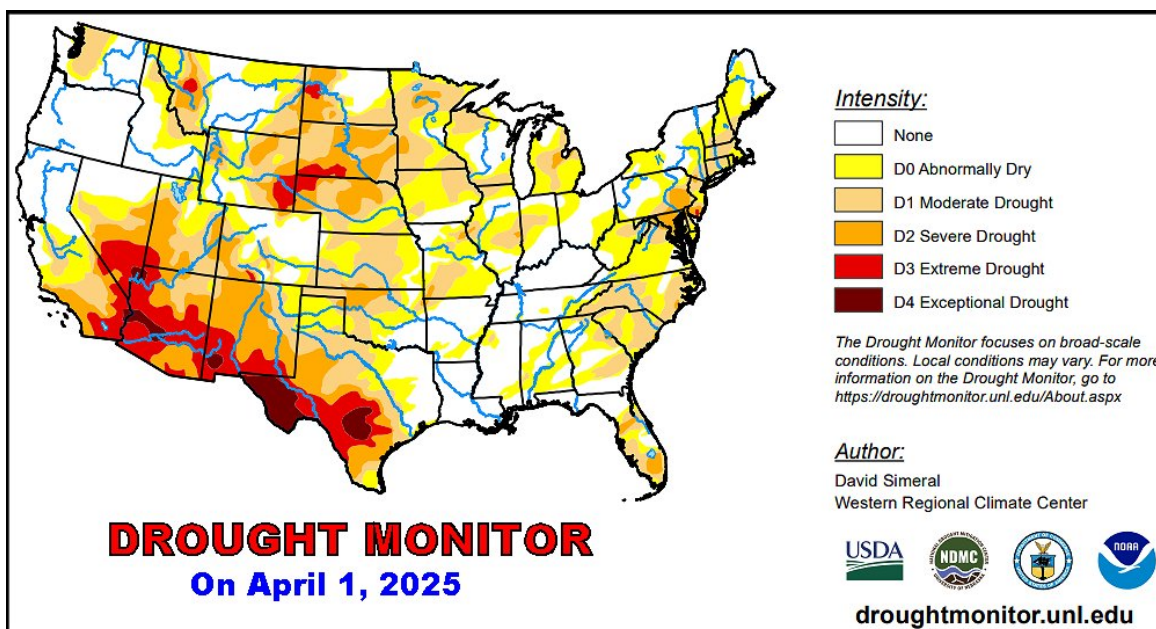


Central U.S. To See Another Bout Of Heat, Dryness

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Kansas City, April 3 (World Weather Inc.) – This week's incredible rain event slated for areas from Arkansas to the Ohio River Valley, the snow and rain event in the upper U.S. Midwest and northeastern Plains and the coming rain event for the southwestern U.S. Plains leaves much hope for spring weather to be more "normal" this year. However, it is not likely to end up that way for some parts of the central United States. After this week's three significant precipitation events a large ridge of high pressure is expected to evolve and it promises to generate some significant heat in the western half of North America and limit rainfall. The ridge will contribute to a new round of hot weather in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain region and several days of very strong wind near and shortly after mid-month.

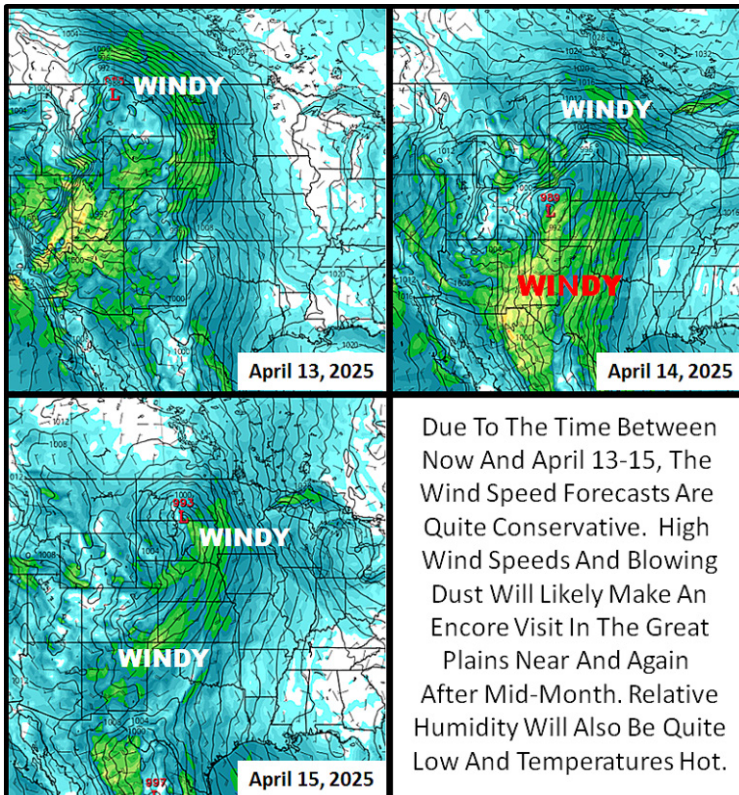
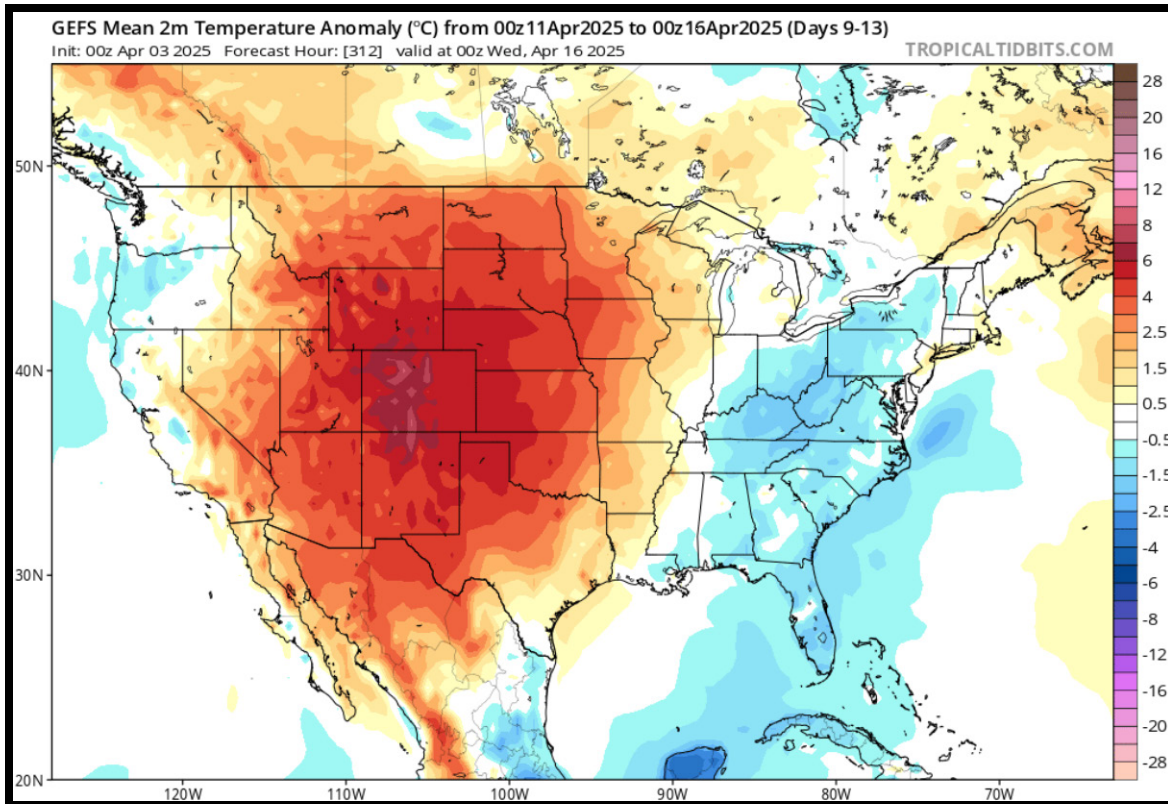


Some of the precipitation that fell earlier this week in the upper Midwest and northeastern Great Plains may have nibbled at the drought evolving in that part of the nation, but much more rainfall was still needed to bolster soil moisture into more ideal environment. The dryness in West Texas that has been evolving recently will also be eased by the rain event expected Friday into Saturday, but no drought busting rain event is likely in that region either.

Weather conditions in the central United States will change again, but after this weekend they may not change for the better – at least not for another ten days and perhaps a little longer. A strong ridge of high pressure building in western North America will make two attempts to move across the central parts of North America during the next two weeks; however, each attempt will fail. In the process of building the ridge up and moving it to the Great Plains, there will be a notable increase in temperature over the Rocky Mountain region and Great Plains and there will be a general lack of rain. The drier biased conditions should also spread farther to the east into the Midwest for a little while during the week next

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week and into mid-month, though temperatures in that part of North America will be milder and less threatening.



Due To The Time Between Now And April 13-15, The Wind Speed Forecasts Are Quite Conservative. High Wind Speeds And Blowing Dust Will Likely Make An Encore Visit In The Great Plains Near And Again After Mid-Month. Relative Humidity Will Also Be Quite Low And Temperatures Hot.

Heat and dryness that evolve in the Great Plains next week will be most significant a week from now through mid-month. Temperatures in the 70s and 80s will likely reach across most of the Plains from Texas to Montana and a part of the Dakotas at that time with some 90-degree extremes likely in the southern Plains. The heat will be accompanied by very strong wind speeds and the potential for more stress on crops and livestock will rise at that time because of blowing dust, the excessive wind and hot temperatures. Relative humidity during that period of time will likely drop very low once again and it will be during that time that worry

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over the future weather in central North America may start to rise.

Another opportunity for rain will develop in a part of the central and eastern U.S. during the second half of April, but once again it may leave portions of the central and southern Great Plains and a part of the southwestern Corn and Soybean Belt a little drier biased.

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