



# Current Conditions – Groundwater and Surface Water

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# What is Normal?

- Ranges computed based on historical values
- Done daily, weekly, monthly, annually
- Period of record provided in plots/tables
- Not a forecast, but one of the many factors for identifying risk using historical perspective

Dry

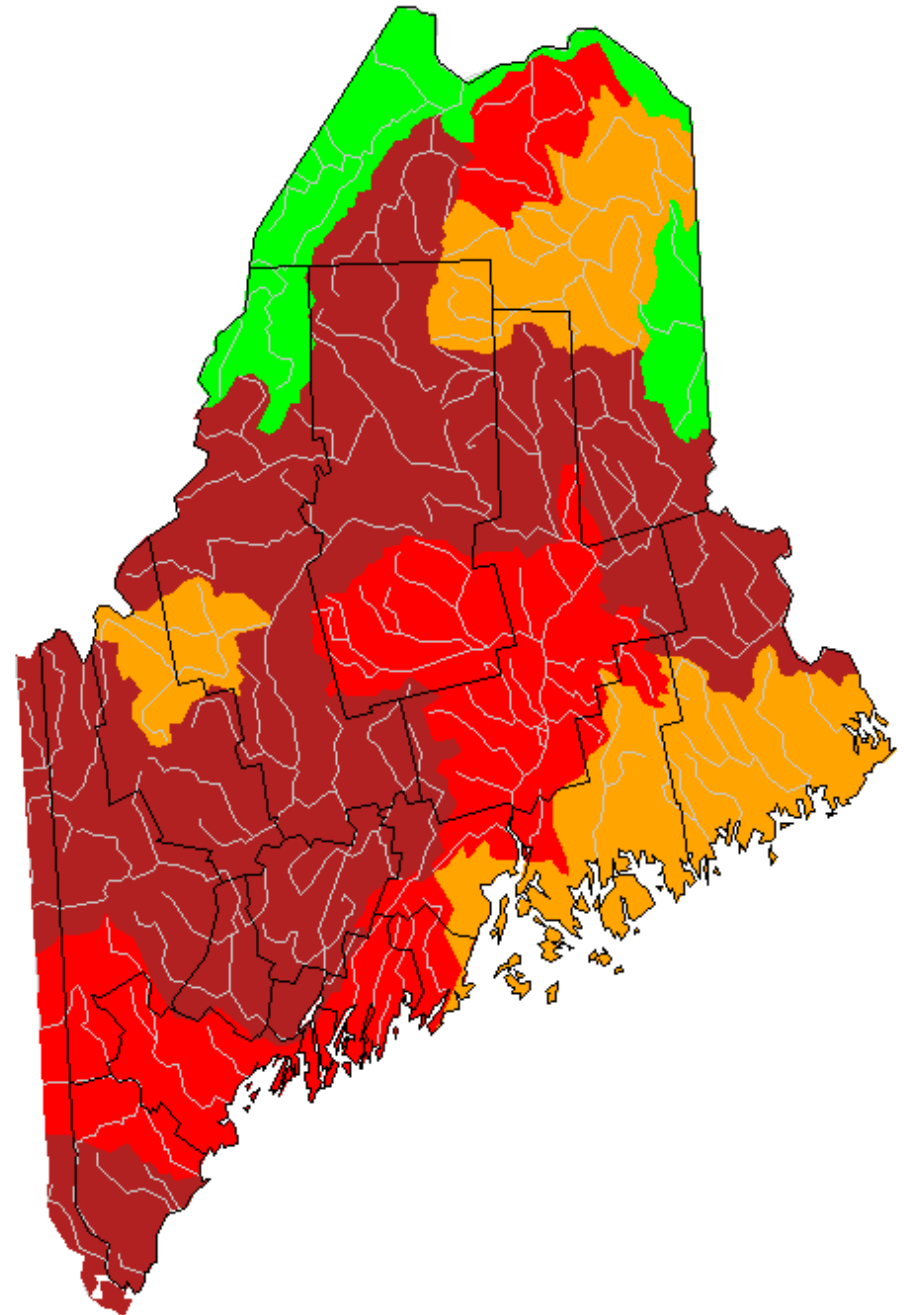









Wet

Flow or Water Level	Percentile Range
Low	0 <sup>th</sup>
Much below normal	0 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup>
Below normal	10 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup>
Normal	25 <sup>th</sup> to 75 <sup>th</sup>
Above normal	75 <sup>th</sup> to 90 <sup>th</sup>
Much above normal	90 <sup>th</sup> to 100 <sup>th</sup>
High	100 <sup>th</sup>

# Current Real-Time Streamflow

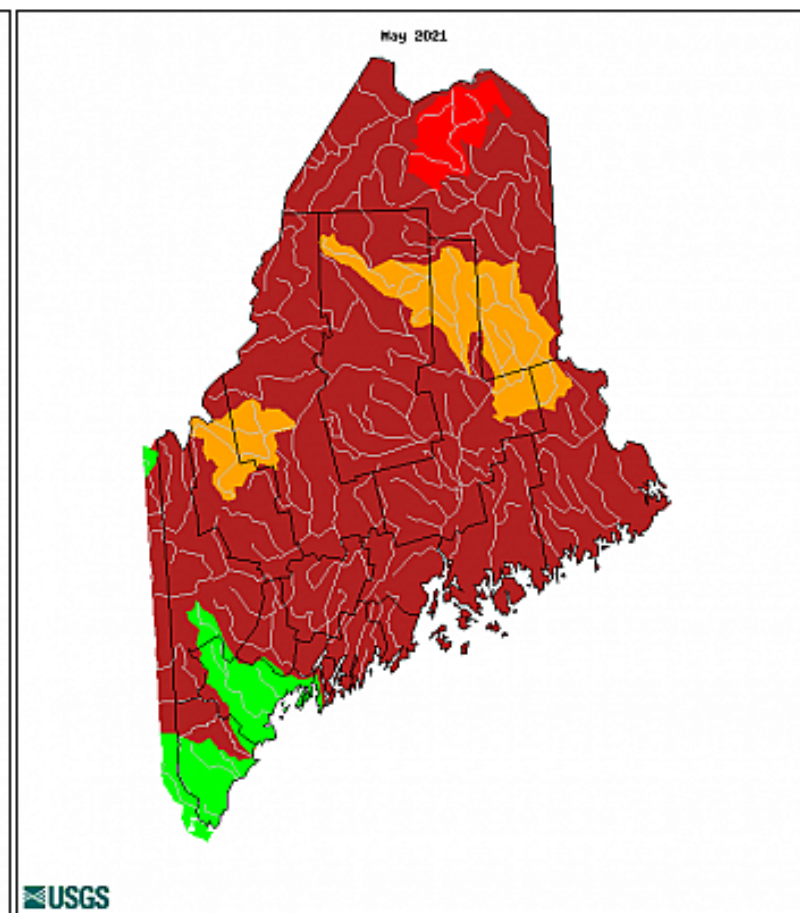
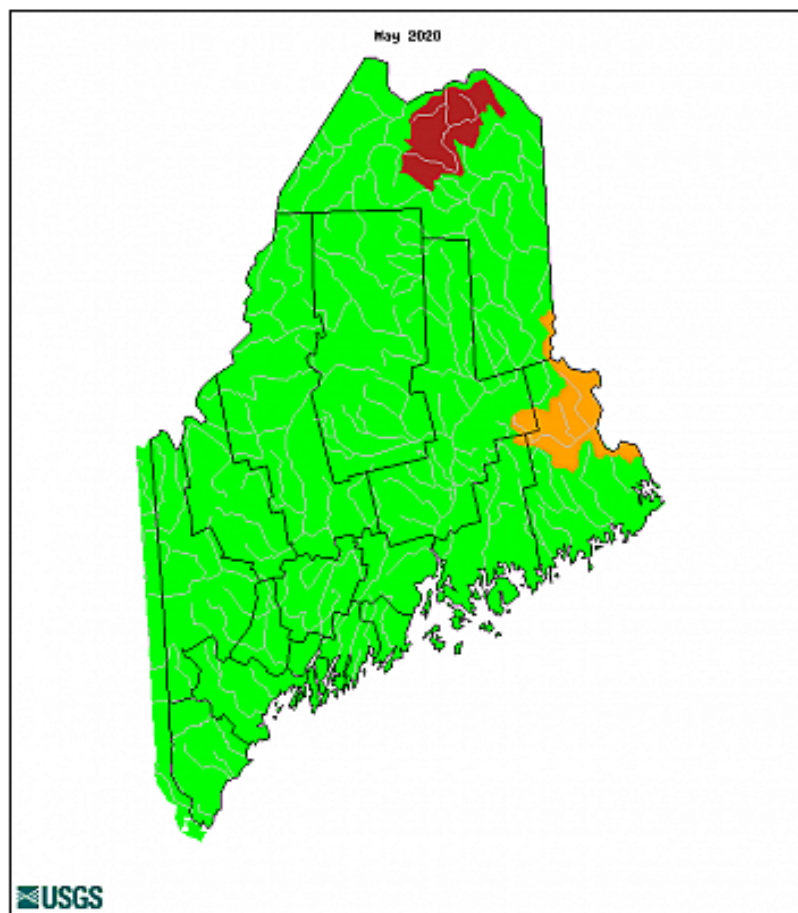
- Plots based on daily data



Explanation - Percentile classes						
						
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	

Date (YYYYMM): 202005








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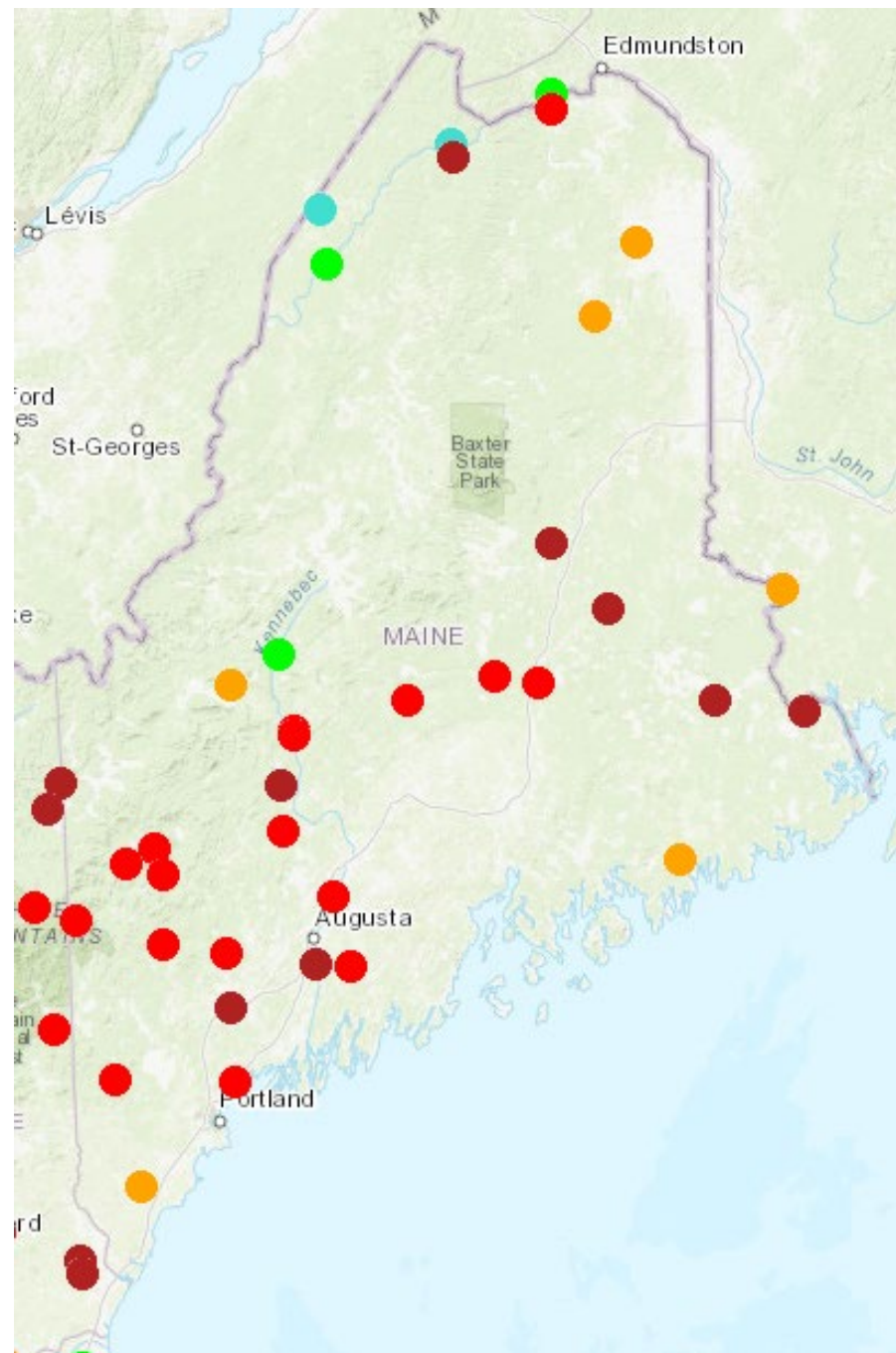


Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		



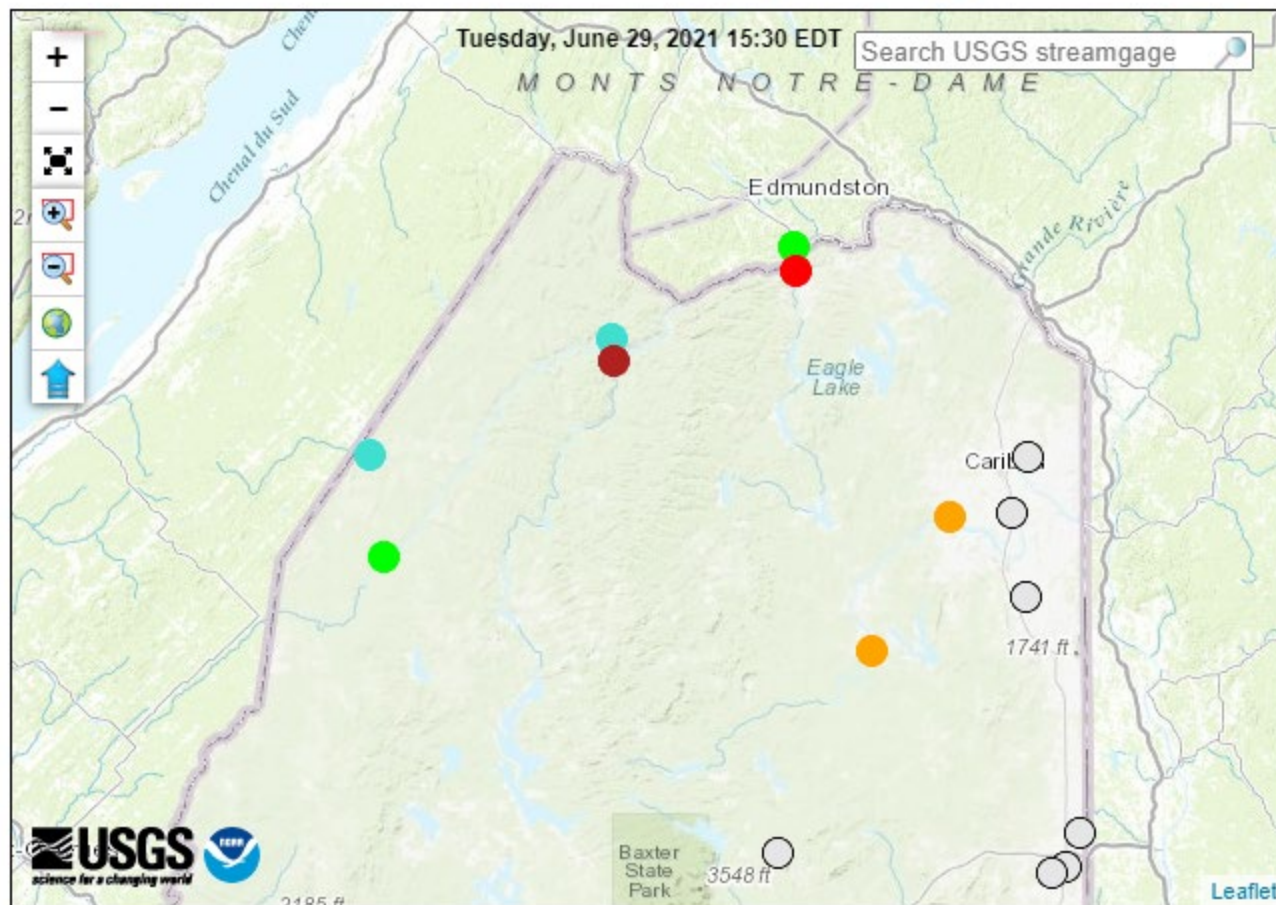
- Real time data as of June 29
- Only 5 stations in Maine are normal or above normal
- Of stations with 30+ years of record, half are the lowest they have ever been for June 29

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Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High
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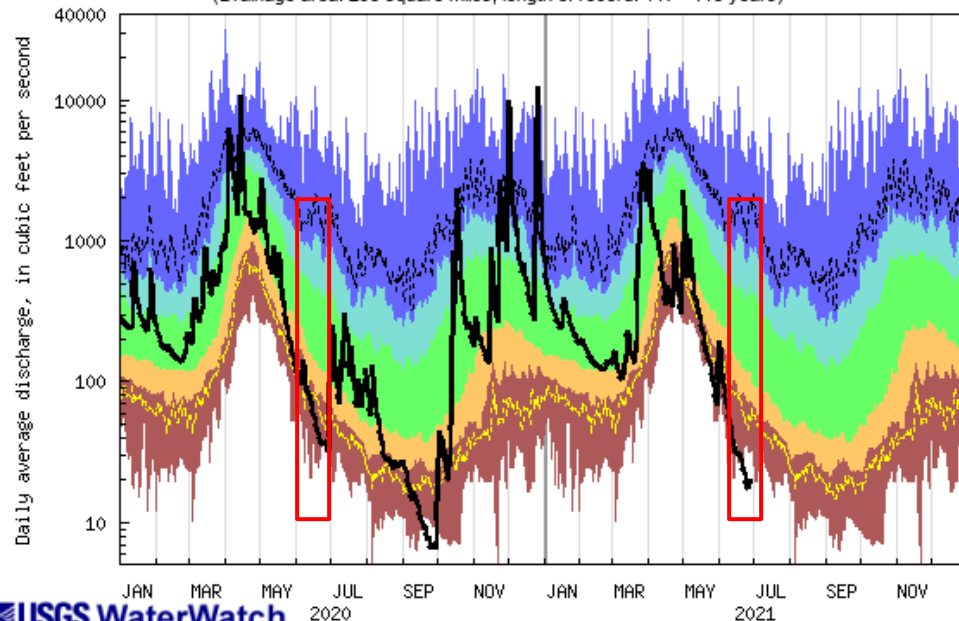


## Map of real-time streamflow compared to historical streamflow for the day of the year



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	Not-ranked
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

USGS 01031500 Piscataquis River near Dover-Foxcroft, Maine  
(Drainage area: 298 square miles, length of record: 117 - 118 years)

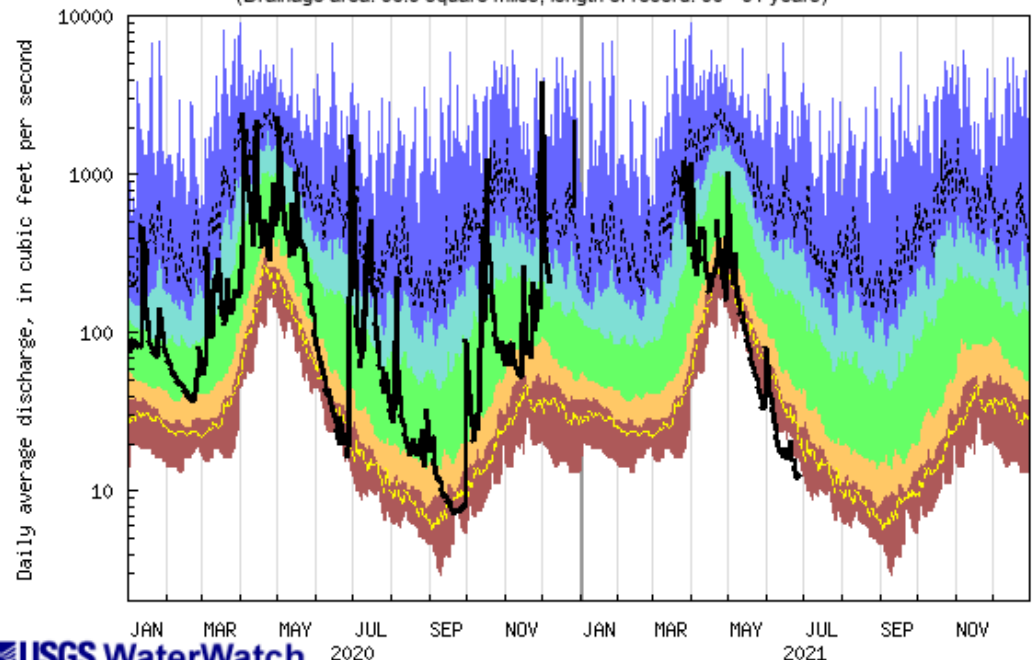


- Spring peak occurred ~1 month early, low magnitude statewide
- June 2021 flows are lower than June 2020 flows overall

USGS WaterWatch

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USGS 01055000 Swift River near Roxbury, Maine  
(Drainage area: 96.9 square miles, length of record: 90 - 91 years)



#### Explanation - Percentile classes

lowest-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	90th percentile-highest	Flow
Much below Normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal			

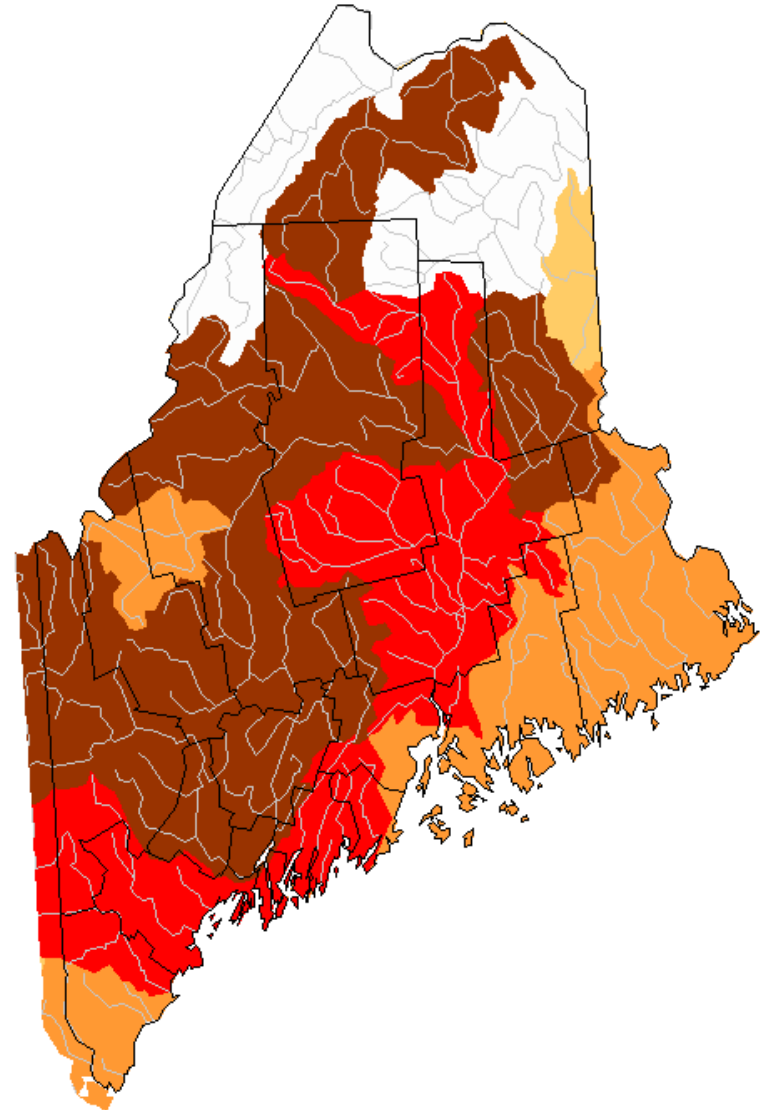
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# Surface Water Hydrologic Drought

Monday, June 28, 2021

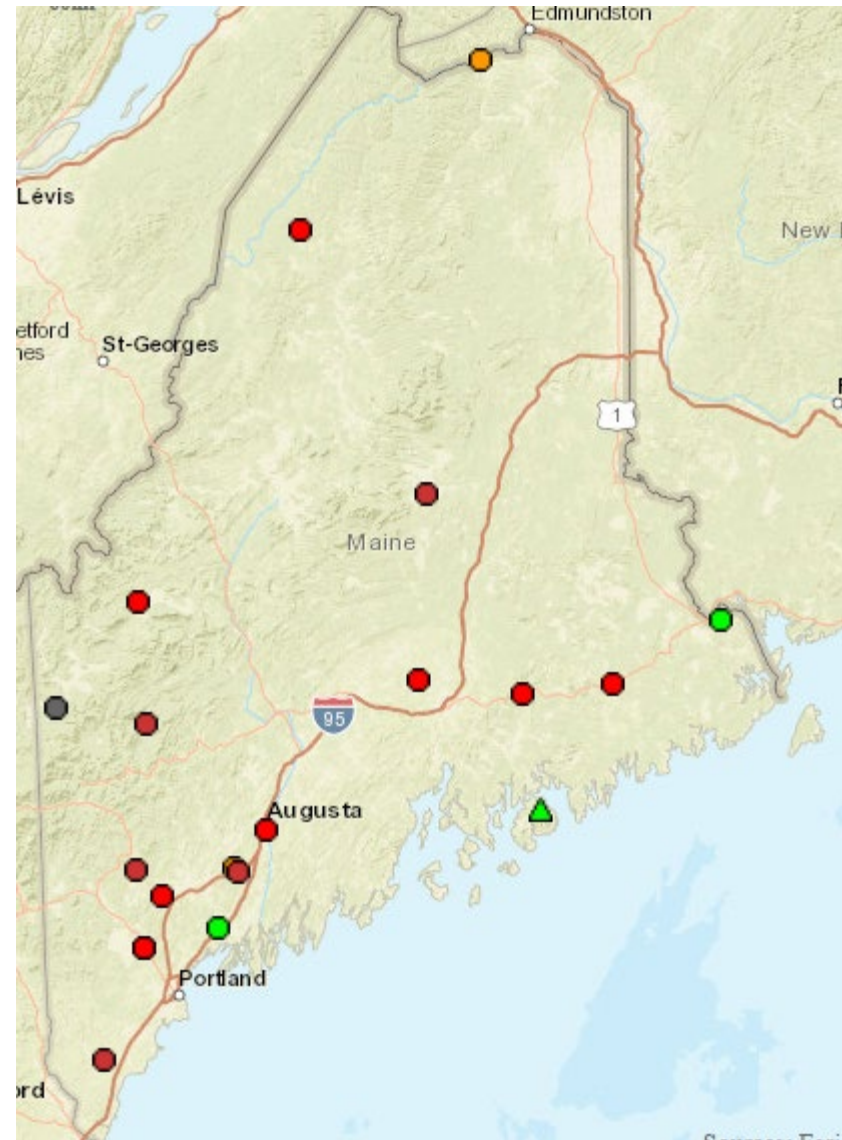
Explanation - Percentile classes			
Low	<=5	6-9	10-24
Extreme hydrologic drought	Severe hydrologic drought	Moderate hydrologic drought	Below normal












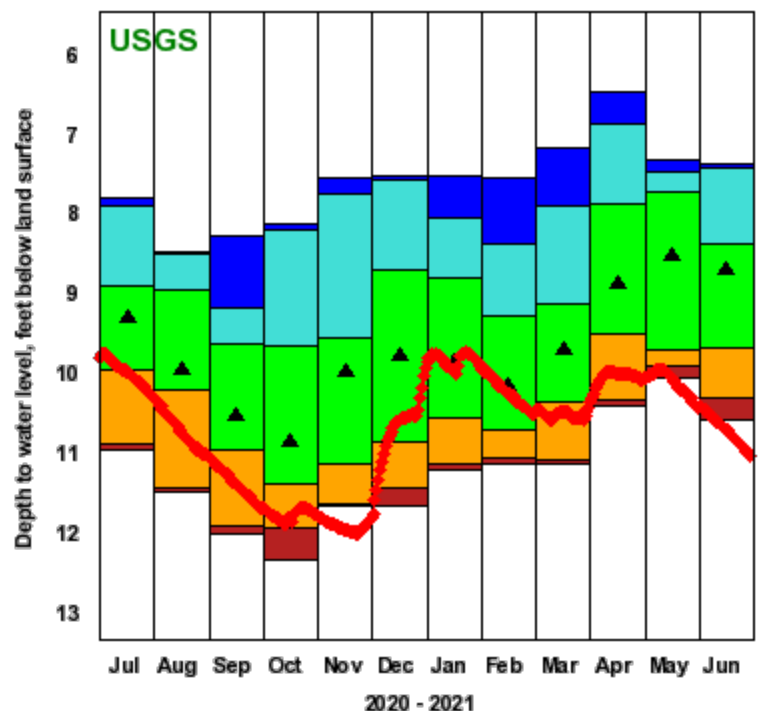
# Current Real-Time Groundwater

- Only Calais and Brunswick wells are in the normal range



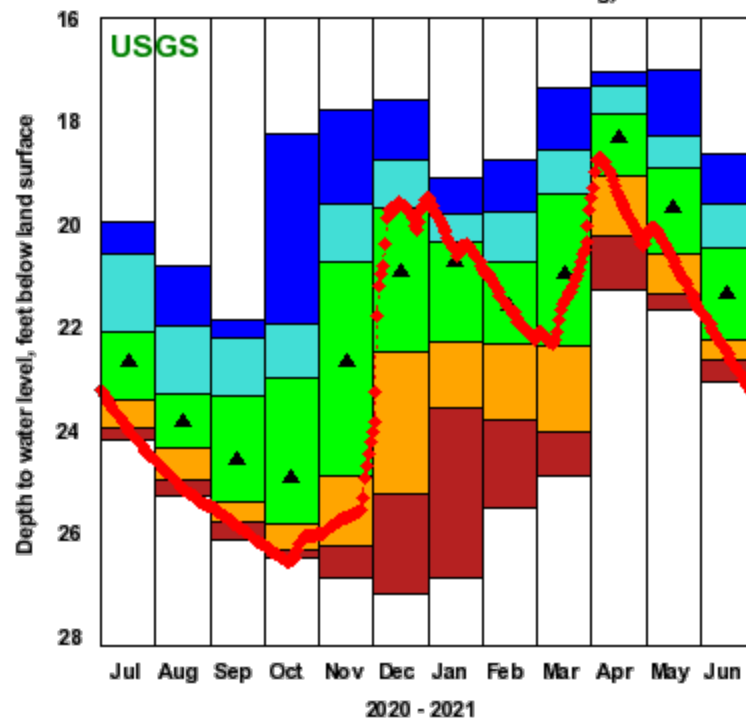
Explanation - Percentile classes						
						
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	

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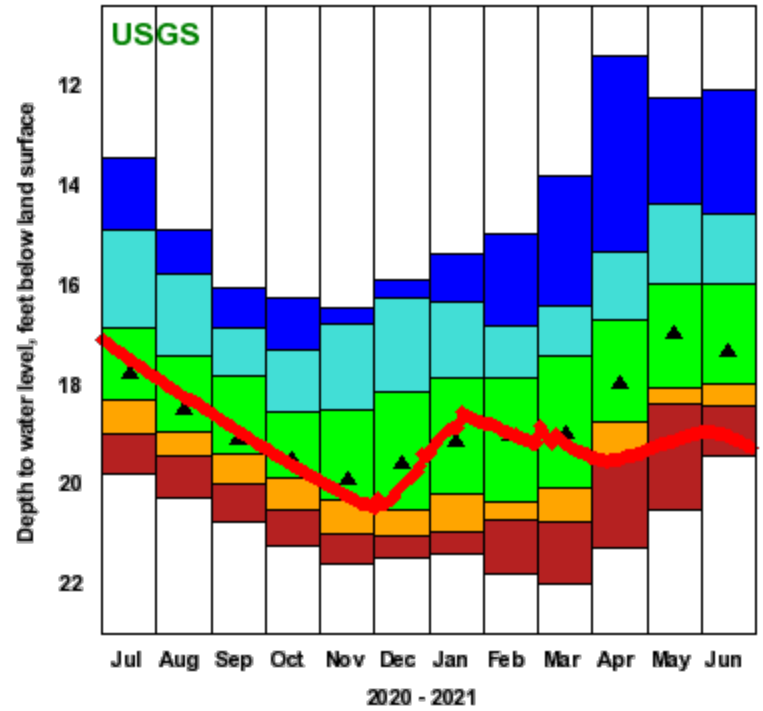
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# Summary

- **Surface Water – Flows are lower for May 2021 than May 2020, and spring flows were lower and earlier than normal.**
- **Ground water levels are below normal across the state. Some wells showed little to no recharge in the spring and receding quickly.**

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