

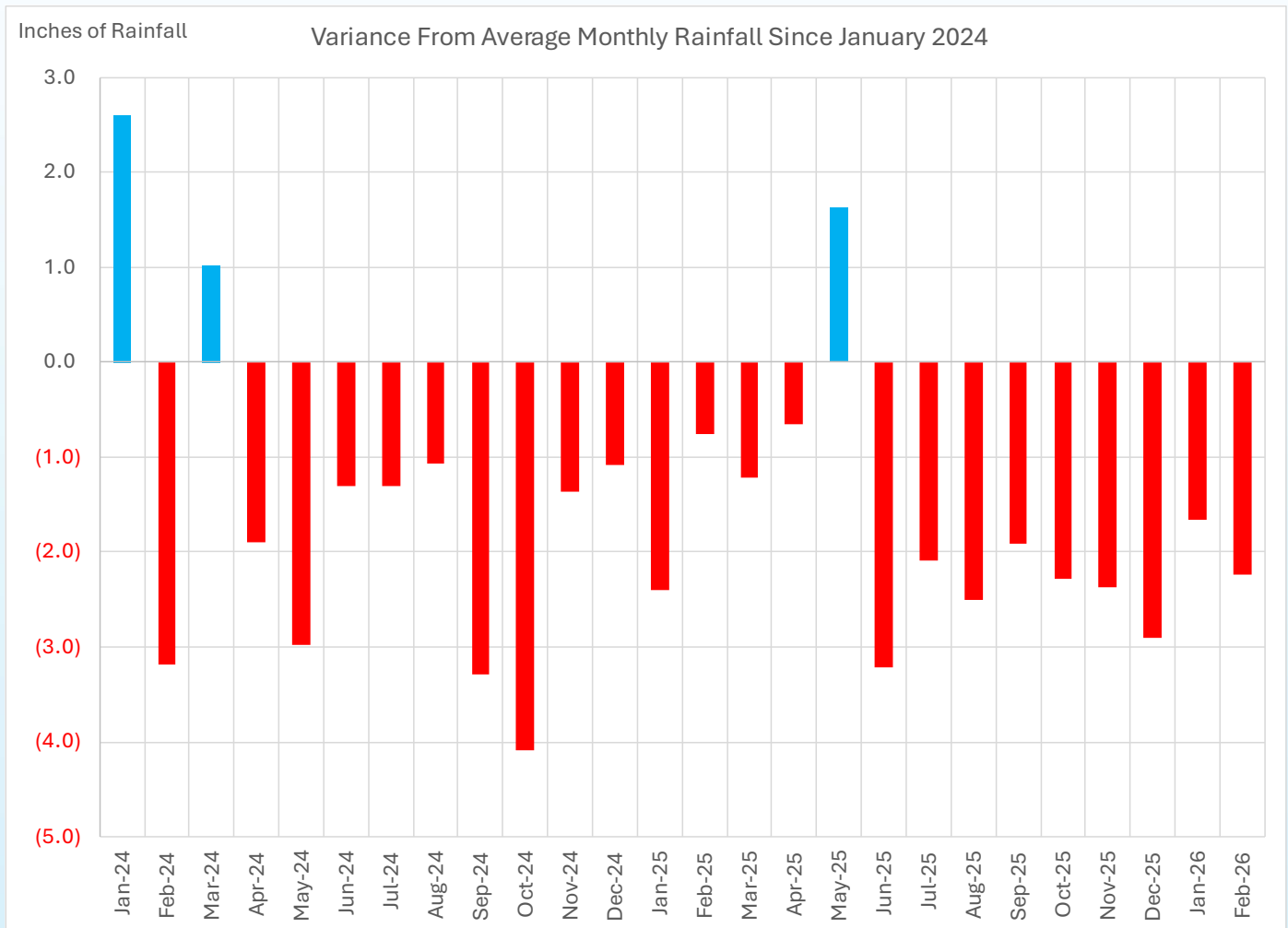
Water Supply Update

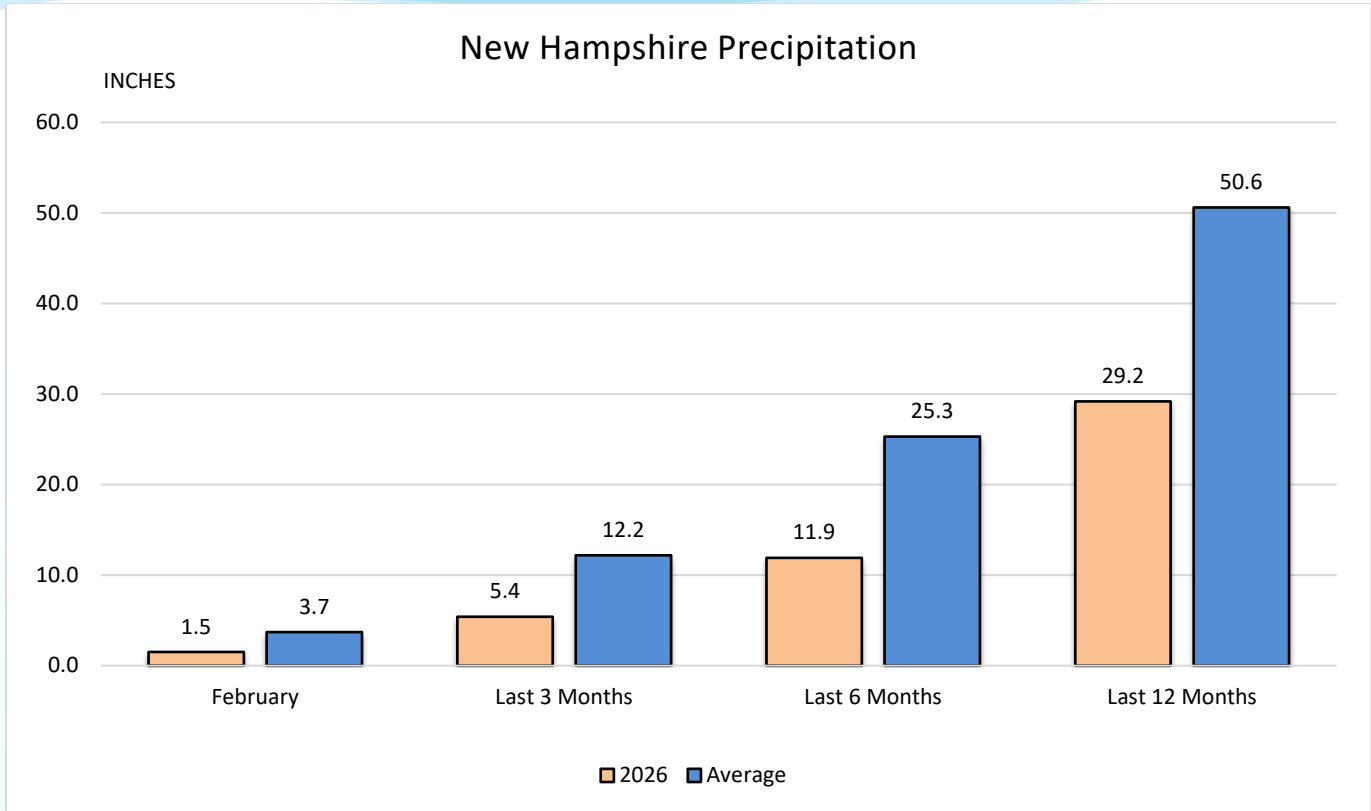
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Weather Trends/Outlook

February was drier than normal; only 1.5 inches compared to 3.7 inches on average. Monthly rainfall has been less than average in 23 of the last 26 months (see chart below) and groundwater levels are much below average for this time of year. The seacoast remains in a Moderate Drought condition (see the U.S. Drought Monitor map below).

Although there are no water use restrictions during this winter season, **residents are informed to expect water use restrictions this spring and summer.** Unless frequent, soaking rainfall occurs over coming months, restrictions (possibly outright bans) on lawn sprinkling should be expected.

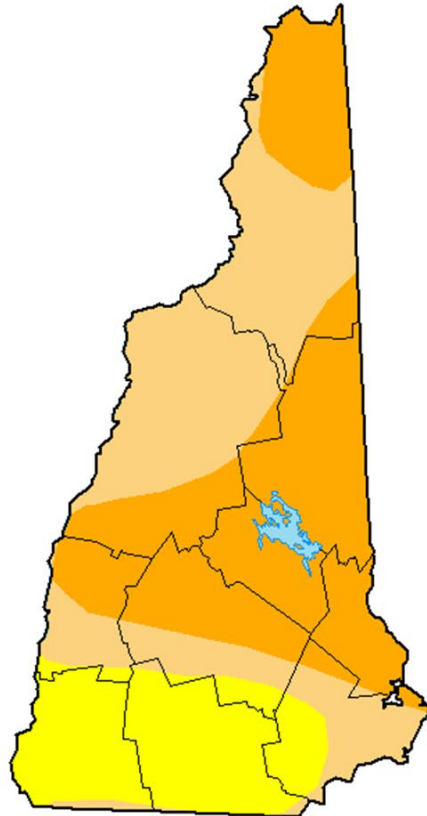












U.S. Drought Monitor New Hampshire

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Intensity:

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad conditions. Local conditions may vary information on the Drought Monitor, go <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About>.

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