

**Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force Meeting (Cape Cod/Islands)  
December 11, 2023  
NWS Boston/Norton Summary**

**Observed Precipitation:**

November precipitation was below normal on Cape Cod and the Islands (25 to 50 percent of normal on average) with monthly totals of 1 to 2 inches. The highest totals were observed on the upper Cape near the Cape Cod Canal.

**Observed Temperatures:**

November temperatures averaged 2 to 3 degrees below normal.

**December Month-to-date:**

So far in December, precipitation totals averaged one half to one inch, which is roughly 25 to 75 percent of normal. The most recent rainfall from Sunday, December 10 into Monday, December 11 brought another one half to one inch of rain. Temperatures so far in December averaged near normal.

**Forecast Through Next Sunday Night:**

A drier weather pattern will prevail most of the week, before the next storm system brings rain sometime next Sunday into Monday. Projected rainfall totals for Cape Cod and the Islands for the next seven days call for another one half to one inch of rain, which includes additional rainfall today as well as next Sunday to Monday.

Temperatures are expected to be cooler than average through mid week, then we should see another warm up later in the week into next weekend with above average temperatures.

Longer range outlooks show odds favoring above average temperatures for the rest of December with either near or below average precipitation. The seasonal outlook for the winter, covering December, January, and February shows odds favoring above average temperatures and a lesser chance of above average precipitation.