

Mississippi River Stage Reference¹

Mississippi River at St. Paul		Mississippi River at Cottage Grove		Mississippi River at Hastings	
River Stage (feet)	River Elevation (feet) ²	Feet Above Flood Stage ^{3,4}	River Elevation (feet) ^{2,3}	River Stage (feet)	River Elevation (feet) ²
12	695.8	--	--	13	683.7
13	696.8	--	--	14	684.7
14	697.8	0	687.3	15	685.7
15	698.8	1	688.3	16	686.7
16	699.8	2	689.3	17	687.7
17	700.8	3	690.3	18	688.7
18	701.8	4	691.3	19	689.7
19	702.8	5	692.3	20	690.7
20	703.8	6	693.3	21	691.7
21	704.8	7	694.3	22	692.7
22	705.8	8	695.3	23	693.7
23	706.8	9	696.3	24	694.7
24	707.8	10	697.3	25	695.7
25	708.8	11	698.3	26	696.7

¹National Weather Service River Stage Categories:

Action Stage: typically at this level, the water surface is generally over the top of its banks, but no man-made structures are flooded; typically water overflowing is limited to parkland and marshland.

Flood Stage: minor flooding is expected at this level, slightly above flood stage. Few, if any, buildings are expected to be inundated, however, roads may be covered with water, parklands and yards may be inundated and water may go under buildings on stilts or higher elevations.

Moderate Flood Stage: inundation of buildings begins at this stage. Roads are likely to be closed and some areas cut off. Some evacuations may be necessary.

Major Flood Stage: significant to catastrophic, life-threatening flooding is expected at this stage. Extensive flooding with some low-lying areas completely inundated is likely. Structures may be completely submerged. Large-scale evacuations may be necessary.