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The level of Lake Winnebago is near 2.54 ft this morning after a wet start to the week brought about an inch of rain to the basin. The rainfall and accompanying snowmelt drove the lake upward before windy and cold weather settled into the basin. Dry weather since the rainstorm is expected to continue as temperatures slowly climb back to the mid-30s early next week. Seasonally normal temperatures in the low 20s are expected to return late next week.

Inflows over the last 5 days have surged to 6,500 cfs on average with an average near 9,700 cfs on Tuesday after the rain. Outflows have increased with the opening of 5 Tainter gates at Neenah and are settling near 9,000 cfs as measured by the Appleton USGS gage. The lake level has declined from a peak daily average of 2.61ft and is expected to decline through the weekend.

The Tainter gates at the Neenah Dam were opened this week meaning that there are now 5 gates open at the Mensah Dam and 5 gates open at the Neenah Dam. Warm weather in the coming days may contribute a slow trickle of melt water and prevent inflows from declining rapidly. Precipitation in the next week is expected to be minimal and the lake should continue to decline.

Please check this page for weekly updates regarding basin conditions and gate movements.

