



Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

Valid **January 15, 2026**

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- This next update to this Drought Information Statement will be issued by **January 30, 2026**.
 - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/CTP/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- The past 30 days have been dry, especially across far south-central Pennsylvania.
 - The PA DEP has issued a Drought Warning for Fulton County, PA.
 - Some improvement is expected across northwestern Pennsylvania in the coming weeks, while existing drought is expected to persist elsewhere.

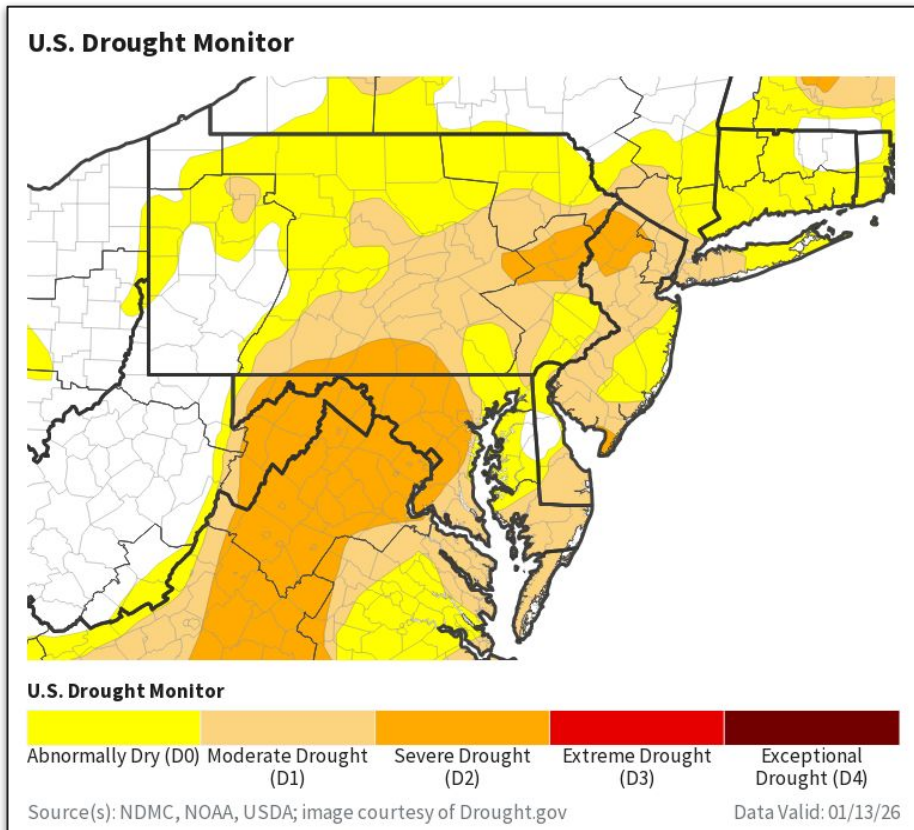




U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

- Drought Intensity and Extent for Central Pennsylvania:
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Fulton, Franklin, Adams
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Clinton, Centre, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Schuylkill, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin, Lebanon, Somerset, Bedford, Cumberland, York
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Warren, McKean, Potter, Tioga, Elk, Cameron, Lycoming, Sullivan, Clearfield, Cambria, Lancaster



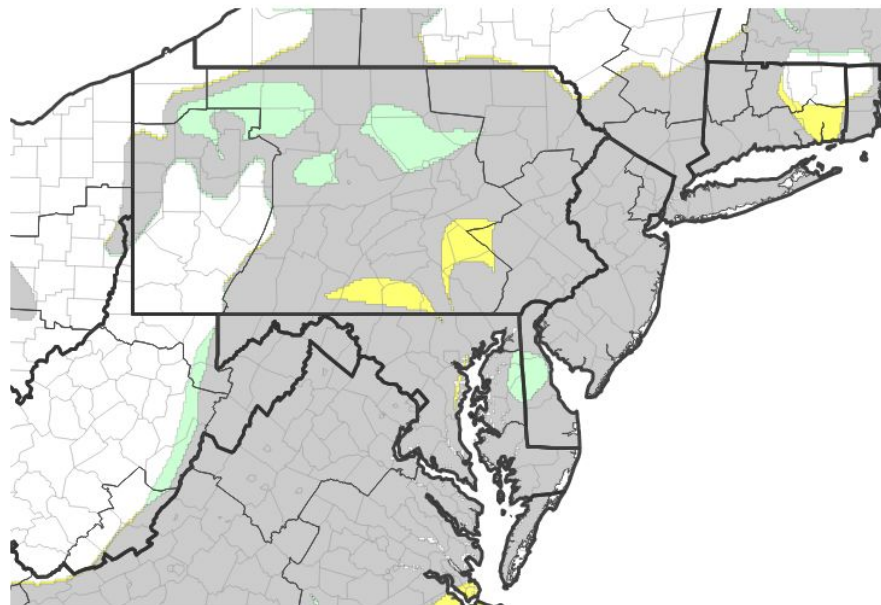


One-Week Change in Drought Intensity

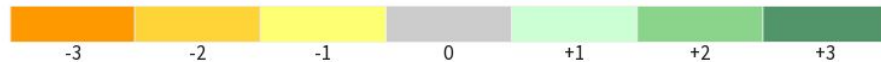
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One-Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Some improvement was observed across north-central Pennsylvania, with some deterioration observed across south-central Pennsylvania.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

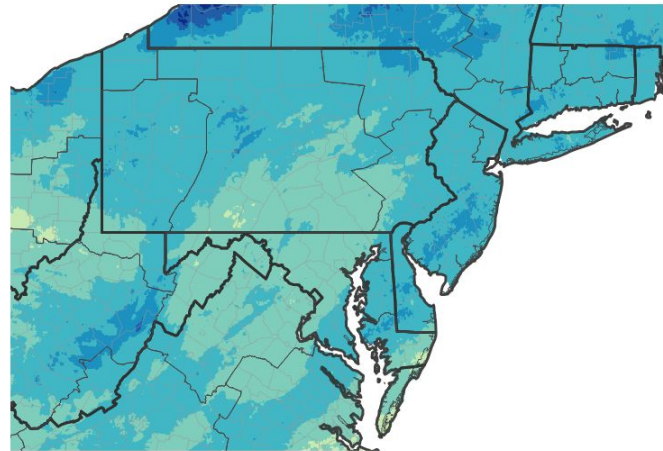
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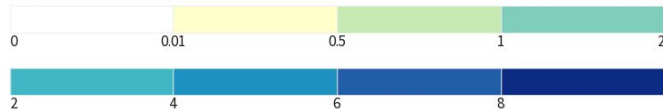


30-Day Precipitation and Percent of Normal

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

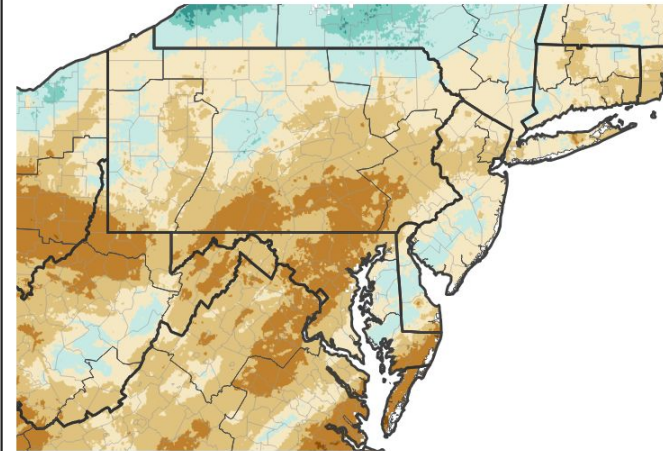


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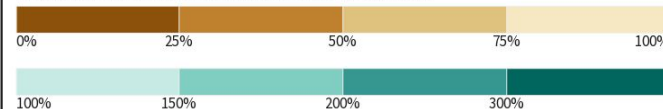


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 01/15/26

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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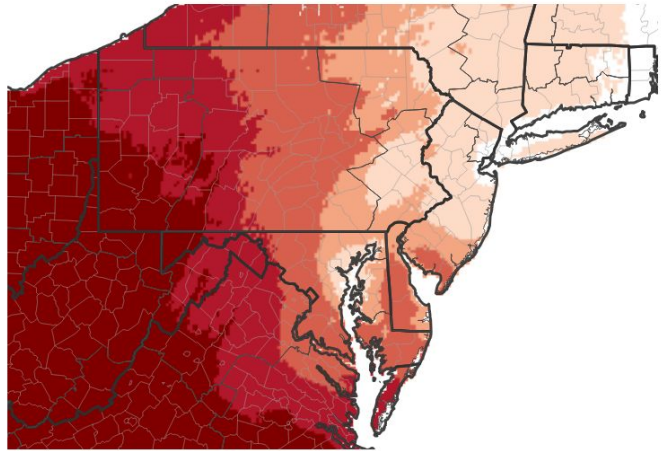
- 30-day precipitation was below average across most of central Pennsylvania, and well below average across the far south.



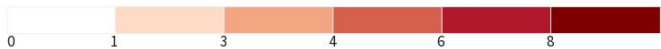
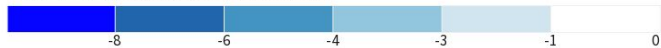


7-Day & 30-Day Temperature Anomalies

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



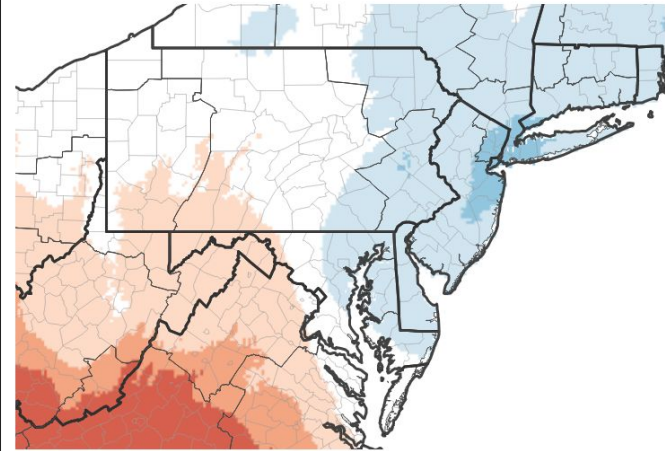
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



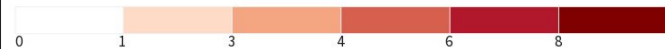
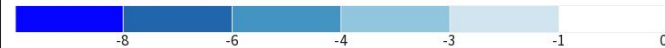
Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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- 7-day temperatures were above to well above average across central Pennsylvania, while 30-day temperatures were closer to average.



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Seven-day streamflow averages are running near to above average across northern and western Pennsylvania, and below to well below average across south-central and southeastern Pennsylvania. See slide 7 for a map and additional details.

Agricultural Impacts

- The growing season is dormant Central Pennsylvania for the winter.
- See slide 8 for details on regional soil moisture.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The significant wildfire potential outlook is near average across Pennsylvania for January 2026. See slide 9 for a map and additional details.

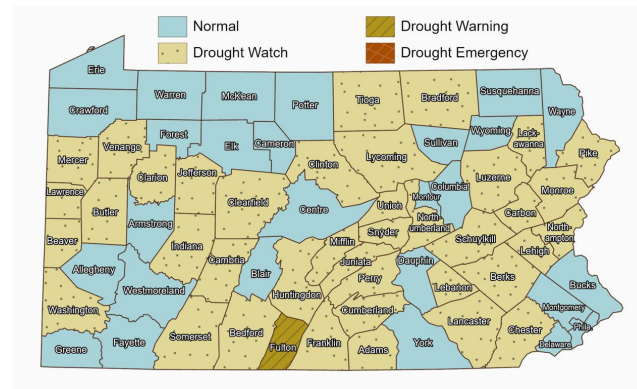
Other Impacts

- As of January 14, 2026, there were no remaining county burn bans in effect across Pennsylvania.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

As of January 8, 2026:



The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has issued a Drought Watch for several Pennsylvania counties and a Warning for Fulton County. (The NWS does not declare Drought Watches or Warnings.)

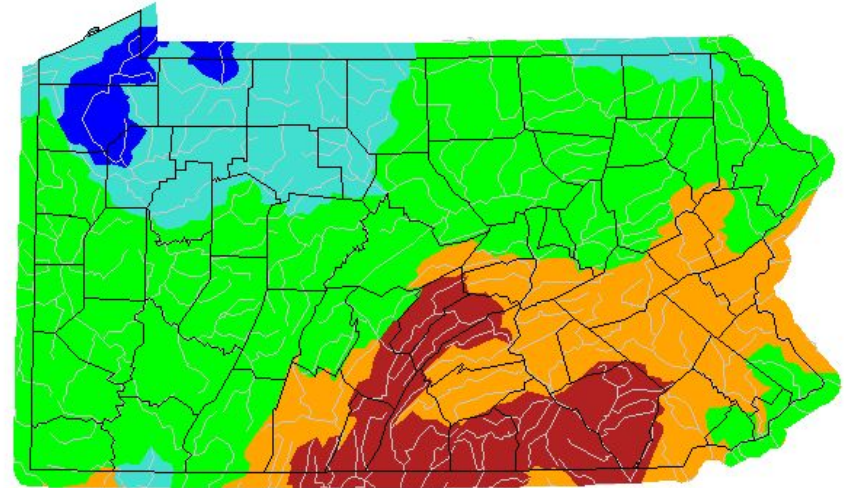




Hydrologic Conditions

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Tuesday, January 13, 2026



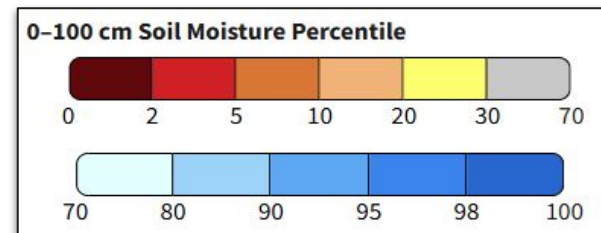
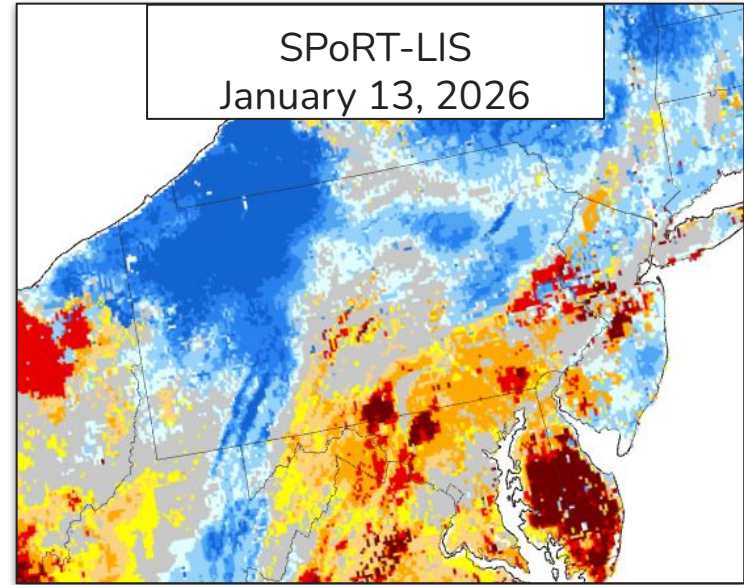
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		





Agricultural Conditions

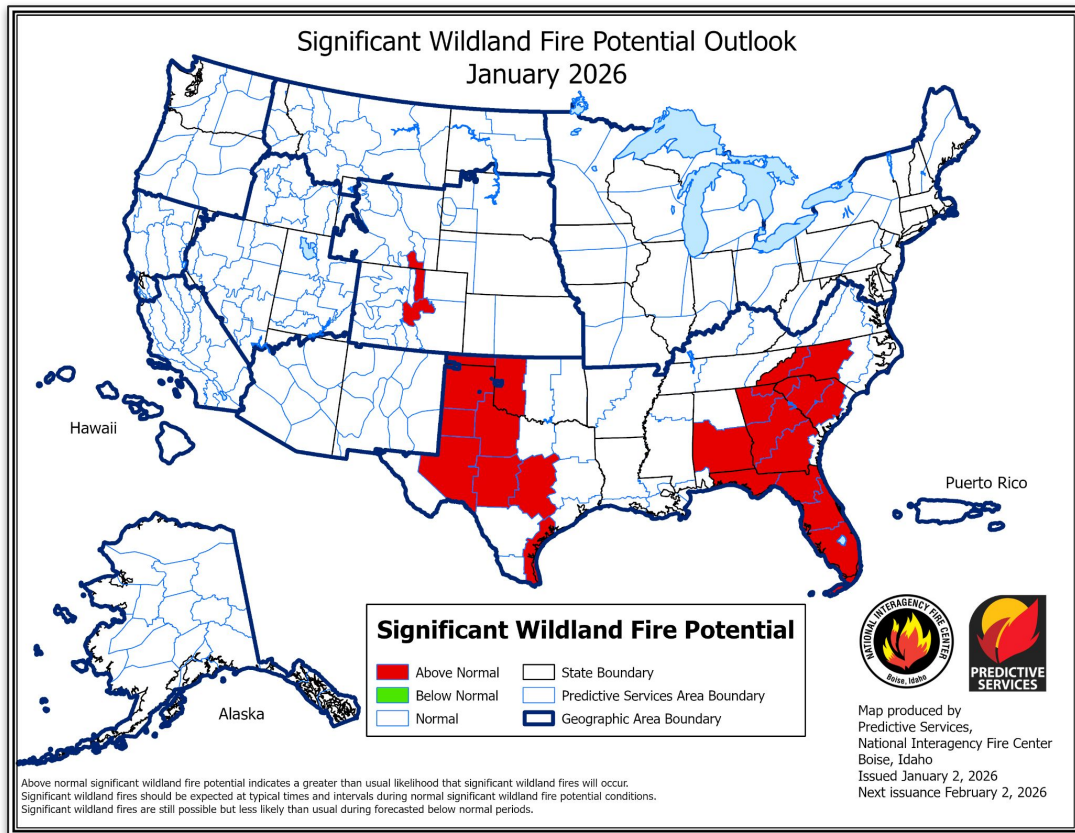
- 0-100 cm soil moisture percentiles are near to above average across northern and western Pennsylvania, while running below to well below average across south-central and southeastern Pennsylvania.





Fire Hazard Impacts

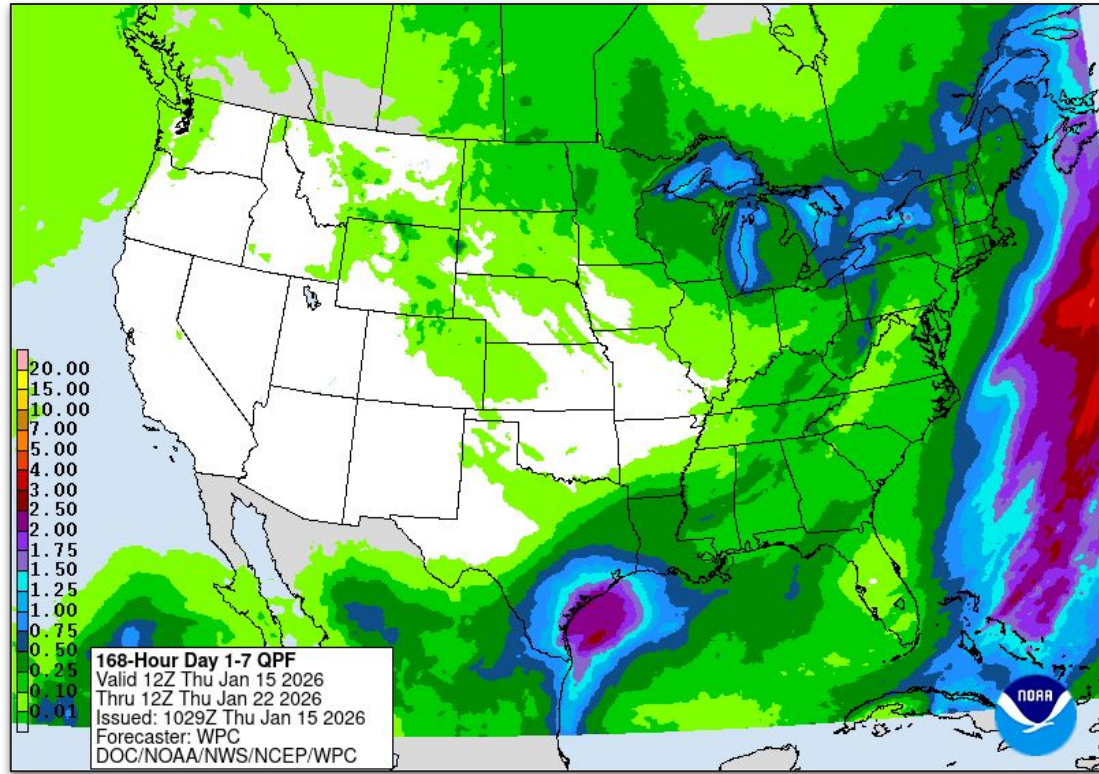
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Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

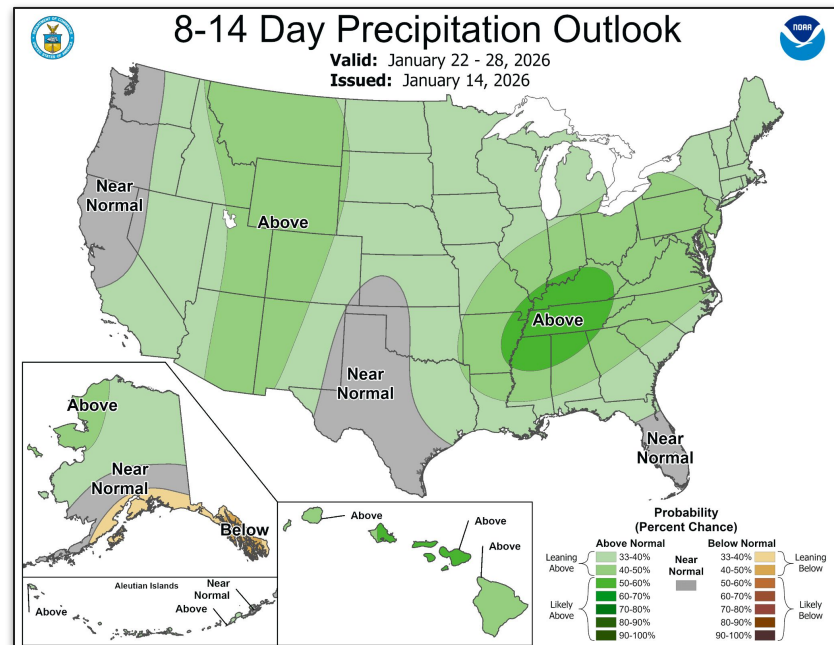
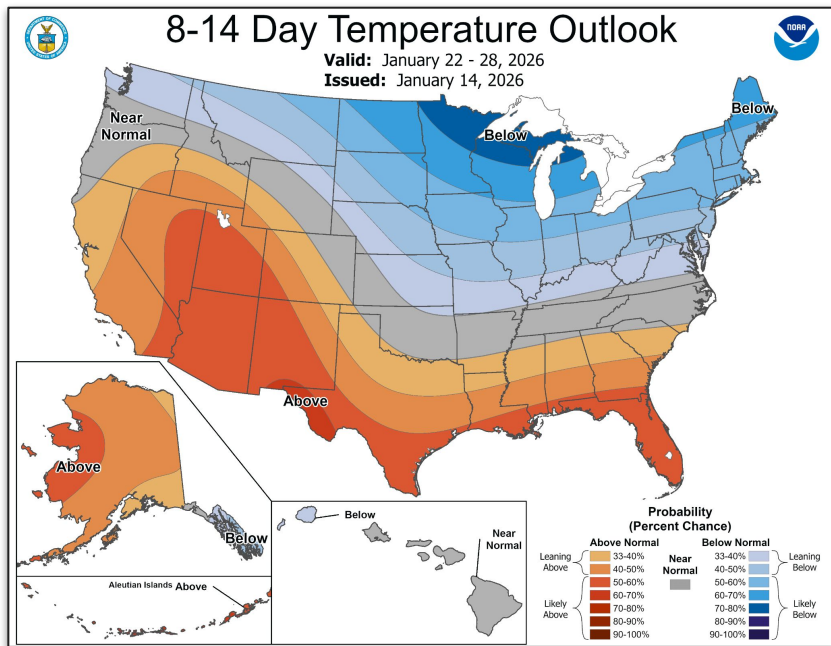
- 7-day forecast precipitation ranges from around a tenth of an inch across south-central Pennsylvania up to 0.75-1.00 inches in far northwestern Pennsylvania.





8-14 Day Outlook

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)



- The 8-14 outlook calls for below average temperatures and above average precipitation for Pennsylvania.

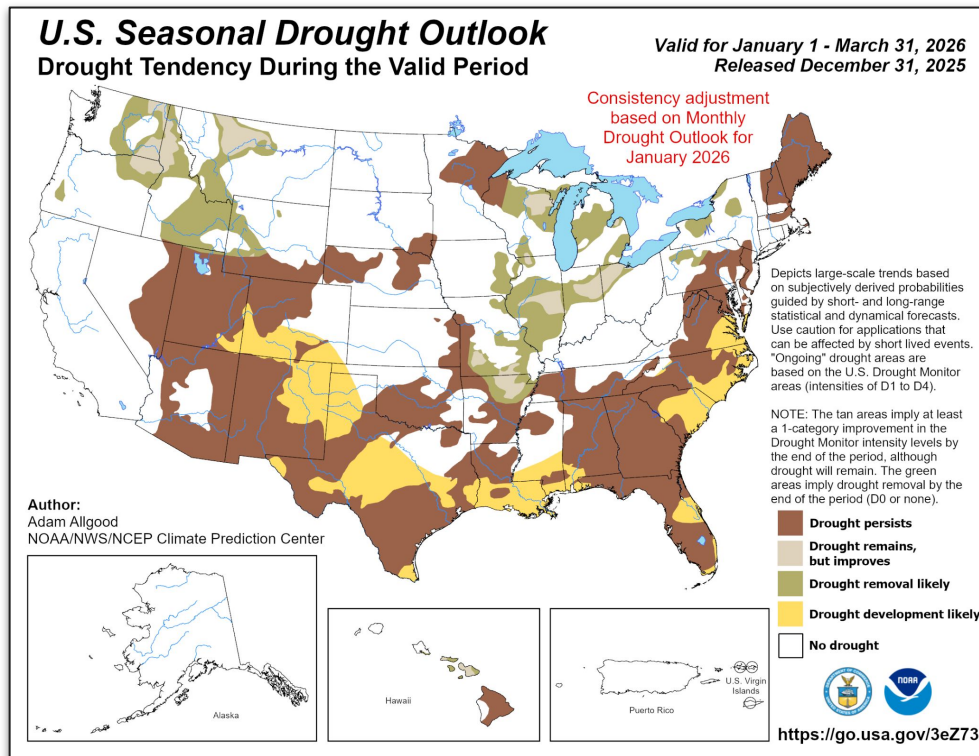




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- The latest seasonal drought outlook calls for continued improvement across northwestern Pennsylvania, while existing drought is expected to persist elsewhere across Pennsylvania.



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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