

Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

Valid **January 23, 2025**

Issued by: WFO State College

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated **January 31, 2025** or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
 - 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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- Recent cold weather and snowfall has resulted in largely status quo conditions for Central Pennsylvania.
 - A Drought Warning continues for Schuylkill County.

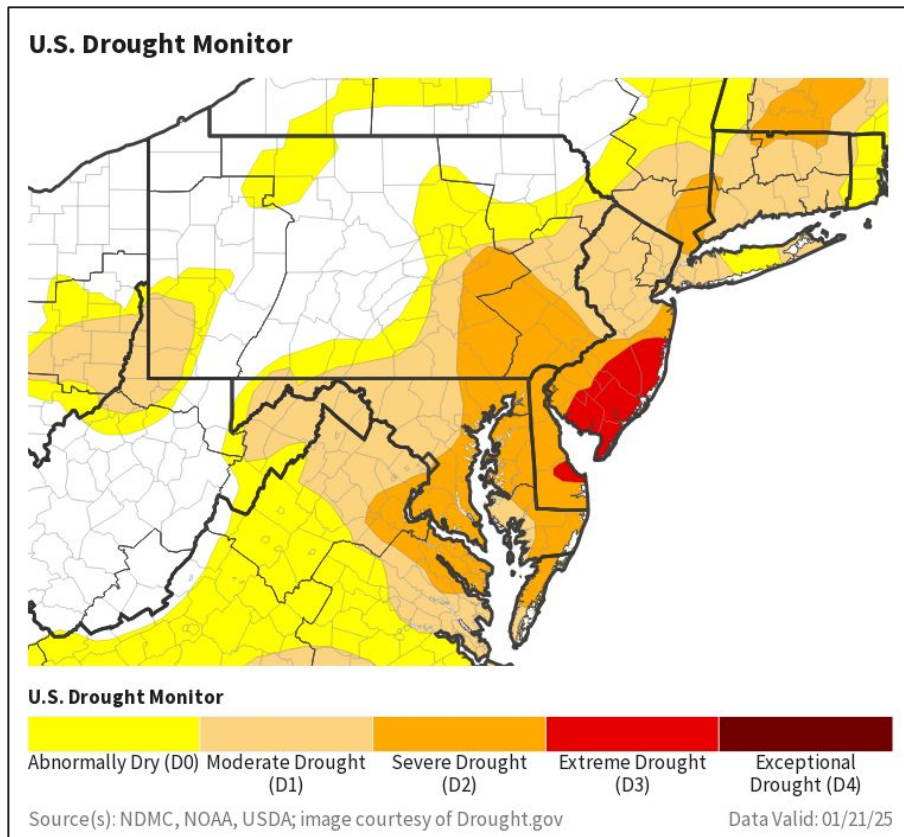




U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent:
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Schuylkill
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Fulton, Franklin, Adams, Dauphin, Snyder, Union, Northumberland, Columbia
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Somerset, Bedford, Warren, McKean, Elk, Perry, Lycoming, Sullivan, Tioga



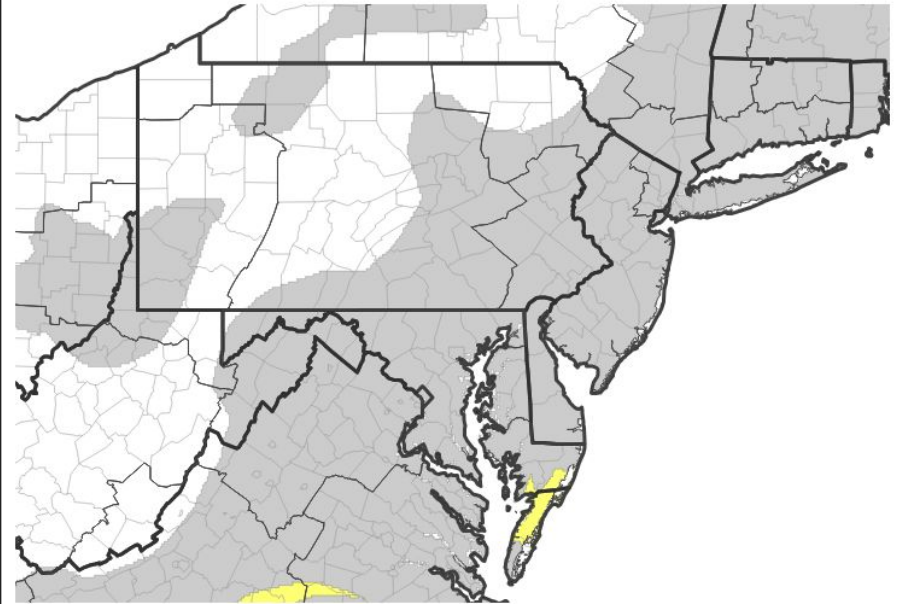


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

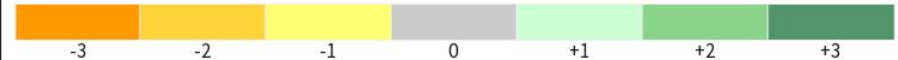
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Conditions have largely been status quo over the past week across Central Pennsylvania.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



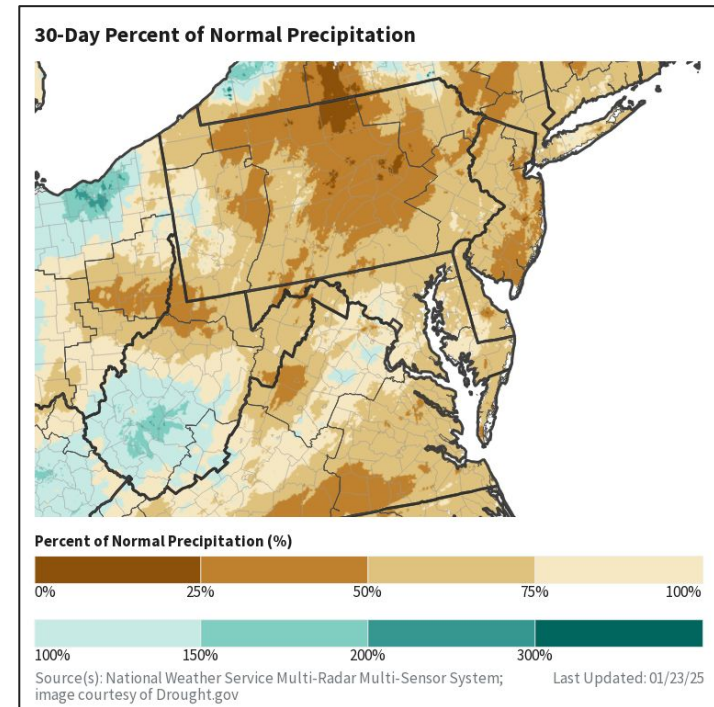
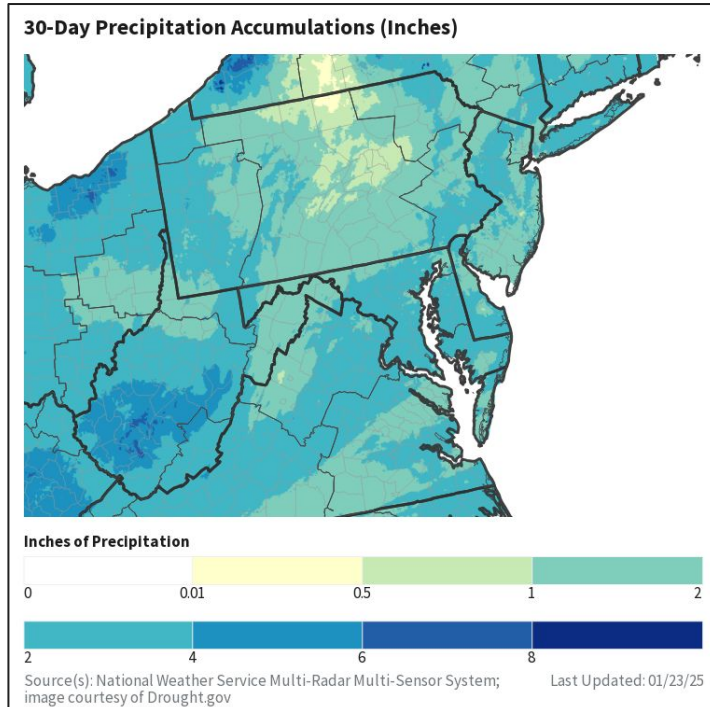
Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 01/21/25





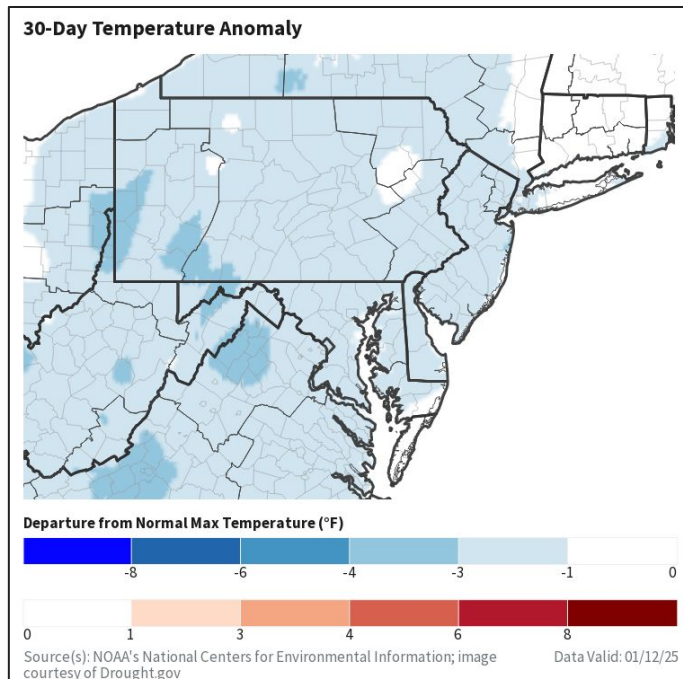
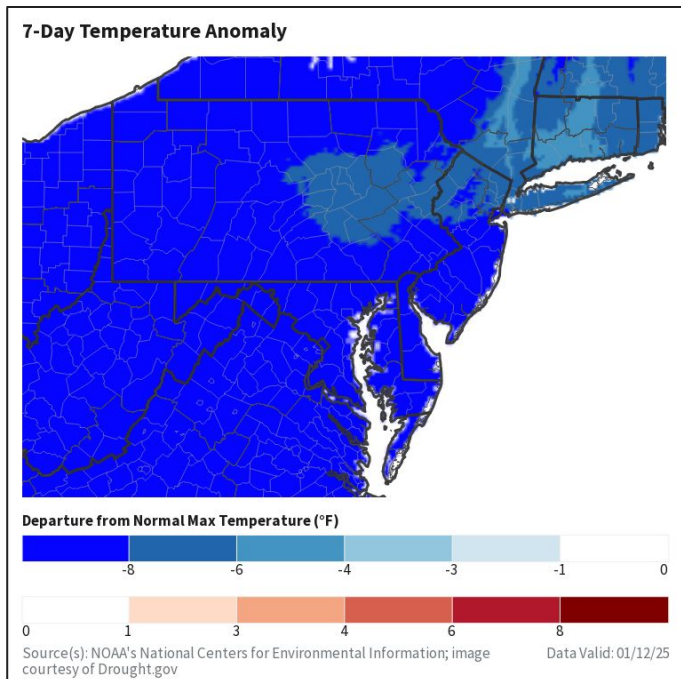
Precipitation and Percent of Normal



- Precipitation over the past 30 days has been below average across most of the commonwealth.



Temperature Anomalies



- 7-day temperature anomalies have been well below average, while 30-day temperature anomalies have been slightly below average.





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Several communities, primarily across southeastern Pennsylvania, continue to enact either voluntary or mandatory water restrictions.

Agricultural Impacts

- Agriculture has largely gone dormant for the season across Pennsylvania.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildfire Potential shows little or no risk across Pennsylvania.

Other Impacts

- There are no burn bans in effect for any counties in Central Pennsylvania.

Mitigation Actions

- See “Hydrologic Impacts” above.

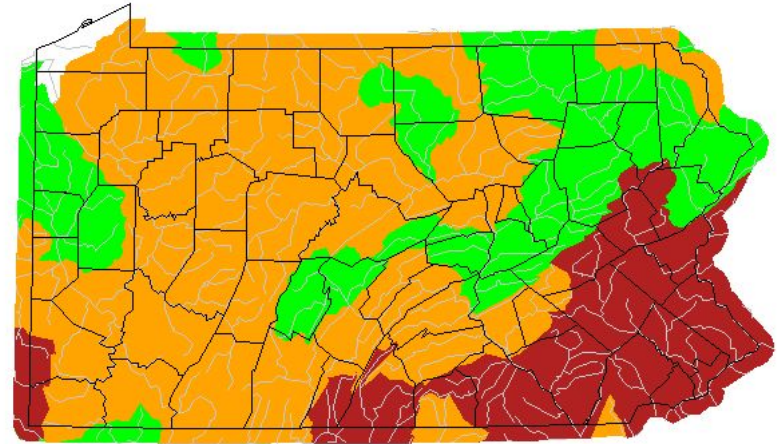




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

- Streamflows are now running near to below average for much of the commonwealth, with much below average streamflows across the southeastern counties.



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		

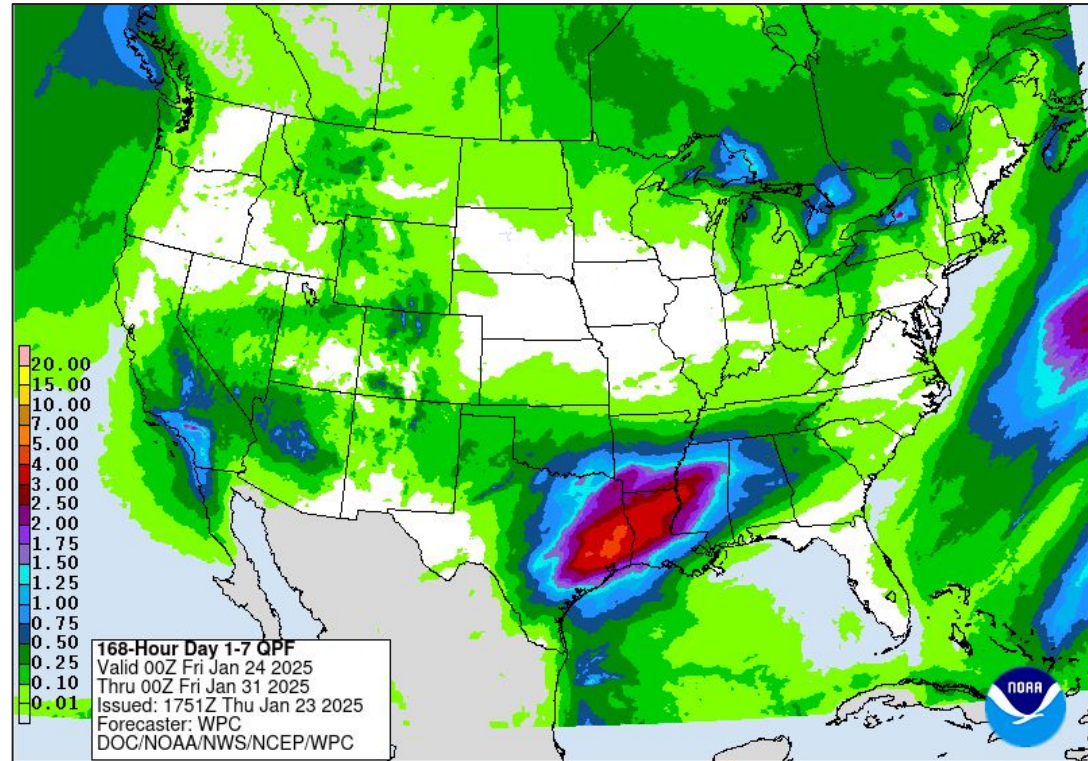
Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 12/11/2024





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

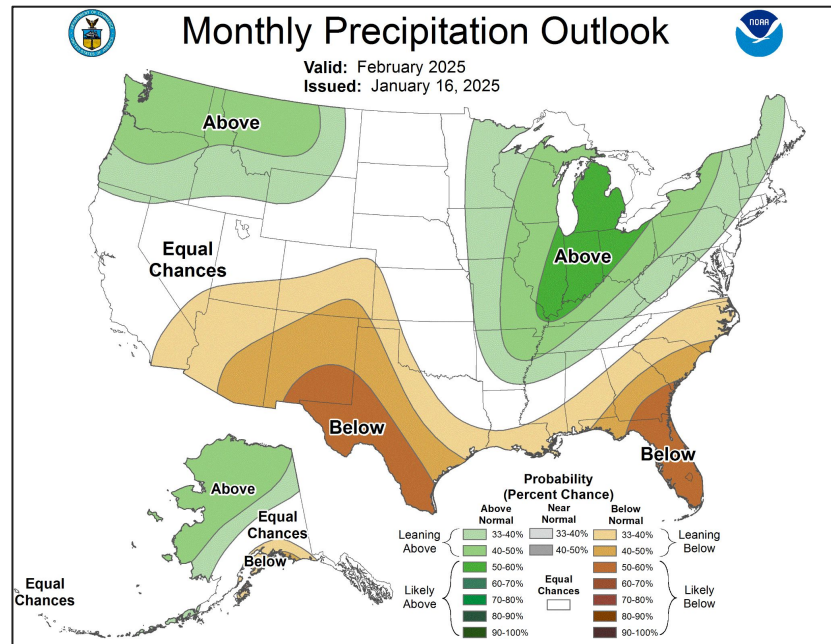
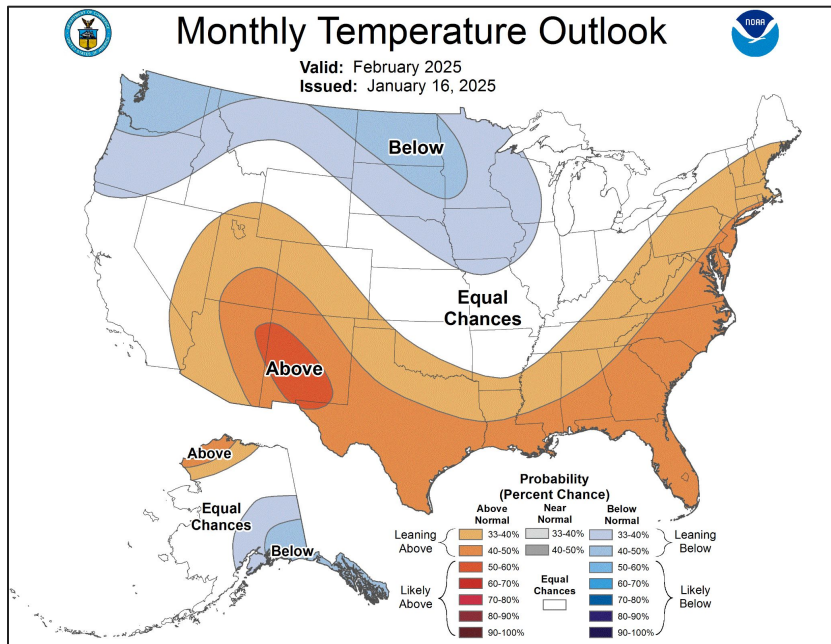
- Liquid equivalent precipitation over the next 7 days is expected to generally be 0.25" or less across Pennsylvania.





Long-Range Outlooks

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



- The monthly outlook for February 2025 is trending towards above average temperatures and above average precipitation for the month for Pennsylvania.

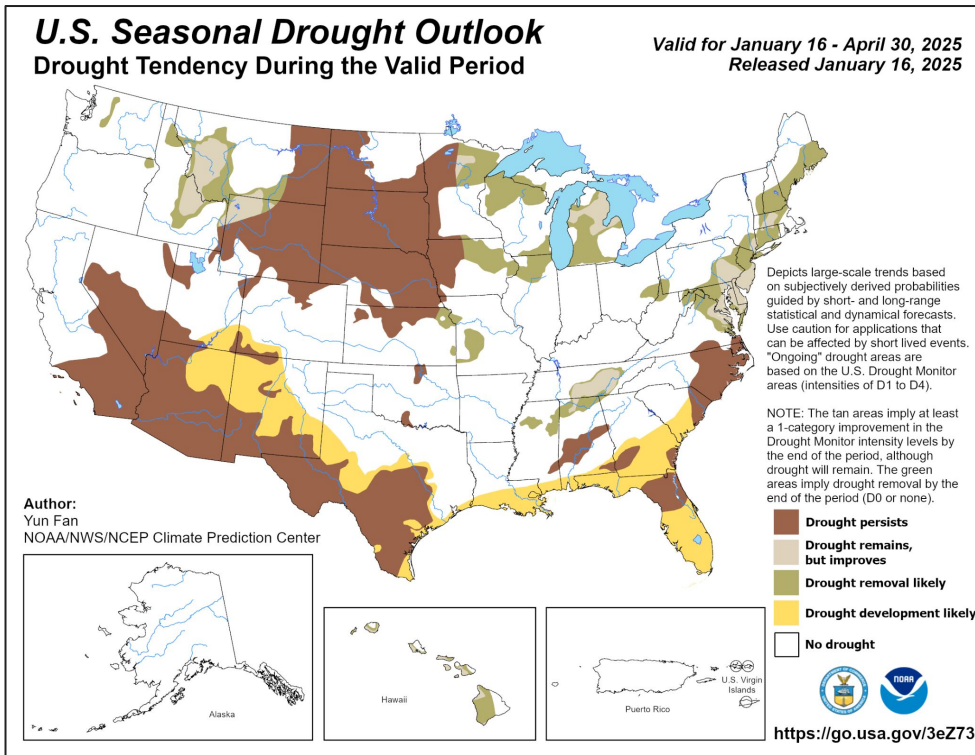




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- The seasonal drought outlook calls for continued improvement across the northeastern United States, including Pennsylvania.



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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