



Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

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- This next update to this Drought Information Statement will be issued by **February 27, 2026**.
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 - 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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- Much of central Pennsylvania remains abnormally dry, with portions of south-central Pennsylvania remaining in Moderate (D1) to Severe (D2) drought.
 - Some improvement is expected in the upper Juniata and West Branch Susquehanna basins through early Spring, with drought expected to generally persist elsewhere.

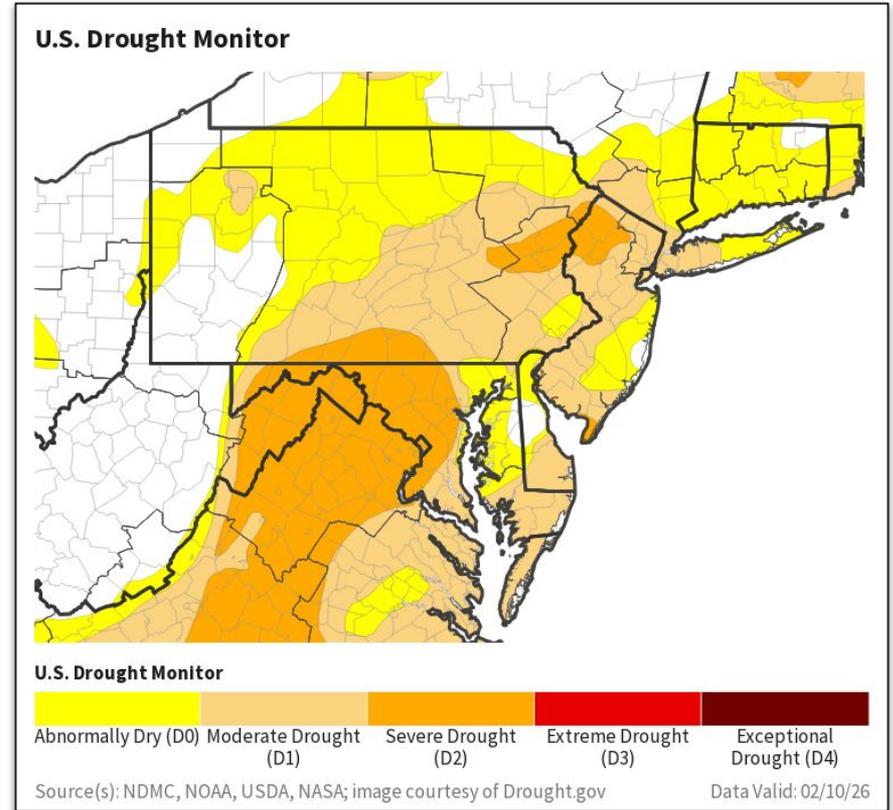




U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

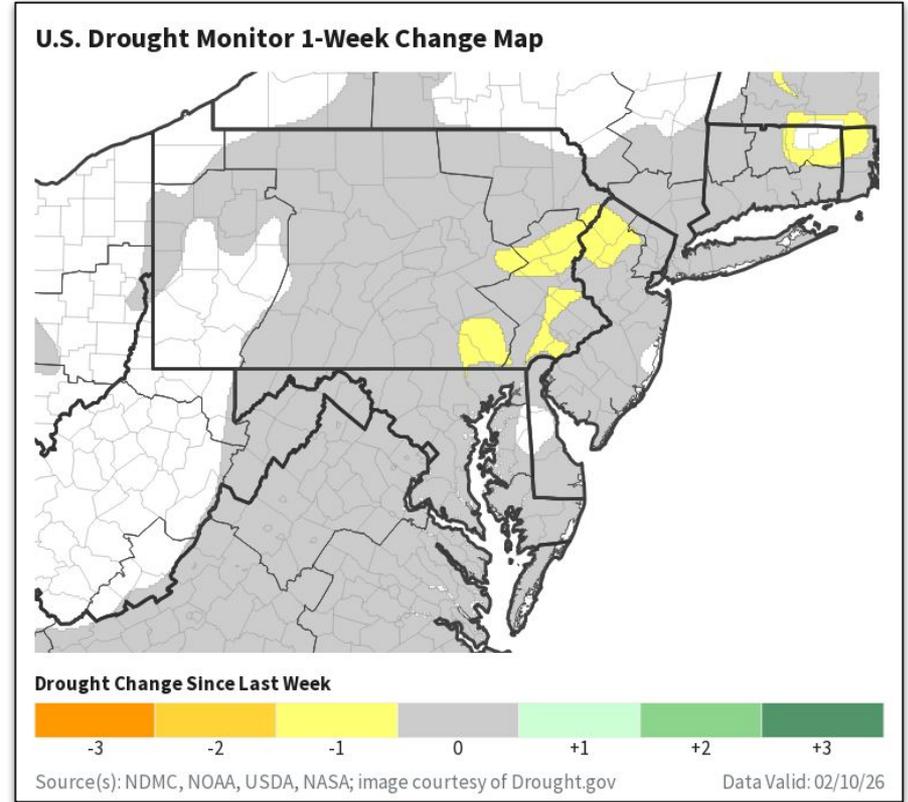




One-Week Change in Drought Intensity

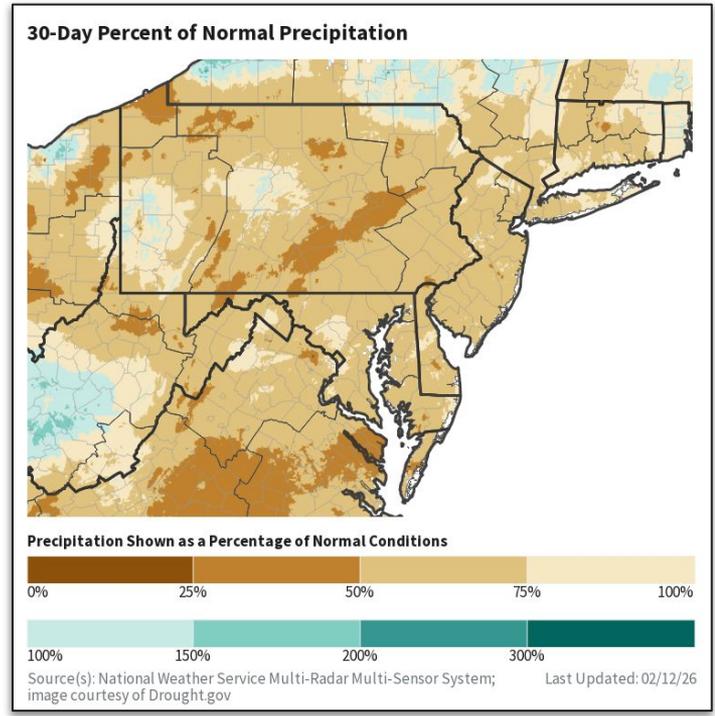
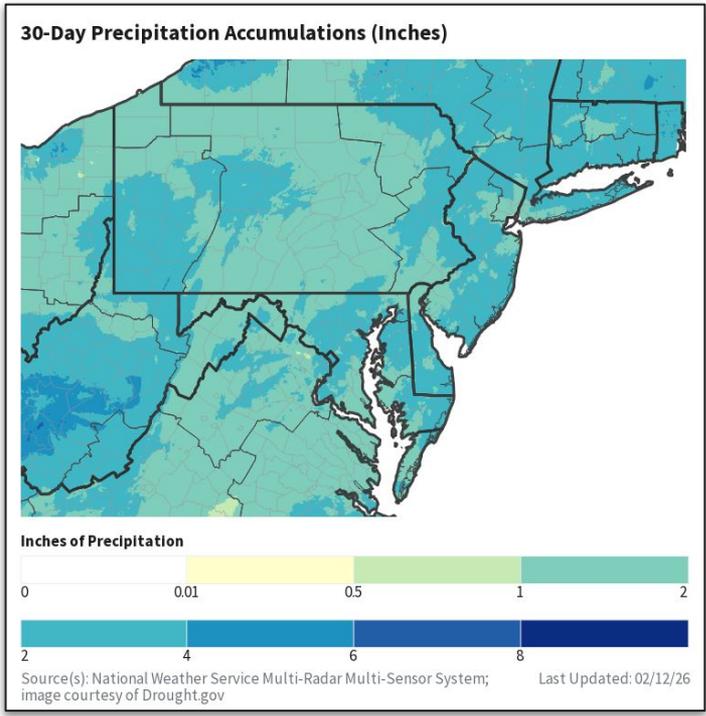
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One-Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Portions of the Lower Susquehanna Valley were downgraded from D0 to D1 drought conditions. Otherwise, the status quo was largely maintained across central Pennsylvania.





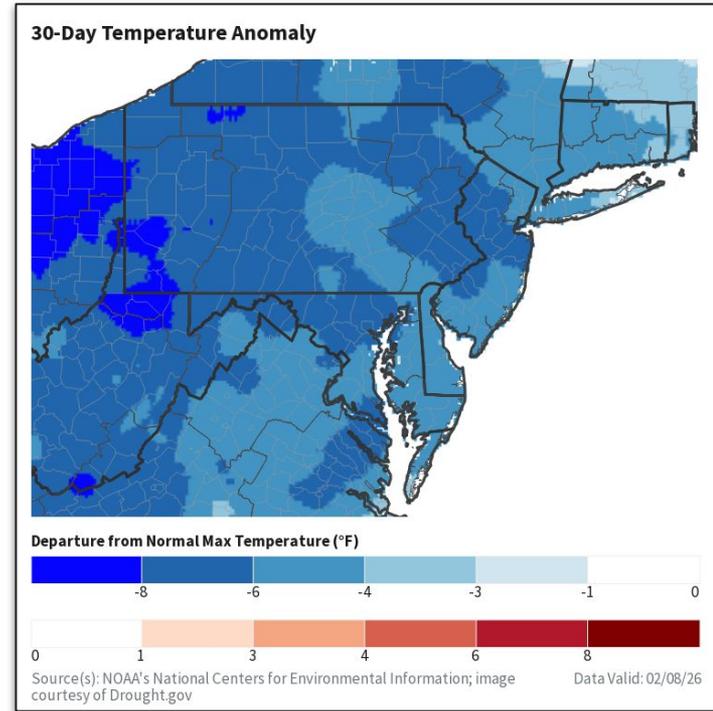
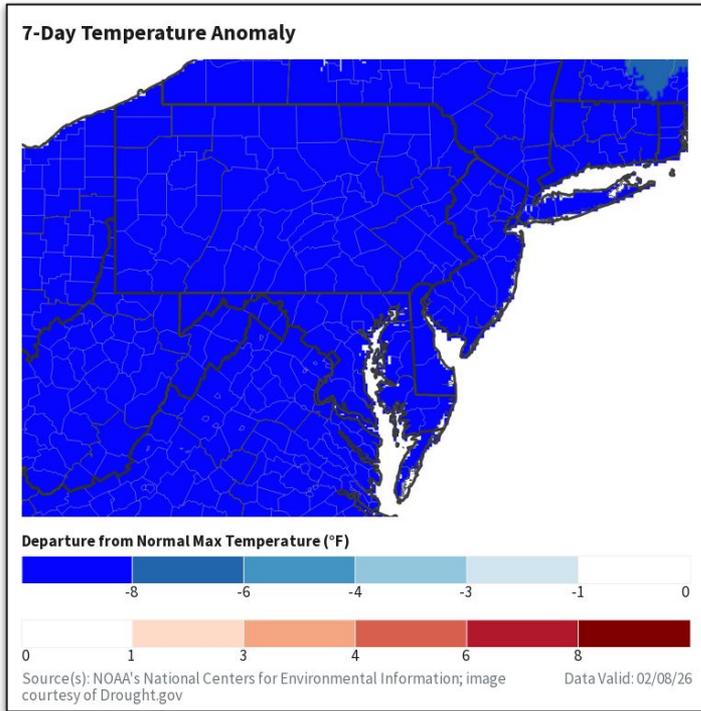
30-Day Precipitation and Percent of Normal



- 30-day precipitation anomalies have been below to well below average across central Pennsylvania.



7-Day & 30-Day Temperature Anomalies



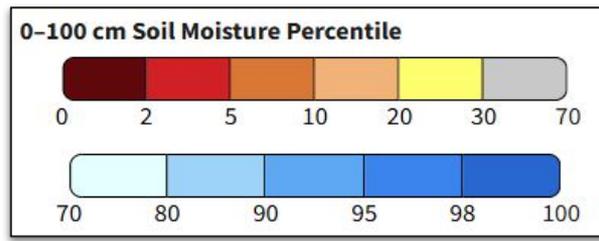
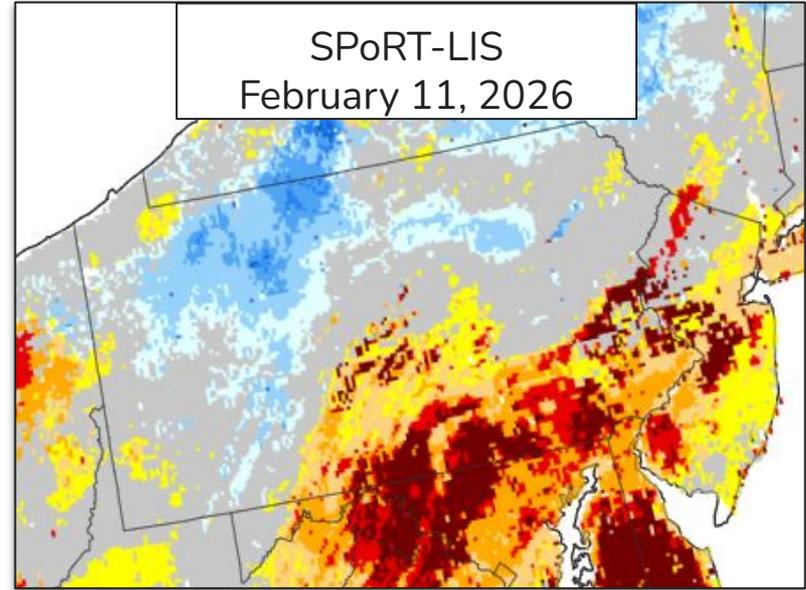
- 7-day and 30-day temperature anomalies have been below to well below average across central Pennsylvania.





Agricultural Conditions

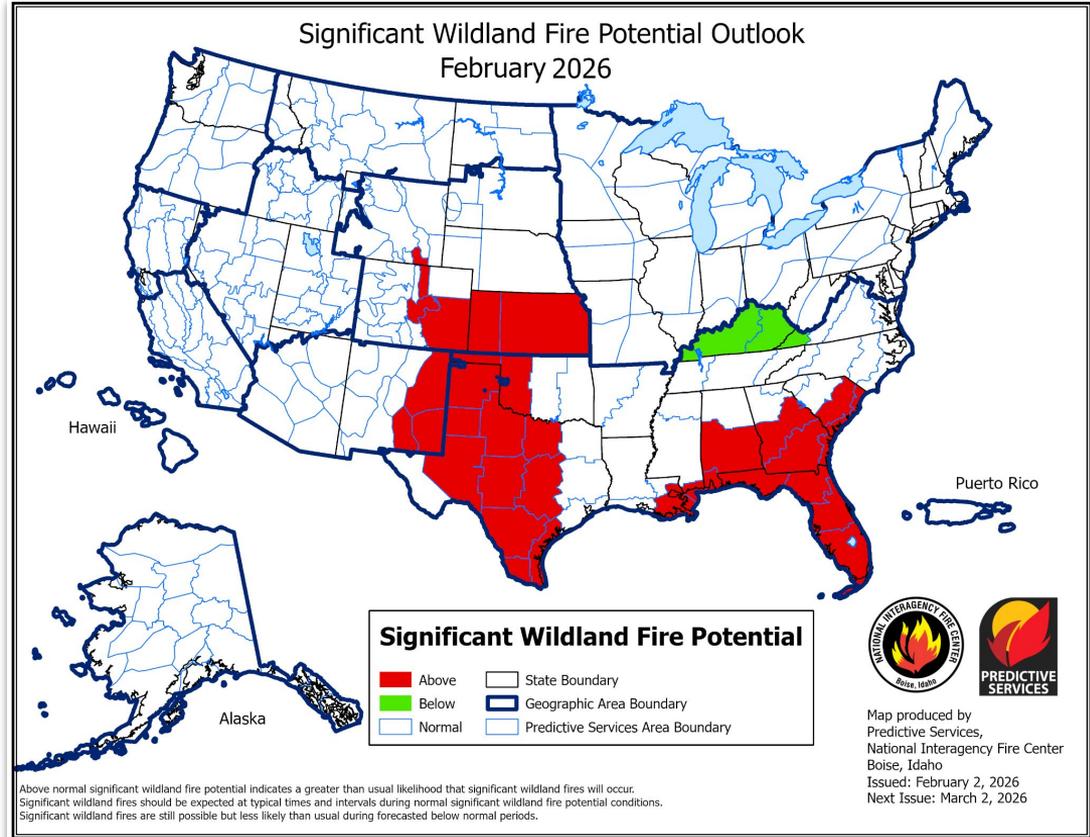
- Soil moisture conditions remain abnormally dry across south-central Pennsylvania, with near to above average soil moisture observed across north-central Pennsylvania.





Fire Hazard Impacts

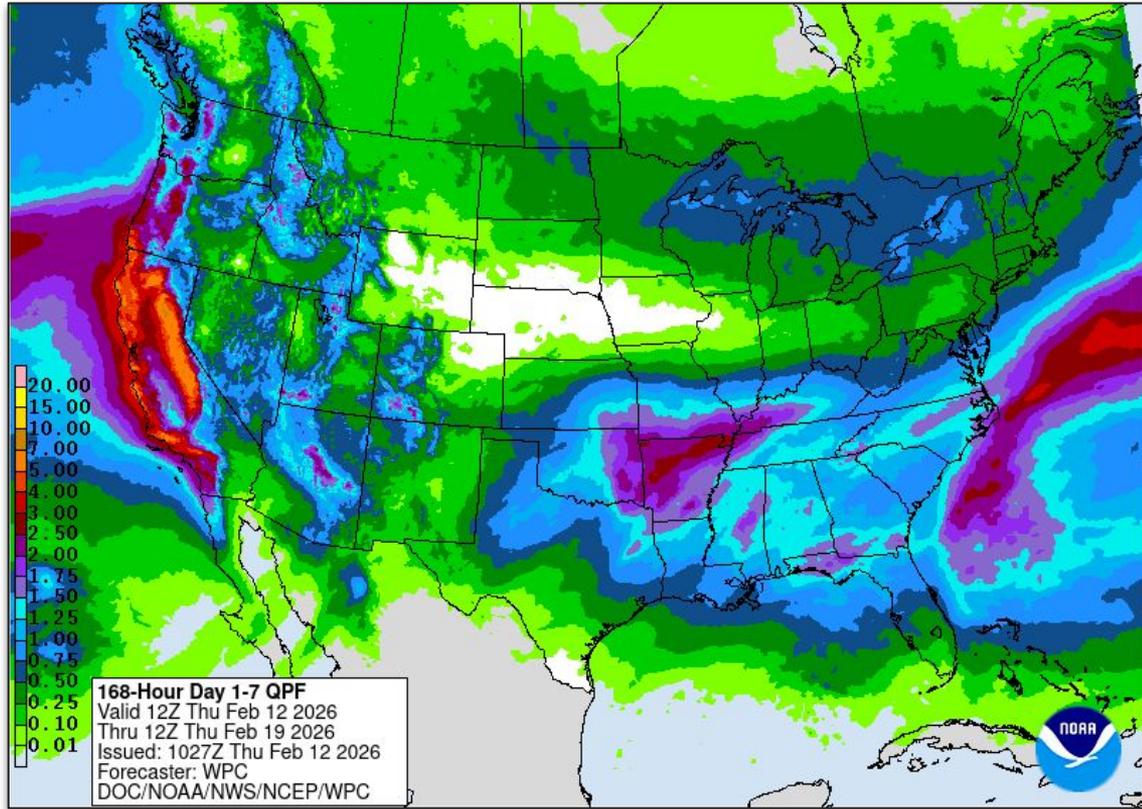
- The significant wildfire potential outlook remains near average across Pennsylvania for February 2026.





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

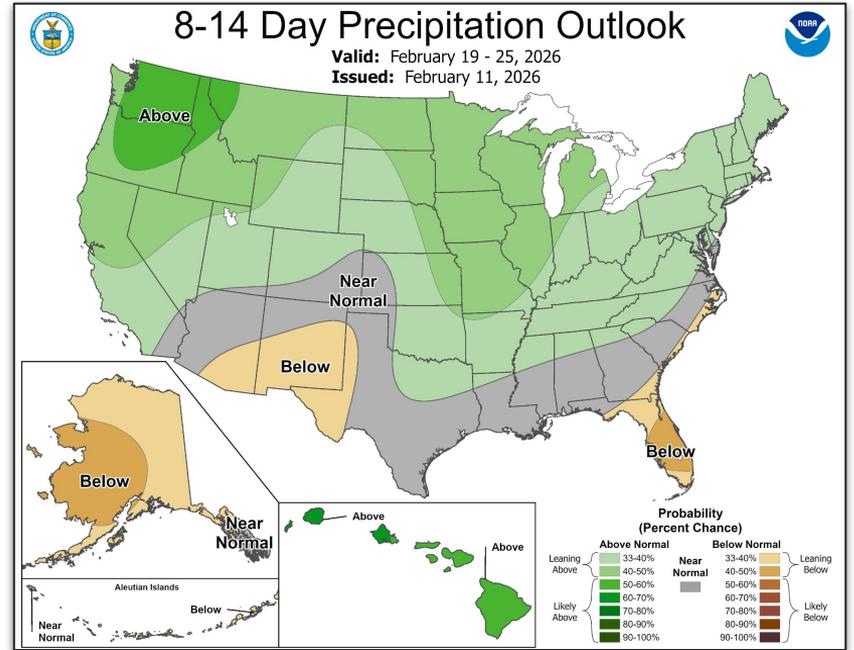
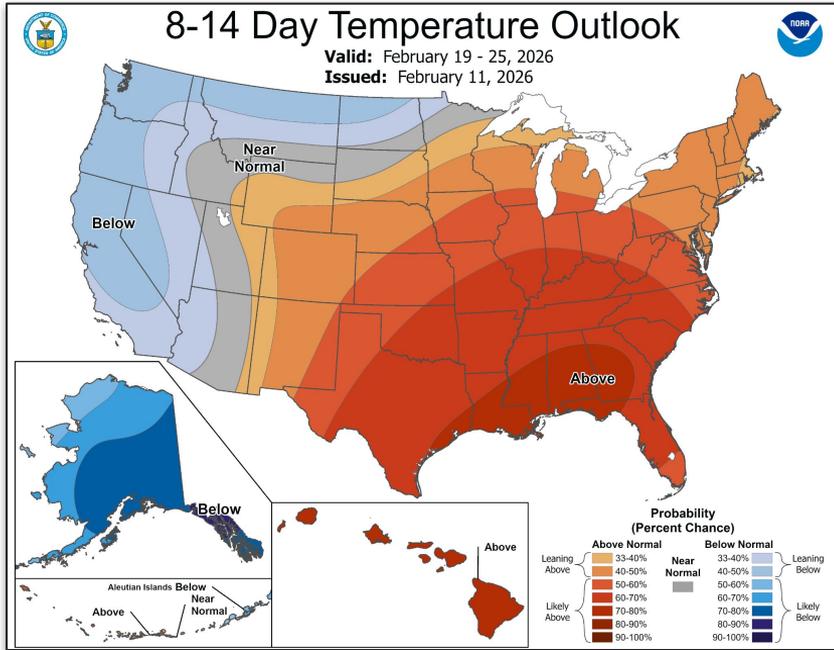
- 7-Day precipitation is generally expected to be between a tenth and half an inch across central Pennsylvania.





8-14 Day Outlook

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



- The 8-14 day forecast calls for a trend towards above average temperatures and above average precipitation through mid to late February.

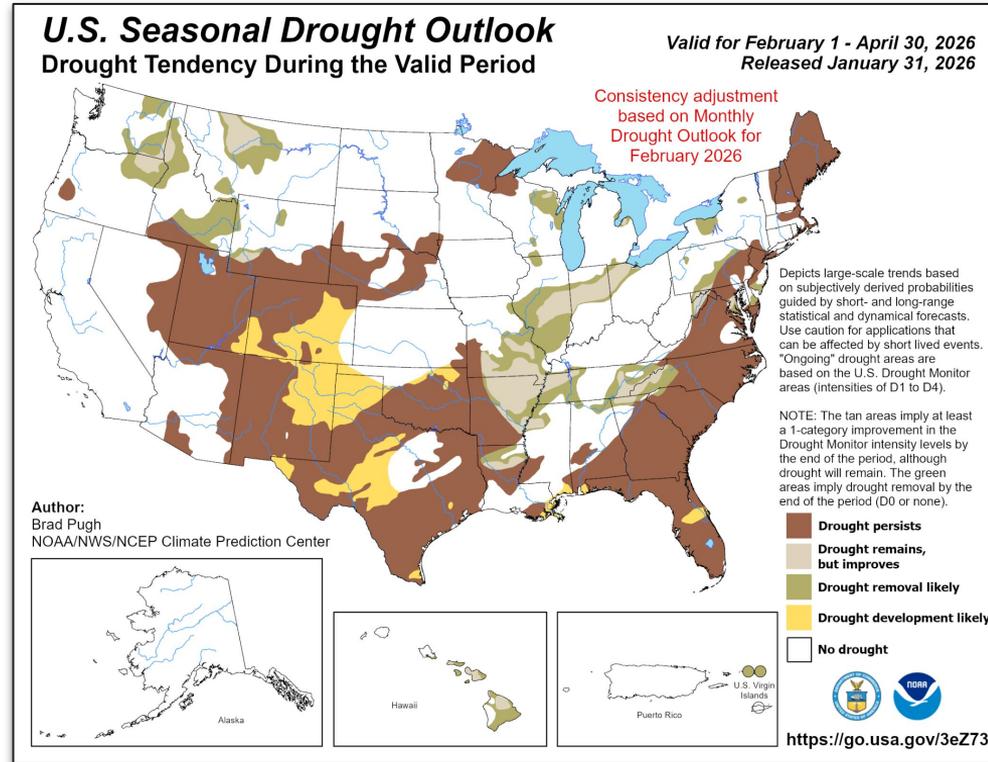




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- Some improvement is expected on the western periphery of the drought in central Pennsylvania through the end of April 2026. Otherwise, the existing drought is expected to persist across the remainder of south-central Pennsylvania.



Links to the latest:

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



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