

Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

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- This product will be updated **April 4, 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.

- Drought conditions across Pennsylvania have largely remained status quo over the past two weeks.
- A Drought Warning continues for Schuylkill County in central Pennsylvania.

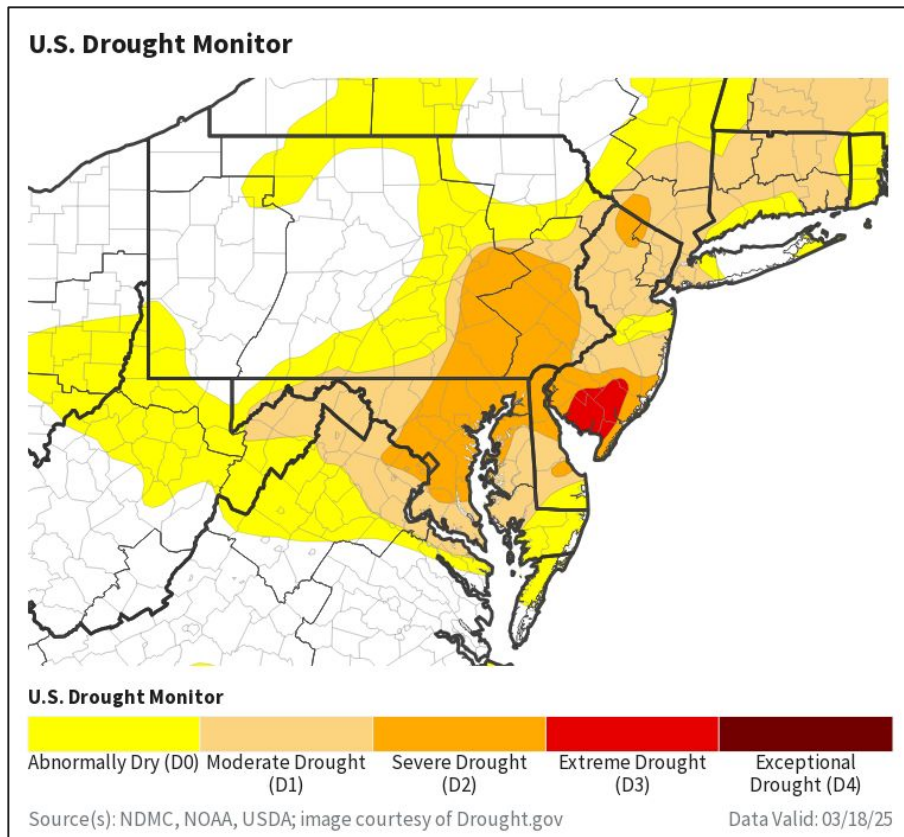




U.S. Drought Monitor

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, Northumberland, Columbia
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Somerset, Bedford, Juniata, Perry, Cumberland, Snyder, Union, Lycoming, Montour, Sullivan, Tioga, Potter, McKean, Elk, Warren

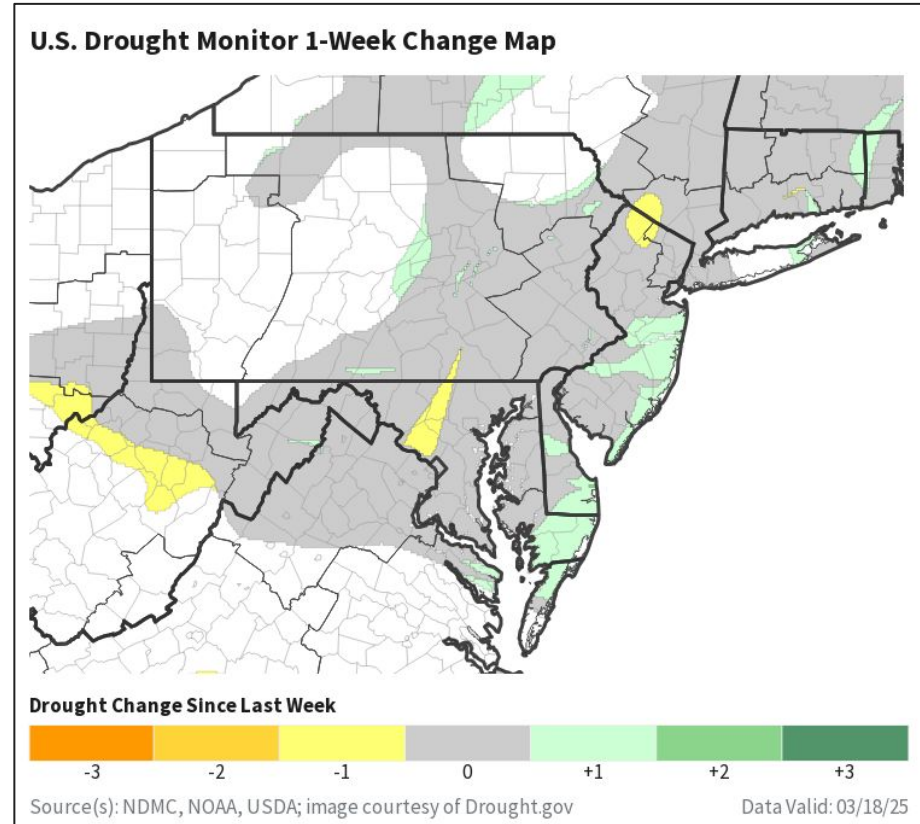




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

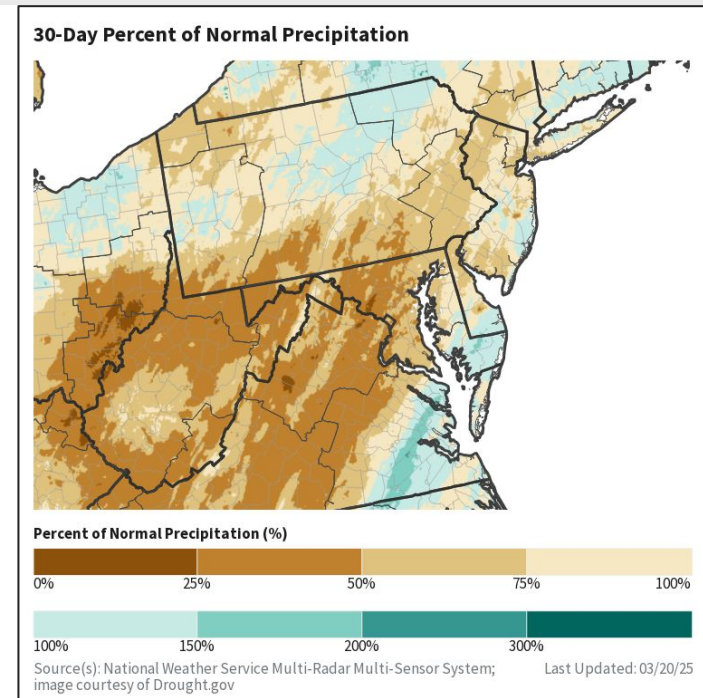
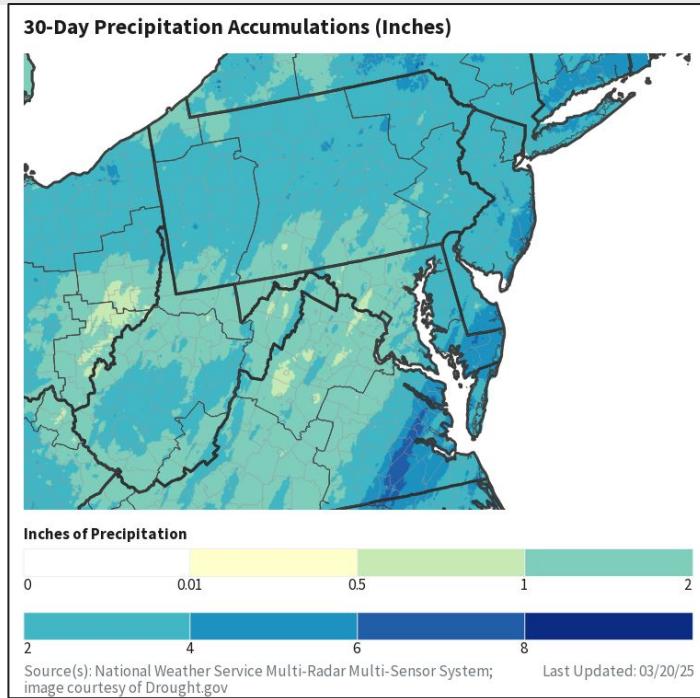
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Drought status across central Pennsylvania has remained largely status quo over the past 7 days.





Precipitation and Percent of Normal

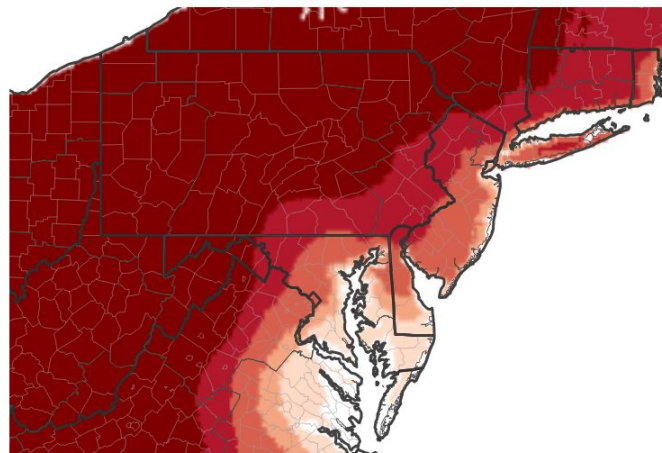


- Precipitation over the past 30 days has been near to below average across much of central Pennsylvania, and well below average across the southern counties.

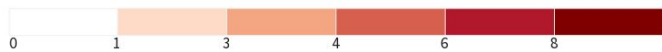
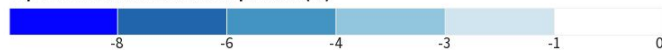


Temperature Anomalies

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



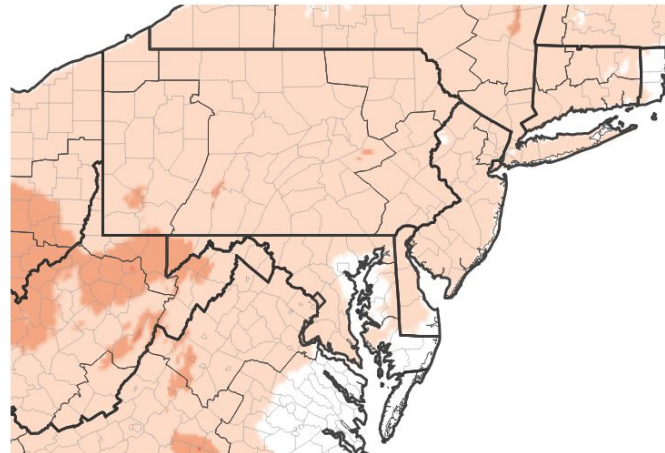
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



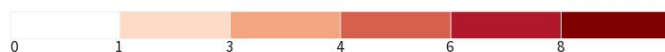
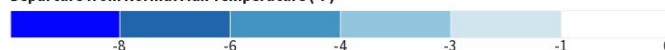
Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 03/16/25

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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- 7-day temperature anomalies have been well above average across central Pennsylvania, while 30-day anomalies have been slightly slightly average.



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

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

Agricultural Impacts

- Agriculture remains dormant for the winter 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.

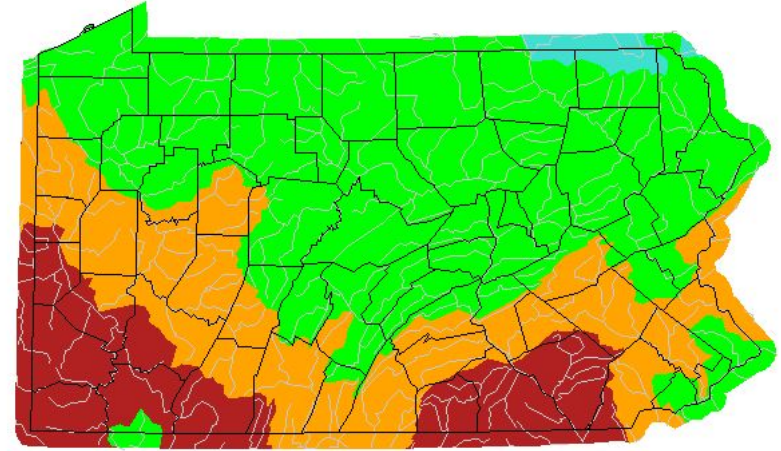




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows are ranging from near average across northern Pennsylvania to below to well below average across the south.

Thursday, March 20, 2025



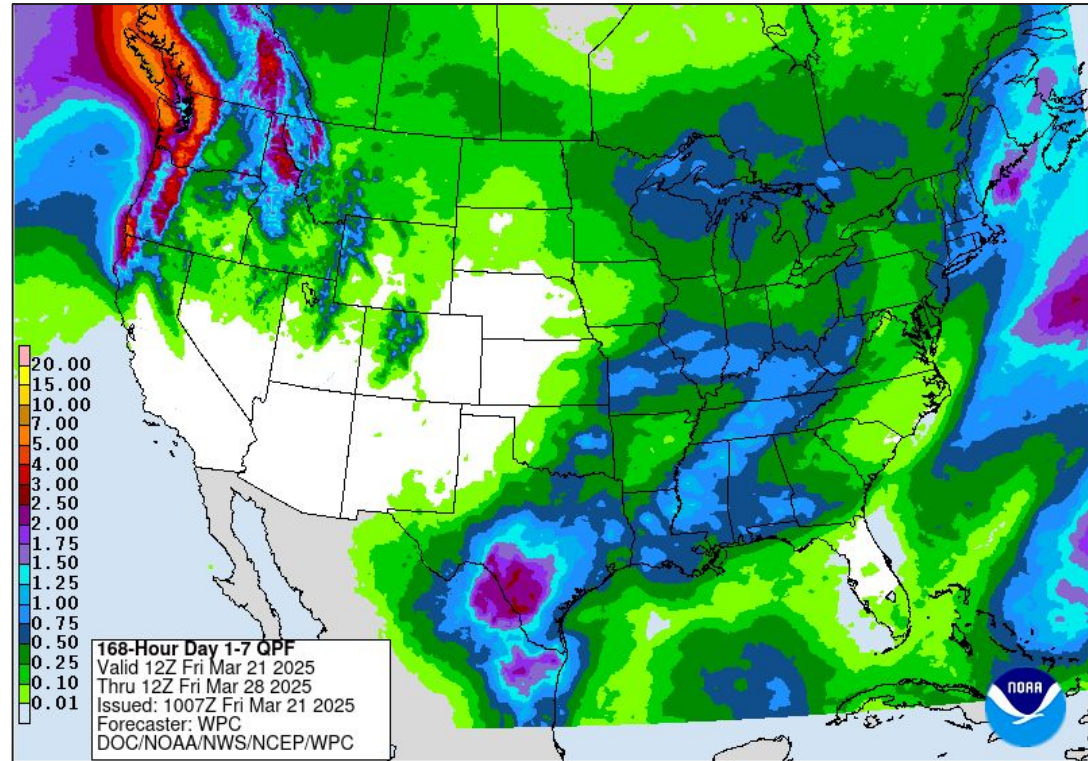
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

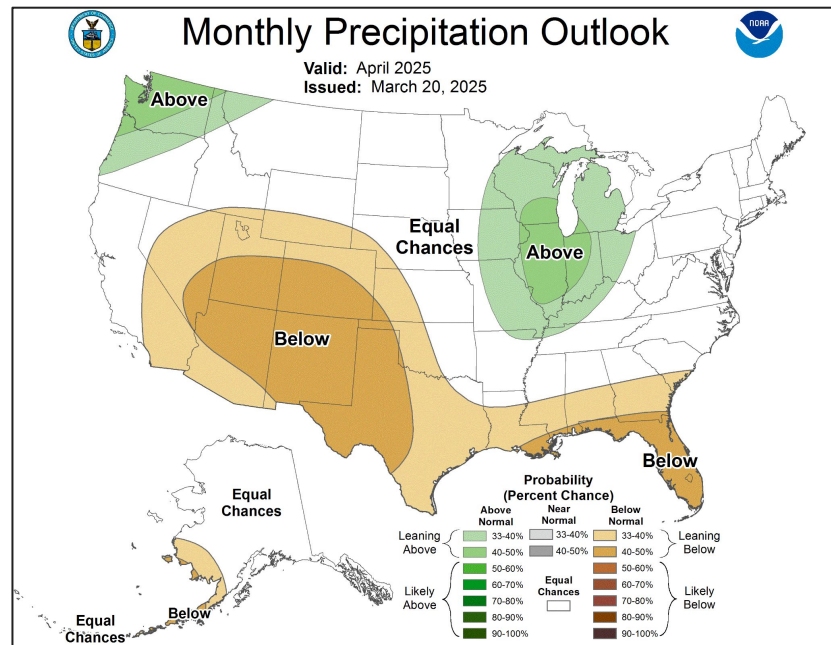
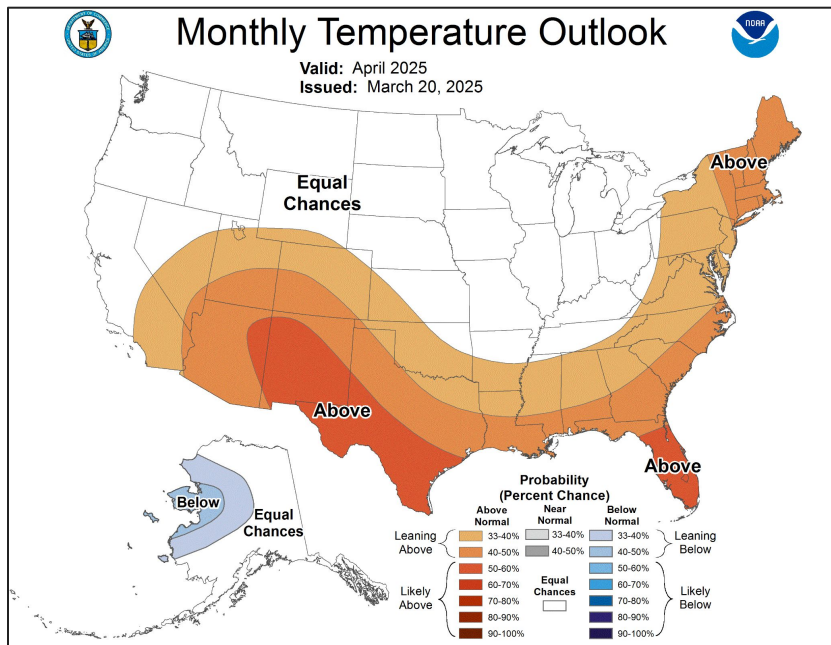
- Liquid equivalent precipitation over the next 7 days is expected to be 0.10-0.25 inches across most of central Pennsylvania, and 0.25-0.50 inches across the higher elevations of the Allegheny Plateau.





Long-Range Outlooks

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



- The monthly outlook for April 2025 is trending towards above average temperatures and near average precipitation for Pennsylvania.

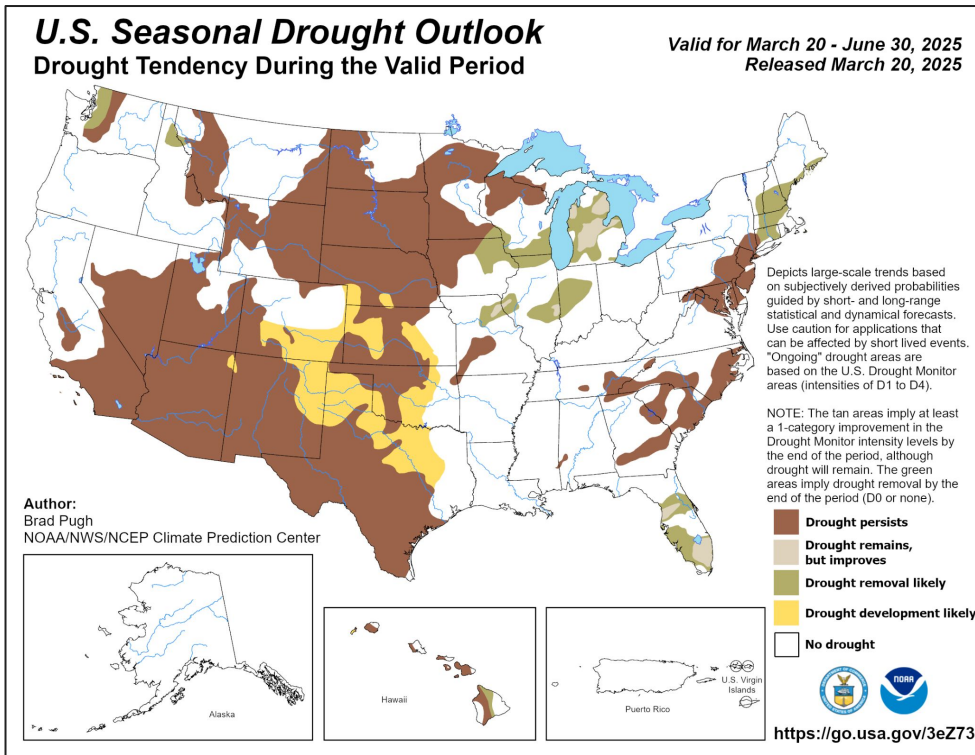




Drought Outlook

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- The latest seasonal drought outlook calls for drought conditions to persist across the Lower Susquehanna Valley and southeastern Pennsylvania through Spring 2025.



Links to the latest:

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



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