



Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

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- The next update to this Drought Information Statement will be issued by **April 24, 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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- Recent rainfall has continued to produce short-term improvement across central Pennsylvania, although long-term dryness persists across portions of the south.
 - The Climate Prediction Center's seasonal drought outlook calls for continued improvement and the likely removal of much of the lingering drought by early Summer.

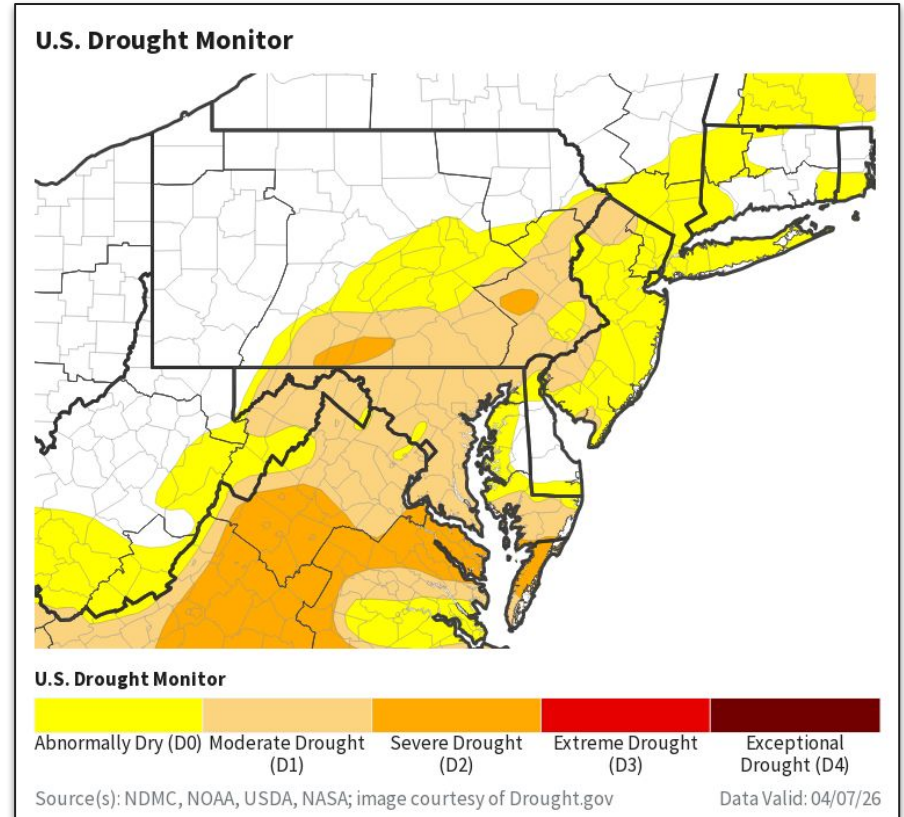




U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent for Central Pennsylvania:
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Bedford, Fulton, Franklin
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Schuylkill, Huntingdon, Dauphin, Lebanon, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Centre, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Somerset, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry

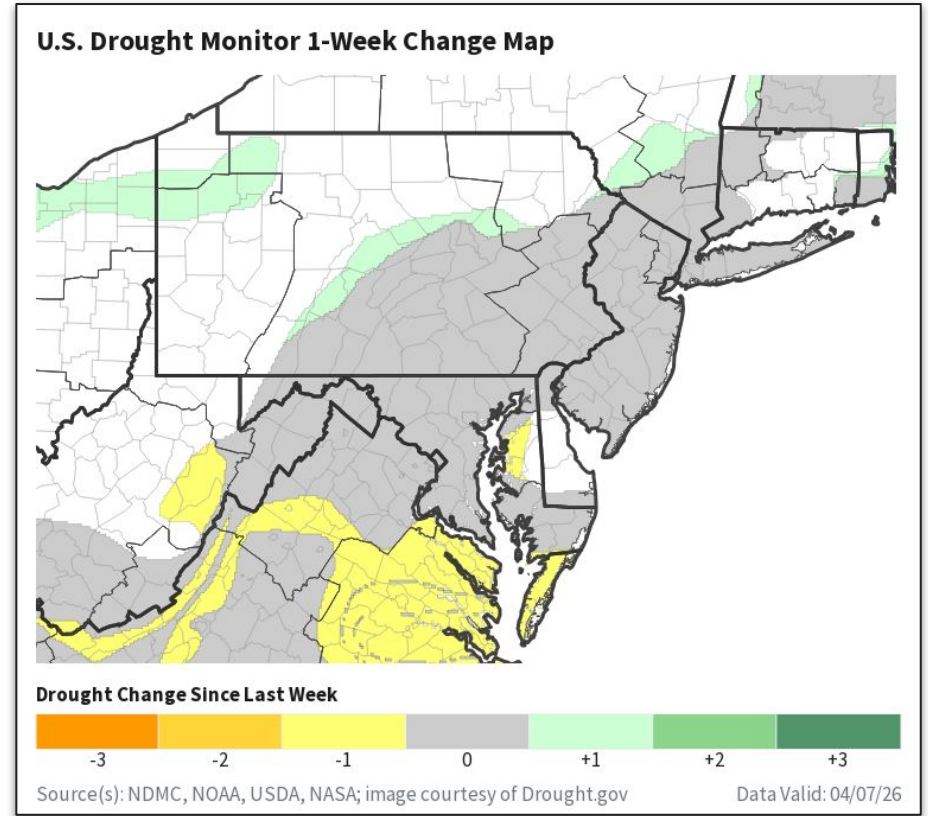




One-Week Change in Drought Intensity

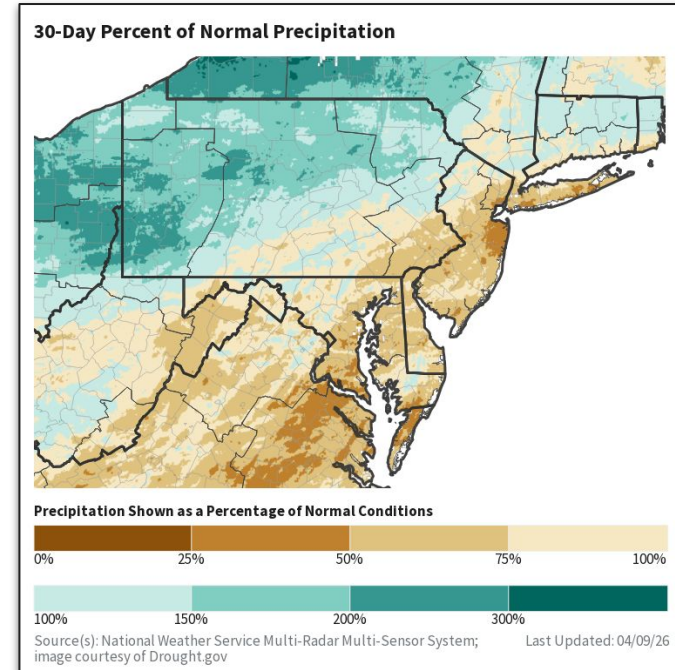
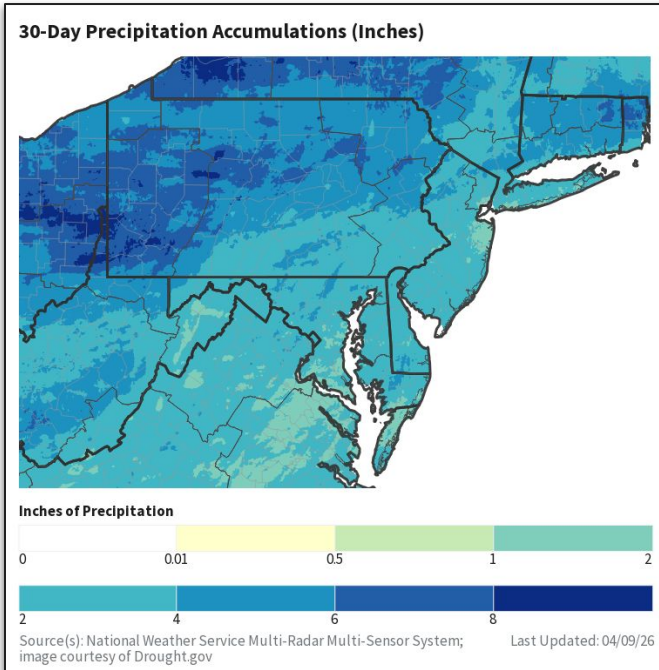
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One-Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Continued improvement was observed across north-central Pennsylvania, with drought persisting across south-central Pennsylvania.





30-Day Precipitation and Percent of Normal

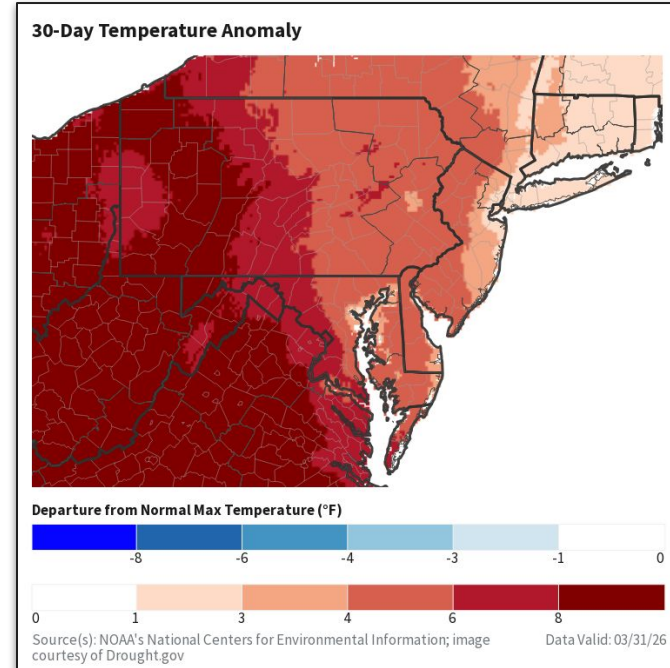
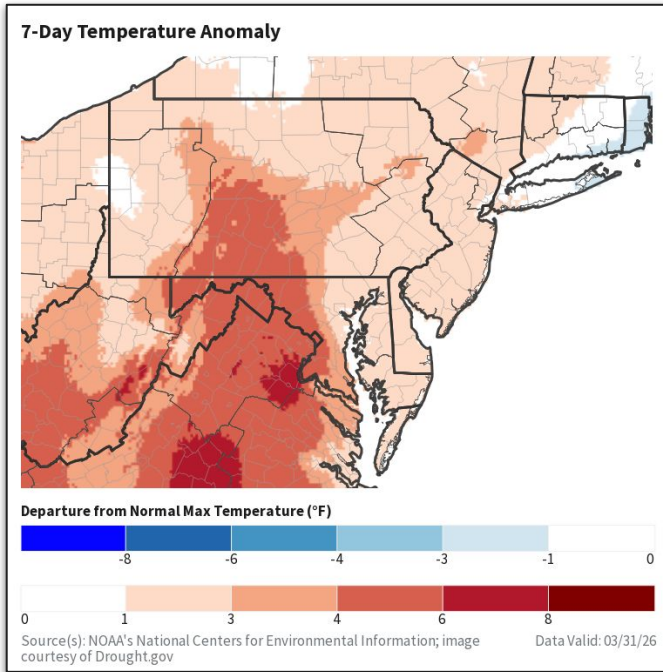


- 30-day precipitation was above average for much of central Pennsylvania, outside of the Cumberland and Lower Susquehanna valleys.





7-Day & 30-Day Temperature Anomalies



- 7-day temperatures anomalies were above average across central Pennsylvania, and 30-day temperature anomalies were above to well above average.





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Precipitation has increased recently and helped with the short-term dryness, although long-term precipitation deficits across south-central PA.

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture ranged from near average across north-central Pennsylvania to below average across far south-central Pennsylvania. See slide 8 for details on regional soil moisture.

Fire Hazard Impacts

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

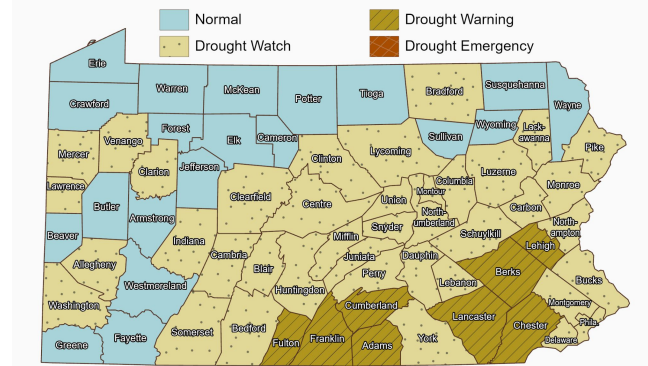
Other Impacts

- As of April 6, 2026, there were no countywide burn bans in effect across central Pennsylvania.

Mitigation Actions

- There are both voluntary and mandatory water restrictions in place for some communities across central Pennsylvania. Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

Latest PA drought designations:



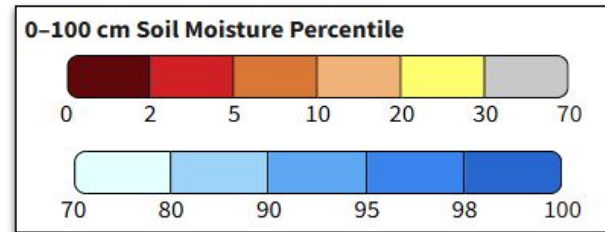
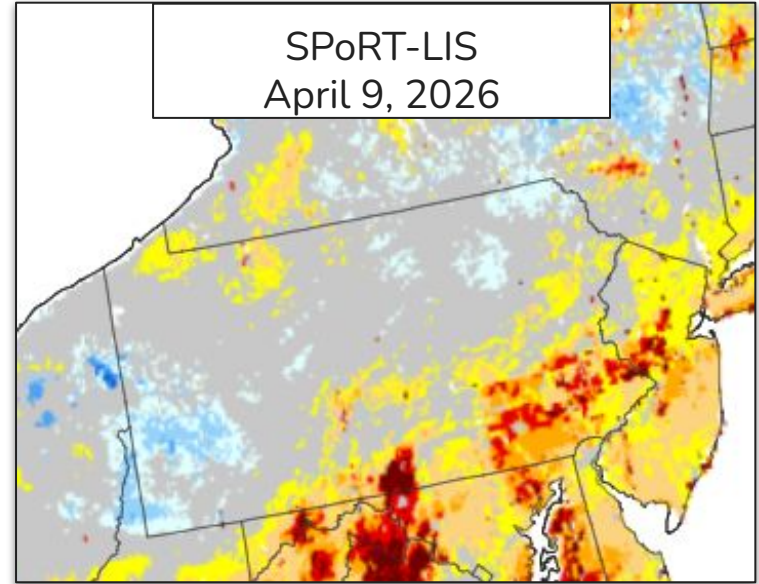
The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has issued a Drought Watches and Warnings for several central Pennsylvania counties. (The NWS does not declare Drought Watches or Warnings.)





Agricultural Conditions

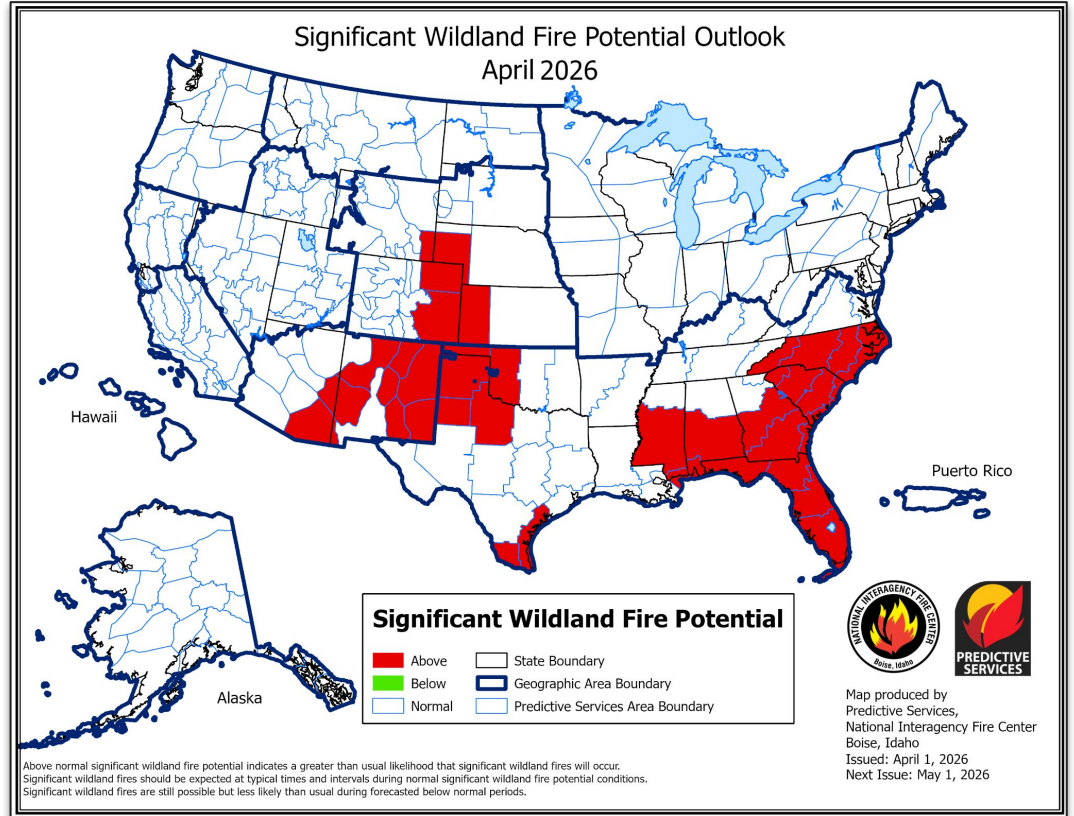
- 0-100 centimeter soil moisture is generally near average across north-central Pennsylvania, and below average across south-central Pennsylvania.





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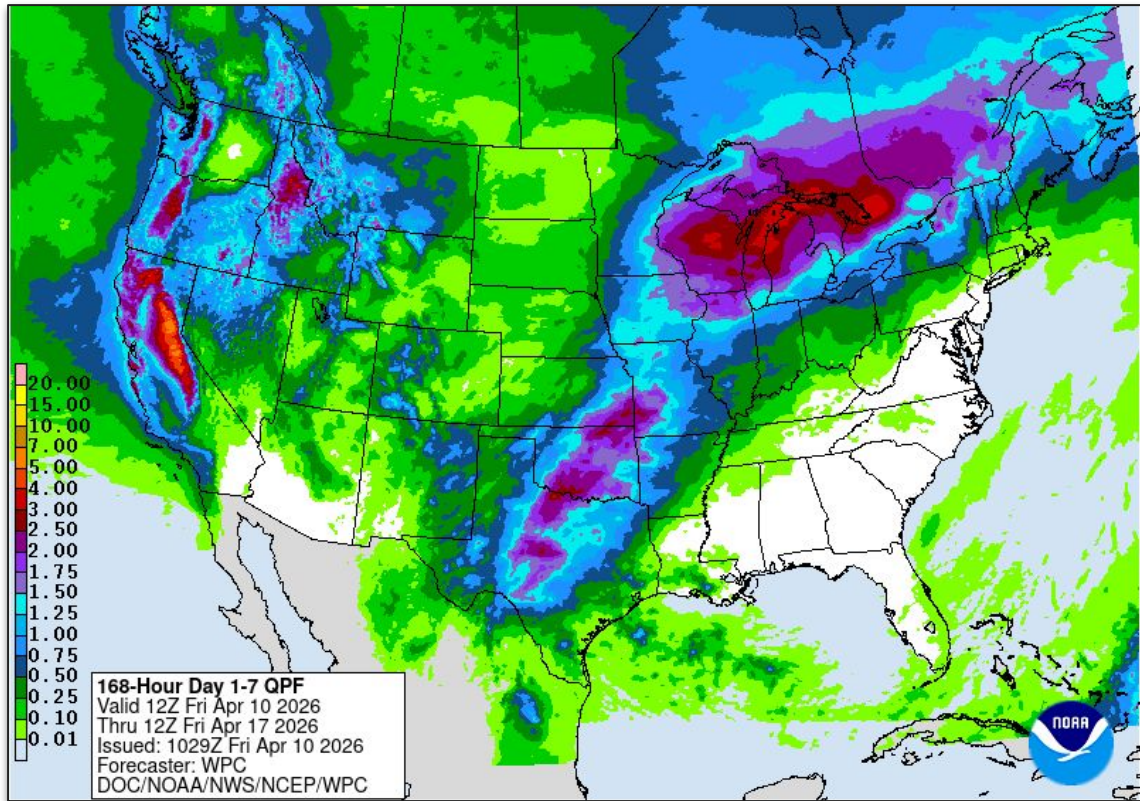
- The significant wildfire potential is near average for central Pennsylvania for the month of April 2026.





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

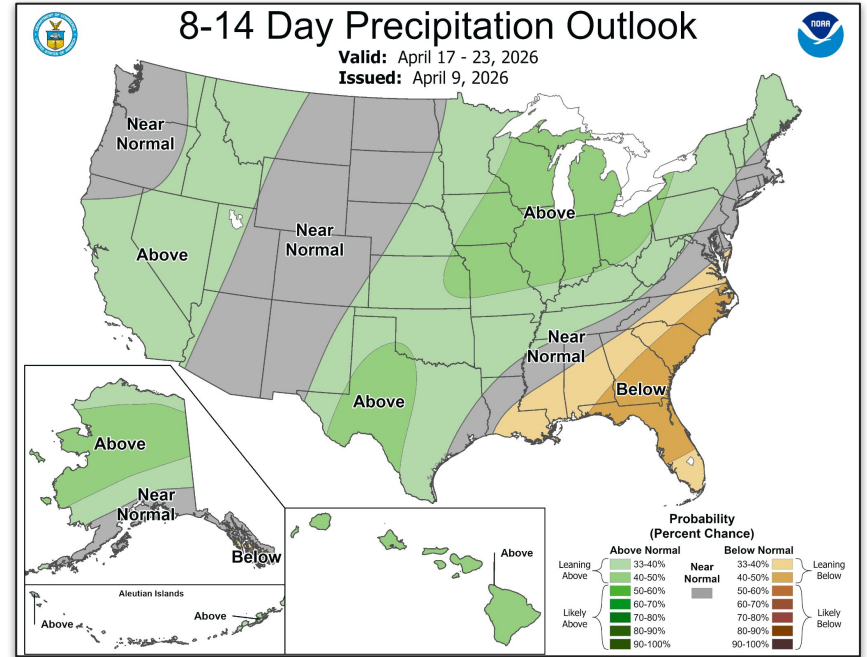
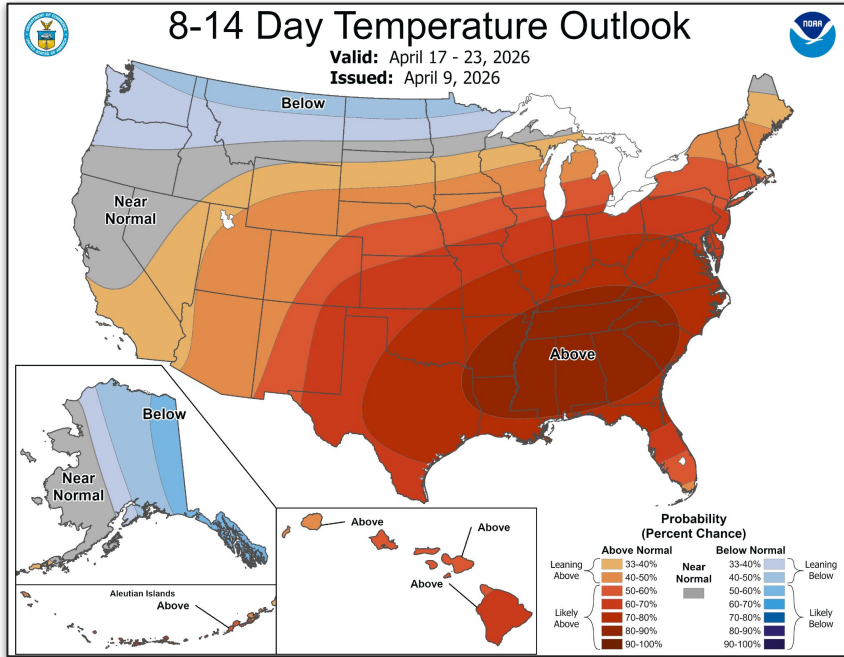
- 7-day day precipitation is forecasted to range from little if any across south-central Pennsylvania up to a half to three-quarters of an inch across the northwestern highlands.





8-14 Day Outlook

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- 8-14 day temperatures are expected to trend above average, with precipitation ranging from above average across northwestern Pennsylvania to near average across the southeast.

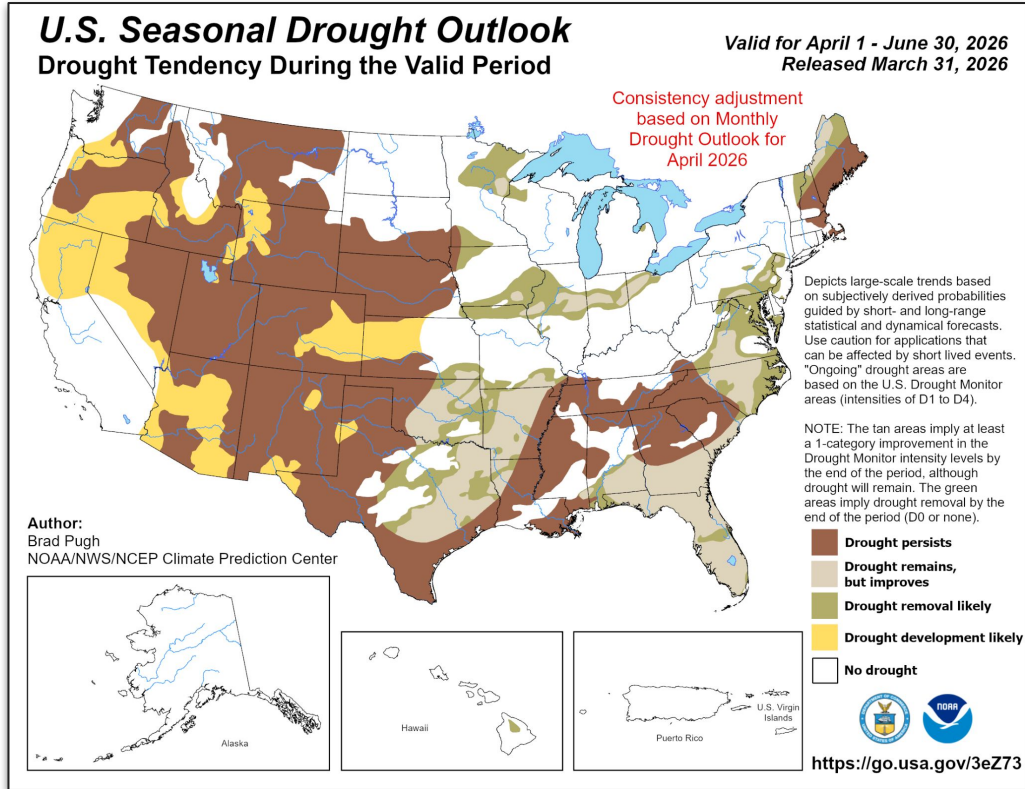




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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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