

Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

Valid **April 18, 2025**

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- This product will be updated **May 2, 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, with subtle improvement across southeastern Pennsylvania.
- The next 7 days will be relatively dry across south-central and southeastern PA, which could lead to some deterioration. After that, the 8-14 day outlook is trending towards near normal precipitation.



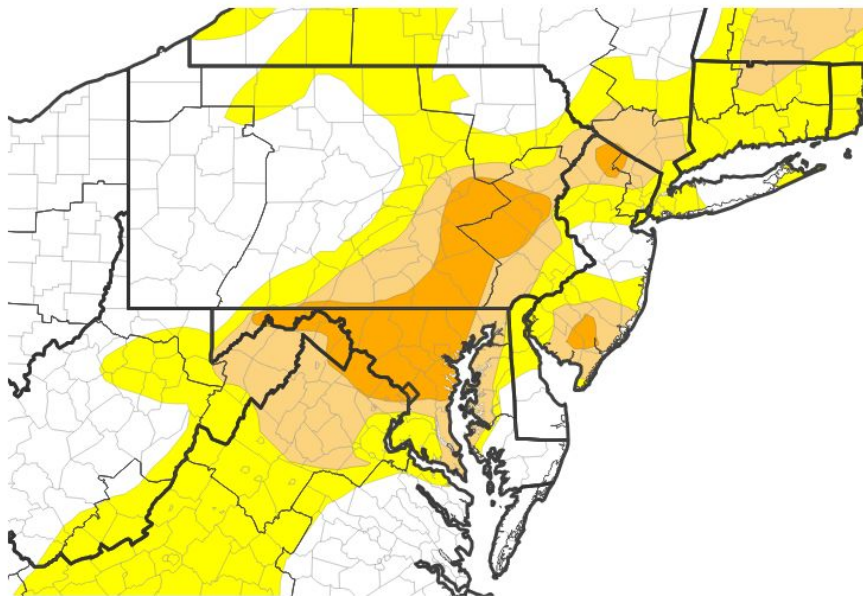


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

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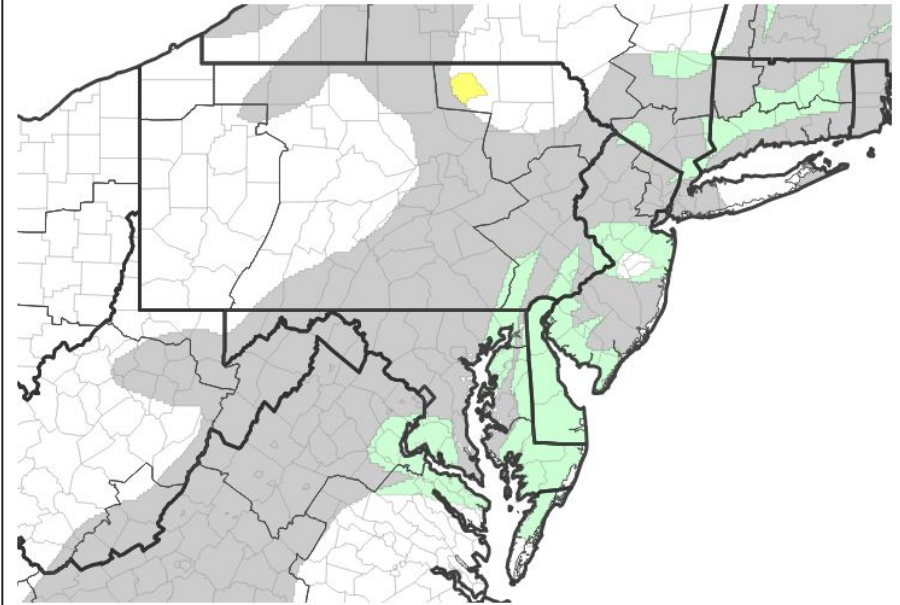


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

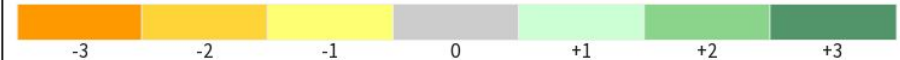
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Drought status across central Pennsylvania has remained largely status quo over the past 7 days, with only subtle deterioration across south-central Pennsylvania.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



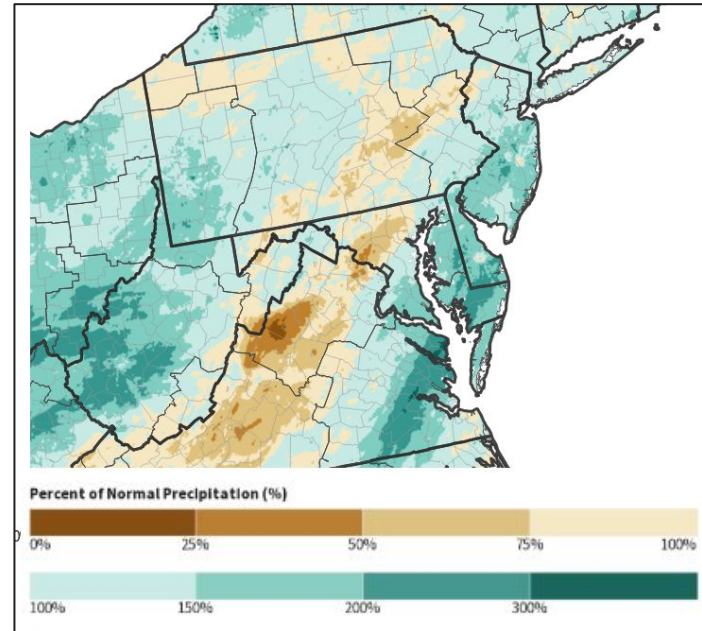
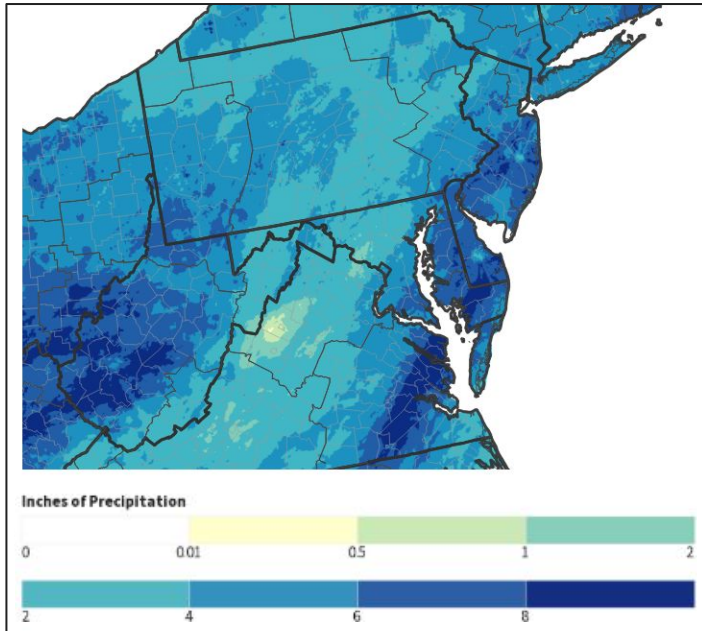
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Precipitation and Percent of Normal



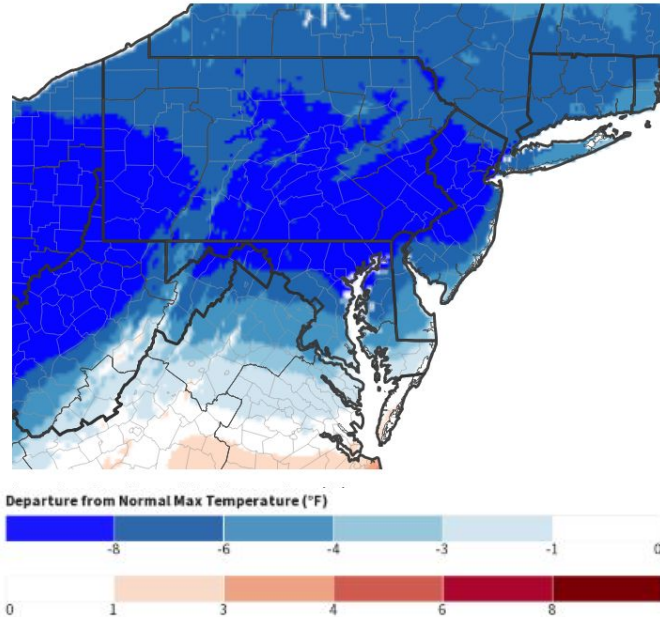
- Precipitation over the past 30 days has generally been near average across Central Pennsylvania, with the driest anomalies running from the Cumberland Valley northeastward across Schuylkill County.



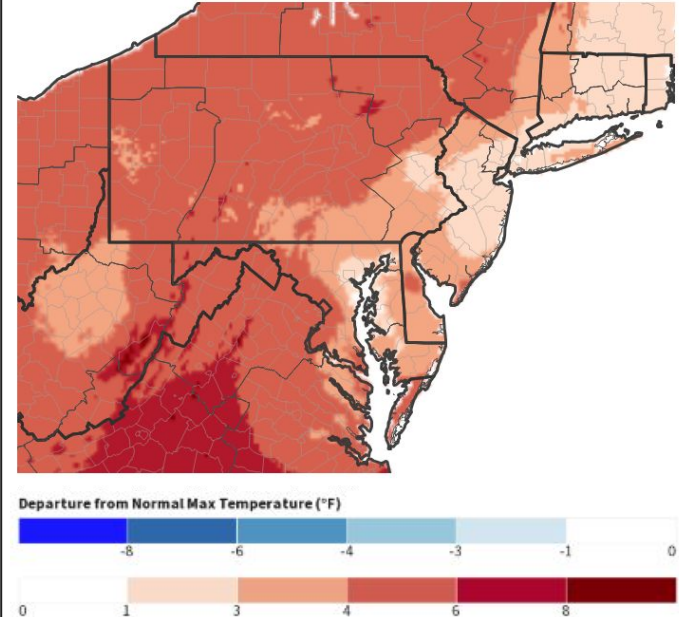


Temperature Anomalies

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



30-Day Temperature Anomaly



- 7-day temperature anomalies have been below to well below average across Central Pennsylvania, while 30-day temperature anomalies have been above average.





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

- Green-up is just beginning across much of Central Pennsylvania.

Fire Hazard Impacts

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

Other Impacts

- As of April 18, 0225, burn bans were in place for **Huntingdon** and **Montour** counties in Central Pennsylvania.

Mitigation Actions

- See “Hydrologic Impacts” above.

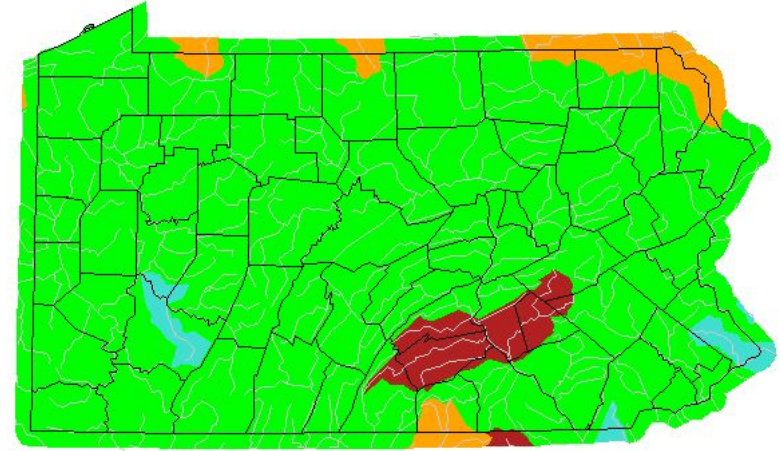




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows are near average across most of Central Pennsylvania, with the exception of the Cumberland Valley where they are well below average.

Thursday, April 17, 2025



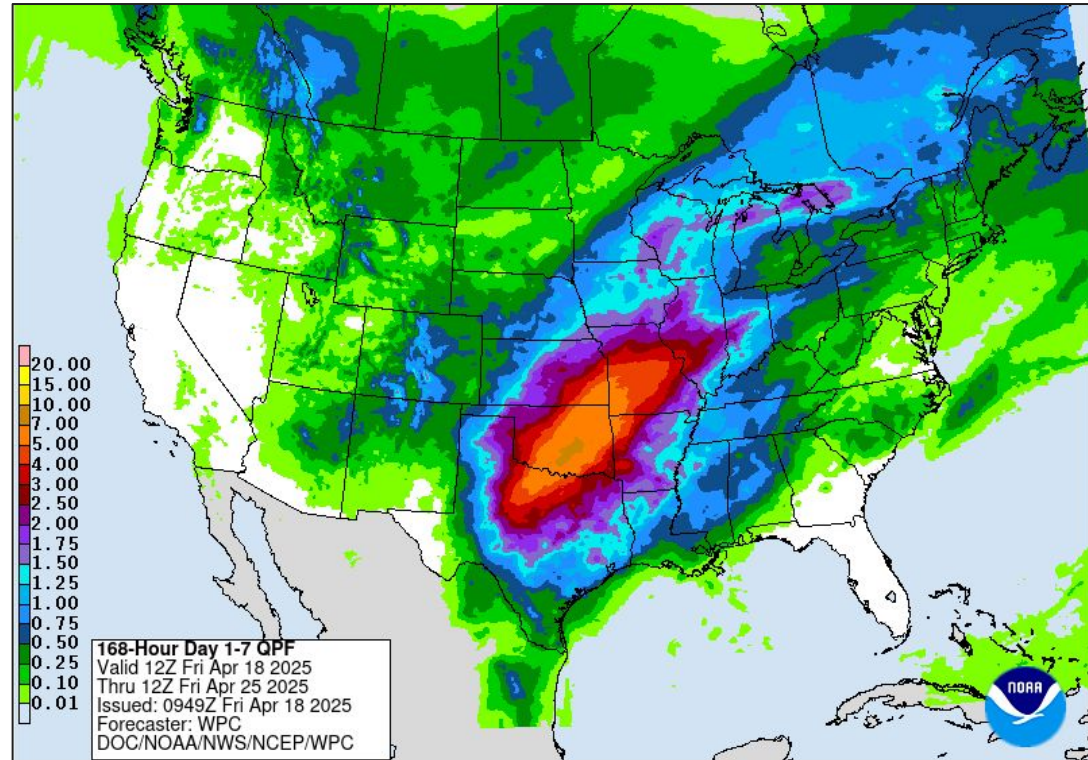
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

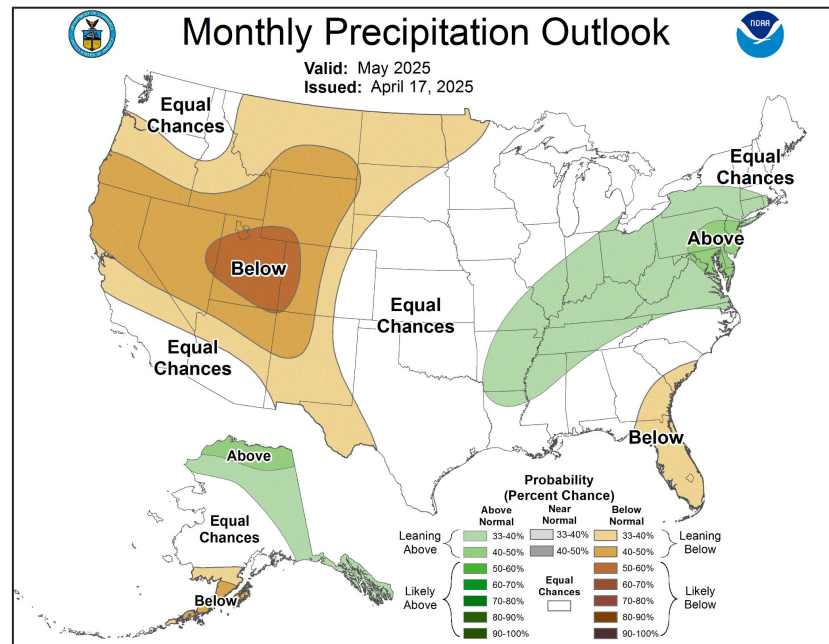
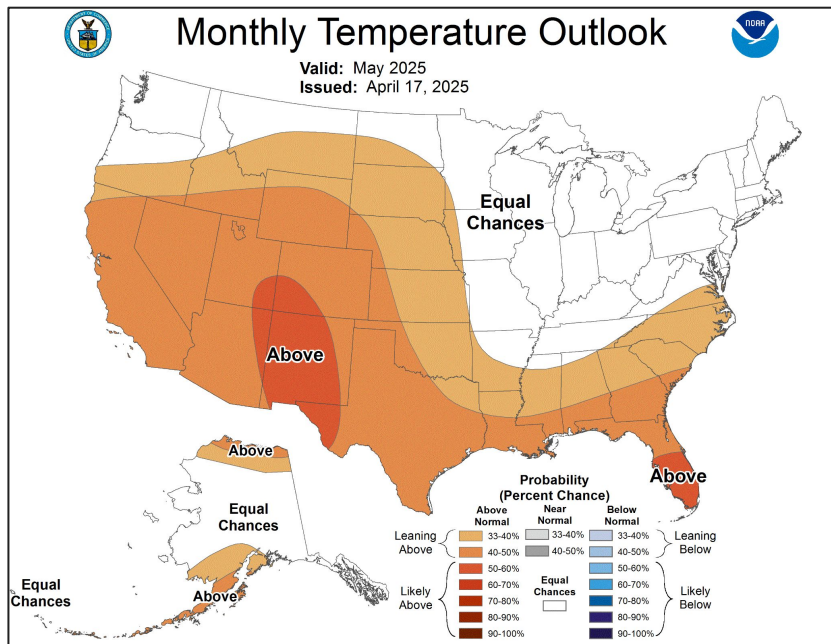
- The 7-Day precipitation forecast ranges from around 0.10 inches across south-central and southeastern Pennsylvania up to 0.50-1.00 inches across northwestern Pennsylvania.





Long-Range Outlooks

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

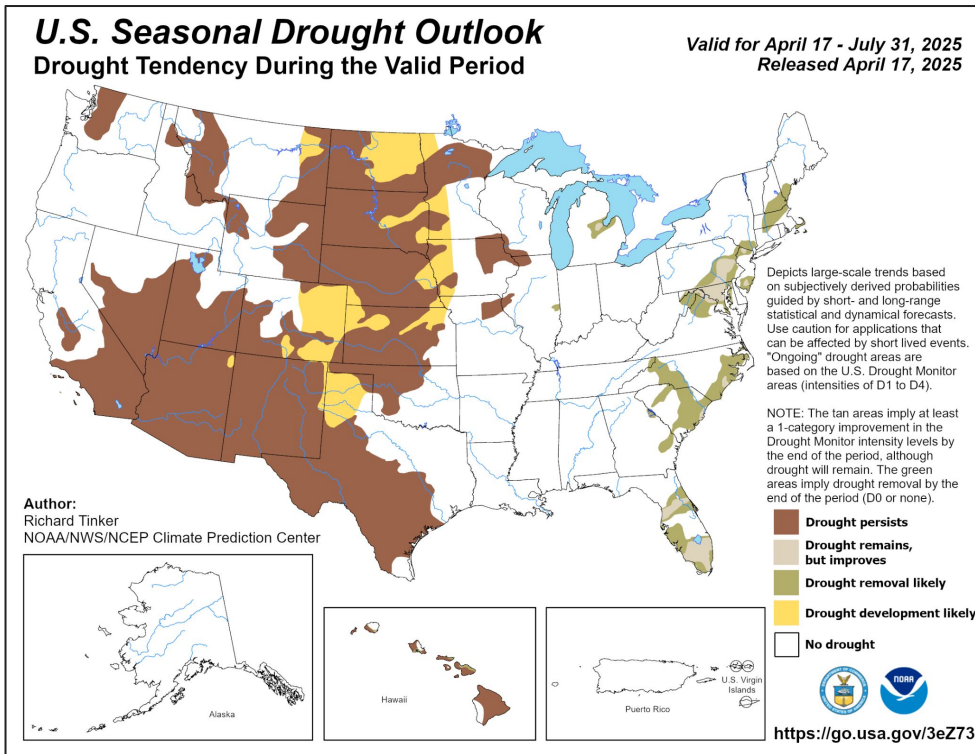




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- The latest seasonal drought outlook calls for slowly improving drought conditions to across the Lower Susquehanna Valley through early summer 2025.



Links to the latest:

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



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