

Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

Valid **May 16, 2025**

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- This will be the final Drought Information Statement issued until conditions worsen.
 - 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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- Drought conditions across central Pennsylvania have improved appreciably thanks to recent above average rainfall.
 - Continued improvement is expected with additional rainfall this week. After that, the 6-10 and 8-14 day outlooks show a continued trend towards above average precipitation.

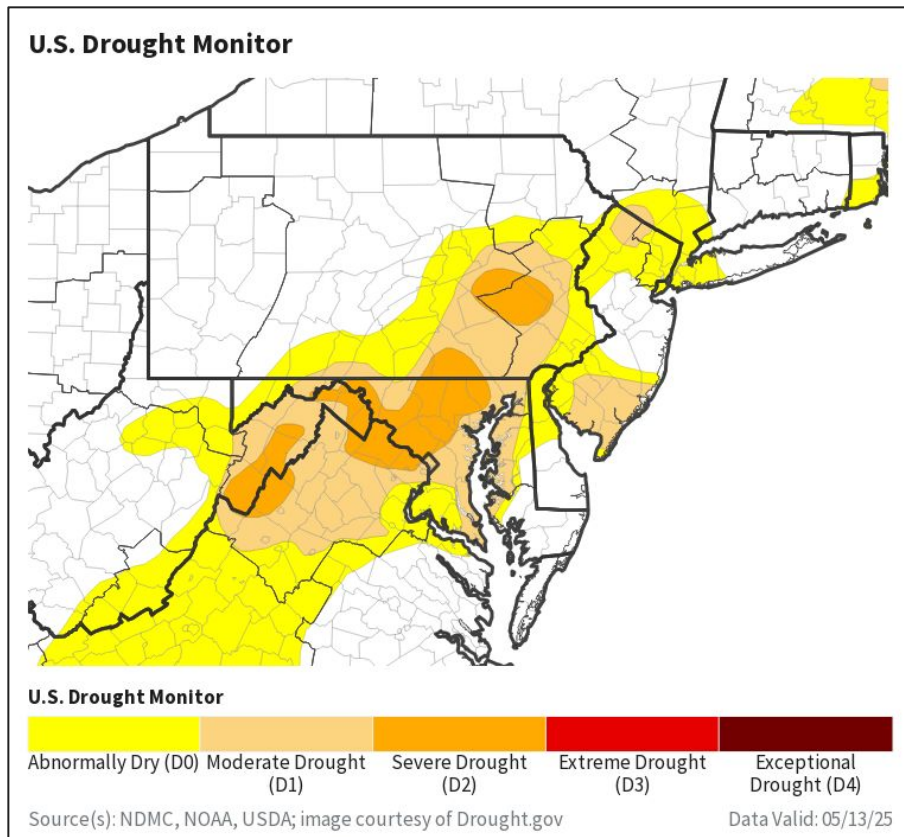




U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent:
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: York, Schuylkill
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Adams, Fulton, Franklin, Dauphin, Columbia, Lancaster, Lebanon
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Bedford, Cumberland, Perry, Northumberland, Snyder, Montour

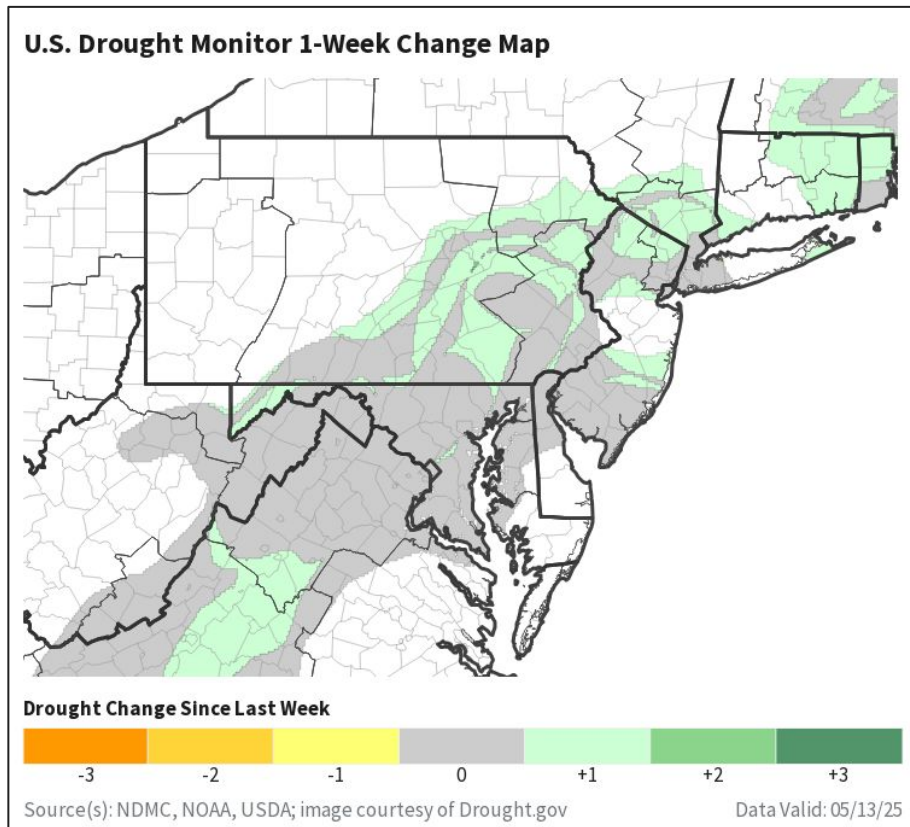




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

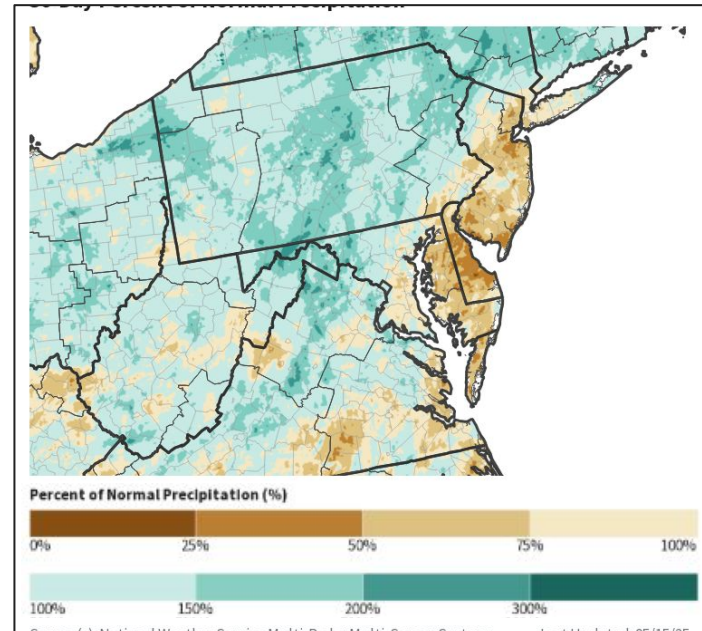
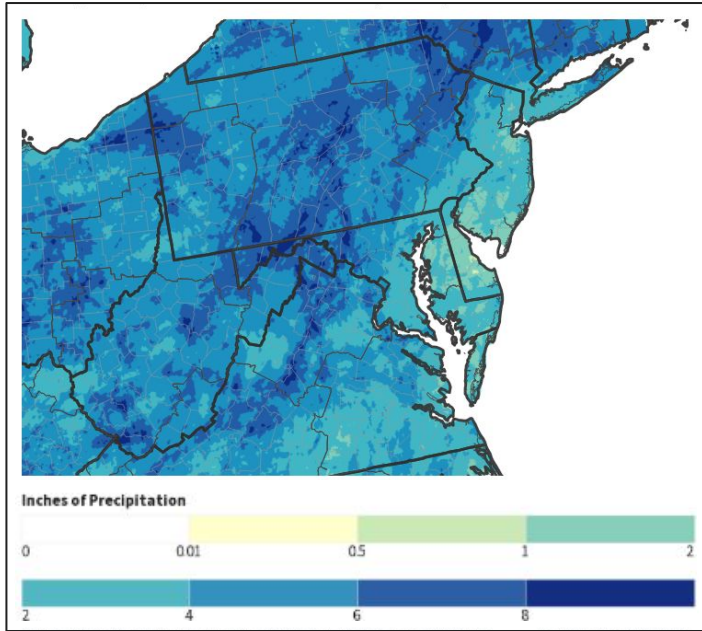
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Drought status has improved appreciably across much of central Pennsylvania thanks to recent above average rainfall.





Precipitation and Percent of Normal

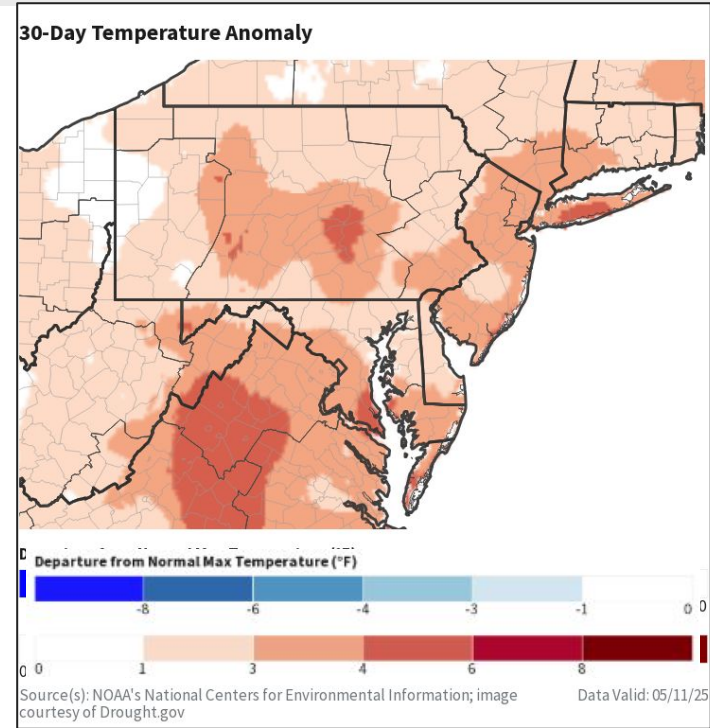
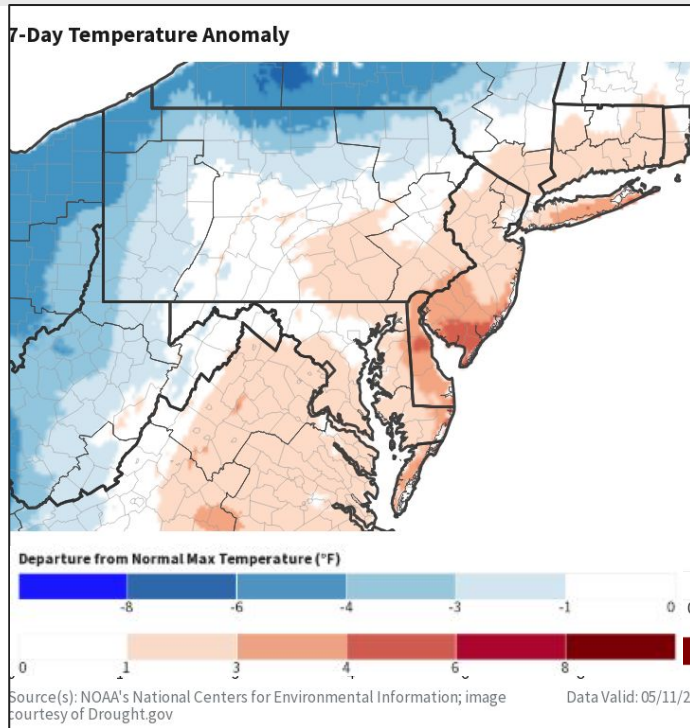


- Precipitation over the past 30 days has been above average across central Pennsylvania, and well above average in some areas.





Temperature Anomalies



- 7-day temperature anomalies have been below average across the north and near to slightly above average across the south, with 30-day temperature anomalies generally 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

- No significant agricultural impacts have been reported.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildfire Potential has decreased across central Pennsylvania with recent rainfall.

Other Impacts

- As of May 16, 2025, no burn bans were in effect across Pennsylvania.

Mitigation Actions

- See “Hydrologic Impacts” above.

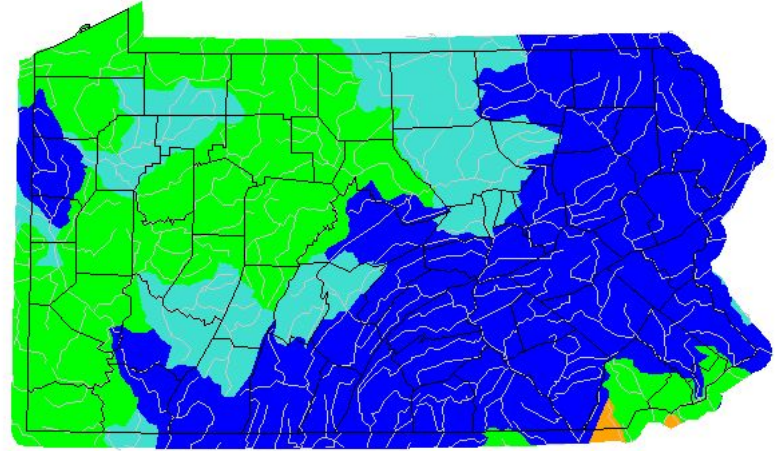




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows are running near to above average statewide.

Thursday, May 15, 2025



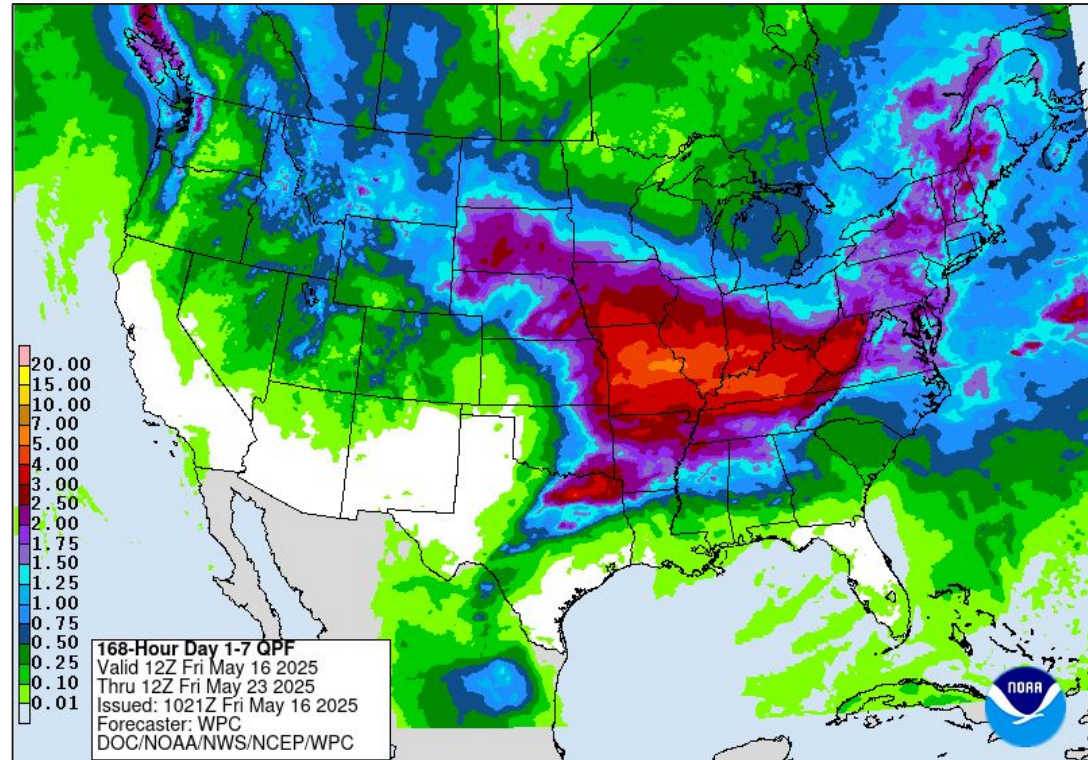
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

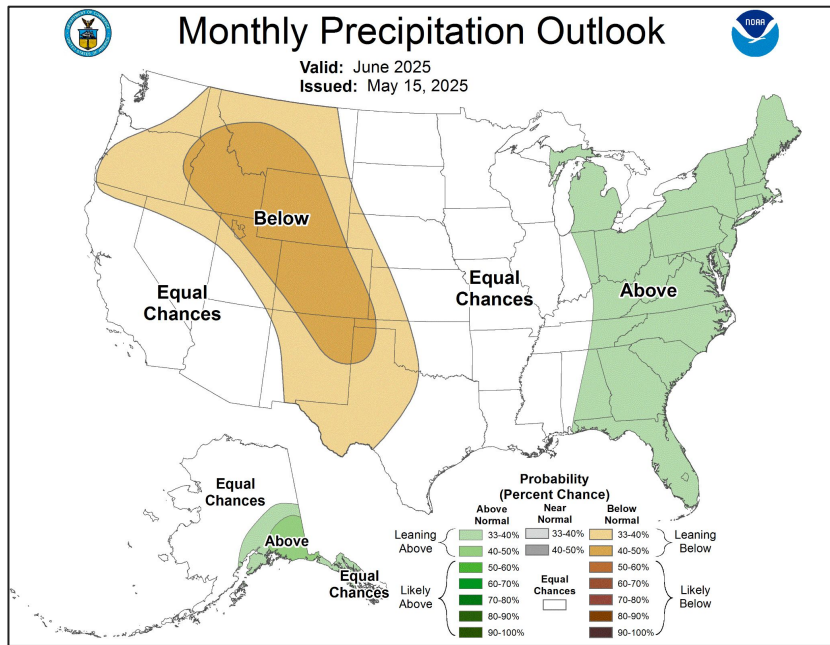
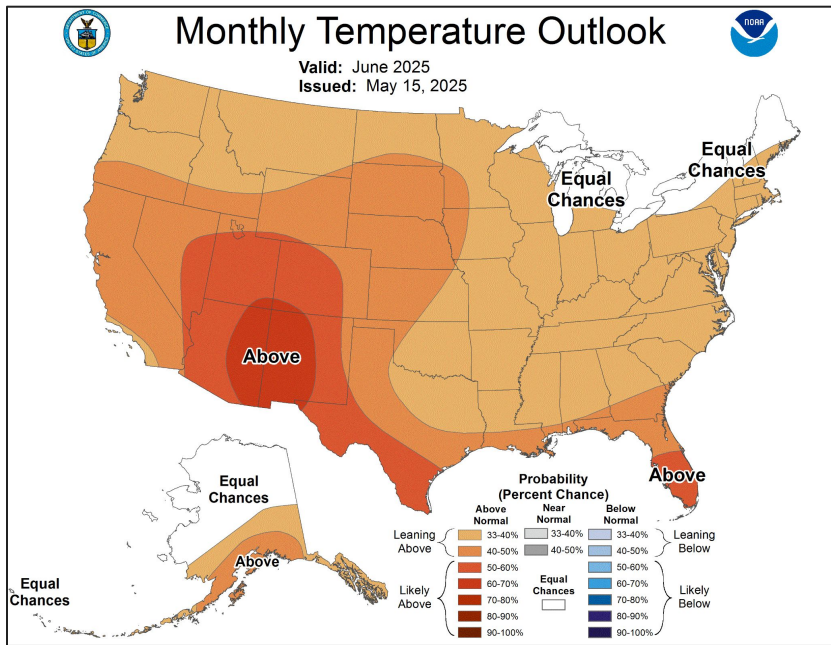
- The 7-Day precipitation forecast is generally in the 1-2 inch range statewide.





Long-Range Outlooks

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



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

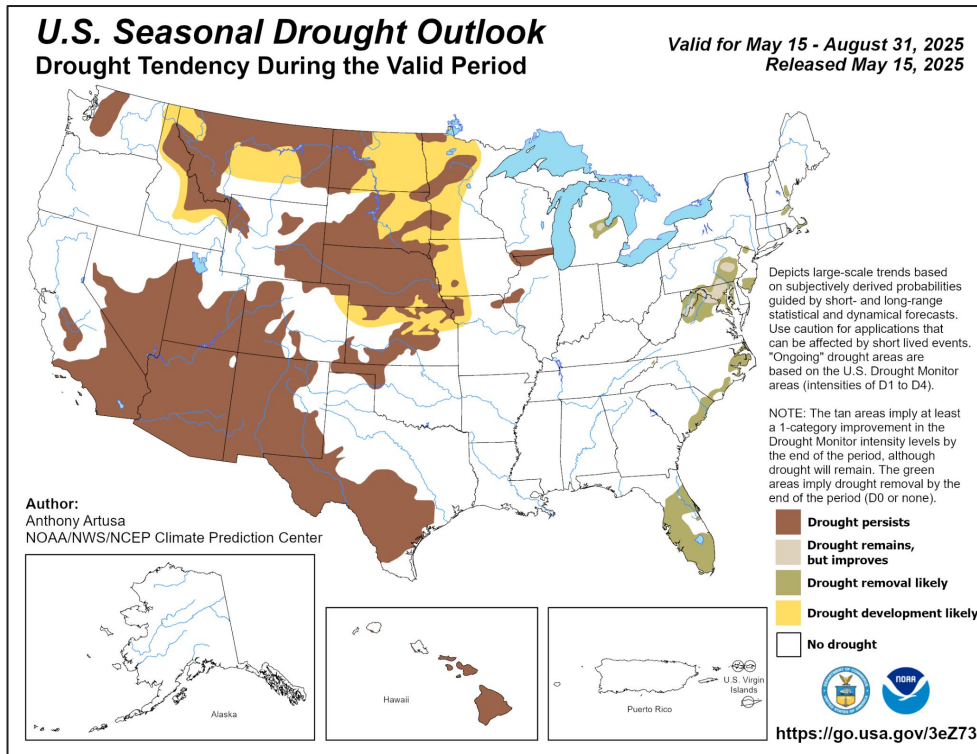




Drought Outlook

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- The latest seasonal drought outlook calls for continued improvement to ongoing drought conditions to across south-central and southeastern Pennsylvania through summer 2025.



Links to the latest:

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



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