



# Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

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- The next update to this Drought Information Statement will be issued by **June 19, 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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- The next 7 days are expected to be drier than average, with a gradual trend towards above average precipitation later in June.
  - Long-term drought conditions continue across portions of south-central Pennsylvania, and the Climate Prediction Center's seasonal drought outlook calls for existing drought conditions to largely persist through this summer for south-central Pennsylvania.

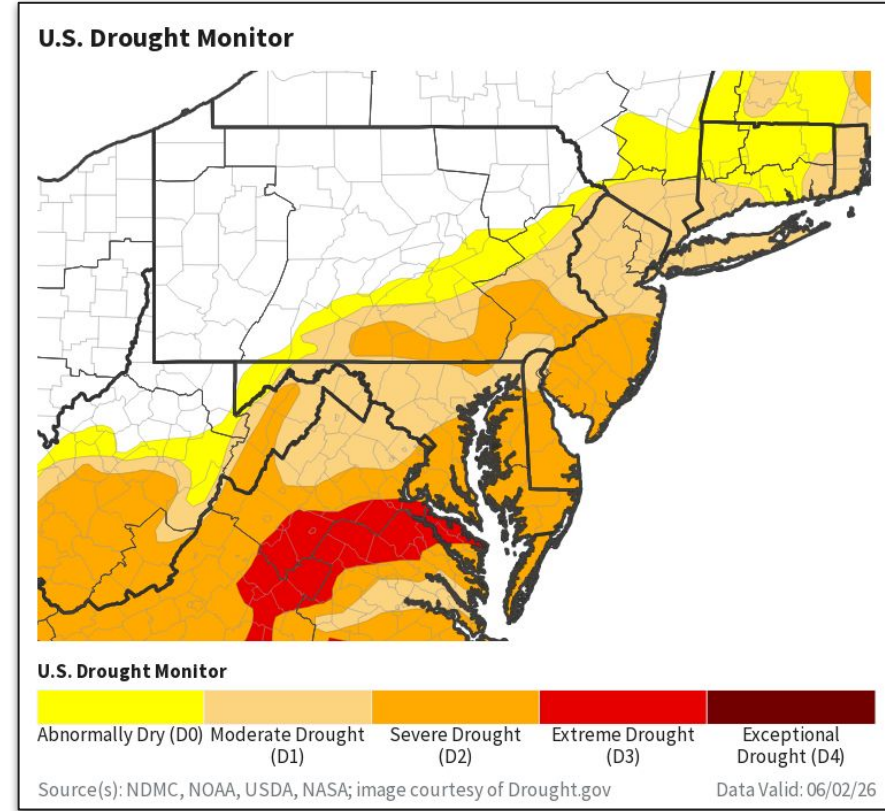




# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

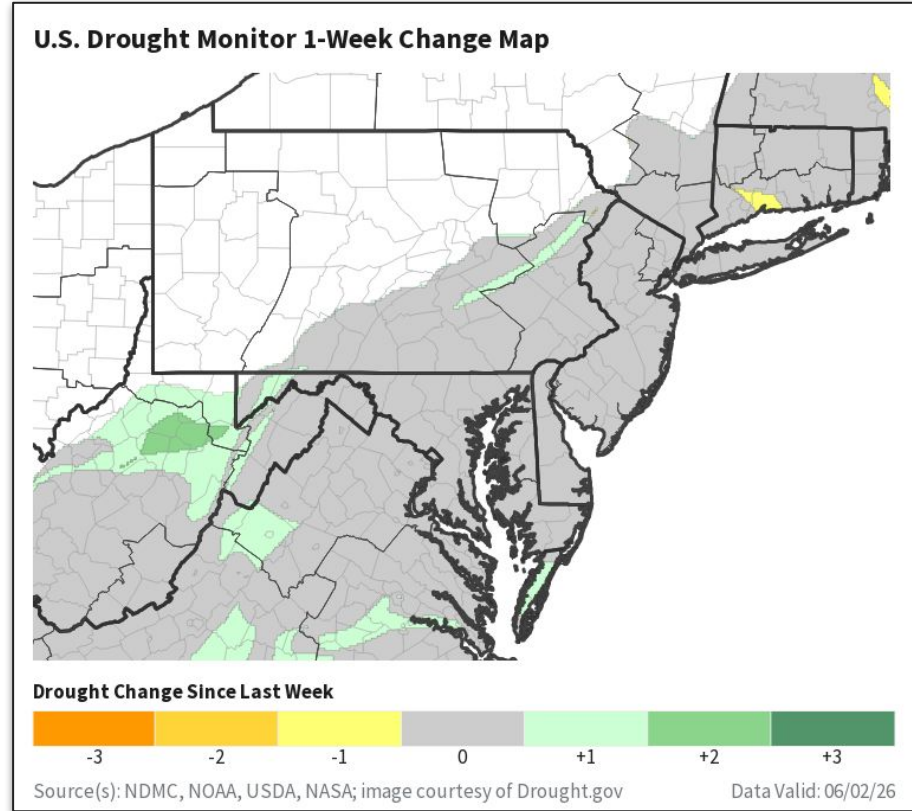




# One-Week Change in Drought Intensity

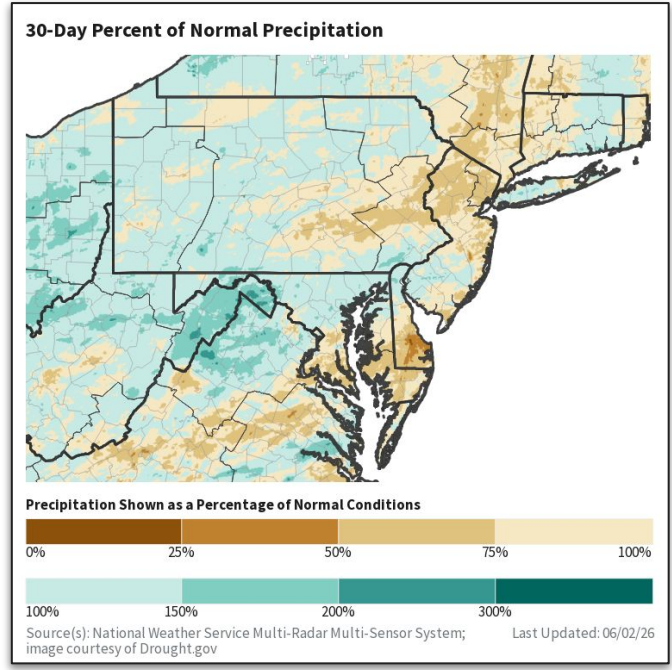
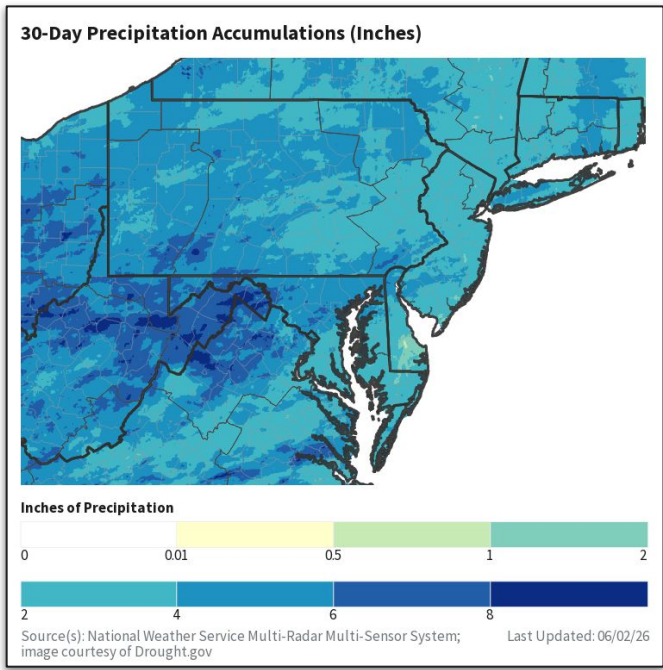
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One-Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
  - Minor improvement was observed along portions of the northern edge of the D1 drought conditions in east-central Pennsylvania.





# 30-Day Precipitation and Percent of Normal



- 30-day precipitation was below average across portions of the Lower Susquehanna Valley and generally near average elsewhere across Central Pennsylvania.



# Summary of Impacts

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

## Hydrologic Impacts

- Short-term improvement has been observed, although long-term precipitation deficits persist across south-central PA.

## Agricultural Impacts

- 0 to 100 centimeter soil moisture remains anomalously dry across far south-central Pennsylvania, while being near average across north-central Pennsylvania. See slide 6 for details on regional soil moisture.

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- The significant wildfire potential outlook remains near average across Pennsylvania for June 2026. See slide 7 for a map and details.

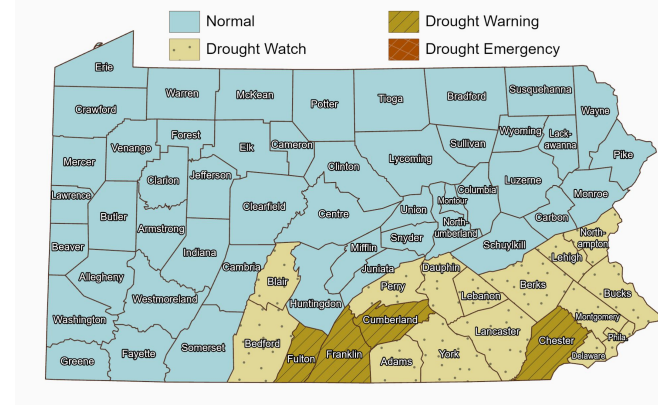
## Other Impacts

- There are no countywide burn bans currently in effect across Central Pennsylvania.

## Mitigation Actions

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

## Latest PA drought designations:



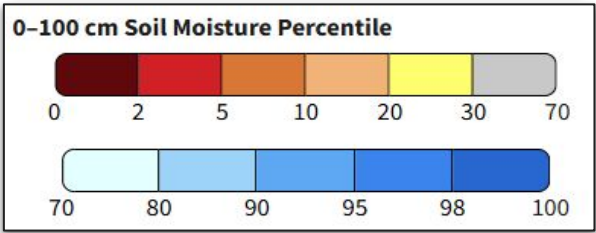
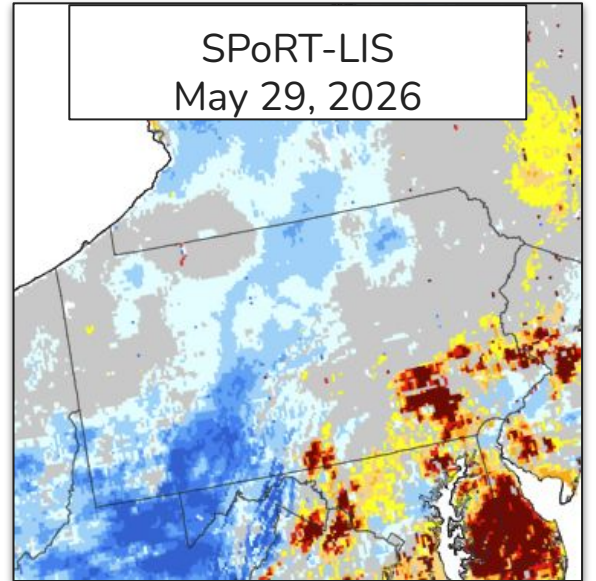
The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has issued a Drought Watches and Warnings for several south-central Pennsylvania counties. (The NWS does not declare Drought Watches or Warnings.)





# Agricultural Conditions

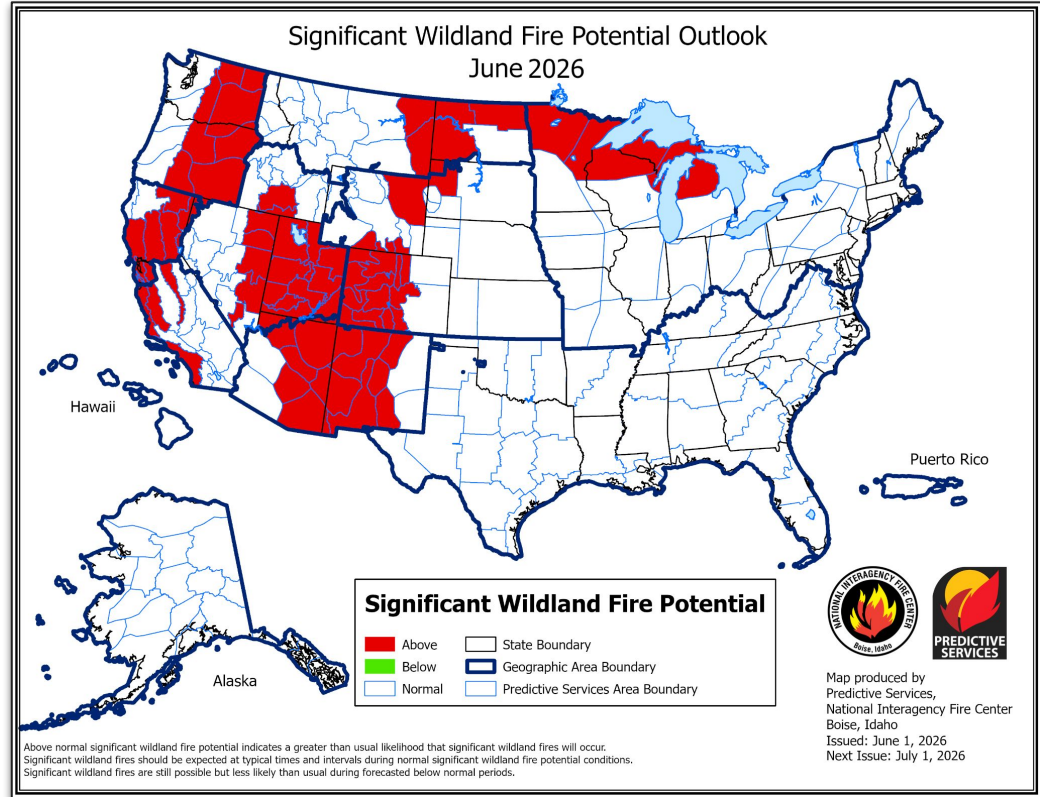
- 0 to 100 centimeter soil moisture remains anomalously dry across portions of south-central and southeastern Pennsylvania, while being generally near to above average elsewhere.





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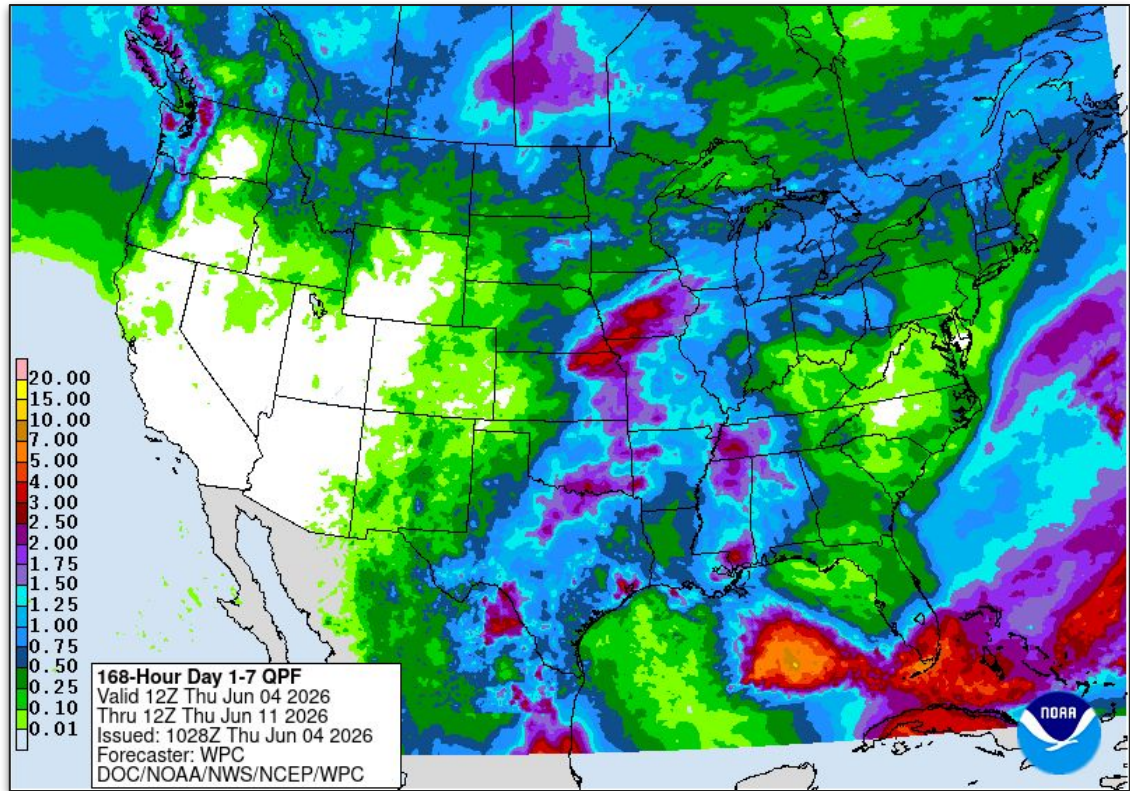
- The significant wildfire potential is near average for Central Pennsylvania for the month of June 2026.





# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

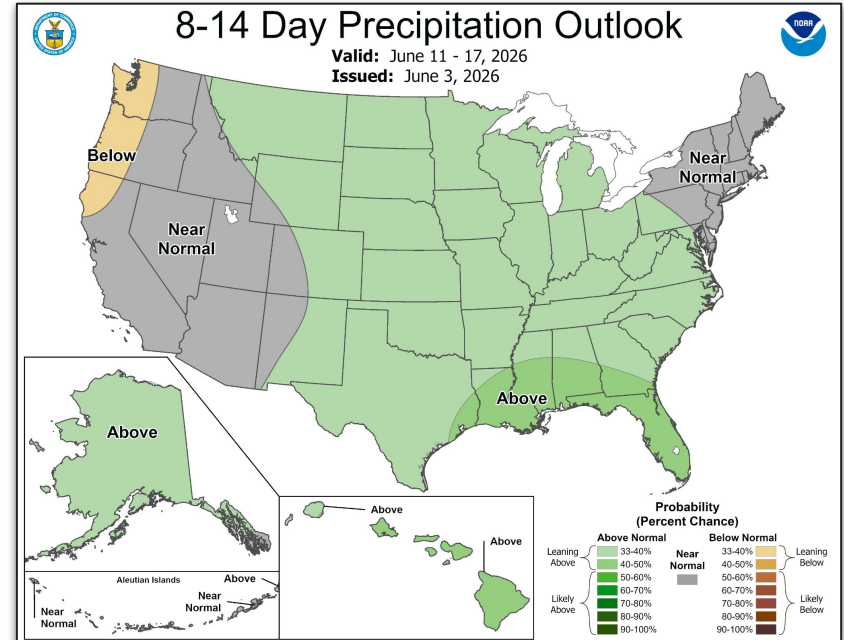
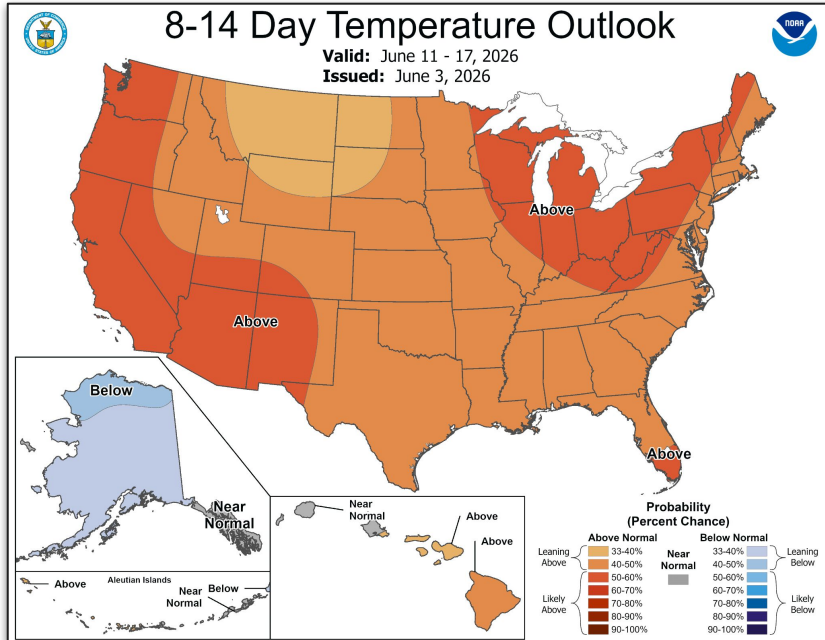
- The seven-day forecast calls for below average precipitation, with a tenth to a quarter of an inch of rain expected across most of Central Pennsylvania and a quarter to a half an inch across the western highlands.





# 8-14 Day Outlook

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- The 8-14 day outlook calls for above average temperatures and near to above average precipitation for Central Pennsylvania.

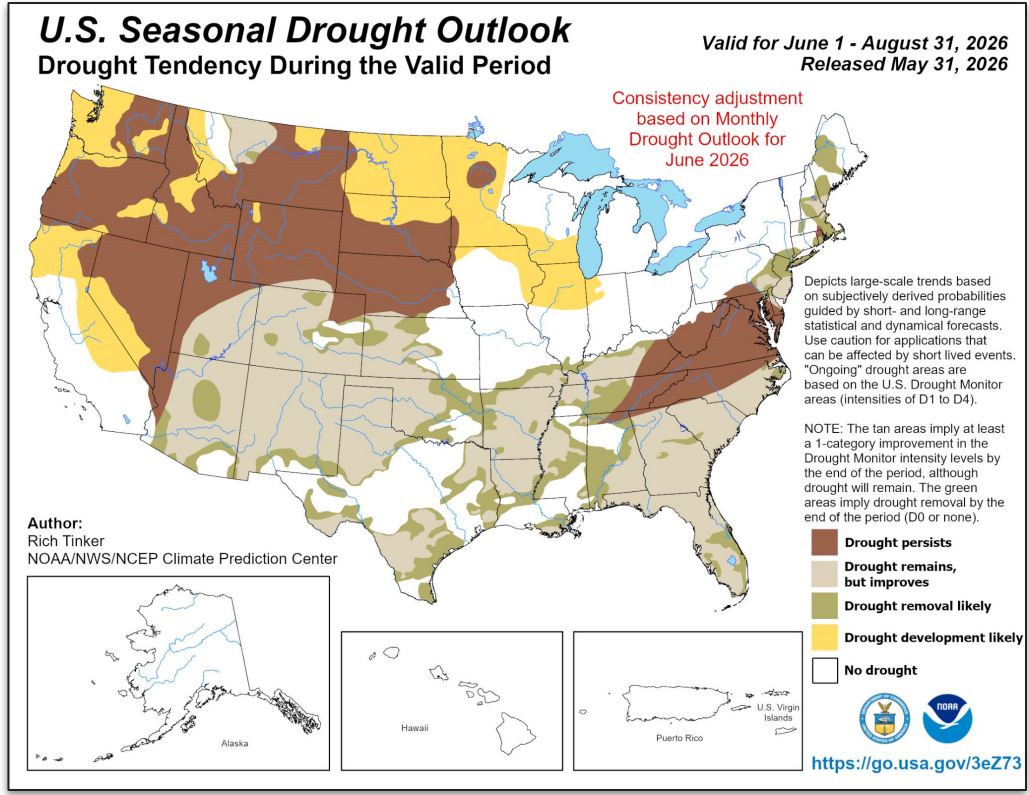




# Drought Outlook

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- The latest CPC Seasonal Drought Outlook calls for lingering drought conditions across south-central Pennsylvania to persist through late August 2026, with some improvement possible across southeastern Pennsylvania.



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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