



Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

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- The next update to this Drought Information Statement will be issued by **July 3, 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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- Short-term improvement has been observed across far southern Pennsylvania over the past 30 days, although long-term precipitation deficits persist there.
 - The Climate Prediction Center's seasonal drought outlook calls for existing drought conditions to largely persist through the remainder of the summer across south-central Pennsylvania.

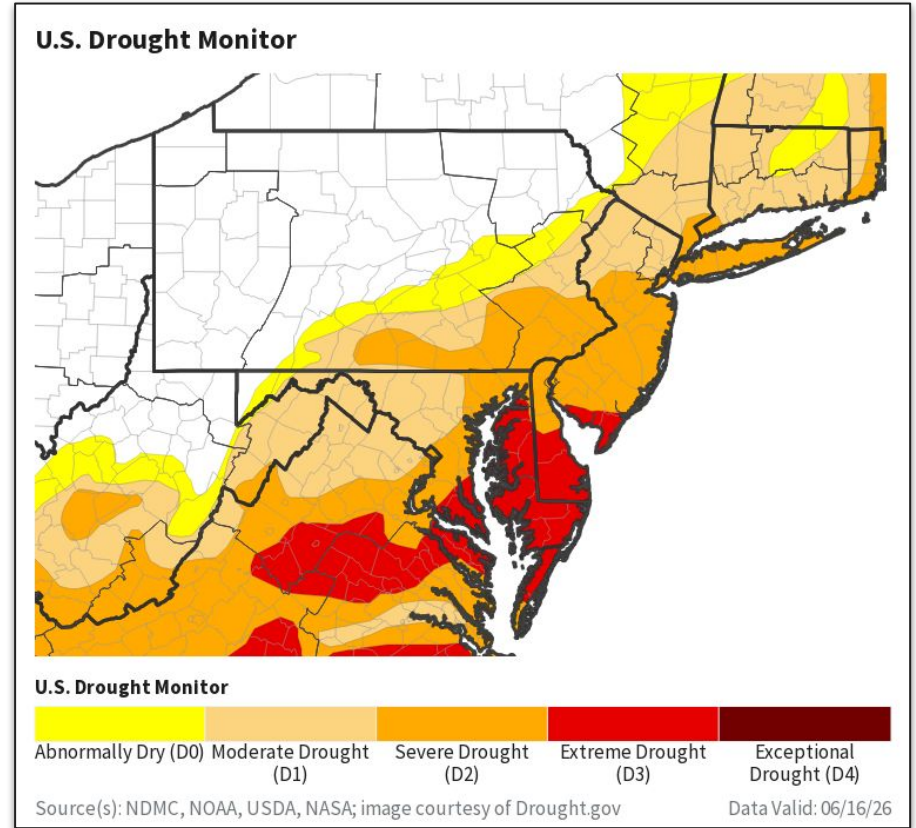




U.S. Drought Monitor

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, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Northumberland, Columbia, Schuylkill, Juniata, Perry

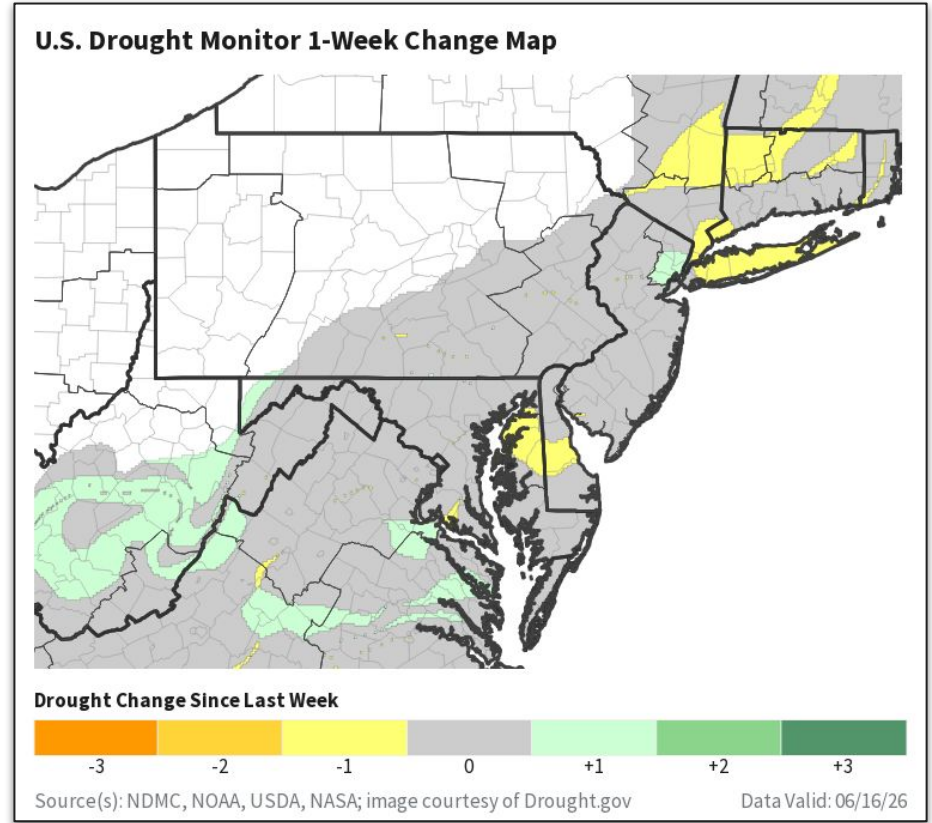




One-Week Change in Drought Intensity

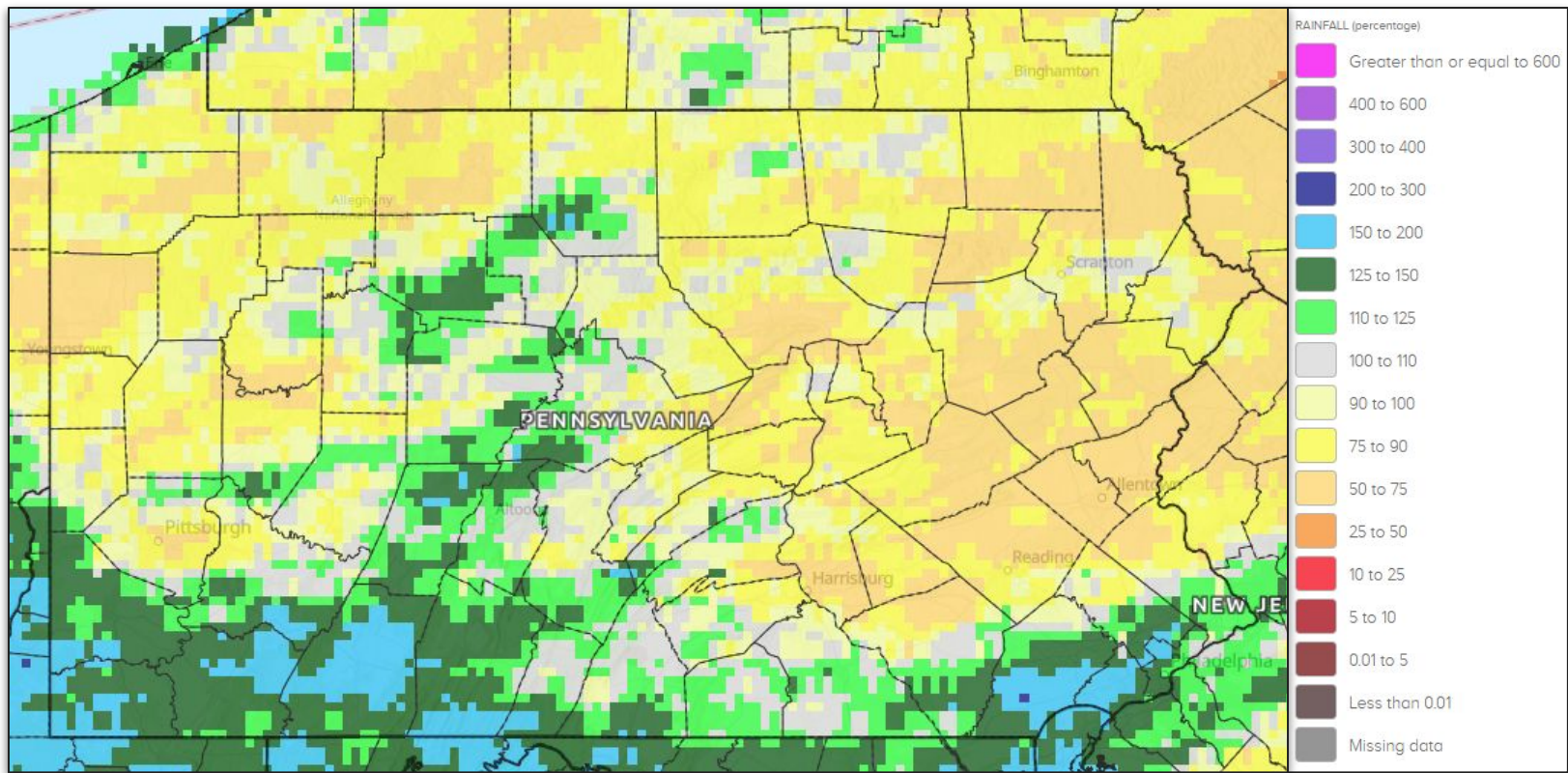
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One-Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - There was little in the way of change to the U.S. Drought Monitor across Pennsylvania during the past week.





30-Day Precipitation Percent of Normal





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 across far southern Pennsylvania over the past 30 days, although long-term precipitation deficits persist there.

Agricultural Impacts

- 0 to 100 centimeter soil moisture remains anomalously dry across the Susquehanna Valley (especially lower portions of the valley), while being near average across the western highlands of 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.

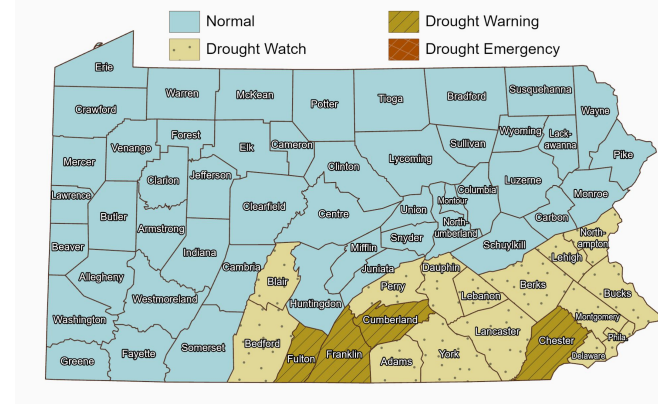
Other Impacts

- There are no countywide burn bans 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:



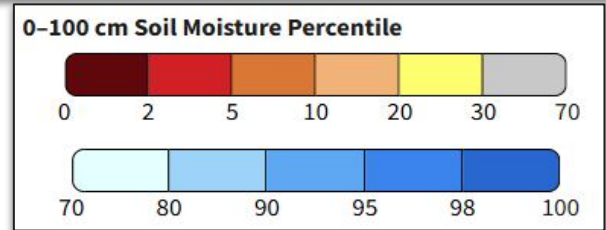
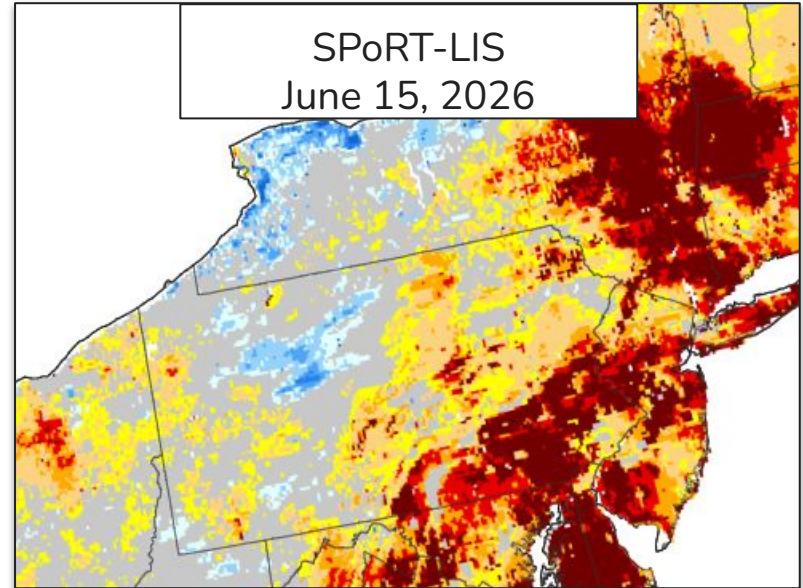
The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has issued a Drought Watches and Warnings for several south-central Pennsylvania counties. (The NWS does not declare Drought Watches or Warnings.)





Agricultural Conditions

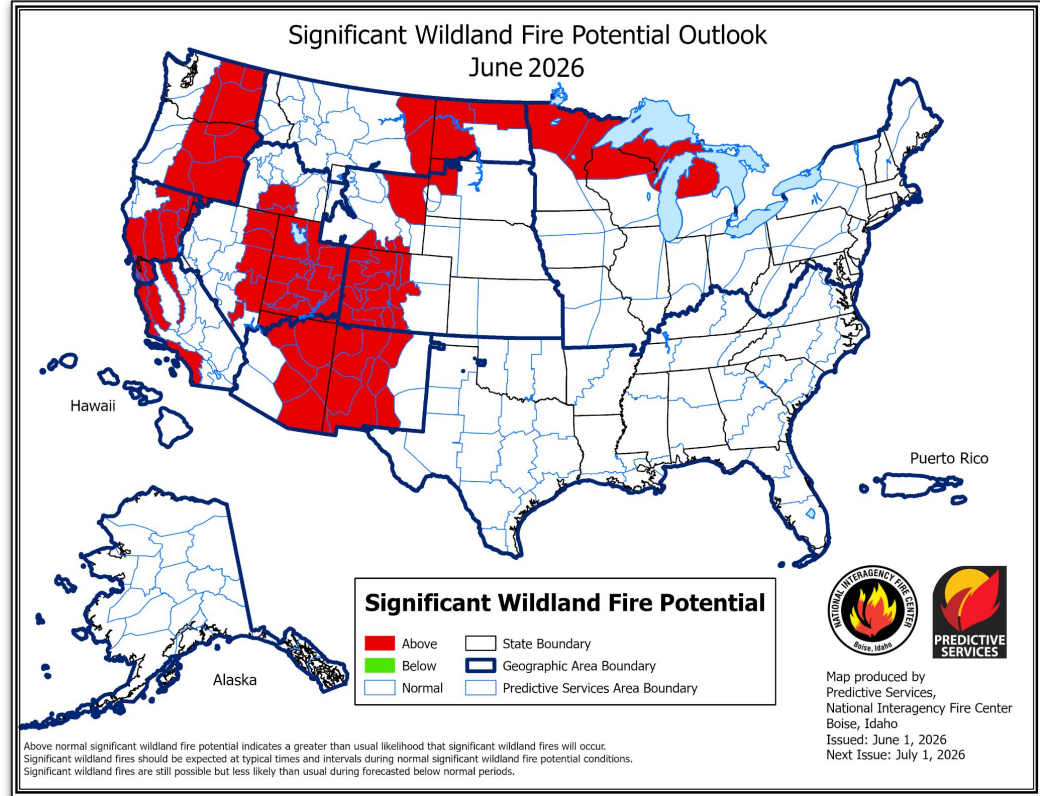
- 0 to 100 centimeter soil moisture remains below to well below average across the Susquehanna Valley, with the largest deficits being across the Lower Susquehanna Valley. Conversely, soil moisture remains near to above average across the western highlands.





Fire Hazard Impacts

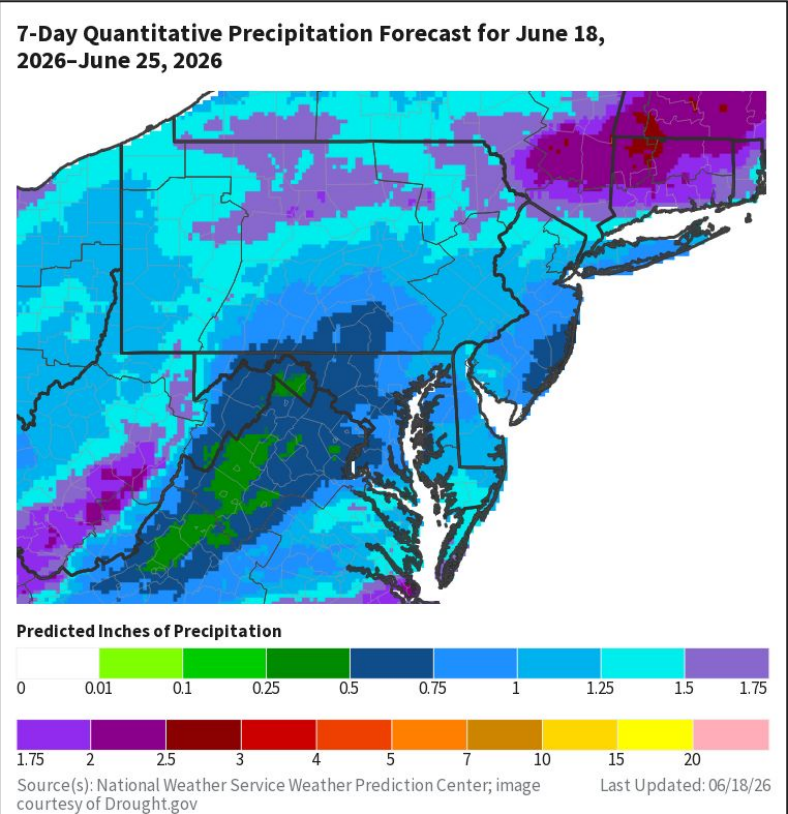
- The significant wildfire potential is near average for Central Pennsylvania for the month of June 2026.





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

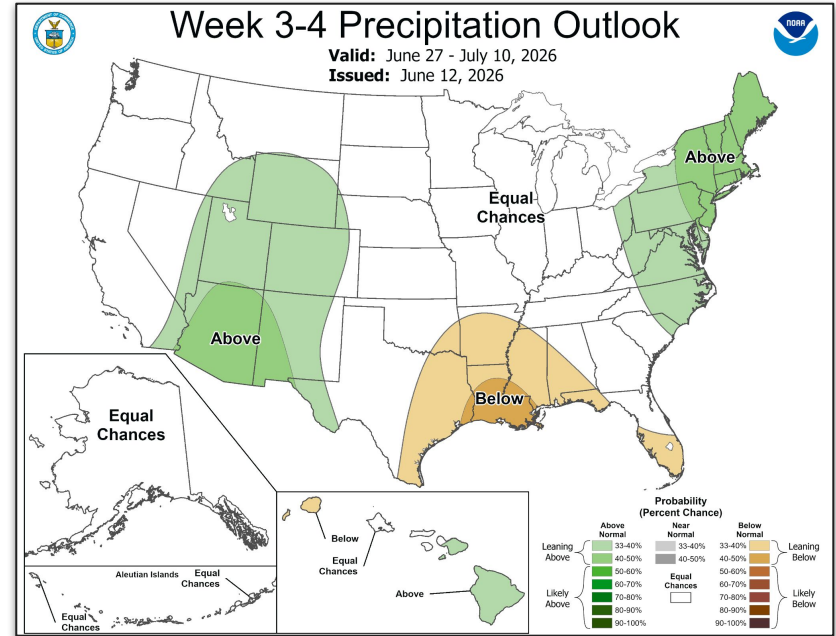
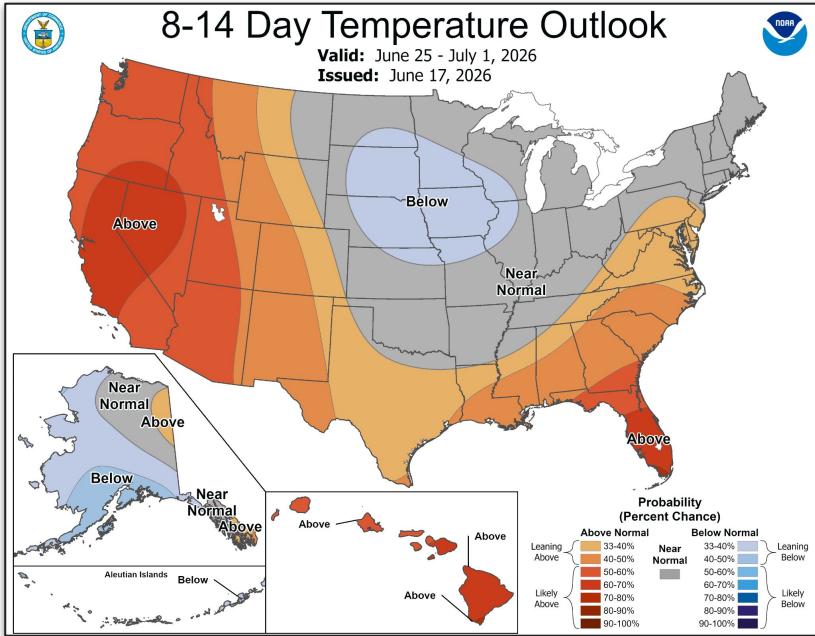
- Rainfall in the coming week is expected to range from half an inch to three quarters of an inch across south-central Pennsylvania up to an inch and a half or more across portions of the northern mountains.





8-14 Day Outlook

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- The 8-14 day outlook calls for near to above average temperatures and above average precipitation for late June into early July.

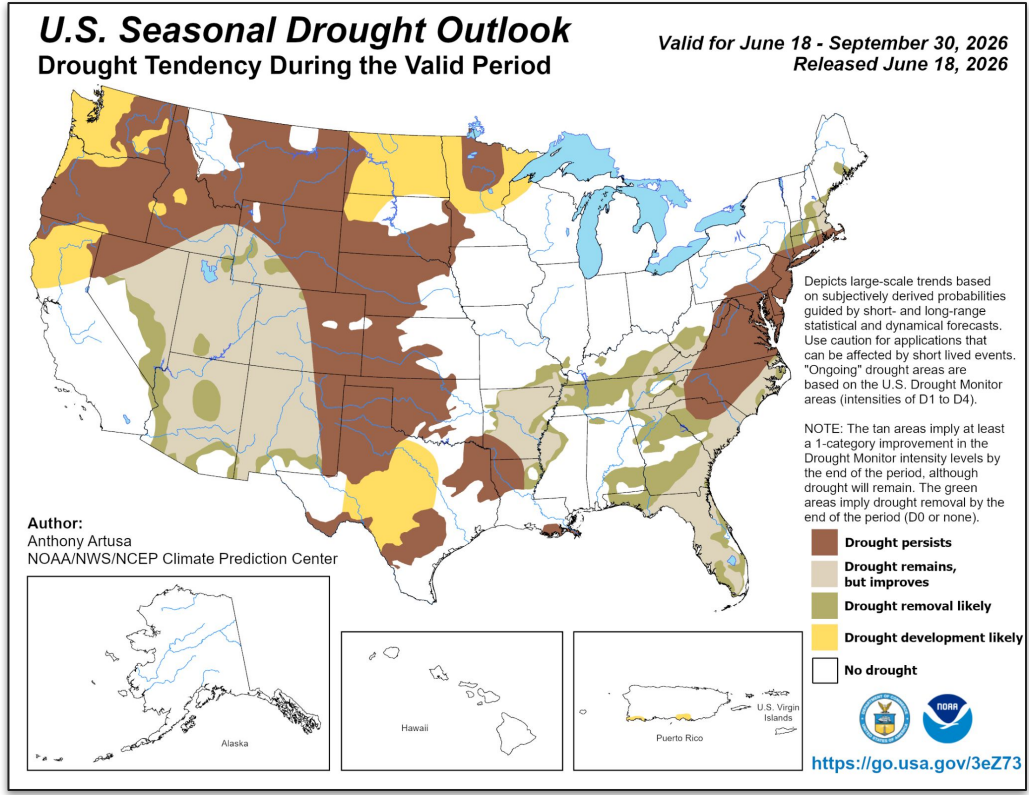




Drought Outlook

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- The latest CPC Seasonal Drought Outlook calls for lingering drought conditions across south-central and southeastern Pennsylvania to largely persist through at least September.



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)