



Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

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- The next update to this Drought Information Statement will be issued by **July 17, 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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- Much of Central Pennsylvania has been drier than average over the past 30 days, and long-term deficits persist across the south-central Pennsylvania.
 - The Climate Prediction Center's seasonal drought outlook calls for existing drought conditions across south-central Pennsylvania to persist through the remainder of this Summer and into the early Fall.

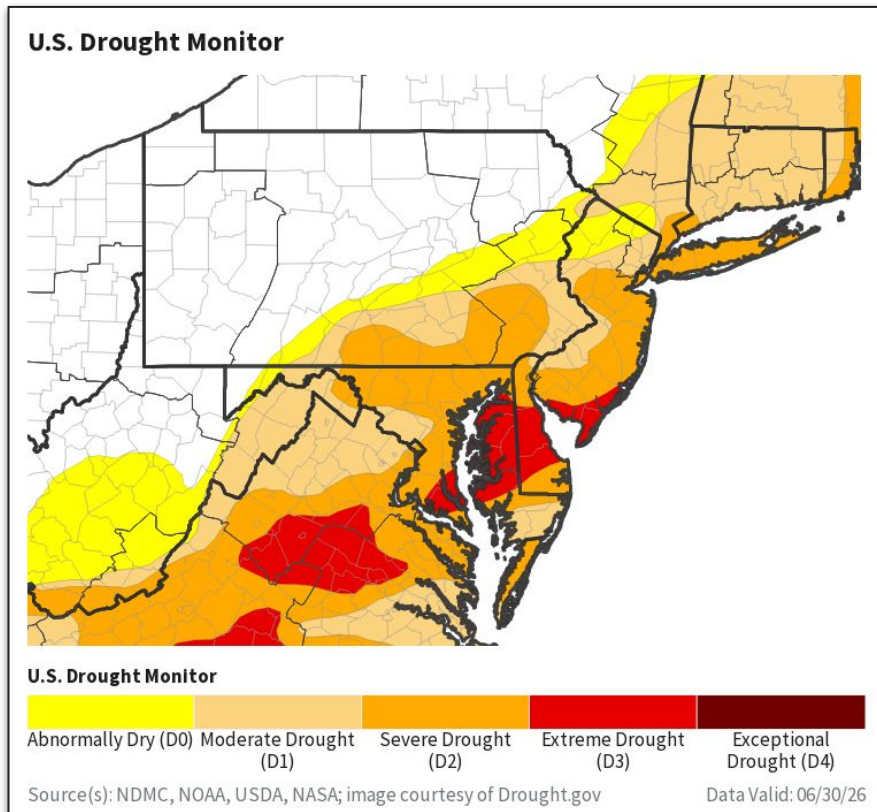




U.S. Drought Monitor

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)**: Fulton, Huntingdon, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Bedford, Perry, Juniata, Schuylkill

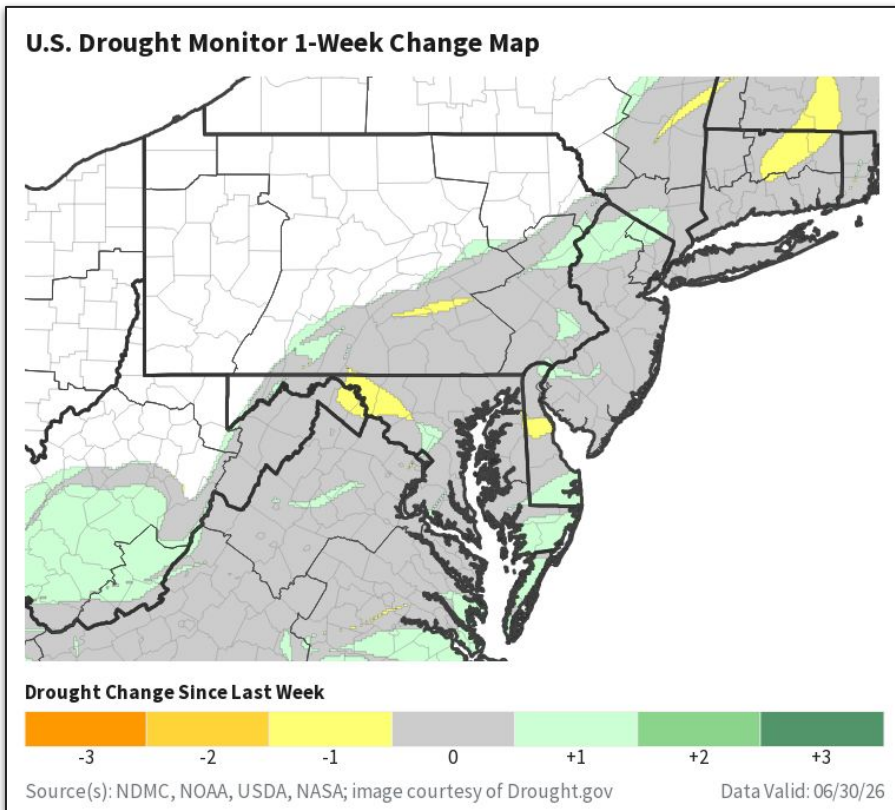




One-Week Change in Drought Intensity

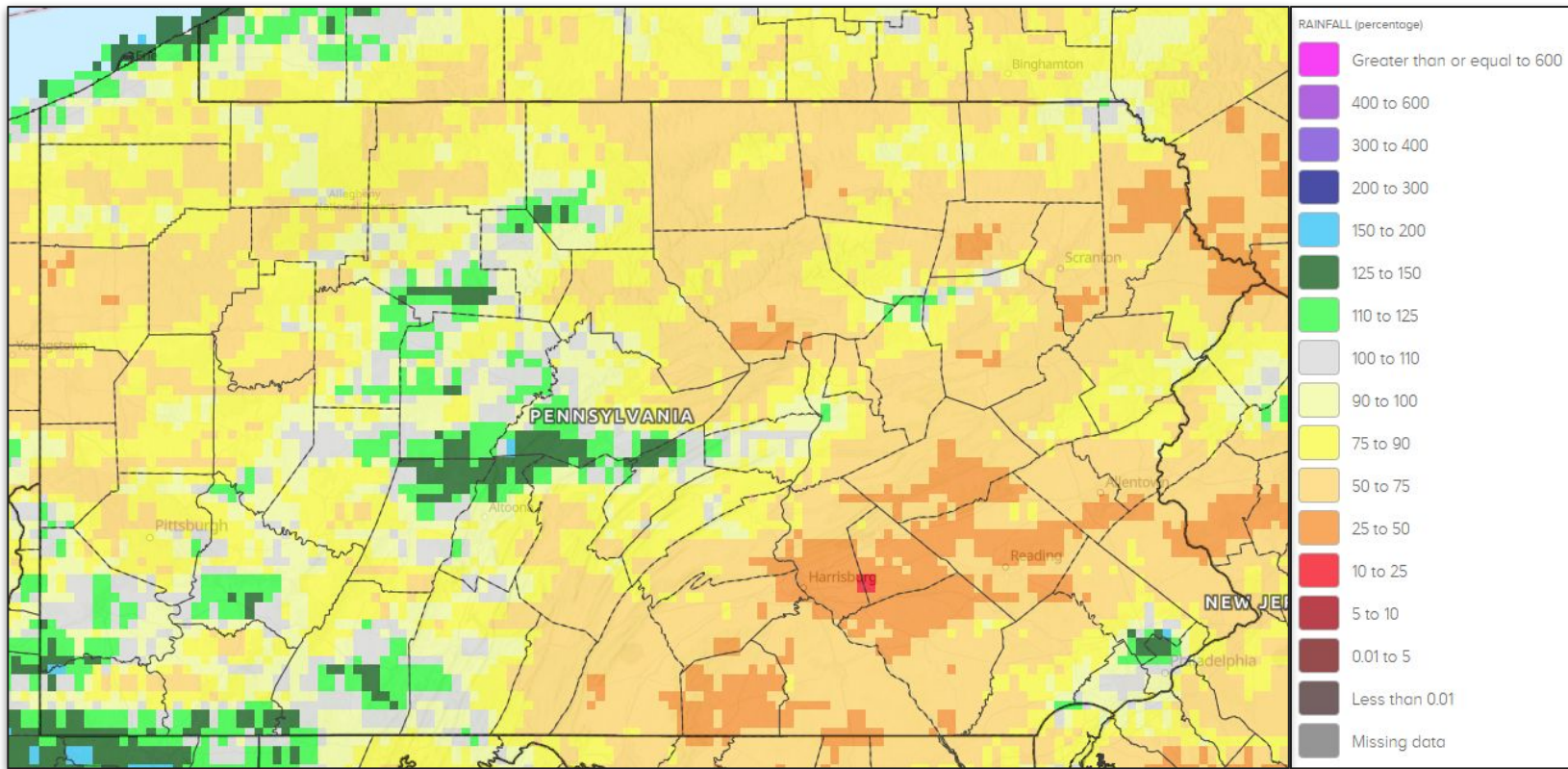
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One-Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - There were only minor changes to the drought monitor over 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

- Much of Central Pennsylvania has been relatively dry over the past 30 days, and long-term deficits persist across south-central Pennsylvania.

Agricultural Impacts

- 0 to 100 centimeter soil moisture continues to be well below average across the Lower Susquehanna and Cumberland valleys of south-central Pennsylvania. Elsewhere, soil moisture is generally not far from average for this time of year. See slide 6 for details on regional soil moisture.

Fire Hazard Impacts

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

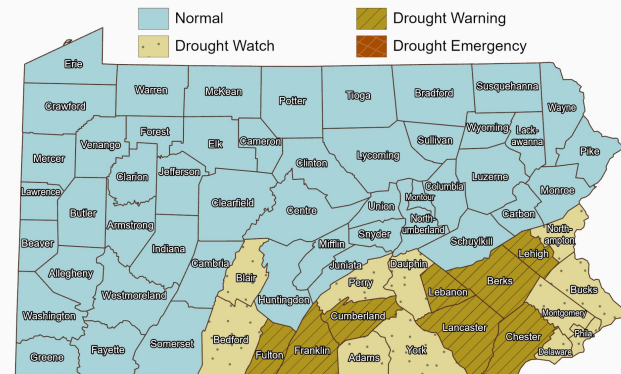
Other Impacts

- 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:



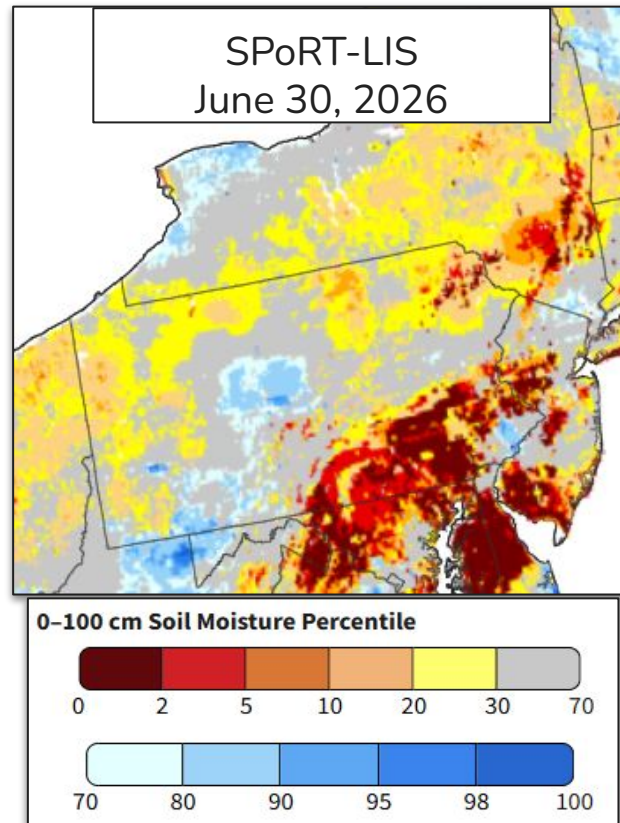
The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has issued a Drought Watches and Warnings for several south-central Pennsylvania counties. (The NWS does not declare Drought Watches or Warnings.)





Agricultural Conditions

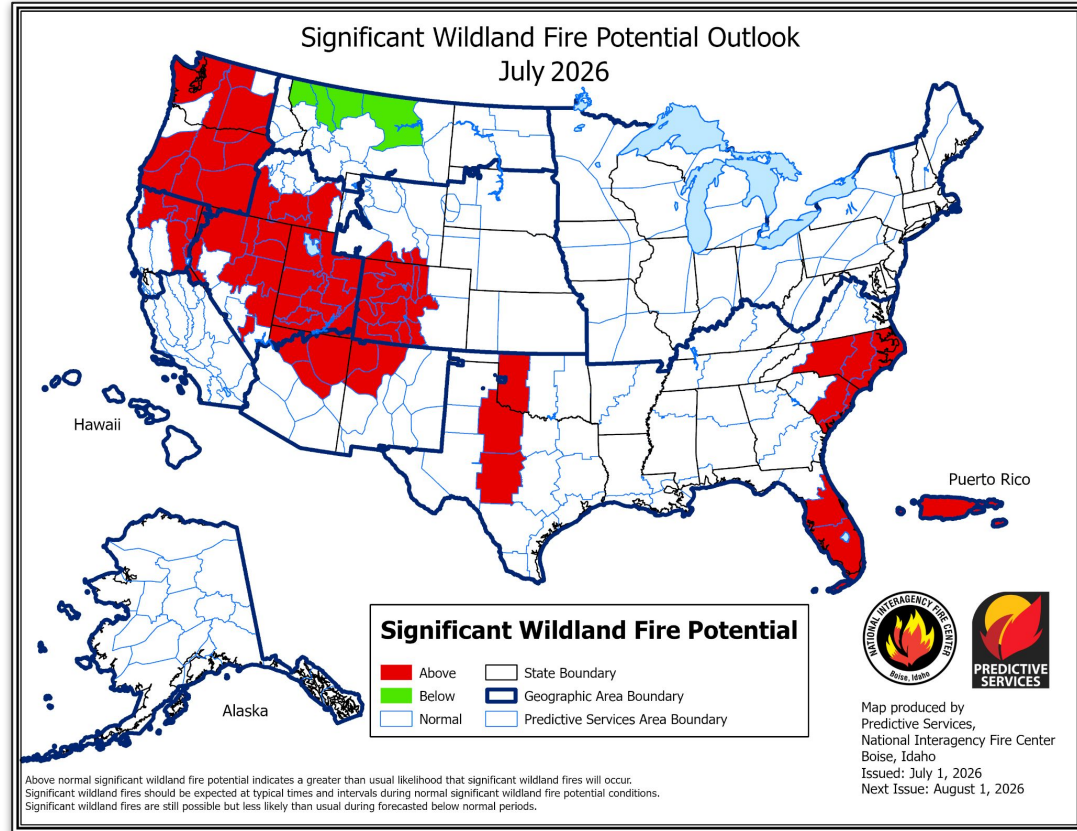
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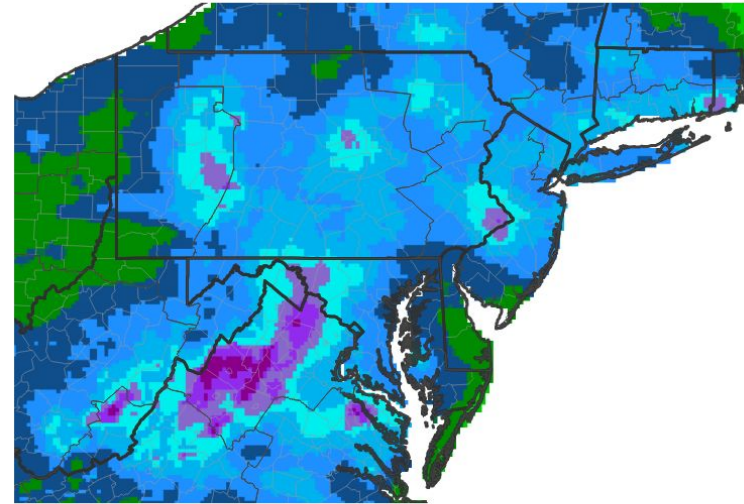




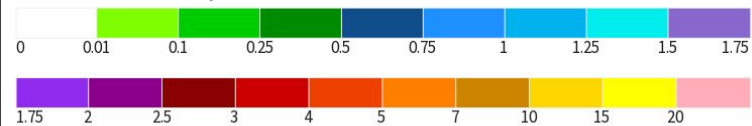
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- 7-day rainfall is expected to generally run between one and one and a half inches, with slightly lesser amounts in north-central Pennsylvania.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for July 2, 2026–July 9, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

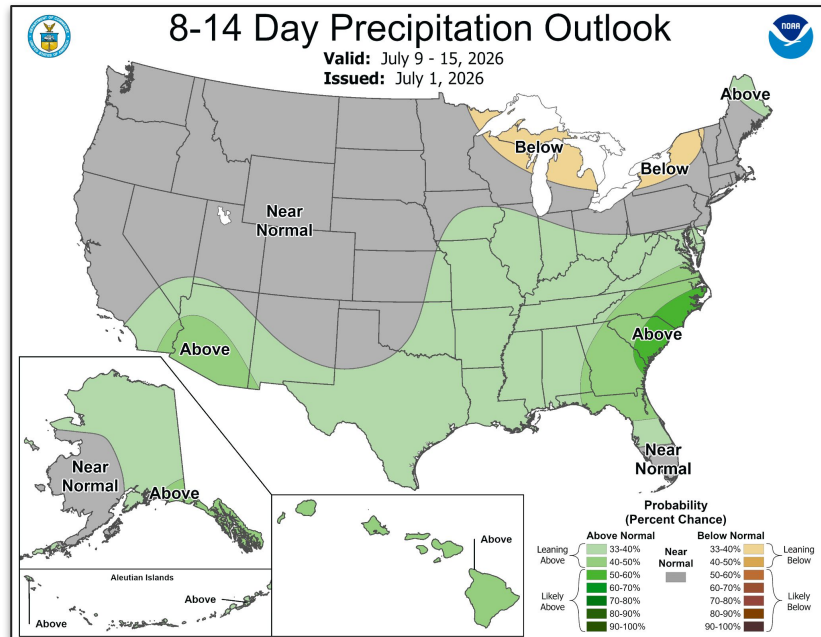
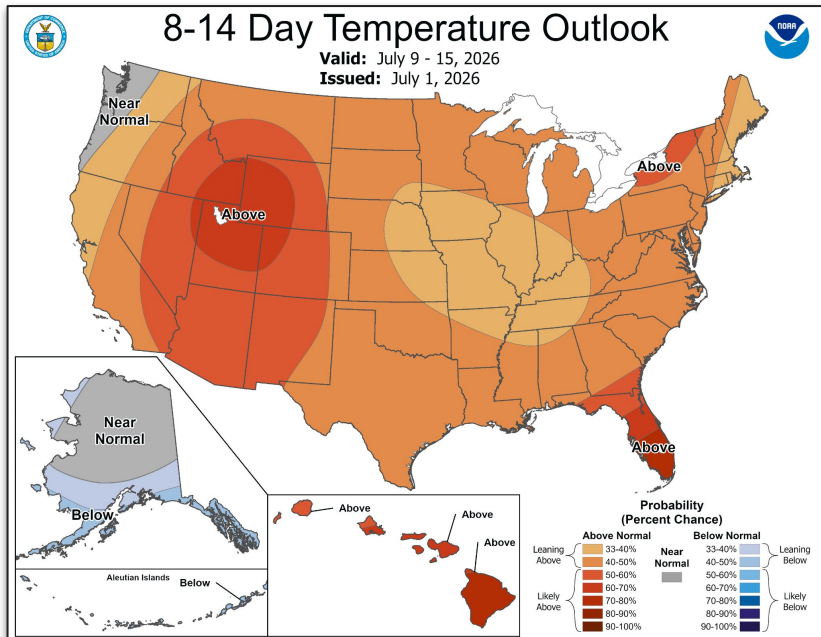
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8-14 Day Outlook

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- The 8-14 day forecast calls for above average temperatures, while precipitation is expected to be near average.

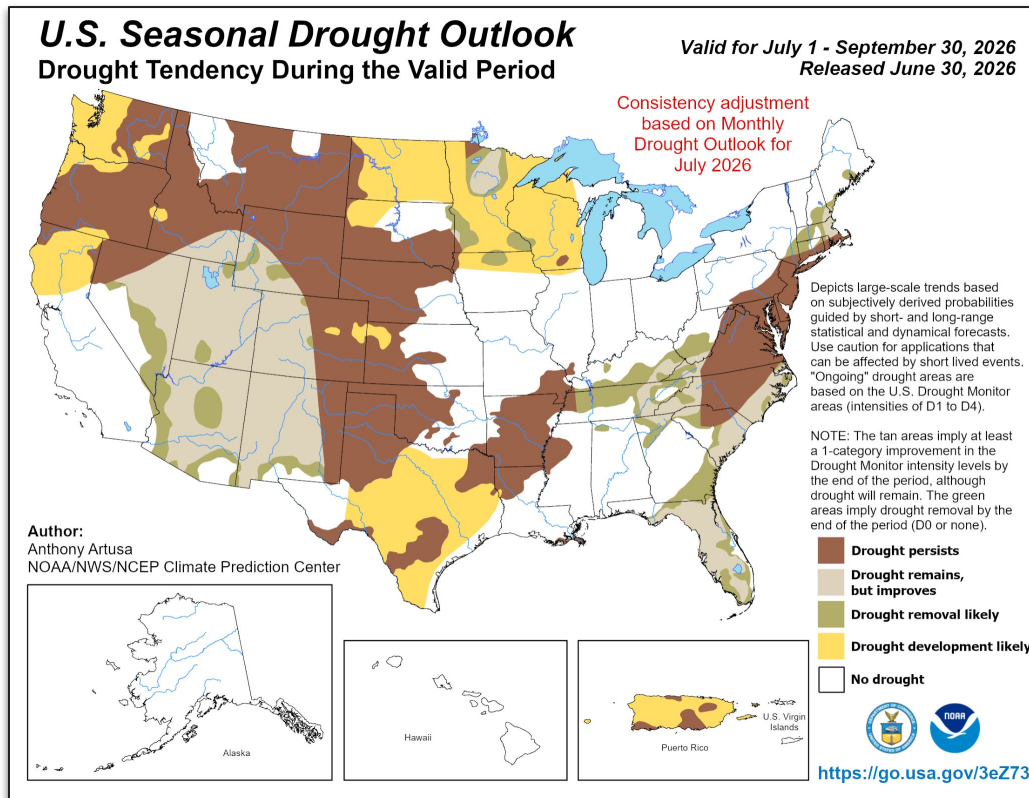




Drought Outlook

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- The latest Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook predicts that the existing drought conditions will largely persist through at least September 2026.



Links to the latest:

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



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