



Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

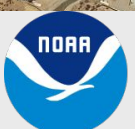
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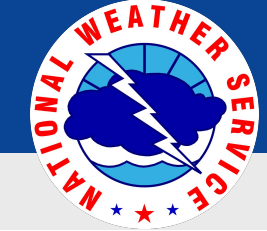
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- This is the final Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania unless drought conditions worsen.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/CTP/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.

- Recent precipitation has brought continued gradual improvement to the lingering long-term drought across south-central Pennsylvania.
- The latest CPC Seasonal Drought Outlook calls for the potential continuation of the long-term drought conditions right along the Mason-Dixon line.



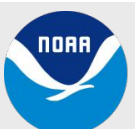
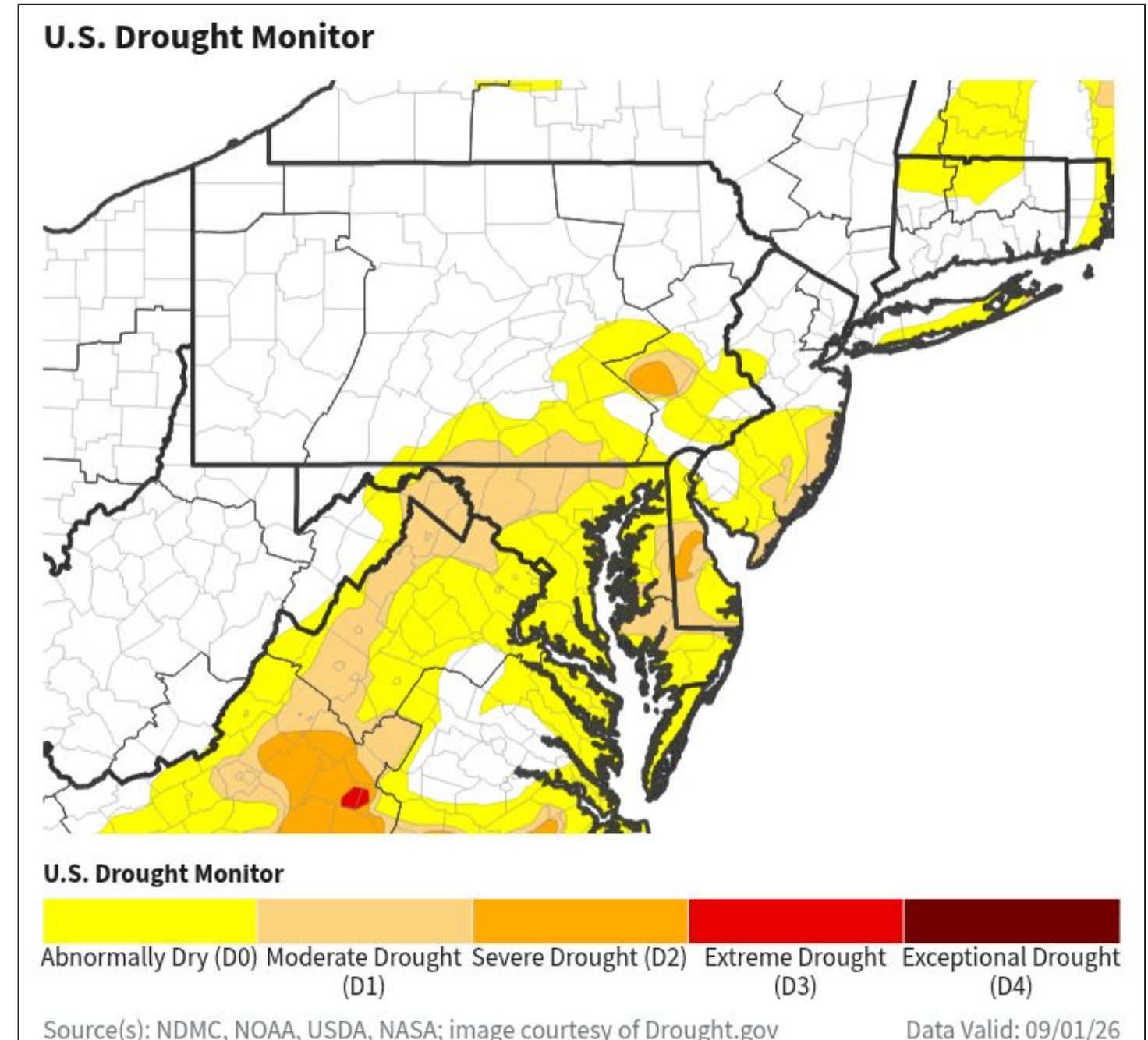


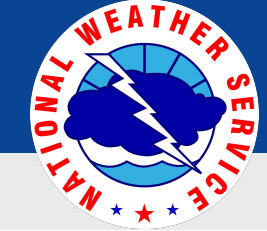
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent:
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Franklin, Adams, York
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Schuylkill, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Fulton, Bedford





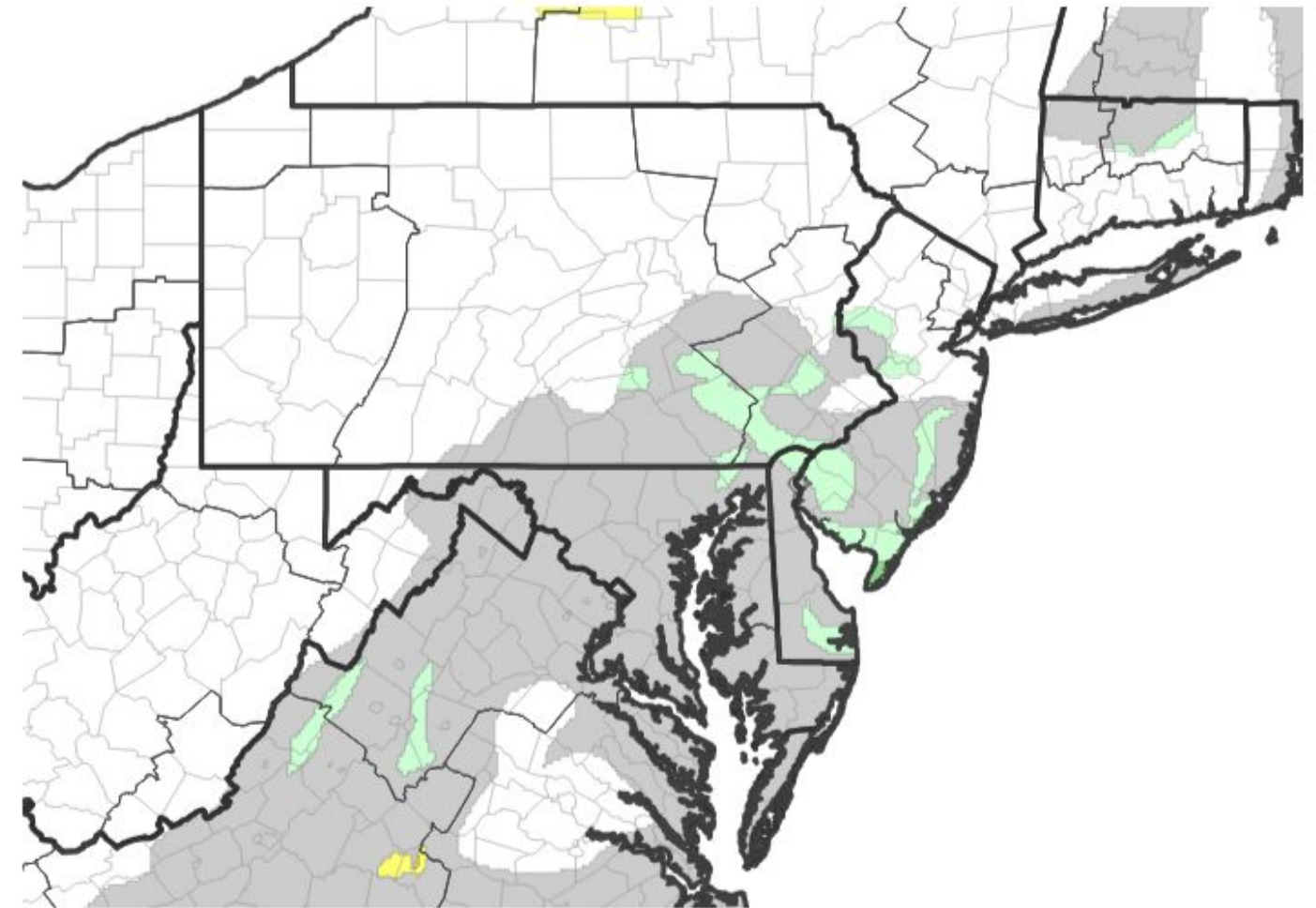
Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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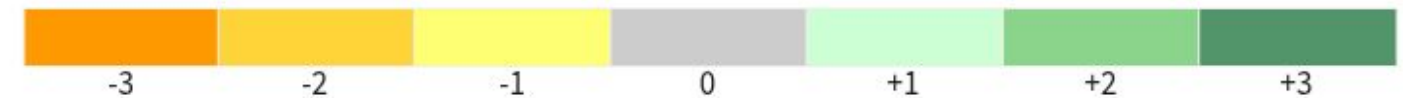
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#)

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Drought Improved: Minor improvement was observed over the past week across portions of Dauphin, Lebanon and Lancaster counties.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map

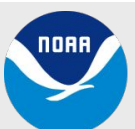


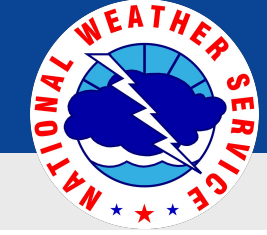
Drought Change Since Last Week



Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

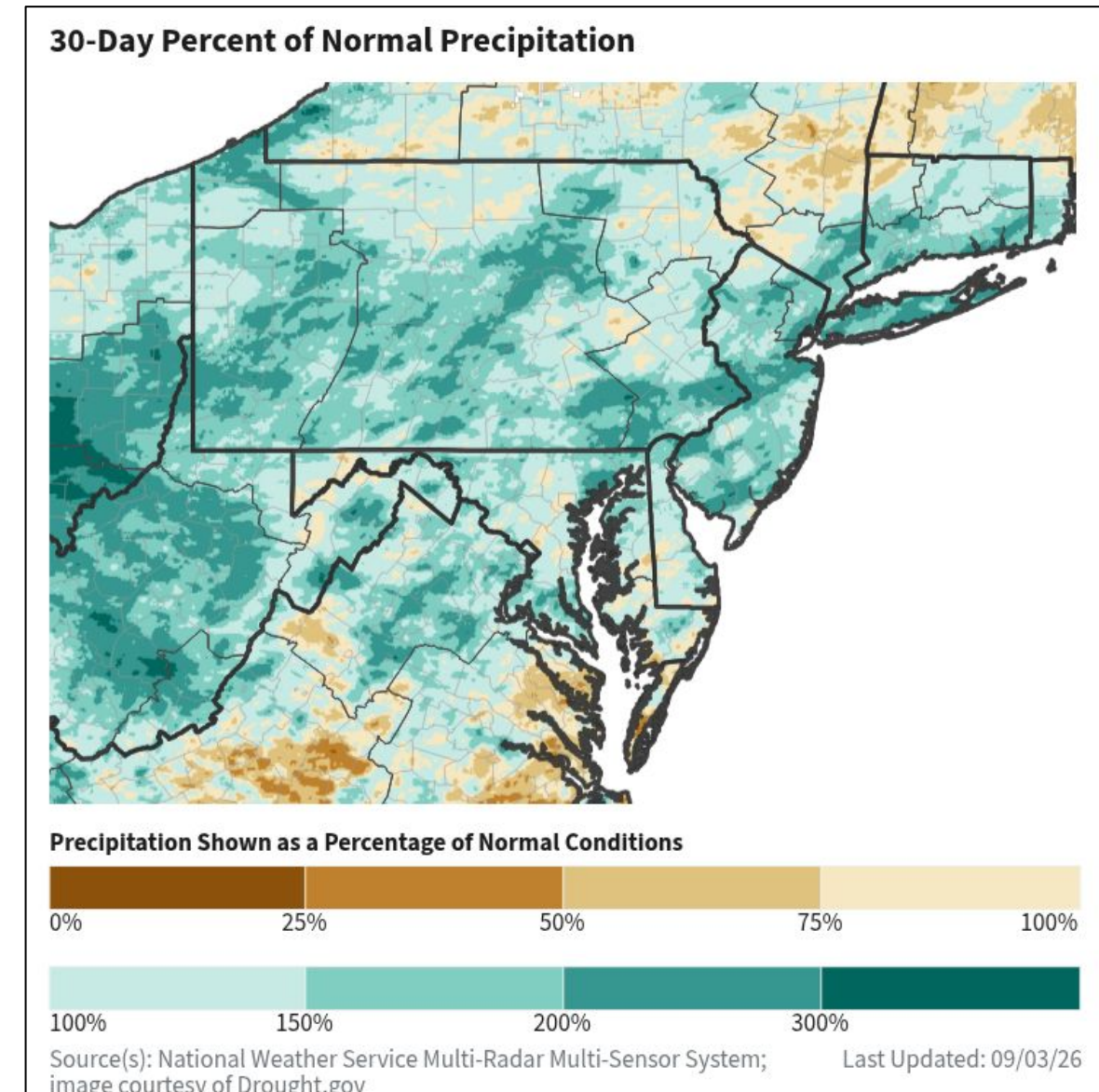
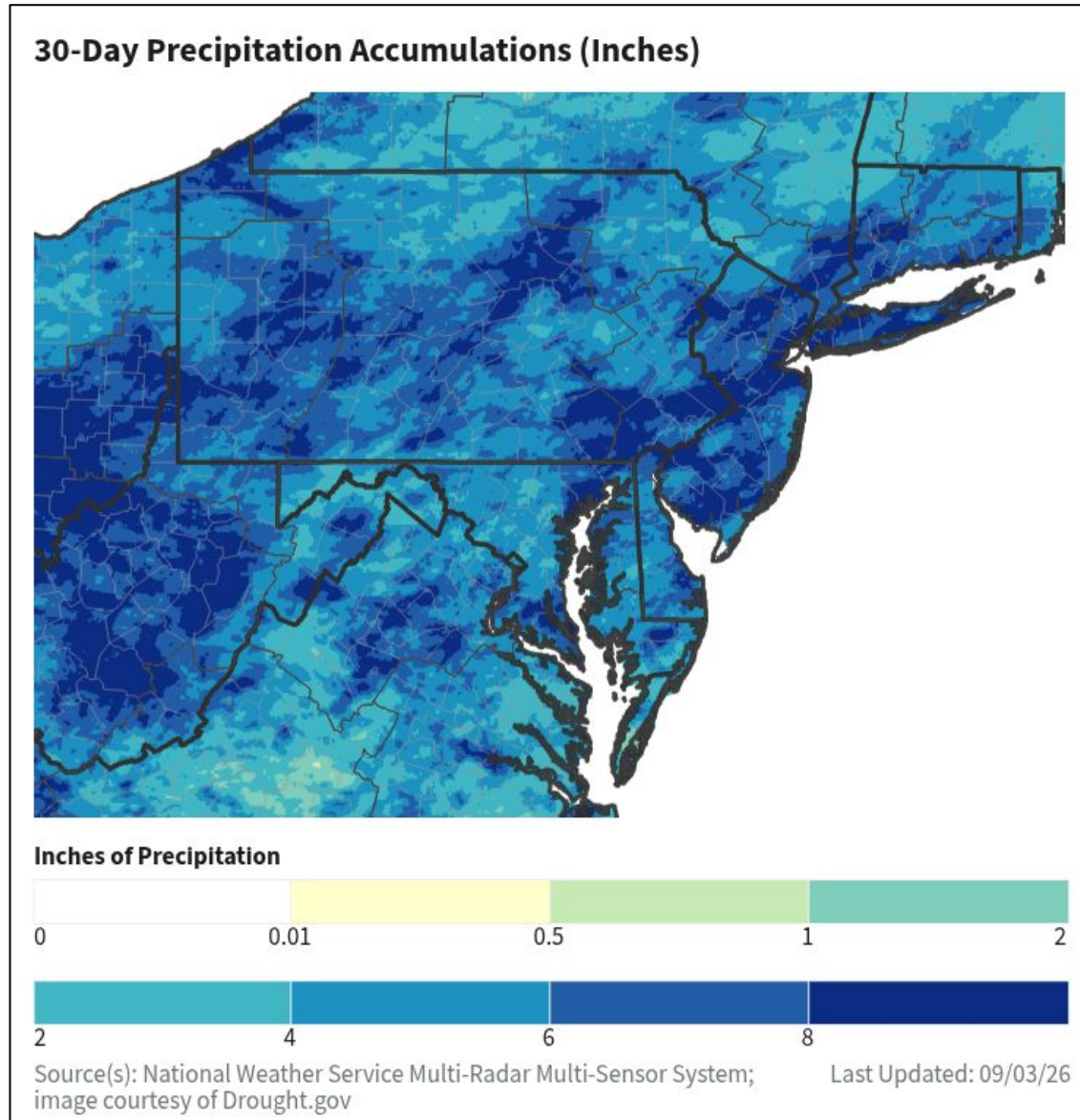
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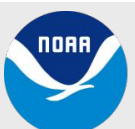


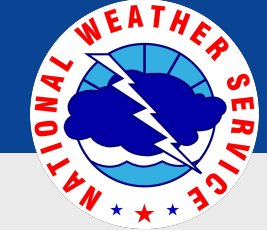
30-Day Precipitation and Percent of Normal

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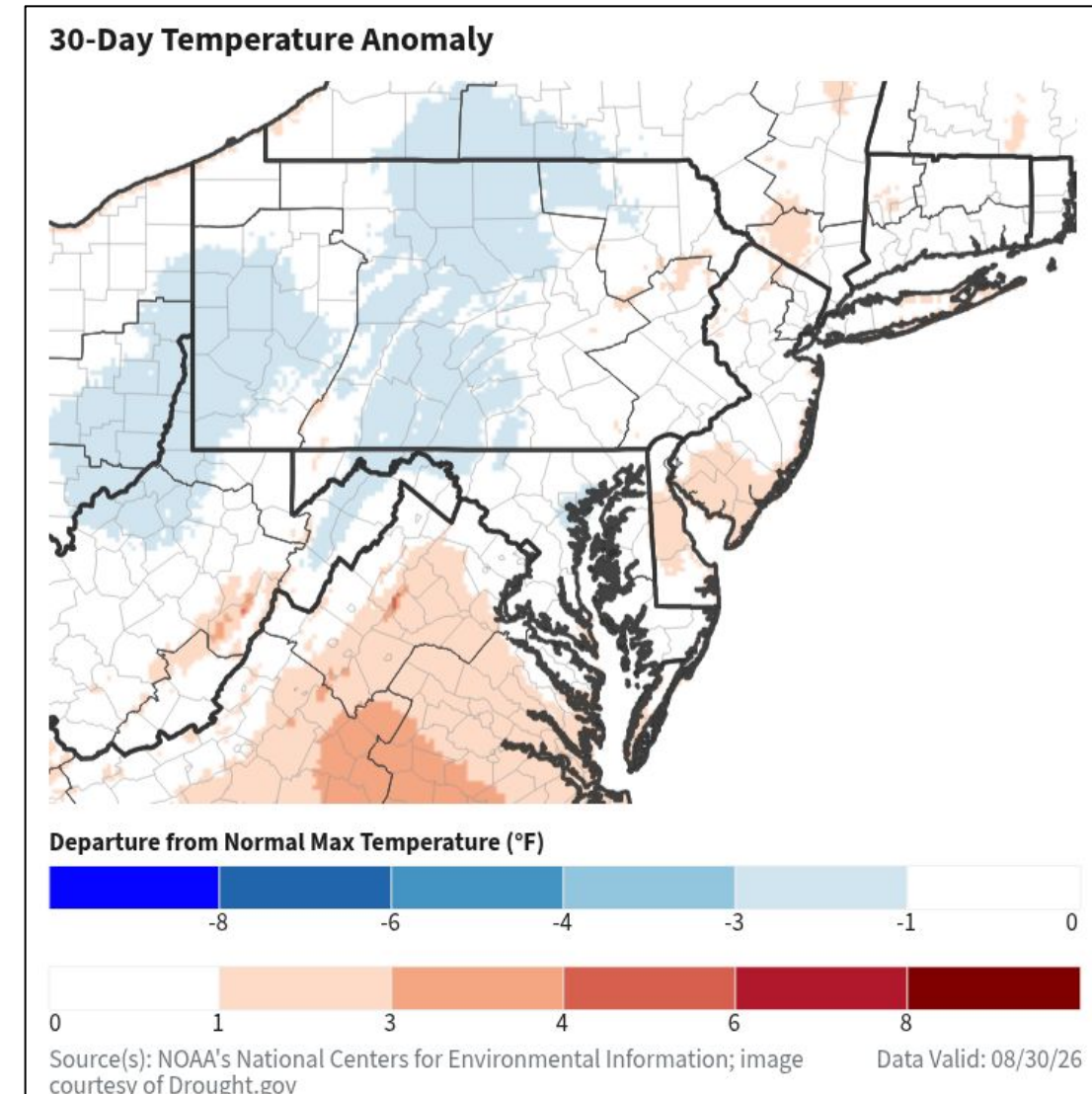
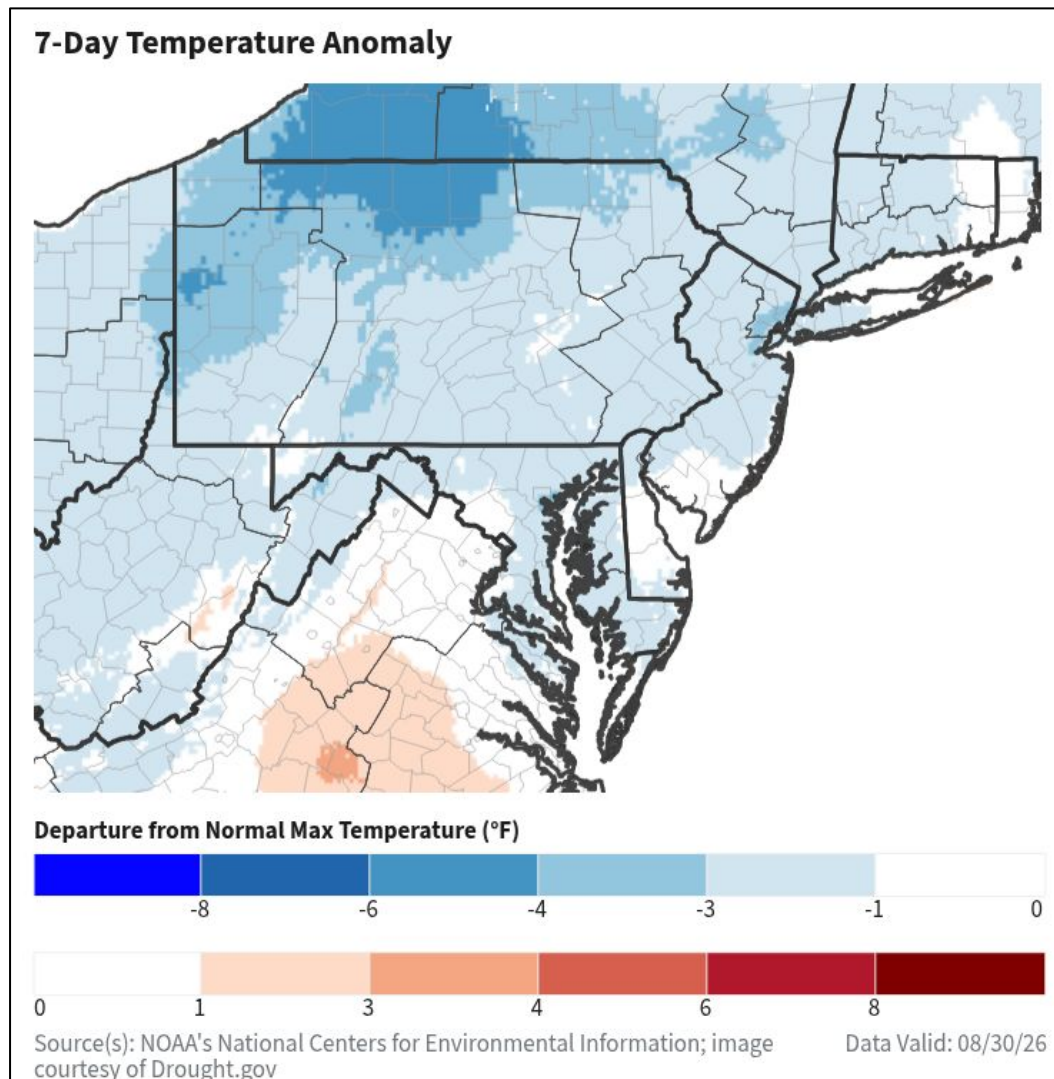
- Rainfall was above average across nearly all of Central Pennsylvania over the past 30 days.



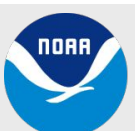


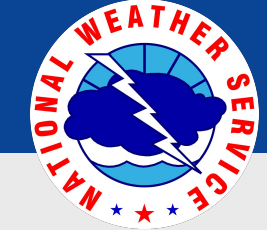
7-Day & 30-Day Temperature Anomalies

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- Temperatures were generally cooler than average in August 2026, although a warming trend has been observed during the first few days of September.





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- The past 30 days have been relatively wet across most of Central Pennsylvania,.

Agricultural Impacts

- 100-centimeter soil moisture remains below to well below average across the Cumberland and Susquehanna valleys, as well as across far northwestern Pennsylvania. See slide 7 for a map.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The significant wildfire potential outlook remains near average across Pennsylvania for September 2026. See slide 8 for a map.

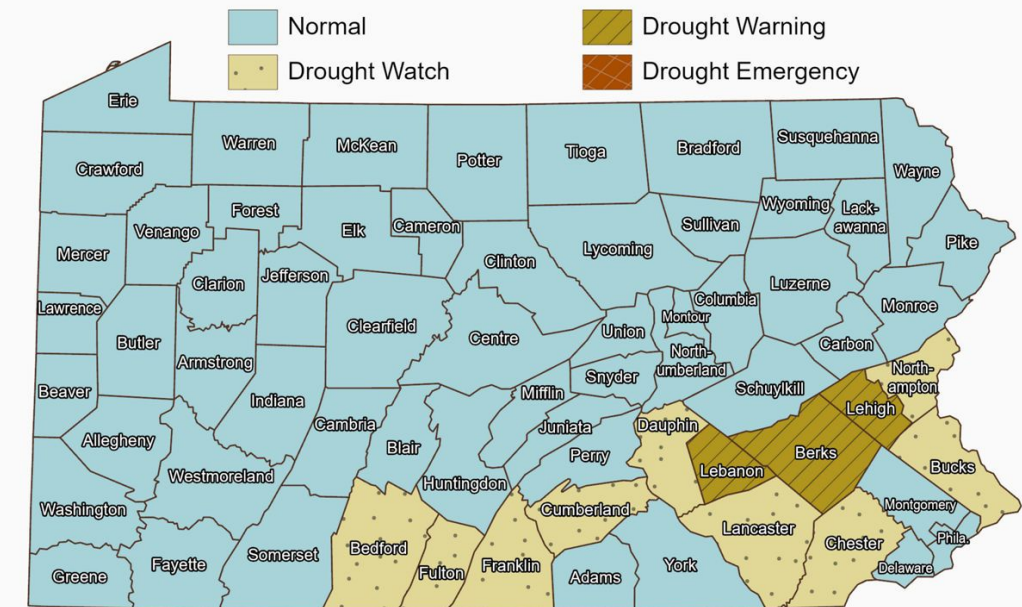
Other Impacts

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

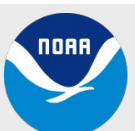
Mitigation Actions

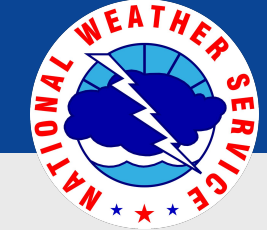
- There are both voluntary and mandatory water restrictions in place for some communities across mainly south-central Pennsylvania. Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

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.)



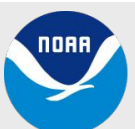
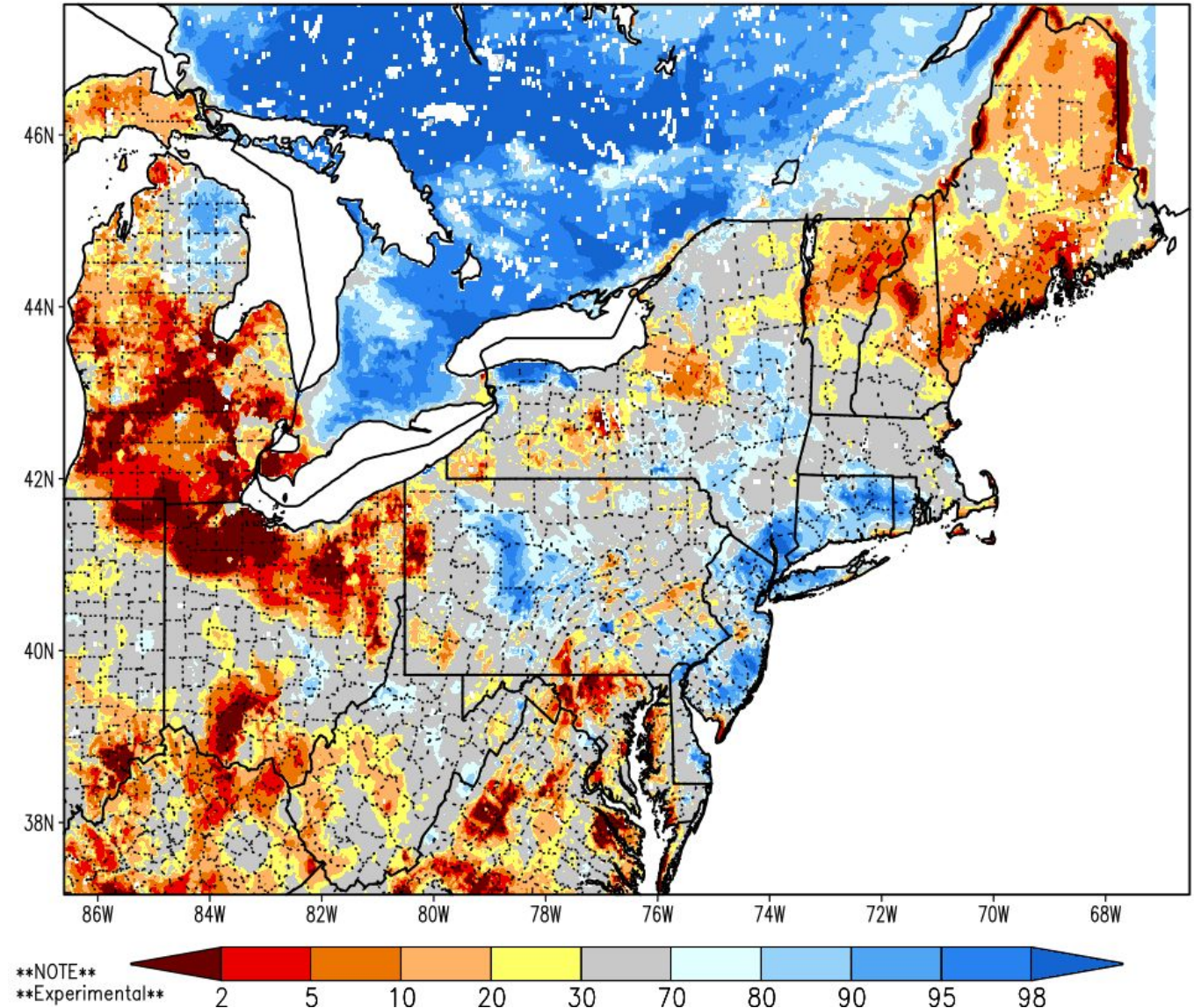


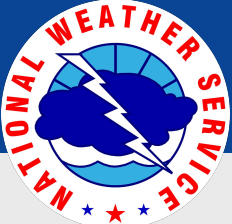
Agricultural Conditions

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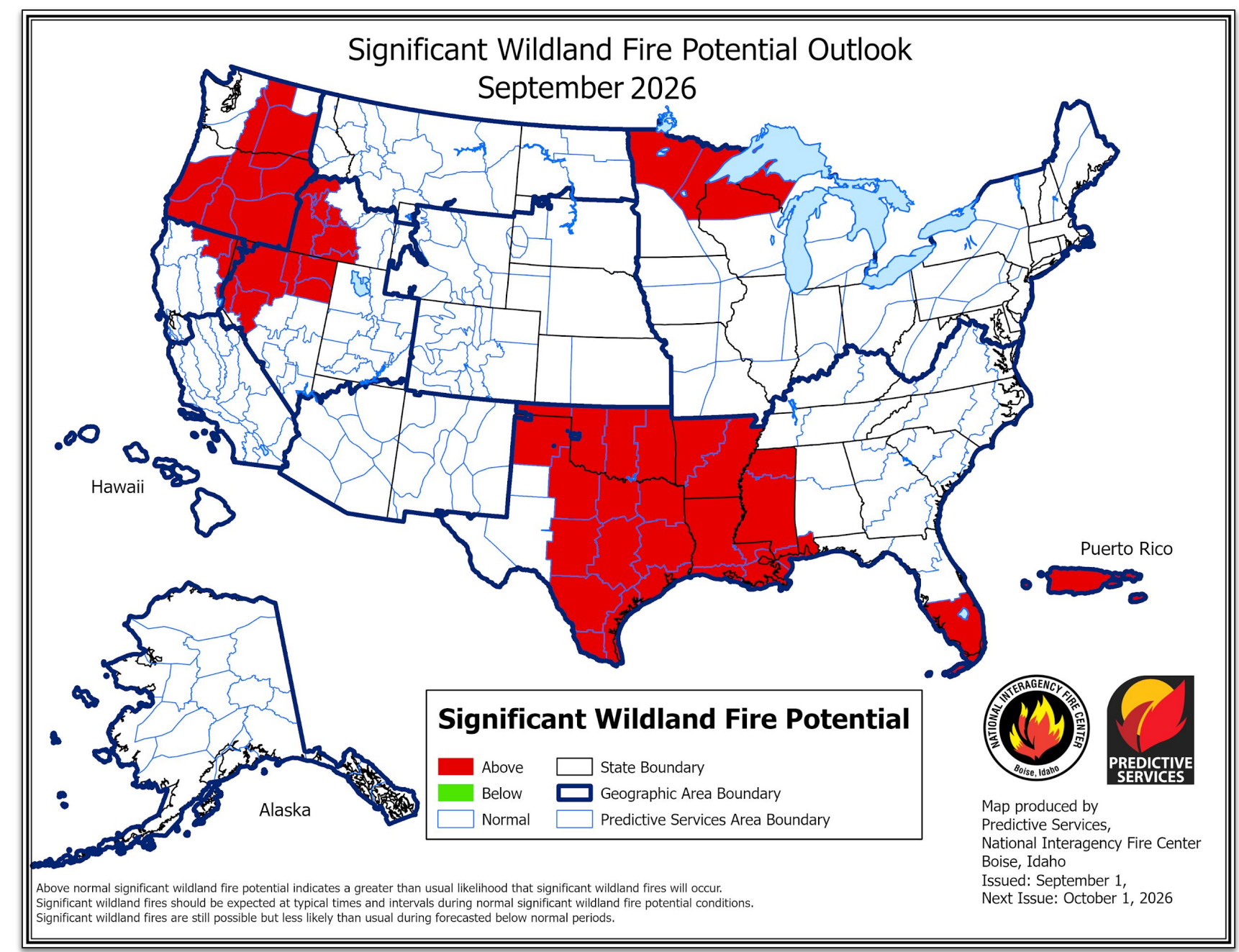
- 0 to 100 centimeter soil moisture is near to above average for nearly all of Central Pennsylvania outside of Franklin, southern Adams and far southern York County.

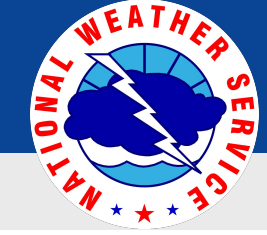
SPoRT-LIS 0-100 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 03 Sep 2026





- The Significant Wildfire Potential Outlook calls for near average conditions for September 2026 across Central Pennsylvania.



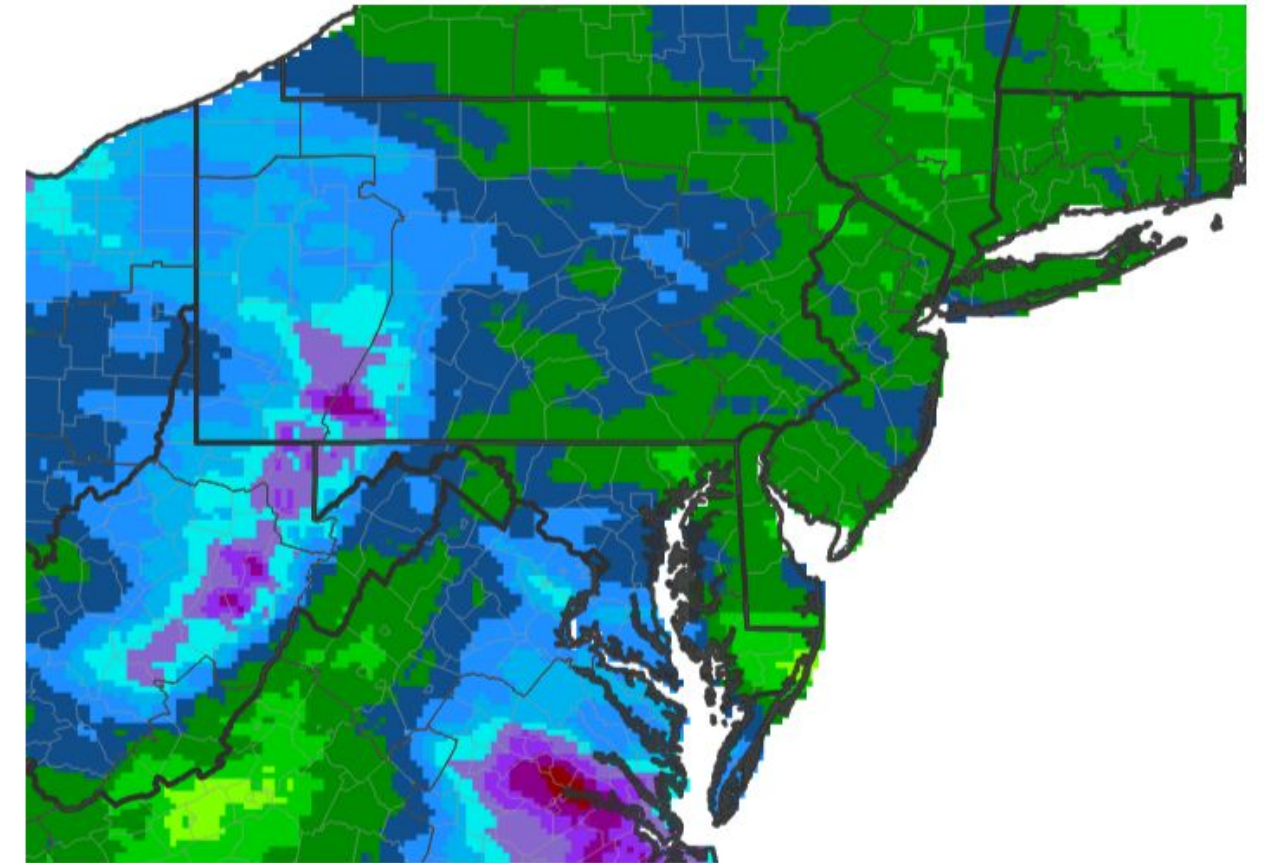


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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- The 7-day rainfall forecast ranges from a quarter to half an inch across the Lower Susquehanna and Cumberland Valley and Tioga County up to over one and a half inches across western Somerset County.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 3, 2026–September 10, 2026

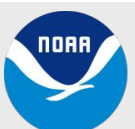


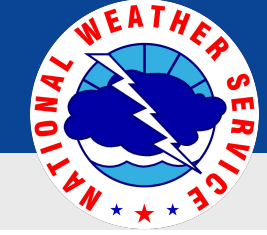
Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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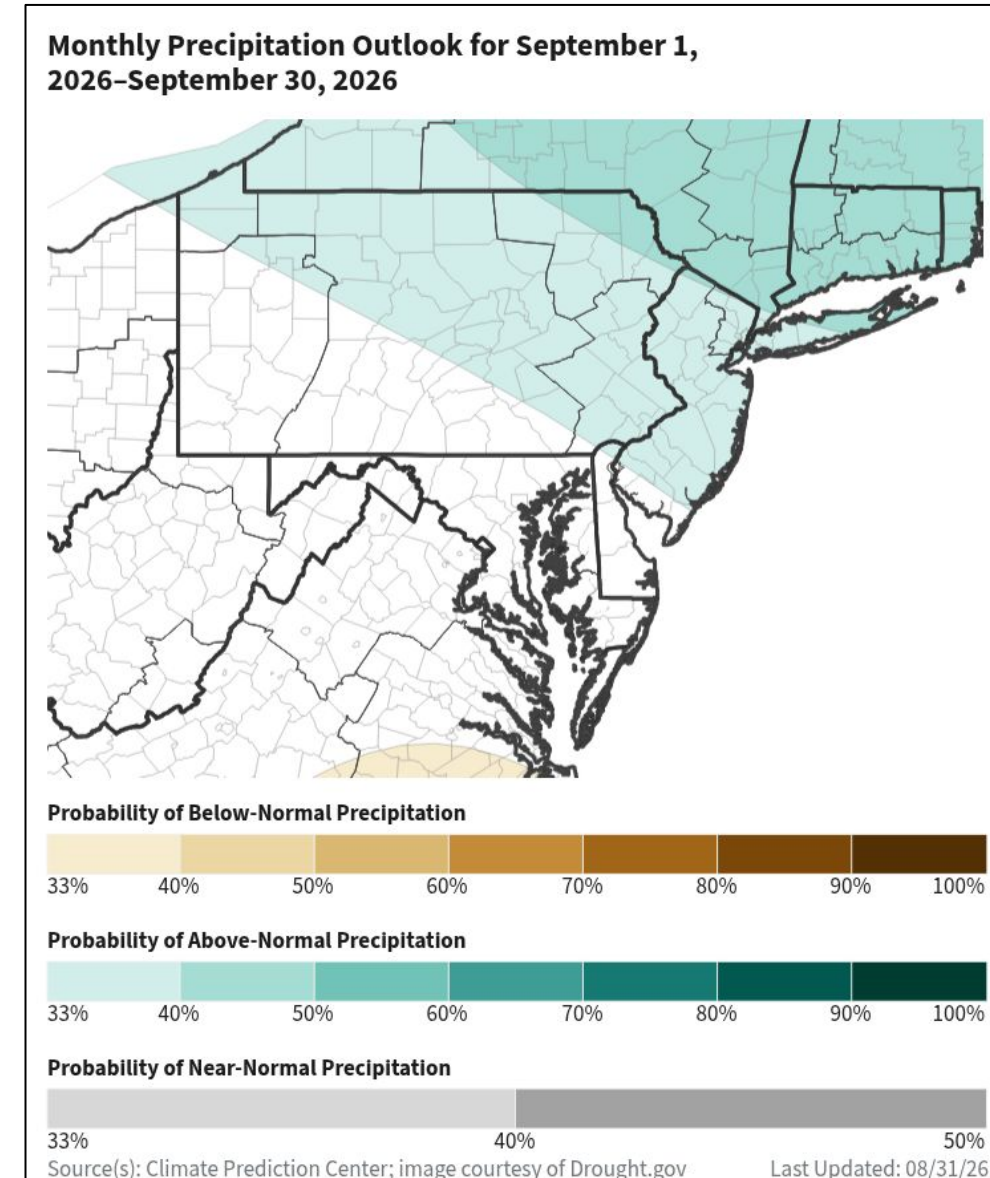
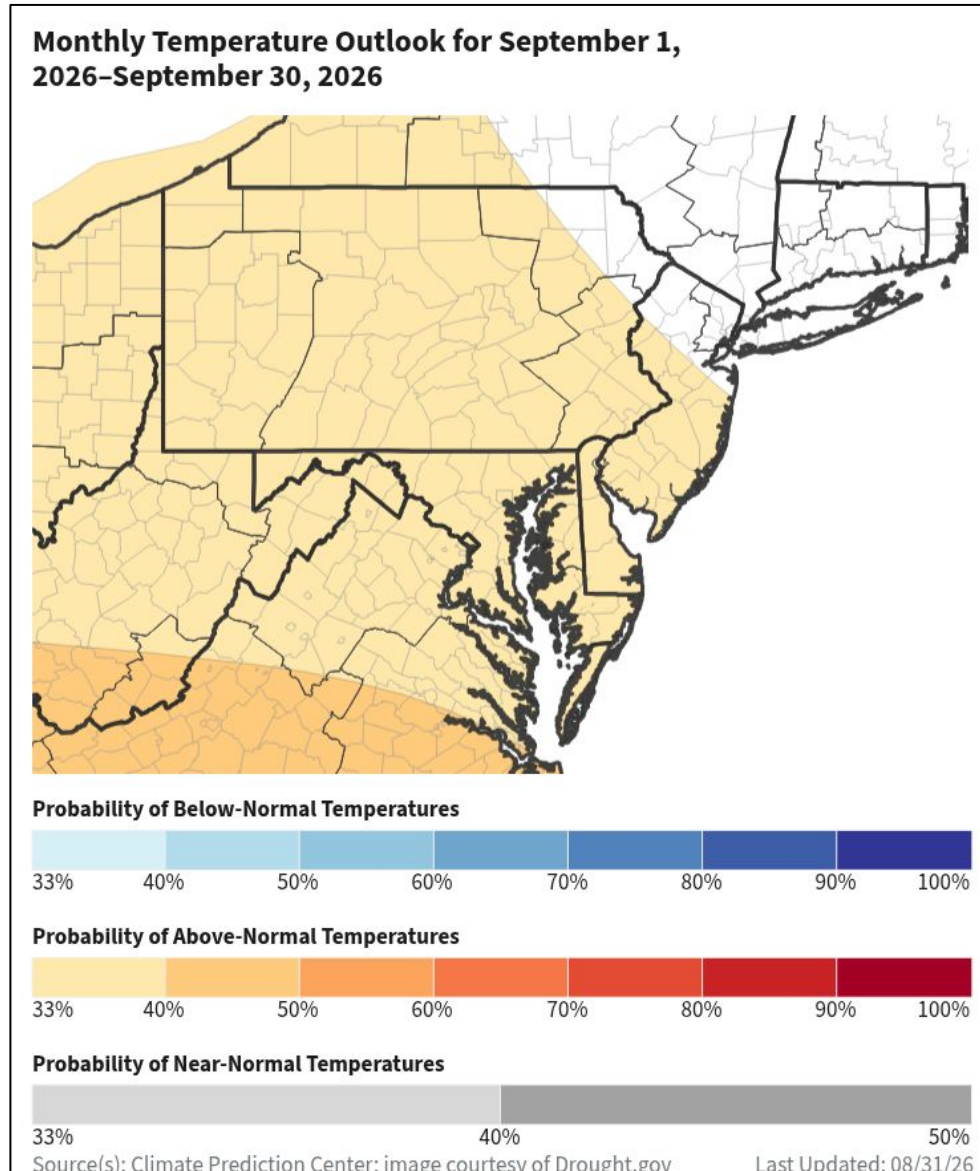
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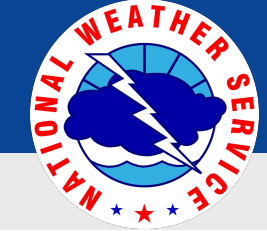


Long-Range Outlooks

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- The latest monthly outlook for September 2026 calls for above average temperatures and near to above average precipitation across Central Pennsylvania.



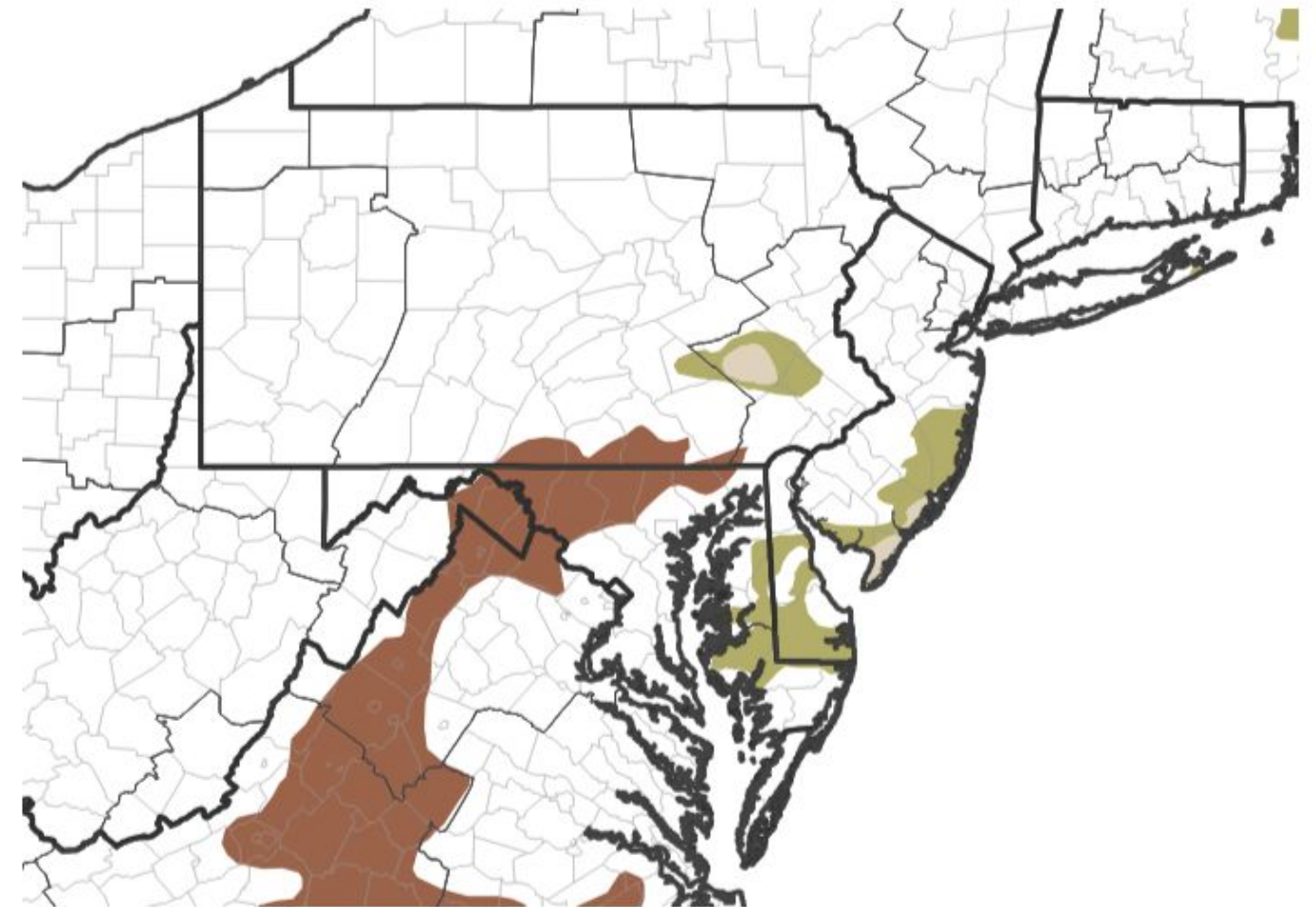
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1-Month Drought Outlook for September 1,
2026–September 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



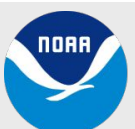
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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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