Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

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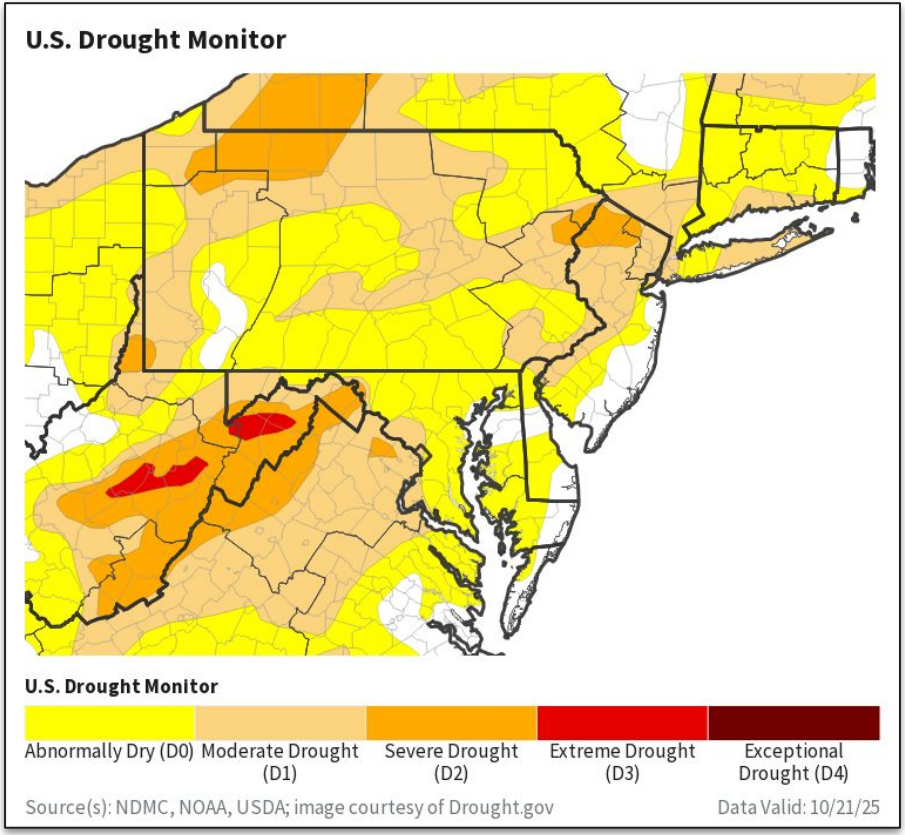
- This product will be updated November 7, 2025, or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/CTP/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
- Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/ for regional drought status updates.

- Long-term dryness persists across Central Pennsylvania, although some improvement is expected over the next couple of weeks.
- Despite the potential short-term improvement, drought conditions are largely expected to persist into early 2026.

U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor

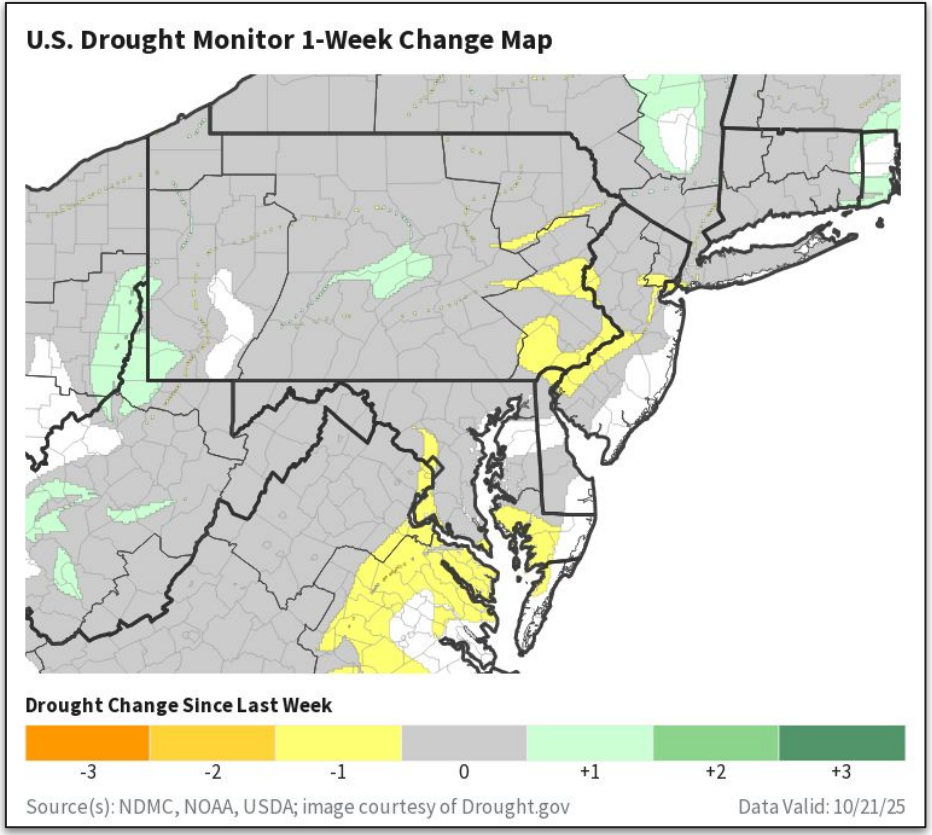
- Drought Intensity and Extent for Central Pennsylvania:
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Warren, McKean
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Potter, Elk, Cameron, Tioga, Clinton, Lycoming, Sullivan, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin, Schuylkill
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Clearfield, Centre, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon



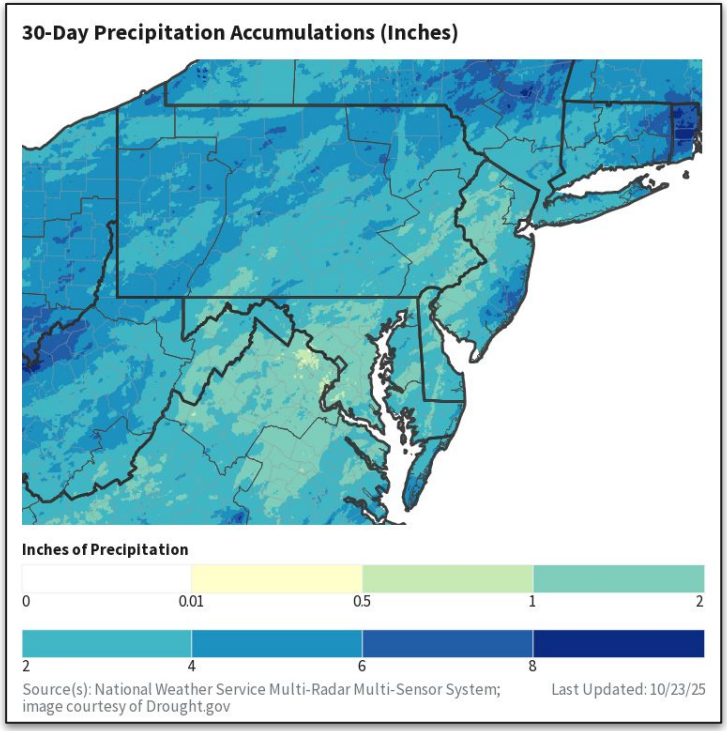
Recent Change in Drought Intensity

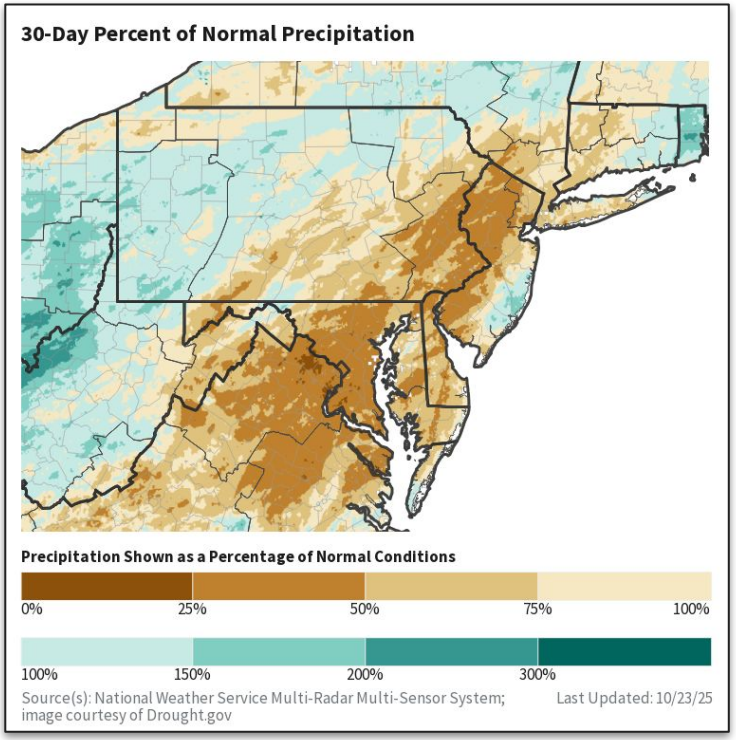
Link to the latest 4-week change map

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
  - Outside a some subtle improvement in the central mountains, drought conditions have largely remained the same across Central Pennsylvania over the past week.



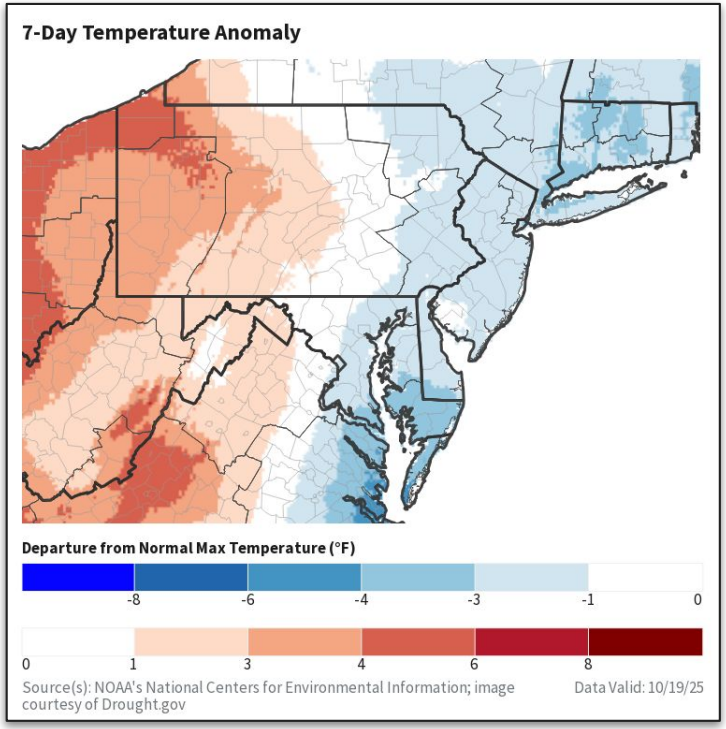
30-Day Precipitation and Percent of Normal

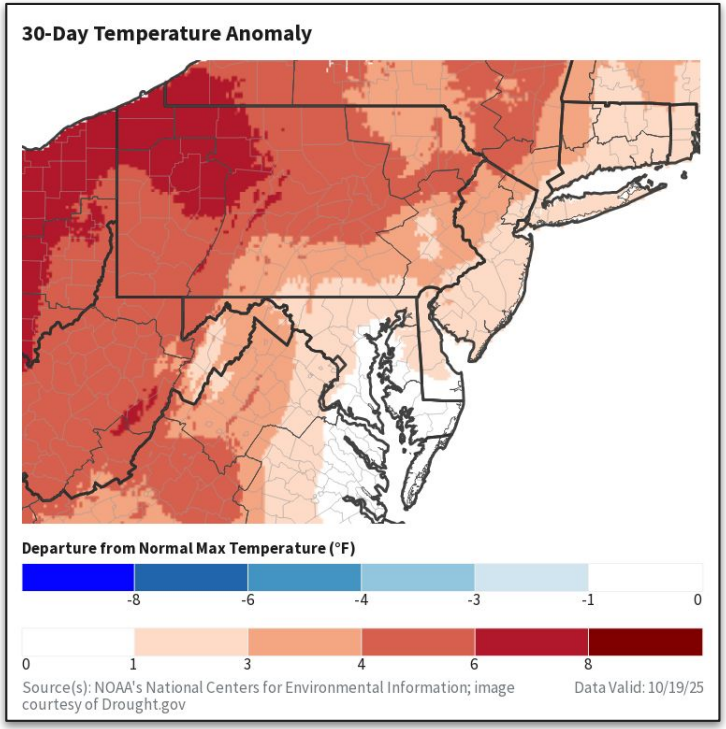




- Southeastern Pennsylvania has been dry, while northern & western Pennsylvania have seen near average precipitation.

7-Day & 30-Day Temperature Anomalies





- 7-day temperature anomalies have above average west & below average east, while 30-day temperature anomalies have been above to well above average statewide.

Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Several communities across Central Pennsylvania have enacted either voluntary or mandatory water restrictions.

Agricultural Impacts

- A warm and dry late Summer/early Fall resulted in reports of reduced crop yield across portions of Central Pennsylvania. However, chilly nighttime temperatures and a decreasing sun angle have brought an end to the growing season for much of Central Pennsylvania.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildfire Potential is currently elevated across much of Central Pennsylvania.

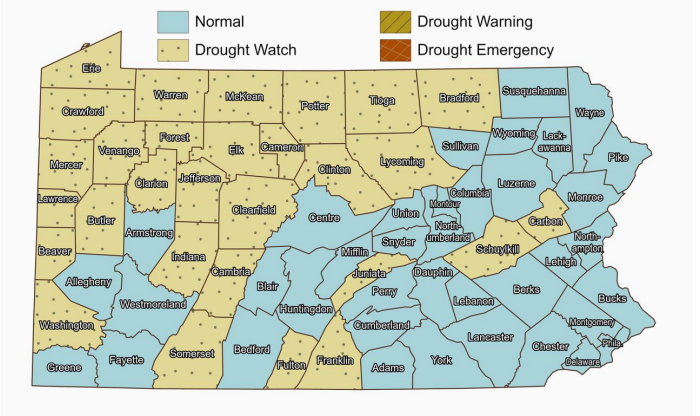
Other Impacts

- As of October 20, 2025, county's with burn bans across Central Pennsylvania include **Elk, Cameron, Clearfield, Huntingdon,** and **Somerset**.

Mitigation Actions

- See "Hydrologic Impacts" above.

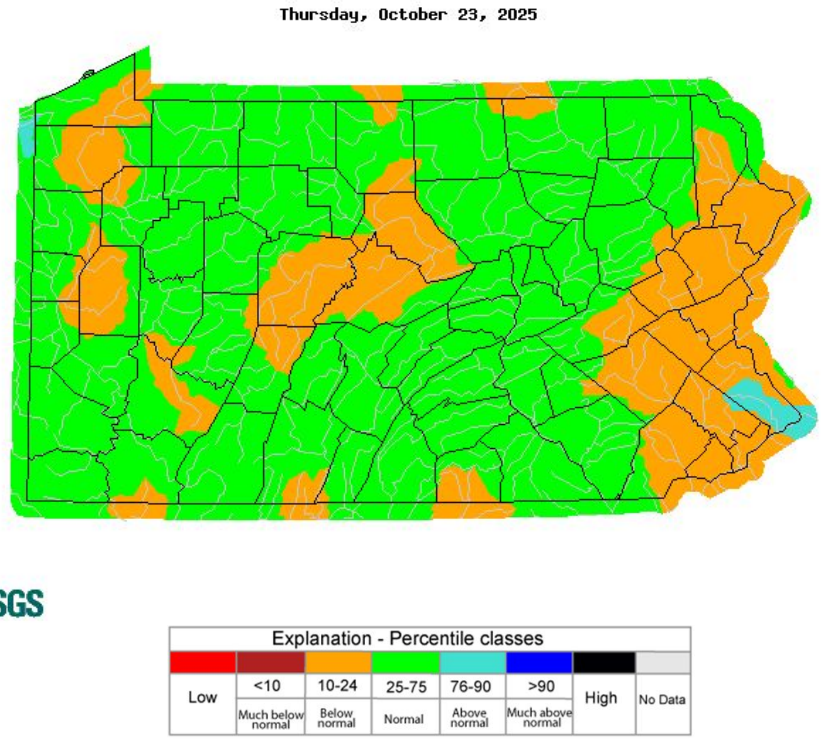
As of October 10, 2025:



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

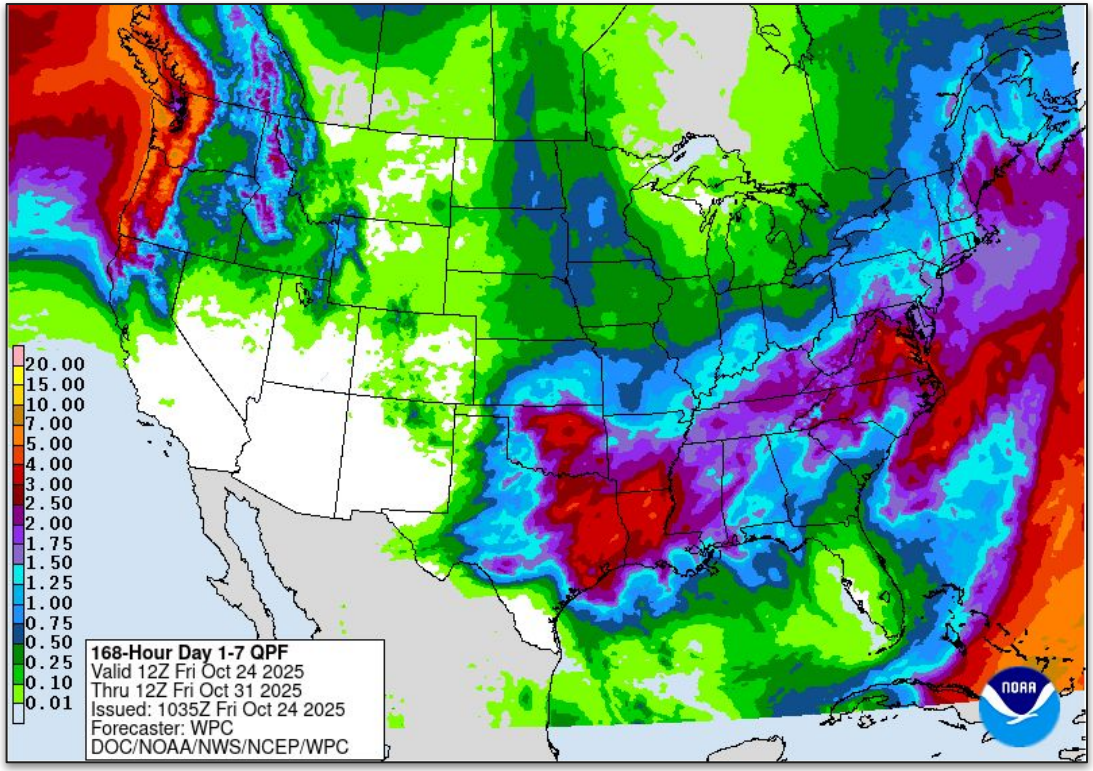
Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- 7-Day Average Streamflows are running near to below average across Central Pennsylvania.



Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The 7-Day precipitation forecast ranges from around 0.75” across western Pennsylvania to over 1.50” across the south-central mountains.



8-14 Day Outlook

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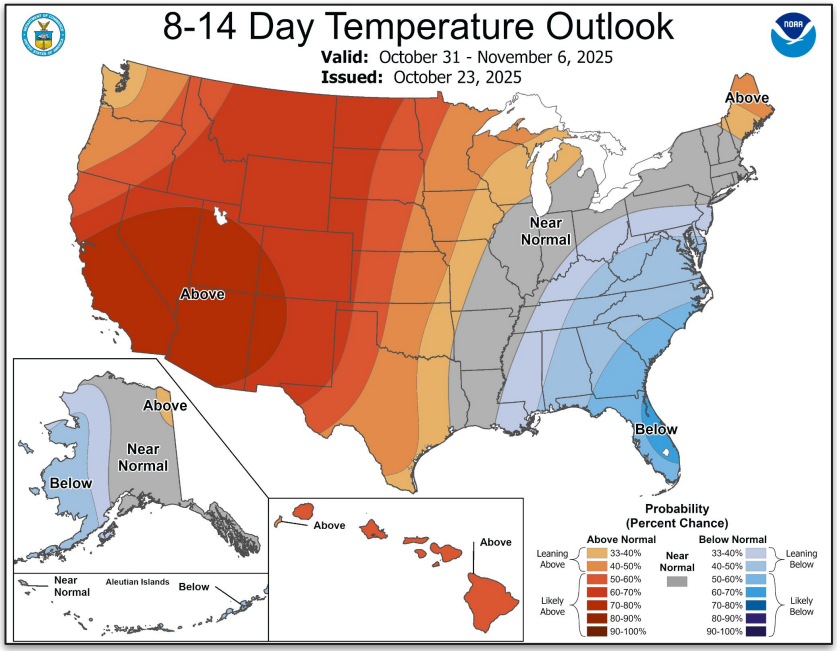

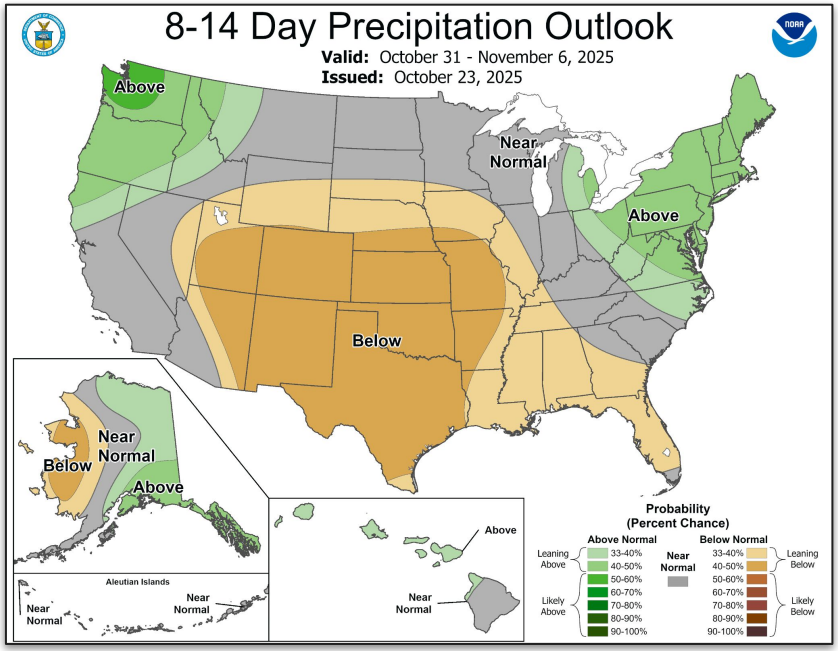

- The 8-14 day outlook for October 2025 is trending towards near to below average temperatures and above average precipitation for Pennsylvania.

Drought Outlook

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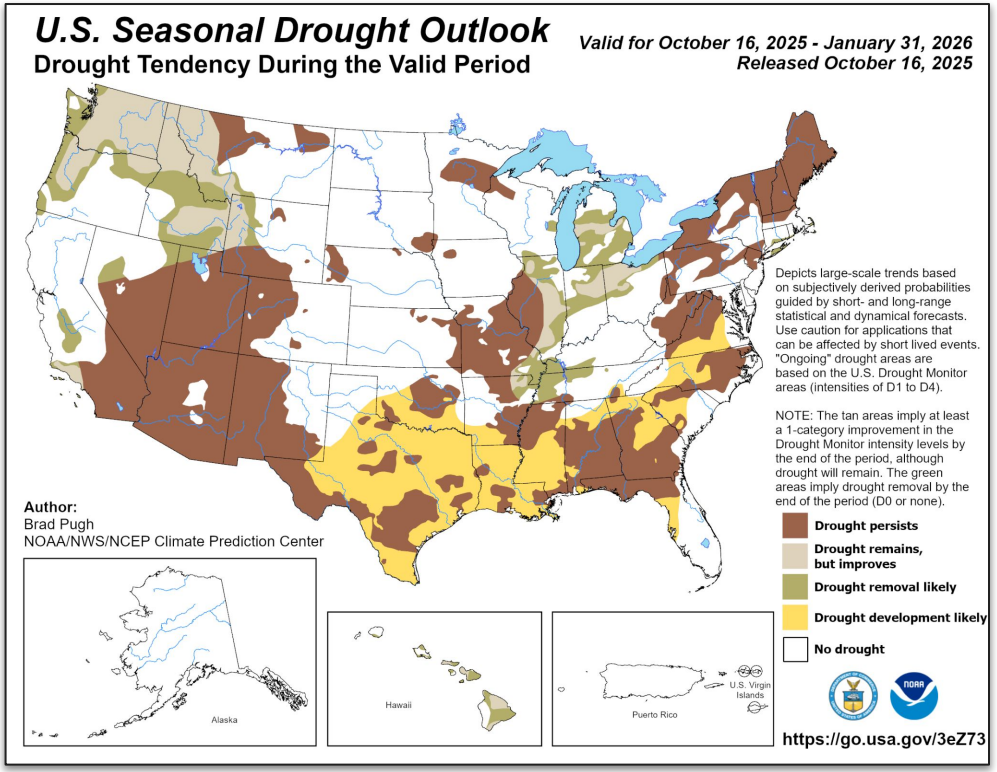
- The latest seasonal drought outlook calls for existing drought conditions to persist across Pennsylvania into January 2026.



Links to the latest:
Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook