



Winter/Spring Flood Outlook for Central Pennsylvania

Valid **February 18, 2026**

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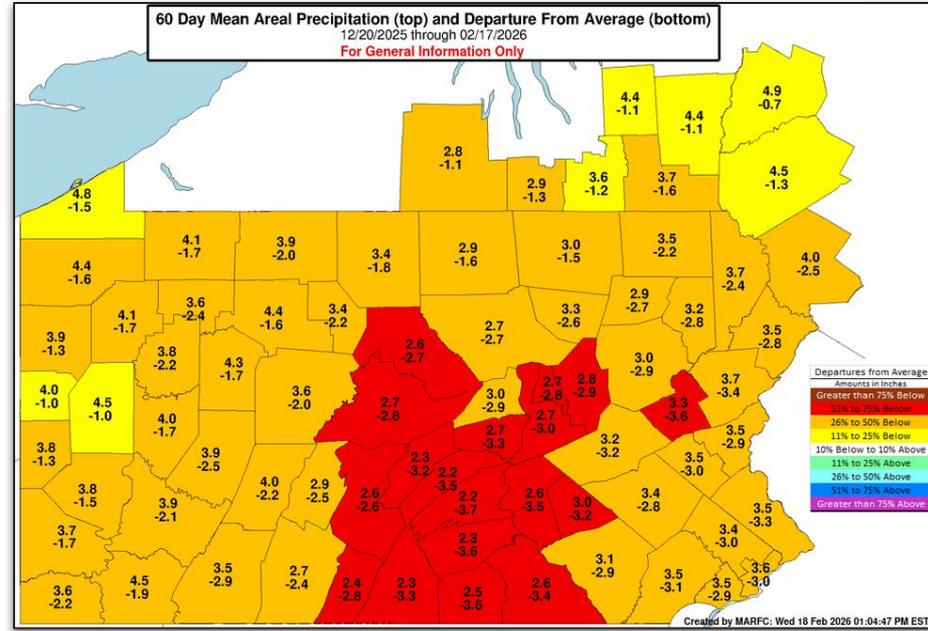
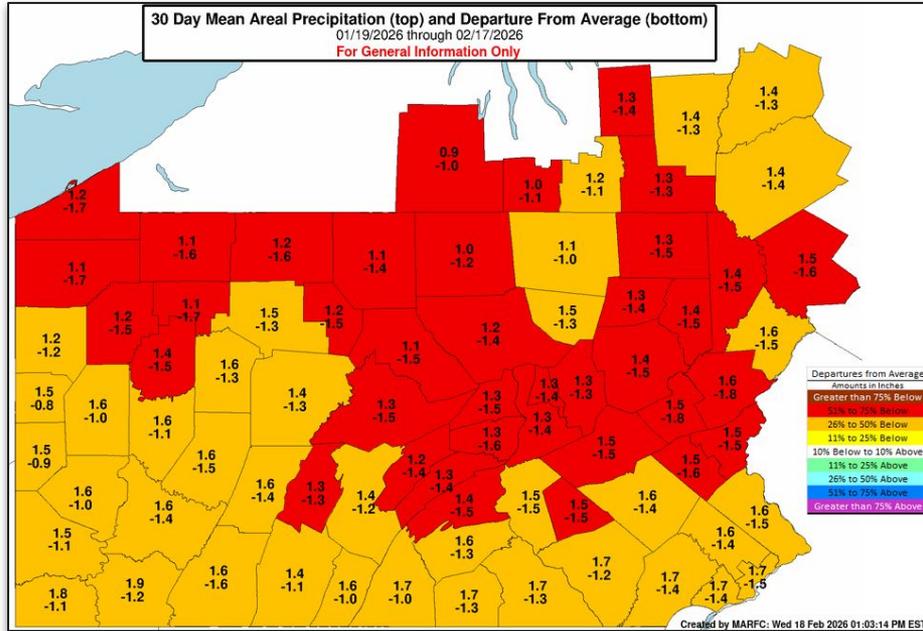
- Next update due by **March 6, 2026**
 - This product will be updated approximately every two weeks through early Spring, and more frequently if conditions change significantly.
 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ctp/moreWater?tabName=Outlooks> for previous statements.
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- The overall flood potential over the next two weeks is **NEAR AVERAGE** across central Pennsylvania.
 - See presentation for additional details





30-Day and 60-Day Precipitation Departures

Link to the Regional [30-Day](#) and [60-Day](#) Precipitation Departures



- 30-day and 60-day precipitation departures are both showing below to well below average precipitation across central Pennsylvania.

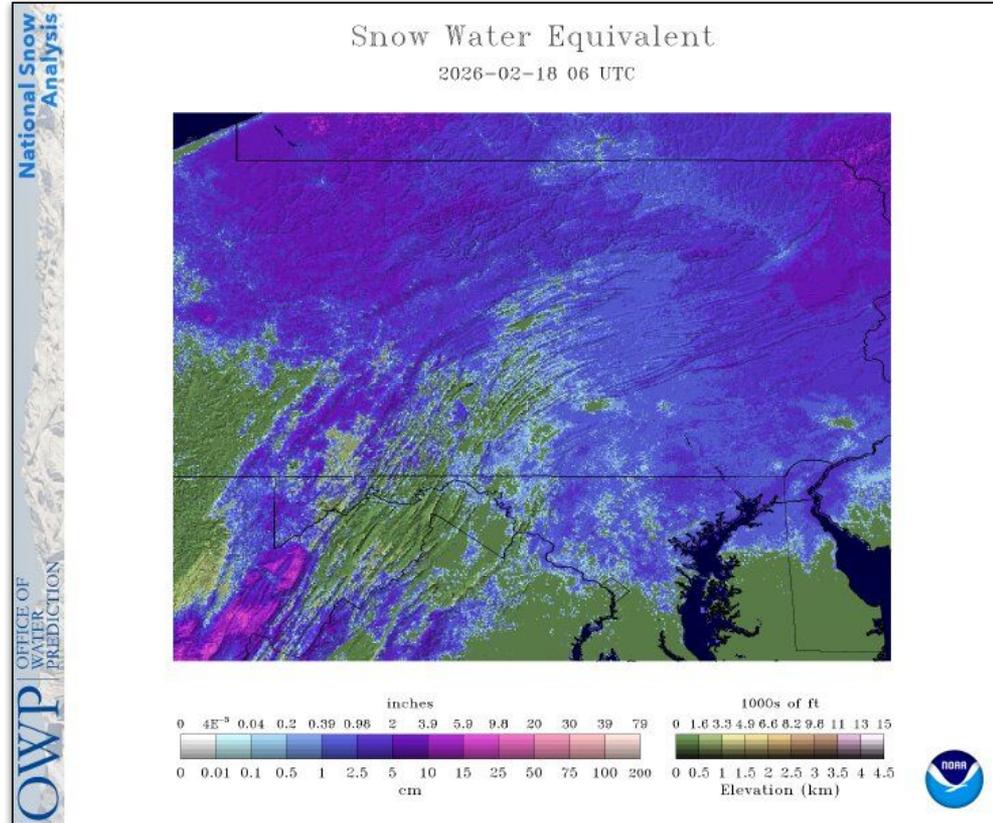




Latest Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)

Link to the [Snow Water Equivalent for Pennsylvania](#)

- Central Pennsylvania had snow water equivalent (SWE) ranging from little if any in some south-central valleys up to at least two inches across portions of the northern and western highlands as of February 18, 2026. This is near to above average SWE for mid-February.

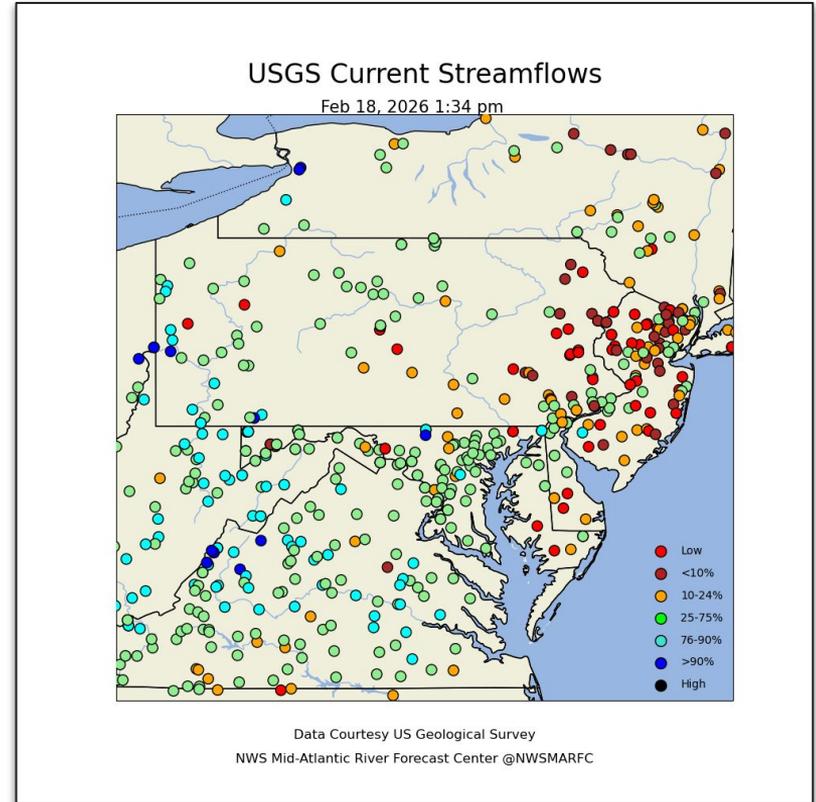




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Link to [latest USGS Streamflows](#)

- Streamflows are generally running below to well below average across most of central Pennsylvania as of February 18, 2025. (Note that the streamflows from many gages are currently missing due to ice effects on many area rivers and streams.)

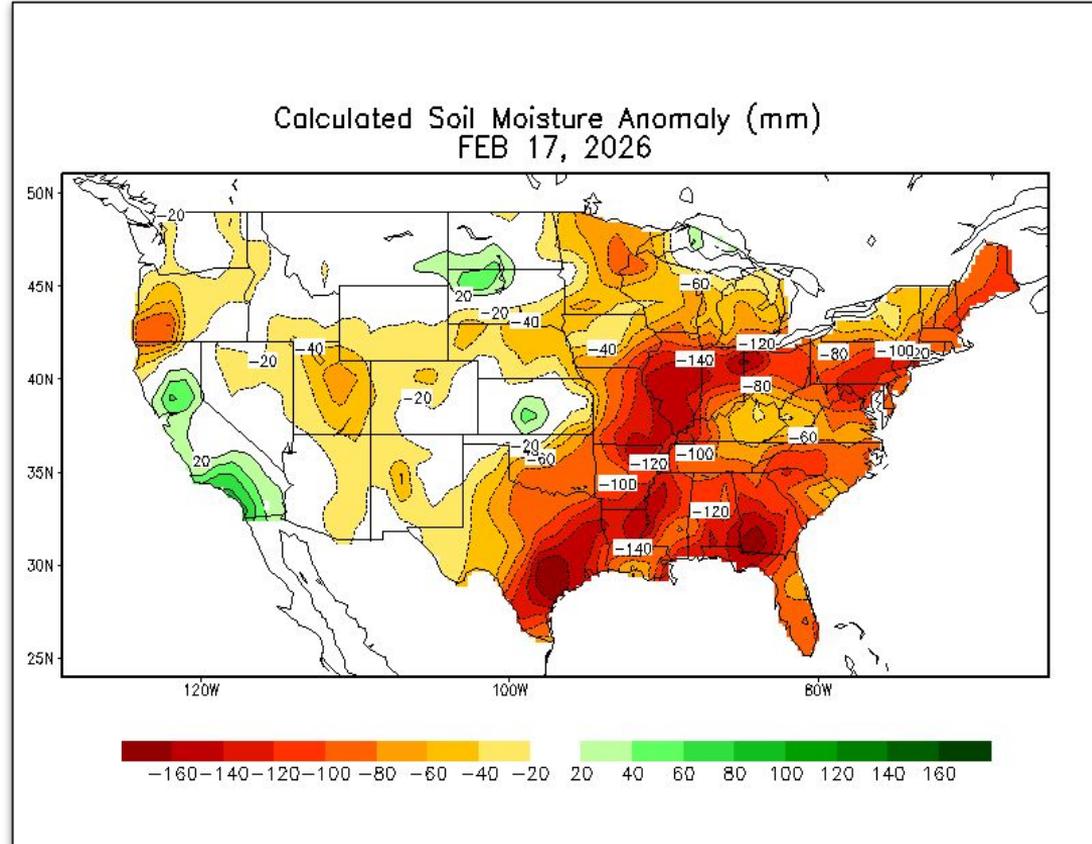




Soil Moisture Conditions

Link to [Nationwide Soil Moisture Conditions](#)

- As of February 17, 2026, soil moisture conditions were below to well below average across central Pennsylvania.

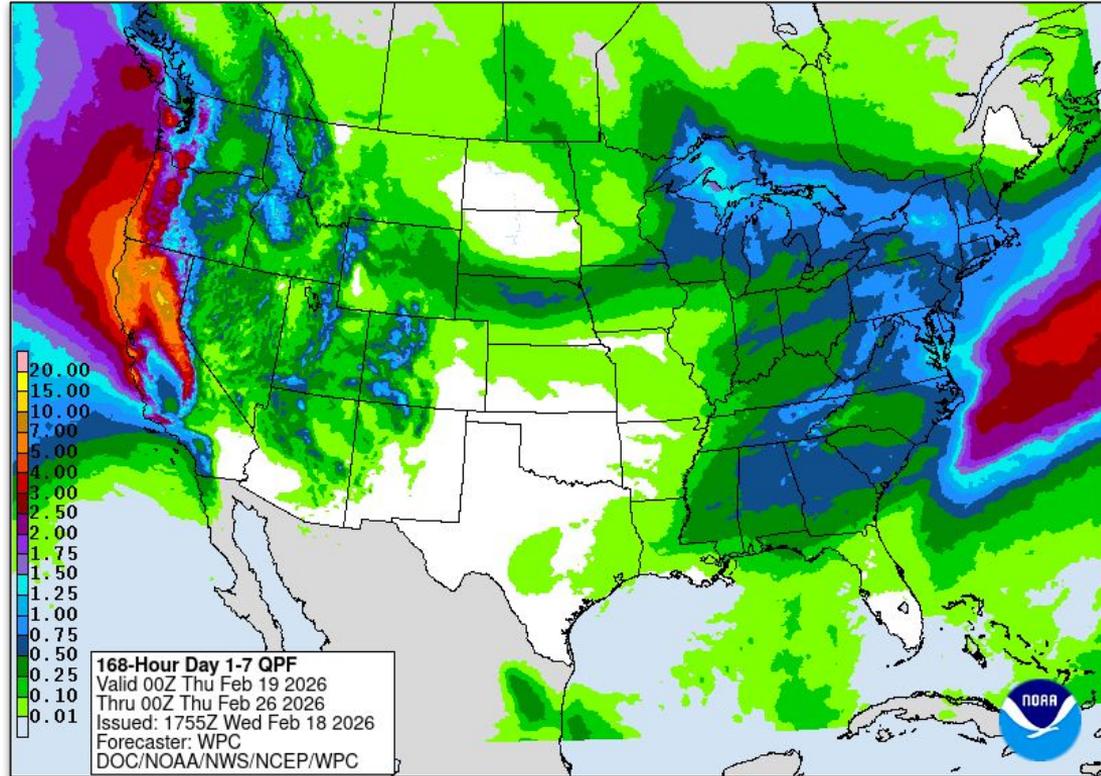




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

Link to [latest Quantitative Precipitation Forecast \(QPF\)](#) from WPC

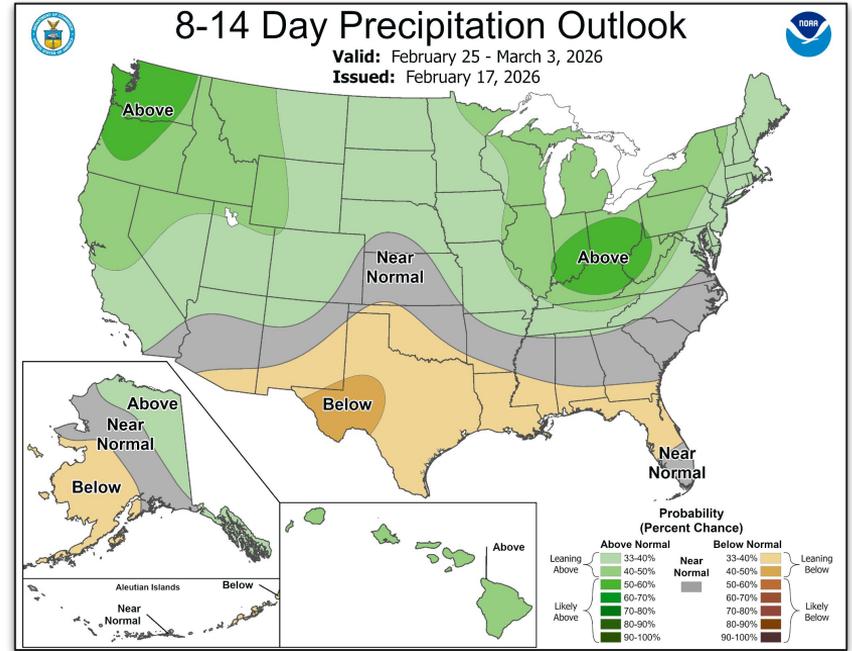
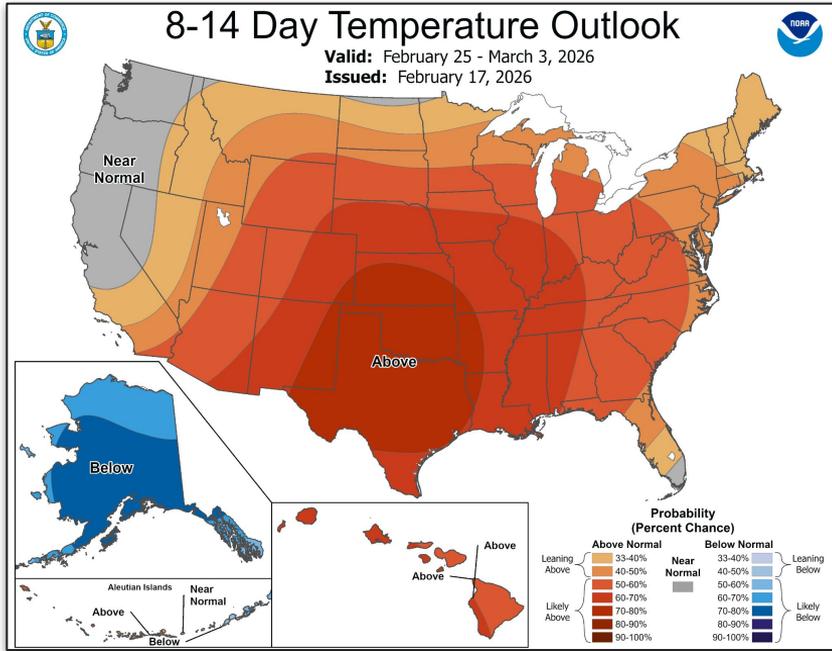
- Seven-day rainfall is forecast to range from half an inch to an inch across central Pennsylvania through the evening of February 25.





8-14 Day Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks

The latest 6-10 Day , 8-14 Day, monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)



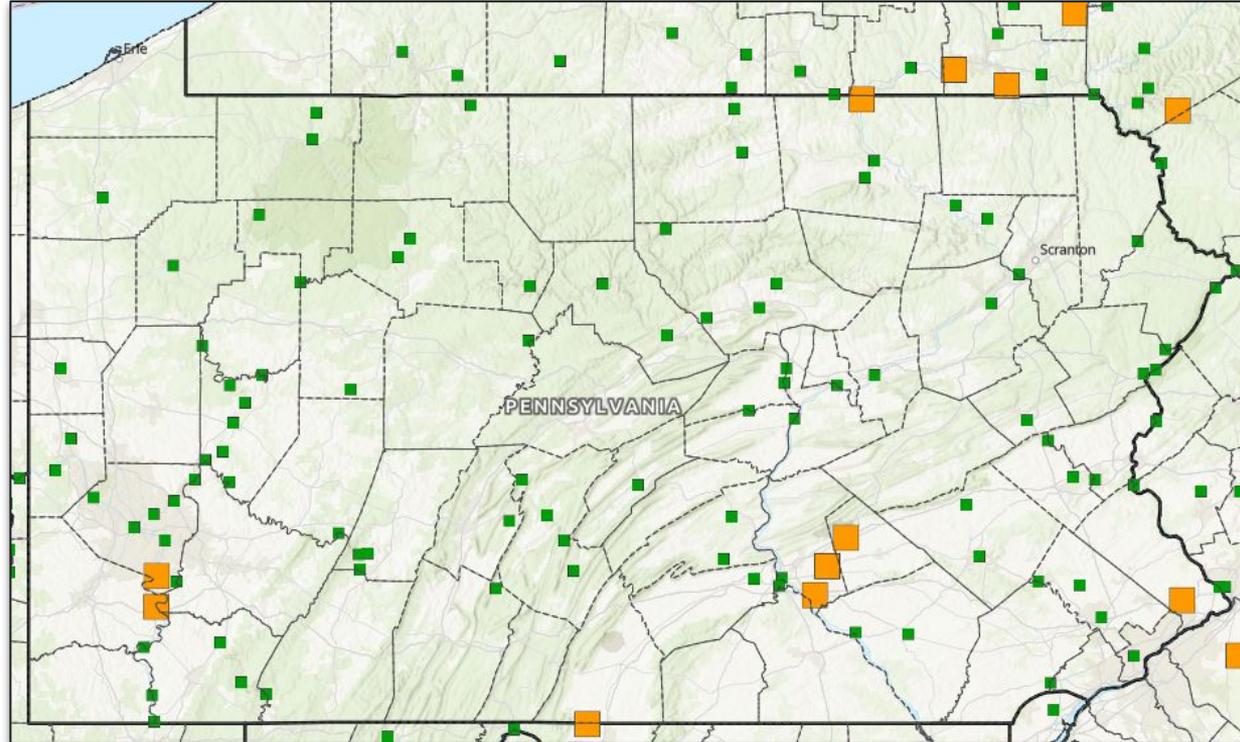
- The 8-14 day outlook calls for above average temperatures and above average precipitation across central Pennsylvania.





Long-Range River Outlook (25% Probability)

- These model forecasts take into consideration current, future, and historical trends.
- The points highlighted in **orange** have a 25% or greater chance of exceeding flood levels this Spring.
- Please see the [National Water Prediction Service](#) (NWPS) webpage for additional details on long range flood outlooks at river gauge points.





Flood Outlook Summary

Current and expected conditions:

- Recent precipitation: 30-day & 60-day below to well below average
- Snow conditions: Near to above average
- River Ice: Above average
- Streamflow Conditions: Below to well below average
- Soil Moisture Conditions: Below to well below average
- Groundwater: Below to well below average
- Reservoir Conditions: Below to well below average
- Precipitation Forecast: Near average next 7 days, followed by above average for the 8-14 day period

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Next update by: March 6, 2026

