



# Winter/Spring Flood Outlook for Central Pennsylvania

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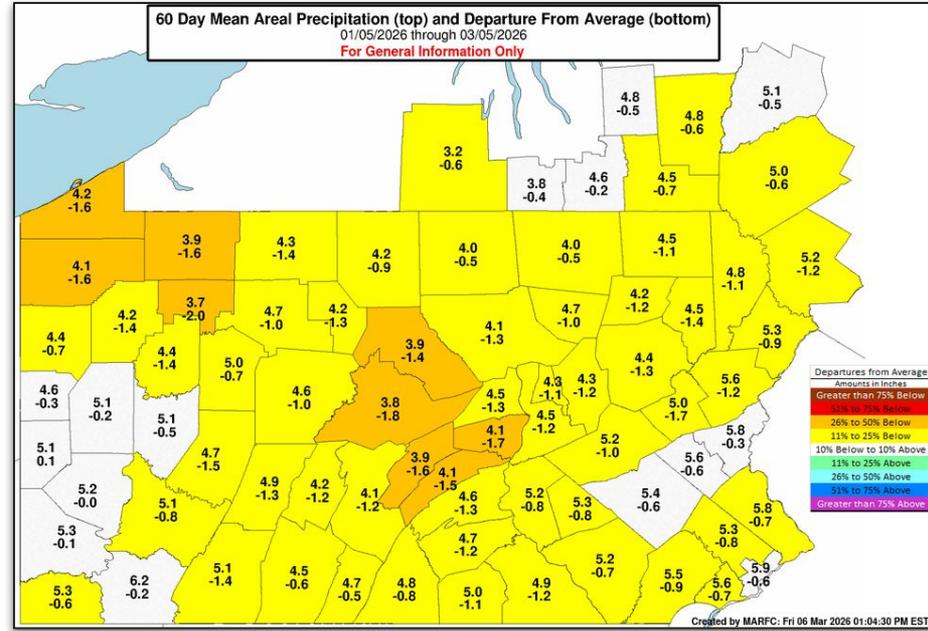
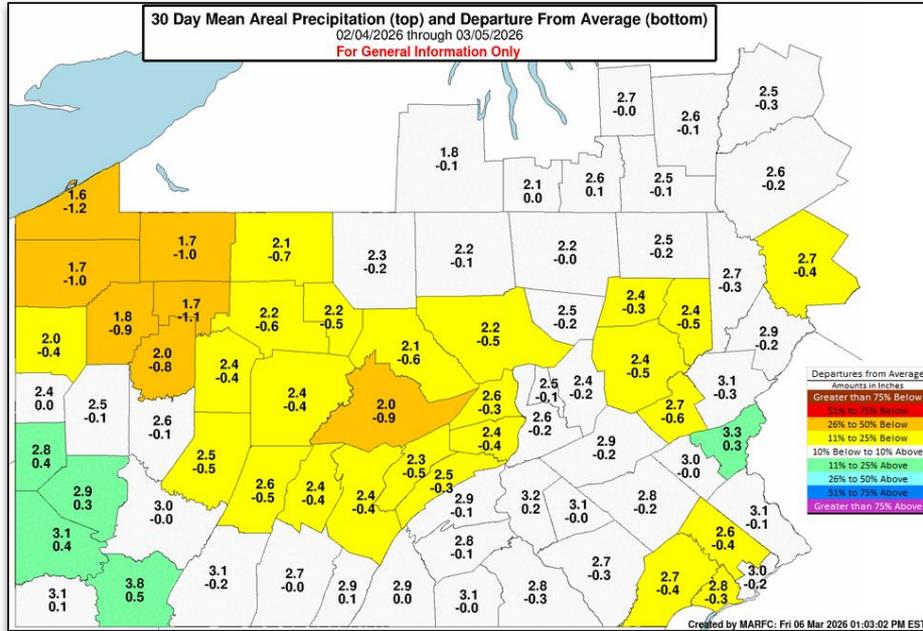
- Next update due by **March 20, 2026**
  - This product will be updated approximately every two weeks through early Spring, and more frequently if conditions change significantly.
  - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ctp/moreWater?tabName=Outlooks> for previous statements.
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- 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 remain below average, although some recent recovery has been observed.

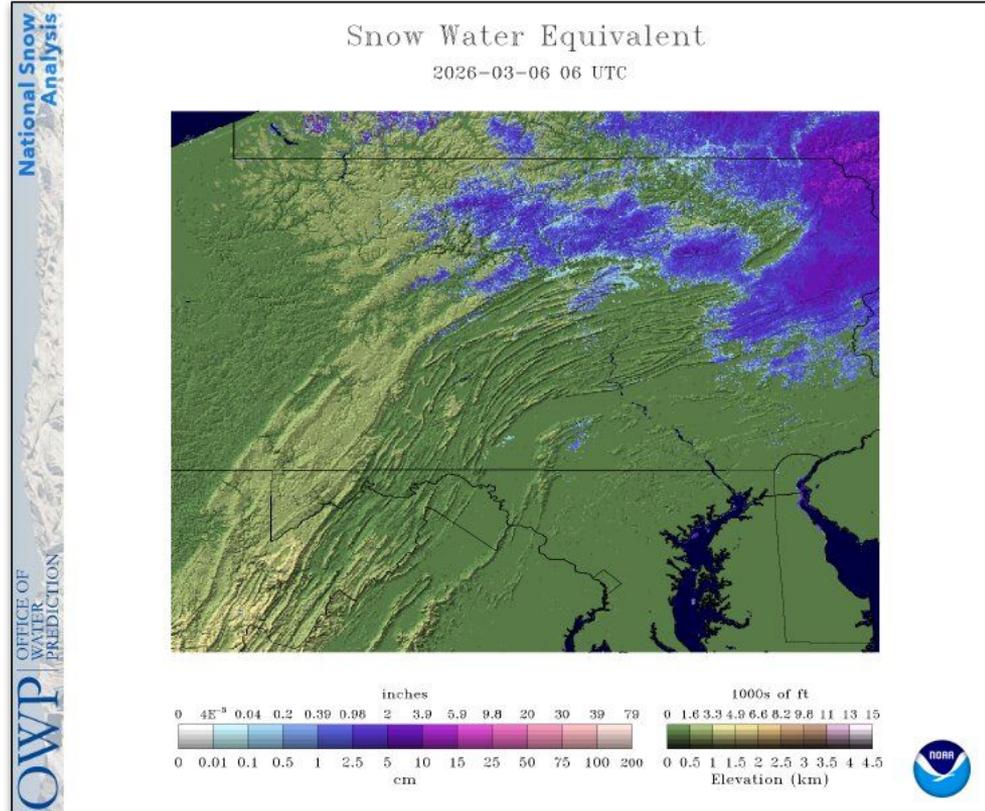




# Latest Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)

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

- Much of the snow cover across Central Pennsylvania has melted, outside of some patches across the northern mountains.

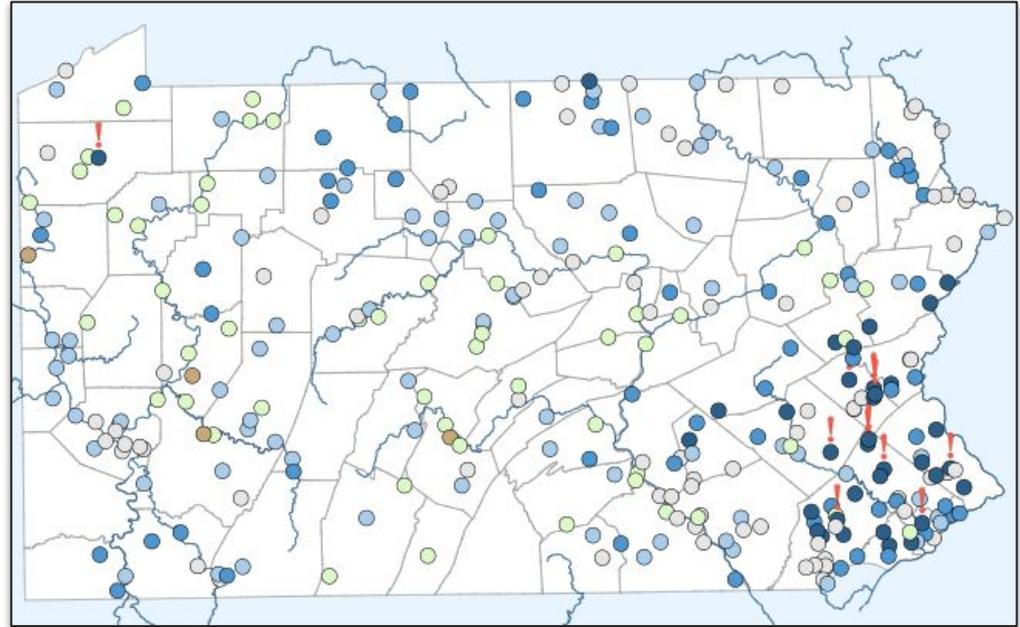




# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Link to latest [USGS Streamflows](#)

- Streamflows were running near to above average across much of Pennsylvania, and well above average across the southeast.

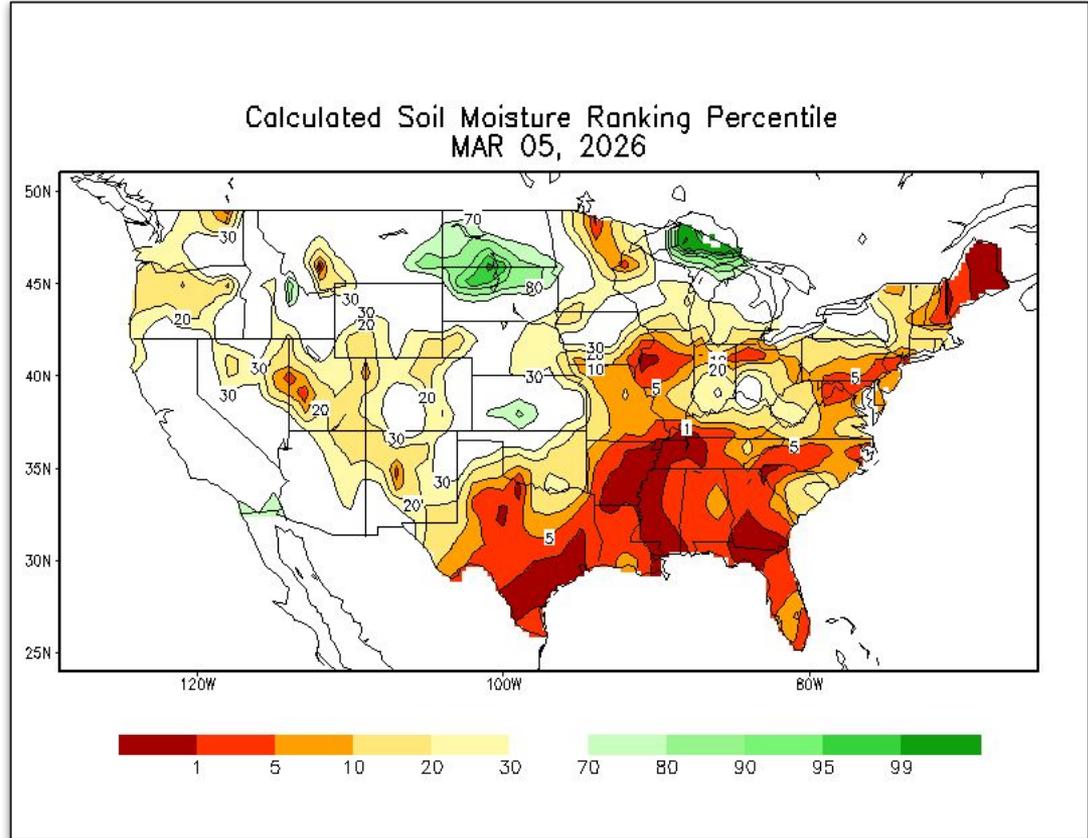




# Soil Moisture Conditions

Link to [Nationwide Soil Moisture Conditions](#)

- Soil moisture remains below to well below average across central Pennsylvania, with the largest deficits being across the southern counties.

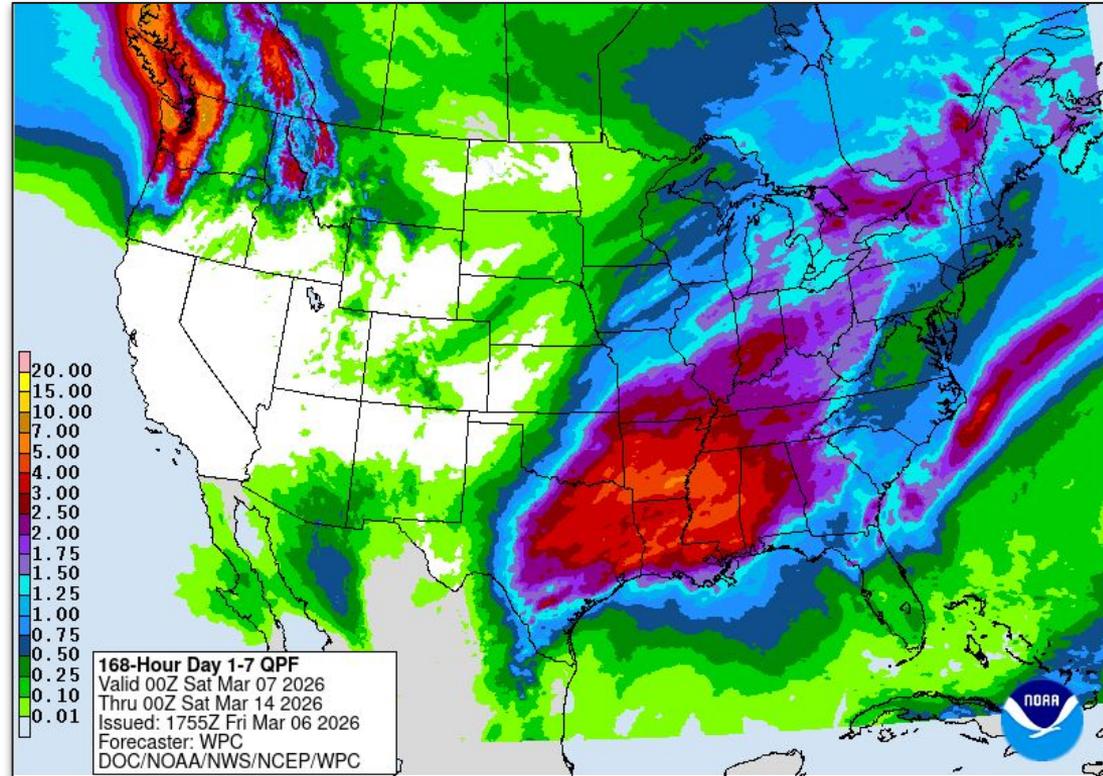




# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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

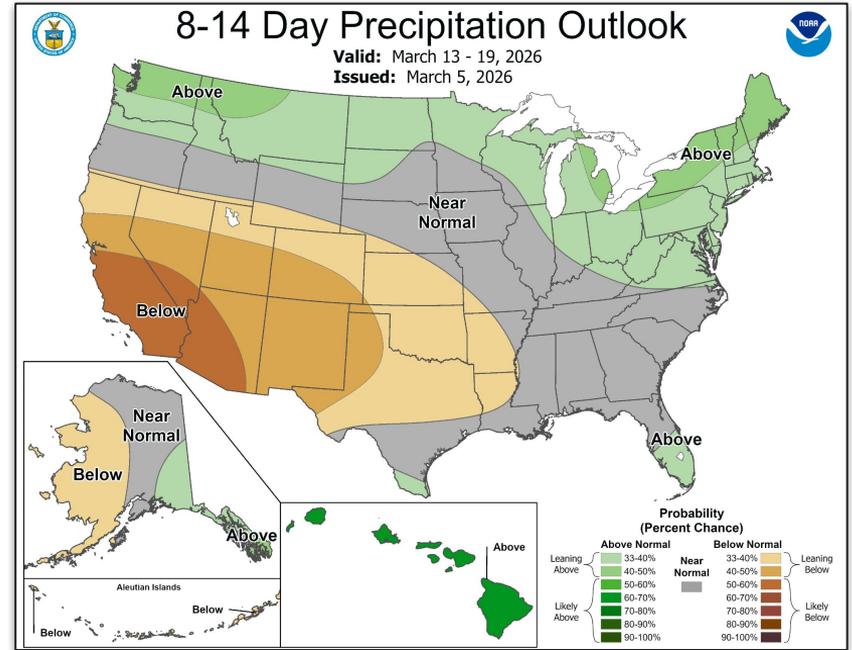
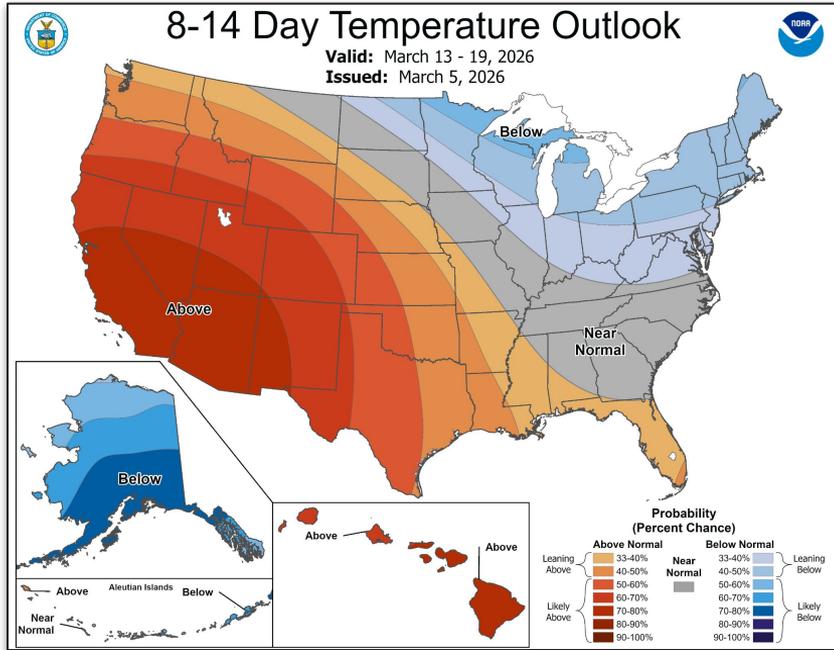
- 7-day rainfall ranges from around half an inch across the Lower Susquehanna Valley up to over one and a half inches across the northwestern highlands of Pennsylvania.





# 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](#)



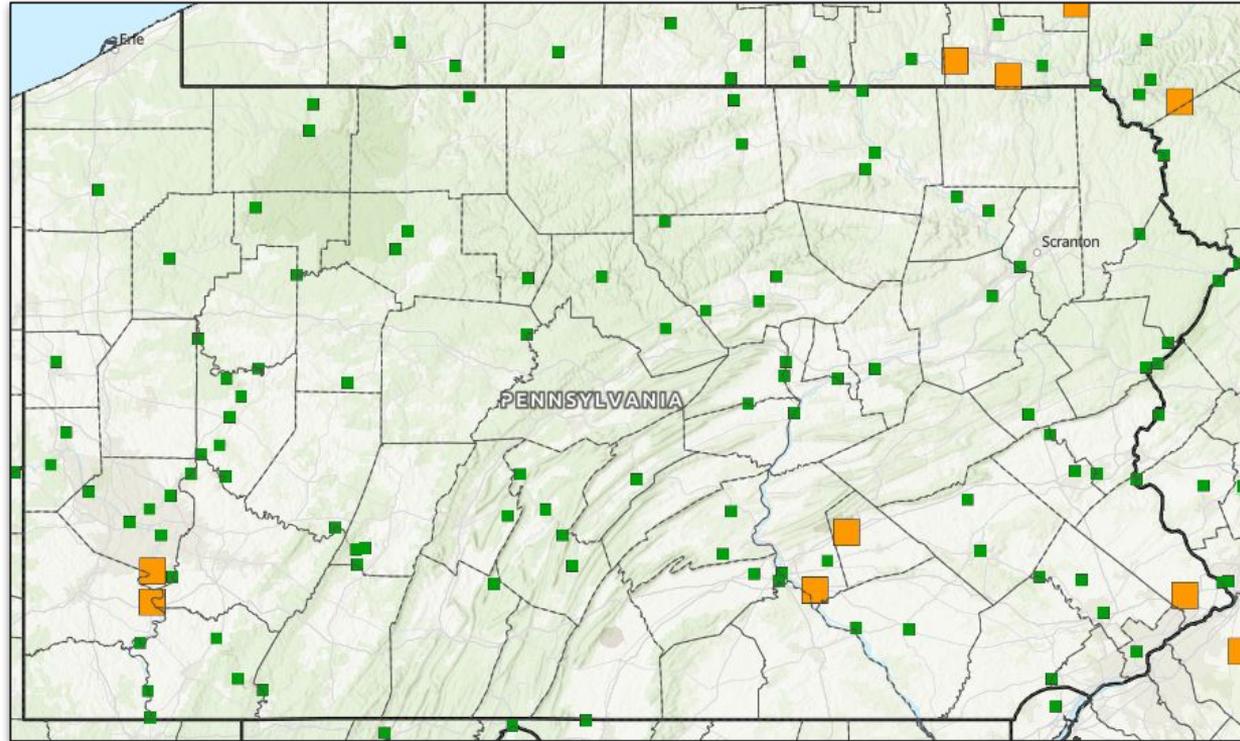
- After a relatively mild start to March, temperatures will trend back below average for mid-March, while precipitation will continue to trend towards above average.





# 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 stage this Spring, and include:
  - Harper Tavern
  - Middletown
- 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 - generally below average
  - Snow conditions: Near average
  - River Ice: Near average
  - Streamflow Conditions: Near to above average
  - Soil Moisture Conditions: Below to well below average
  - Groundwater: Below to well below average
  - Reservoir Conditions: Below average
  - Precipitation Forecast: Near average for the 7-day and above average for days 8-14
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Next update by: March 20, 2026

