



Winter/Spring Flood Outlook for Central Pennsylvania

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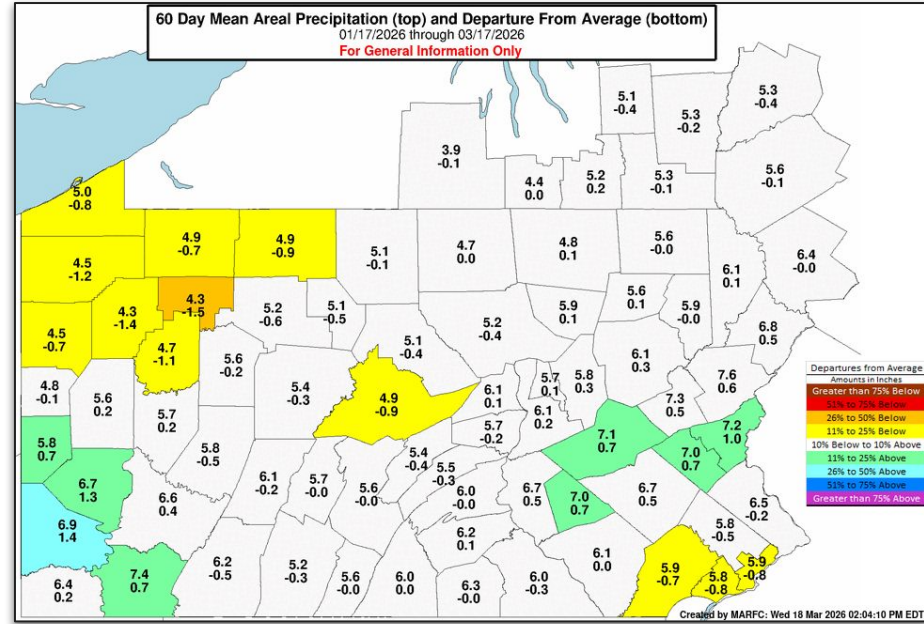
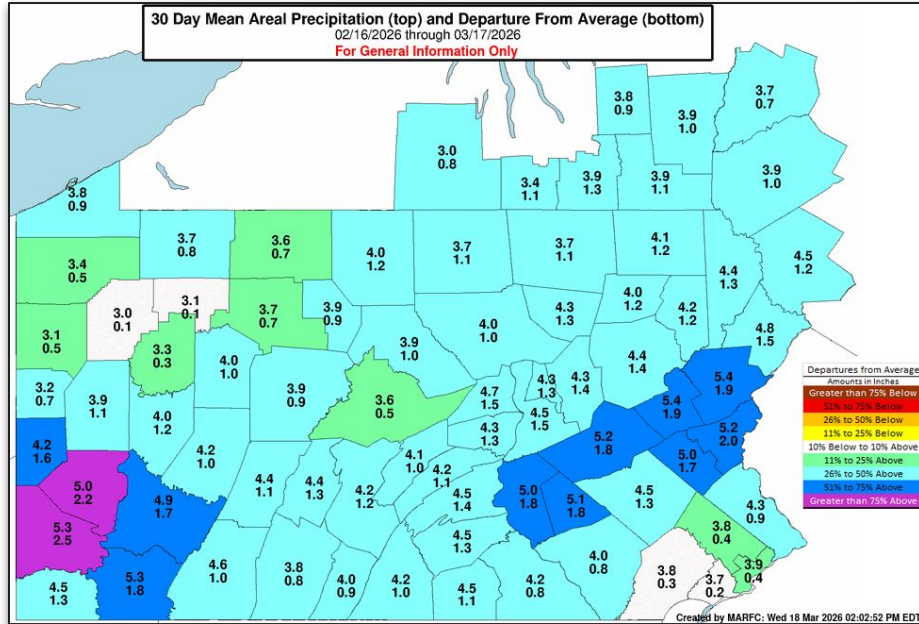
- Next update due by **April 3, 2026**
 - This product will be updated approximately every two weeks through early Spring, and more frequently if conditions change significantly.
 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ctp/moreWater?tabName=Outlooks> for previous statements.
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- 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 precipitation departures have generally been above average, while 60-day departures have generally been near average.

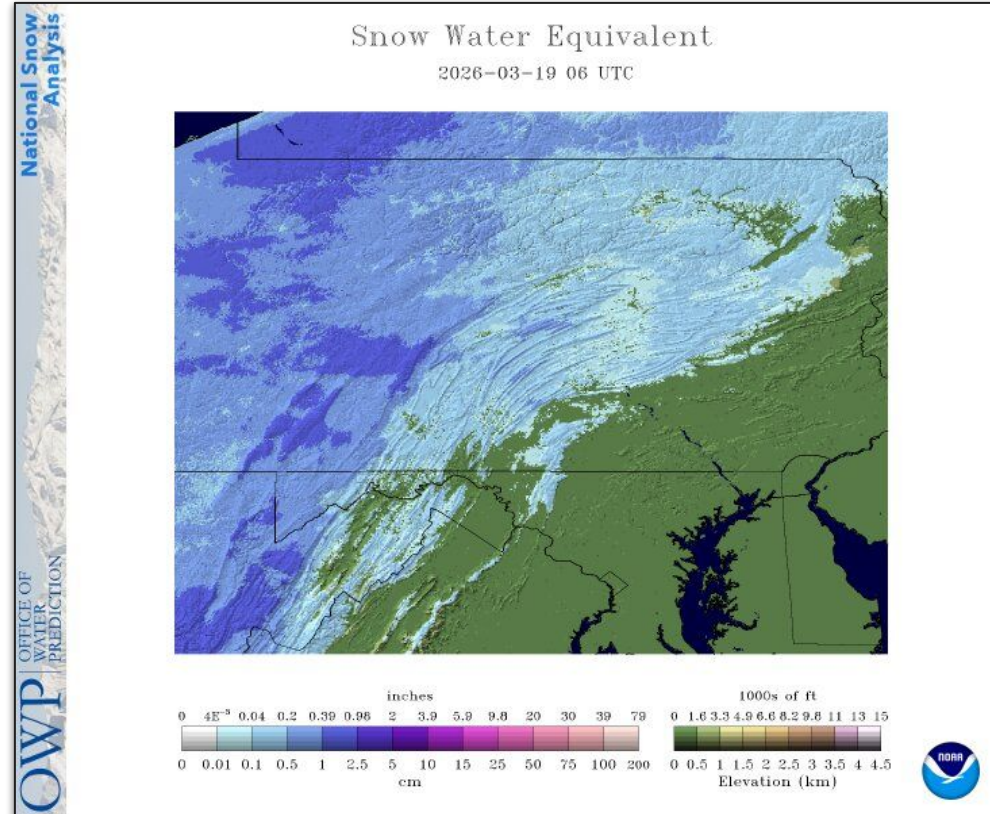




Latest Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)

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

- Snow water equivalent for mid-March is generally near to above average across central Pennsylvania.

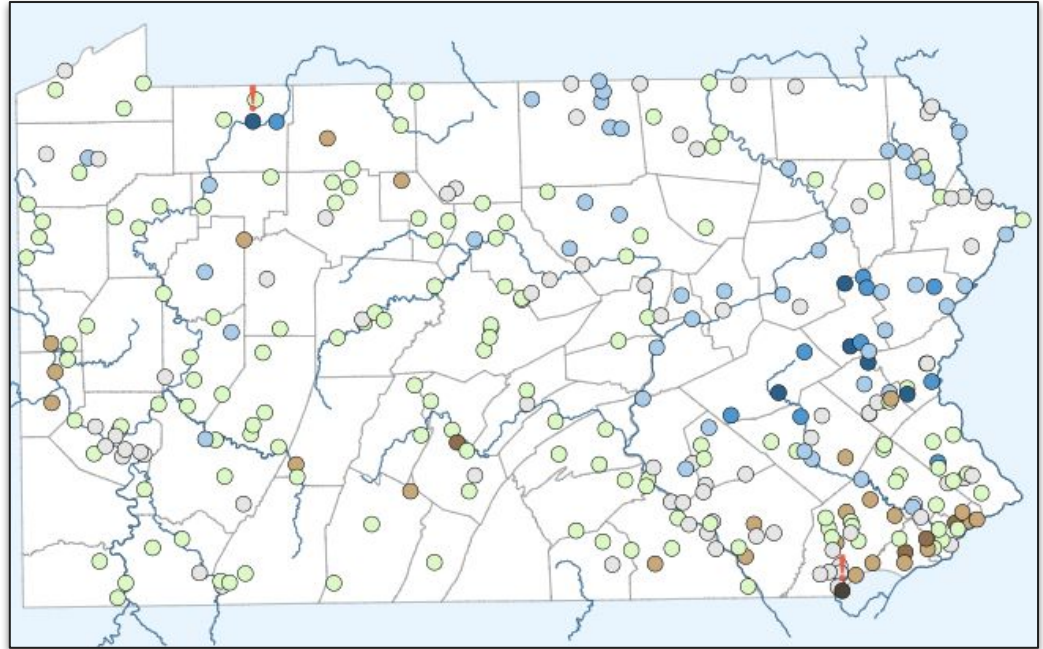




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Link to latest [USGS Streamflows](#)

- Streamflows in mid-March were generally near to slightly above average across central Pennsylvania.

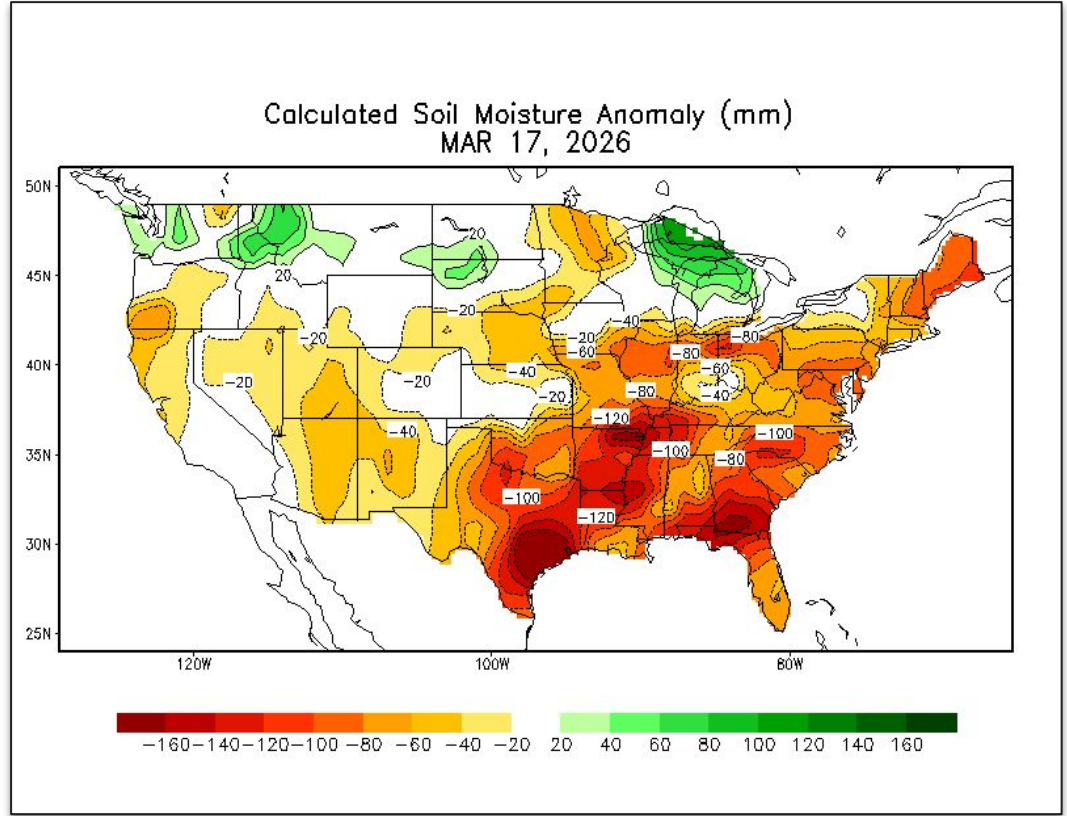




Soil Moisture Conditions

Link to [Nationwide Soil Moisture Conditions](#)

- Calculated soil moisture in mid-March was generally below to well below average across central Pennsylvania.

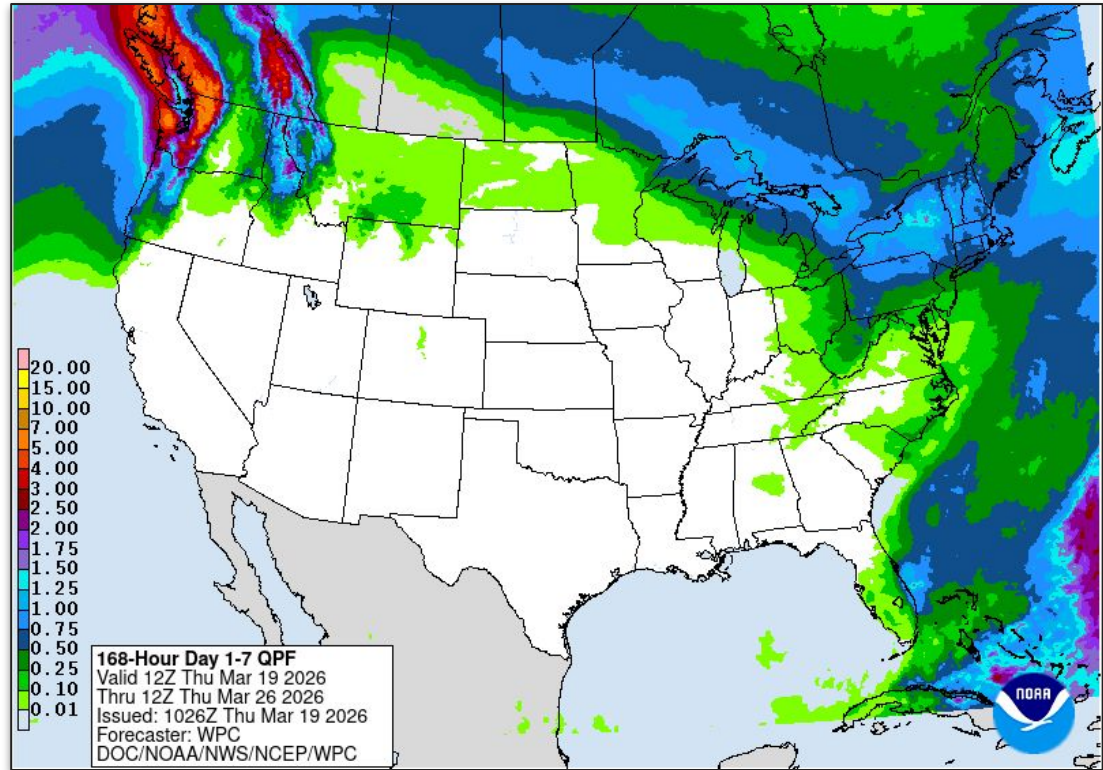




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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

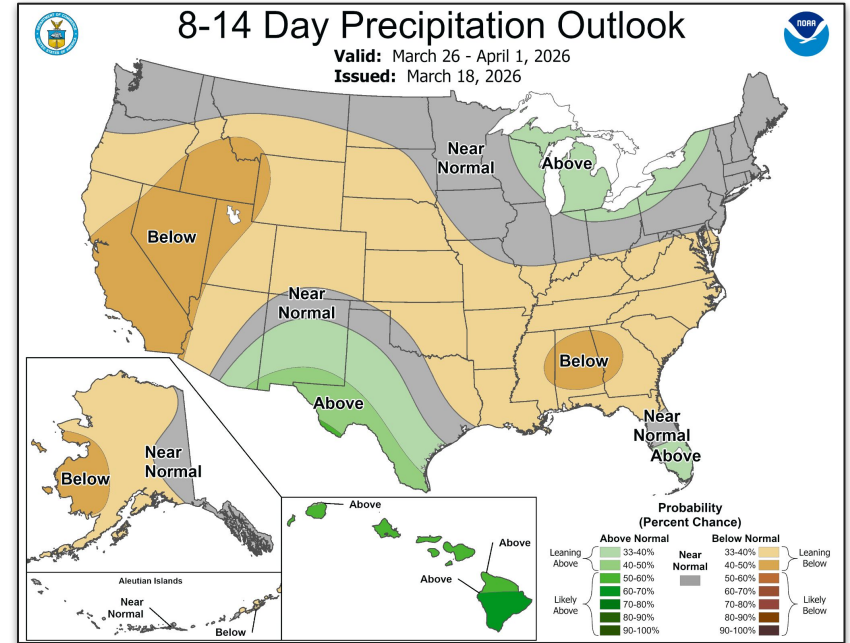
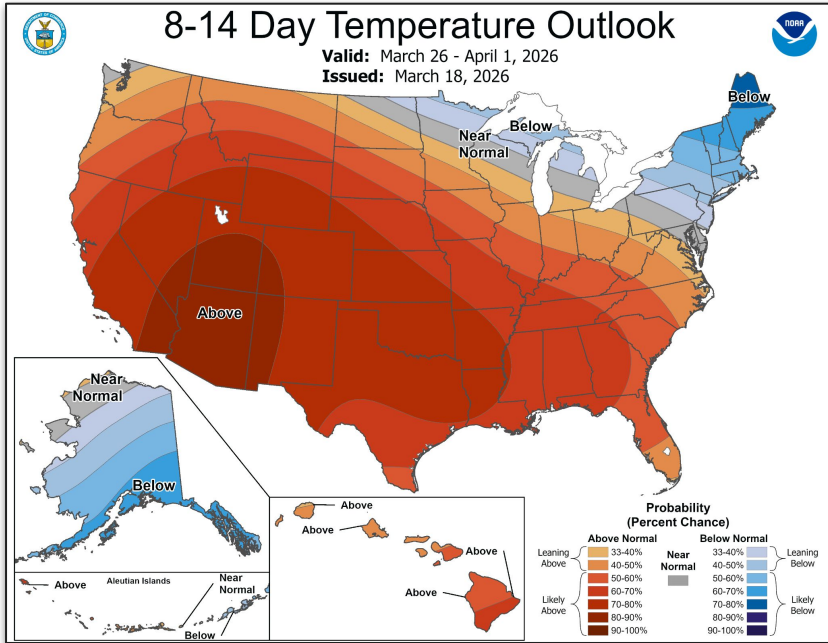
- The 7-day precipitation forecast ranges from a tenth to a quarter of an inch across far southeastern Pennsylvania to three-quarters of an inch to an inch across the north. This is near to below average for mid-March.





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](#)



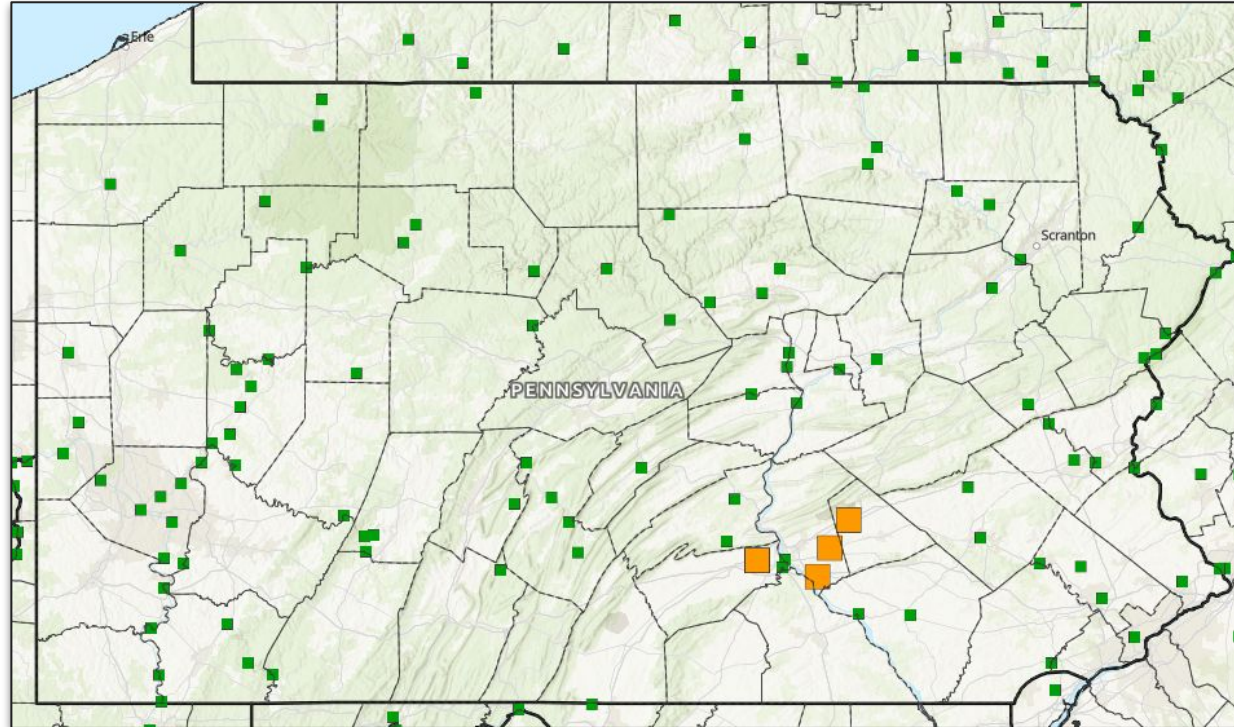
- 8-14 day temperatures will trend from below average across northeastern Pennsylvania to above average across the southwest. Precipitation will generally be near average to perhaps above average in the far northwest.





Long-Range River Outlook (25% Probability)

- These model forecasts take into consideration current, future, and historical trends.
- The forecast points highlighted in **orange** have a 25% or greater chance of exceeding flood stage this Spring, and include points on Swatara Creek and the Conodoguinet Creek.
- 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 above average; 60-day generally near average
 - Snow conditions: Near to above average
 - River Ice: n/a
 - Streamflow Conditions: Near to slightly above average
 - Soil Moisture Conditions: Below to well below average
 - Groundwater: Near to below average
 - Reservoir Conditions: Near to below average
 - Precipitation Forecast: Near to below average for the 7-day, and near average for days 8-14
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