

Drought Information Statement for Philadelphia/Mt. Holly Hydrologic Service Area

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- This product will be updated February 20, 2026 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/phi/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- The state of New Jersey has issued a Drought Warning for the entire state.
 - There are no state declarations in place for Delaware.
 - The state of Pennsylvania has issued a Drought Watch for Carbon, Monroe, Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, and Chester Counties.
 - The state of Maryland has issued a Drought Warning for our Maryland Eastern Shore counties.





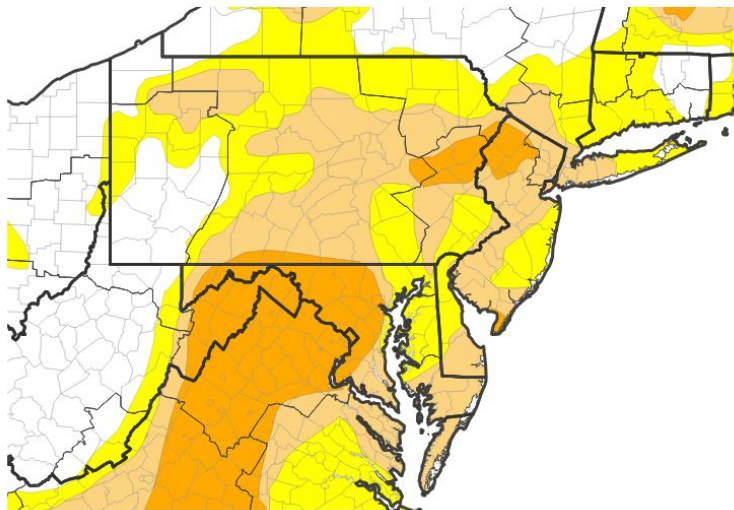
U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Philadelphia/Mt. Holly Hydrologic Service Area

○ Drought intensity and Extent

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: No Exceptional Drought exists across the Hydrologic Service Area (HSA).
- **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: No Extreme Drought exists across the HSA.
- **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Severe Drought exists across portions of northern and southern New Jersey, the southern Poconos, and the Lehigh Valley.
- **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Moderate Drought exists across portions of the four states we serve.
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Abnormally Dry conditions exist where drought isn't defined.

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

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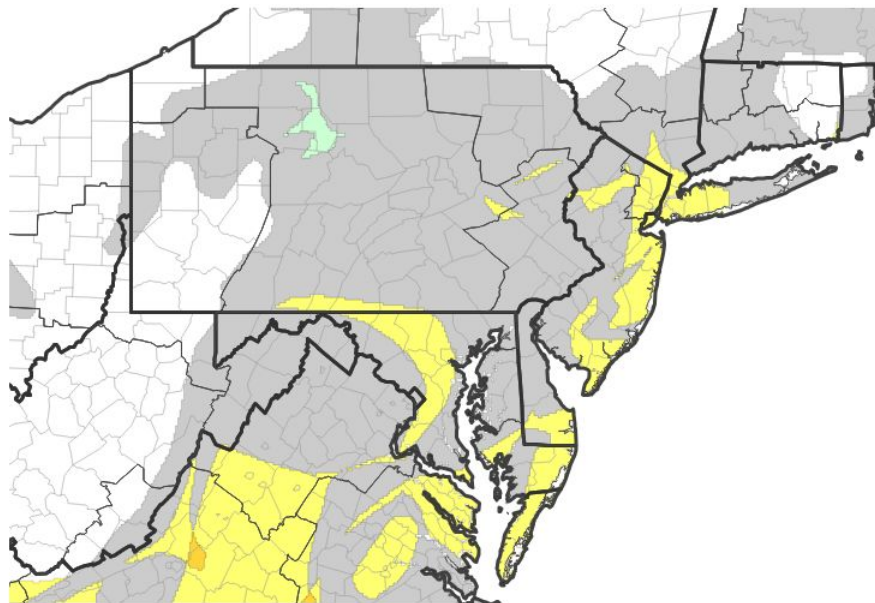


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

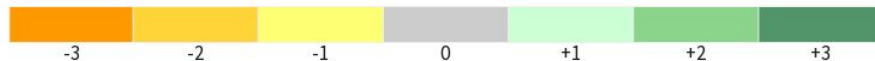
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Philadelphia/Mt. Holly Hydrologic Service Area

- A Four Week change map can be accessed from the link above.
- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change...
 - Drought Worsened: Degradation was observed across portions of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.
 - No Change: More areas remained the same versus showing degradation or improvement.
 - Drought Improved: No improvement was observed.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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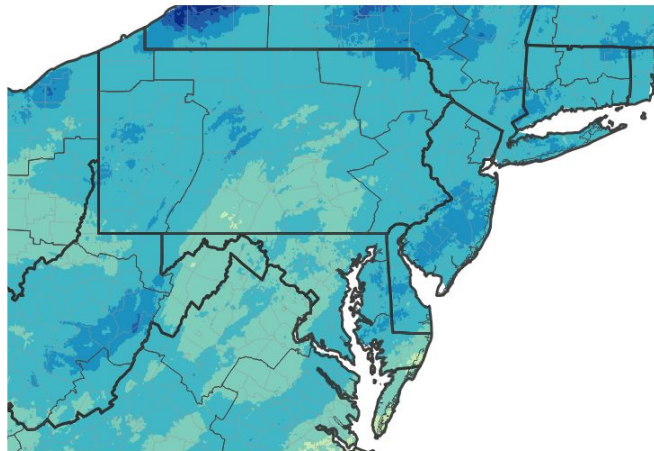


Precipitation

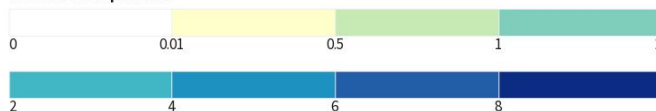
Last 30 Days

- Much of the area across the northern and western portions of our HSA have seen below normal precipitation the last 30 days. Southern areas have seen near normal or slightly above normal conditions.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



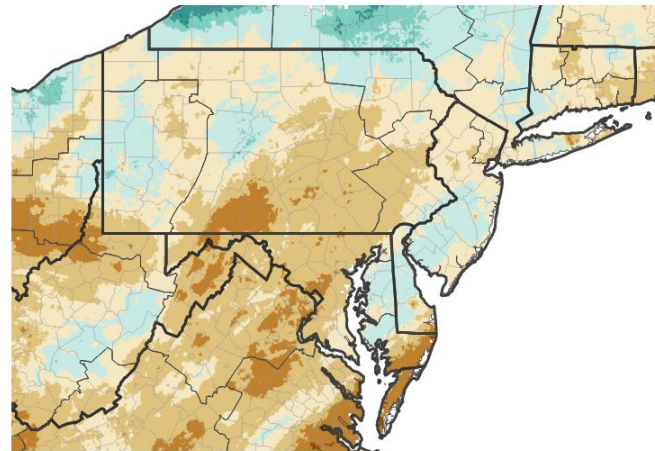
Inches of Precipitation



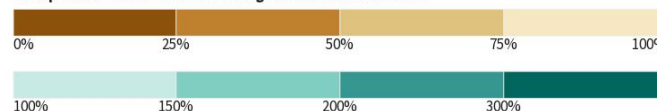
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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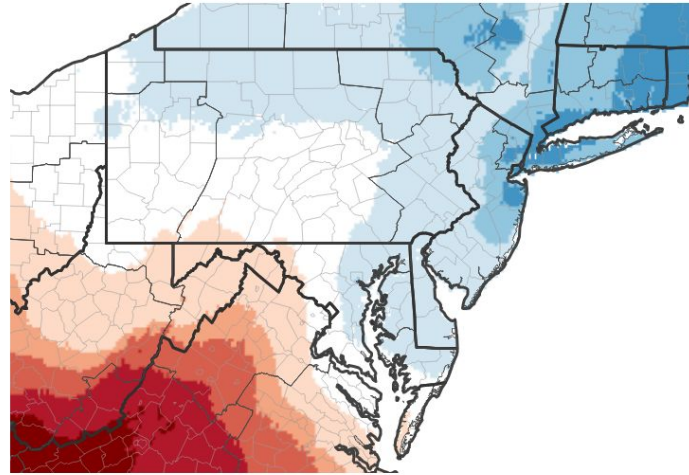
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Temperature

- When averaged (ending 1/09), the entire forecast area experienced below normal temperatures the last 7 days.
- Over the last 30 days, the entire forecast area experienced below normal temperatures as well.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



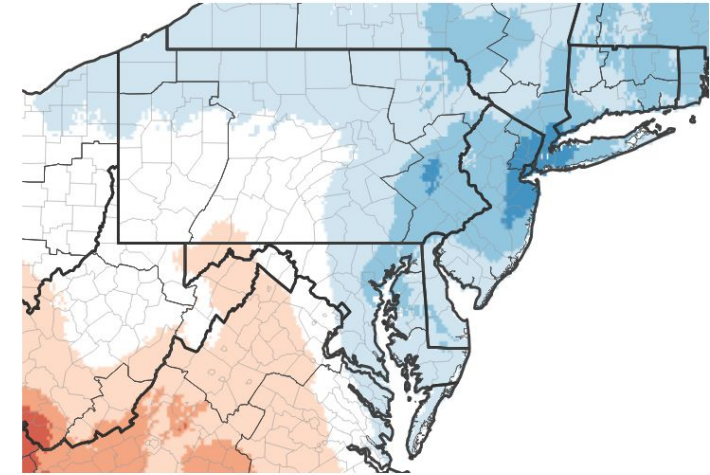
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



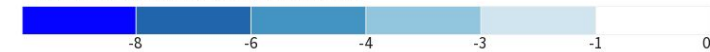
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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Seven-day average streamflow conditions, ending 1/13, were either normal or below normal.

Agricultural Impacts

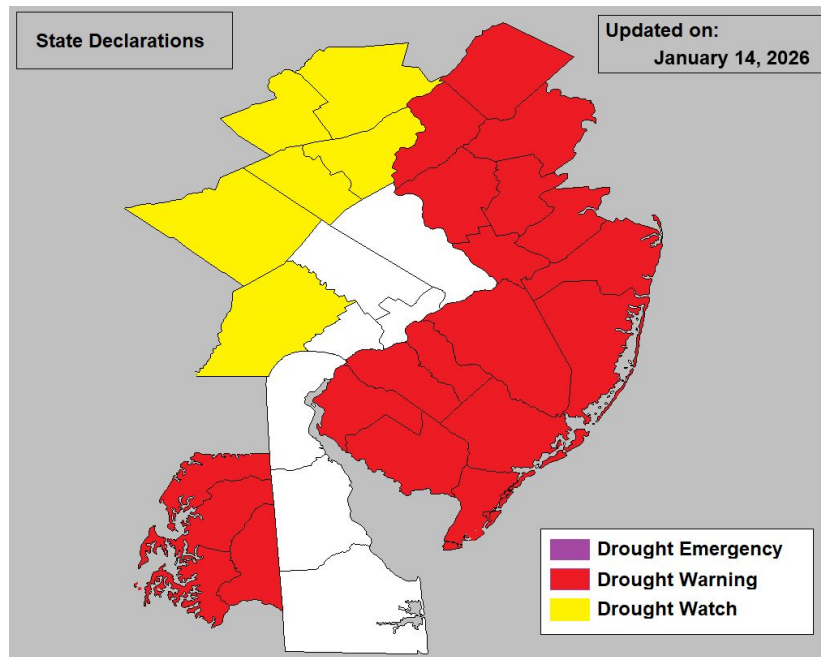
- Crop moisture was running above normal across much of the forecast area.
- See slide 8 for more details.

Other Impacts

- Per state DEPs, reservoir pools across the HSA were below normal to normal.
- Per the Delaware River Basin Commission, and as of January 12th, the salt front in the Delaware River Estuary was estimated at river mile marker 76. The normal location for this time of year is river mile marker 69. This indicates the salt line is further upstream compared to normal.

Mitigation Actions

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Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

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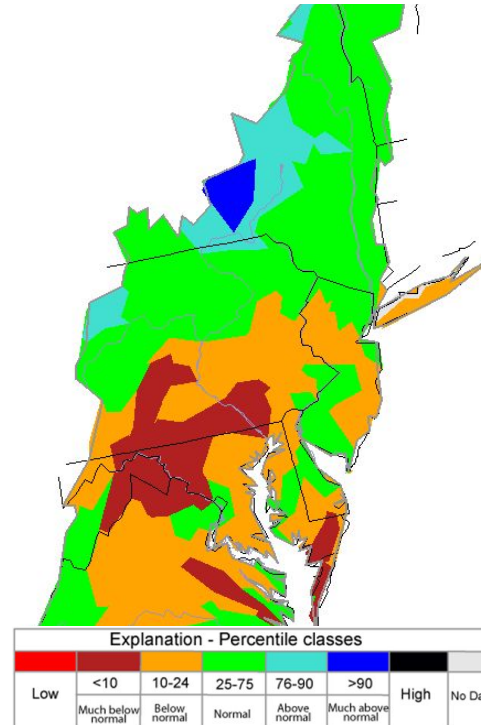
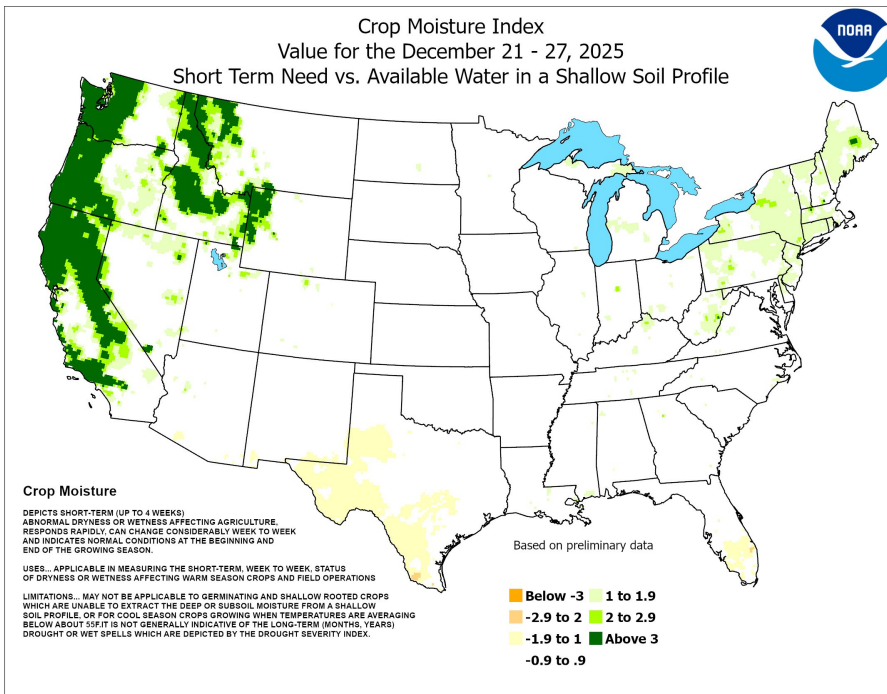


Image Caption: HUC map [USGS 7 day streamflow for the Mid-Atlantic](#) valid January 13, 2026



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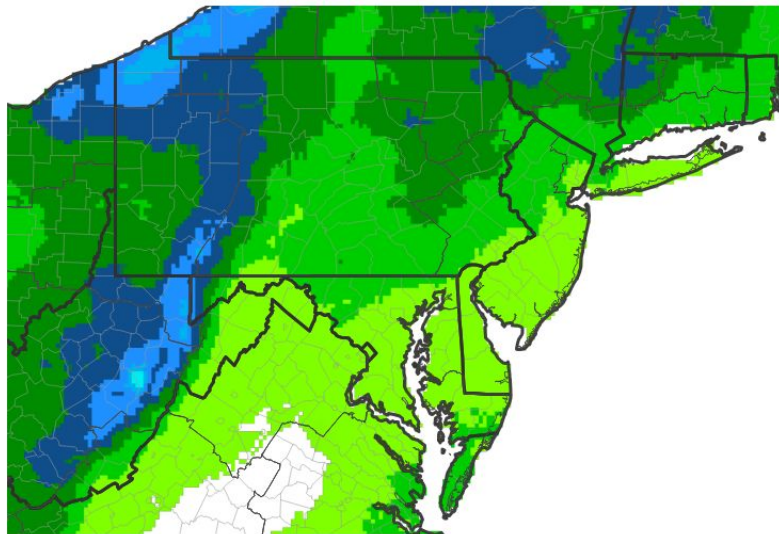


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

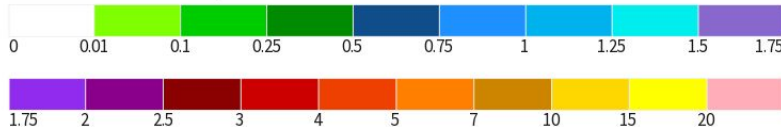
Low pressure will develop across the region into tonight. An associated cold front will push offshore early Thursday morning. Canadian high pressure will build to our southwest through end of the week. A couple of systems may impact the area over the weekend into early next week, then Canadian high pressure returns into the middle of next week.

The 8 to 14 day outlook calls for below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for January 13, 2026–January 20, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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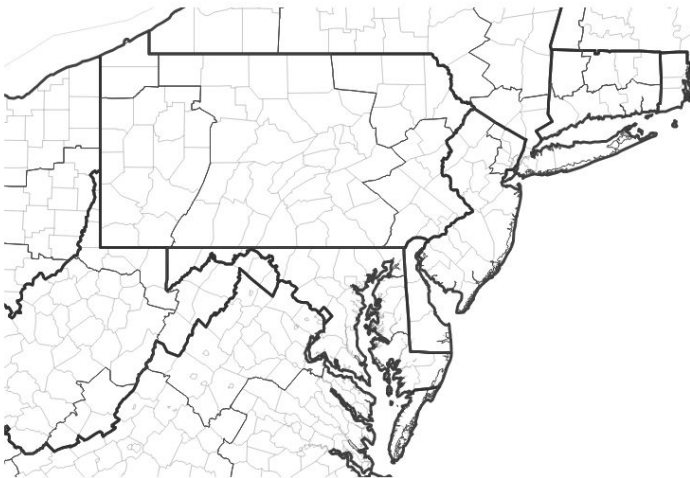


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- There are no signals suggesting average monthly precipitation will be either above or below normal.
- Long-Range signals suggest average monthly temperatures have a greater chance of either being normal or below normal versus above normal.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for January 1, 2026–January 31, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



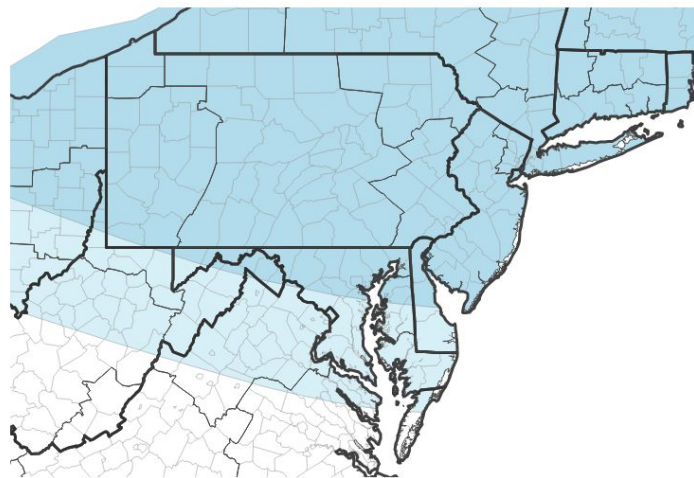
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for January 1, 2026–January 31, 2026



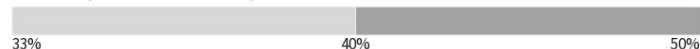
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



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