



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

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- This product will be updated August 21, 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.
 - The state of Delaware has issued a Drought Watch for the entire state.
 - The state of Pennsylvania has issued either a Drought Watch or Drought Warning for our southeast Pennsylvania Counties.
 - The state of Maryland has issued a Drought Warning for our Maryland Eastern Shore counties.





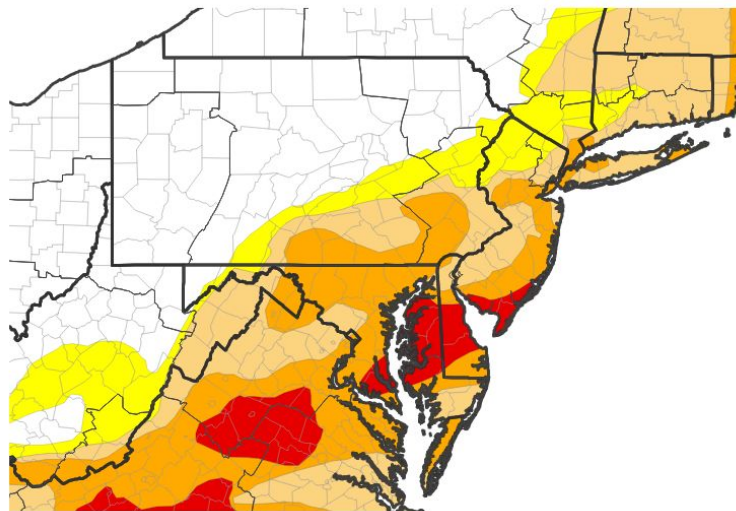
U.S. Drought Monitor

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):** Extreme Drought exists across portions of southern New Jersey and the Delmarva.
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Severe Drought exists across portions of New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Moderate Drought exists across about 3/4s of our HSA.
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Abnormally Dry conditions exist across the southern Poconos and portions of the Lehigh Valley and northwest New Jersey.

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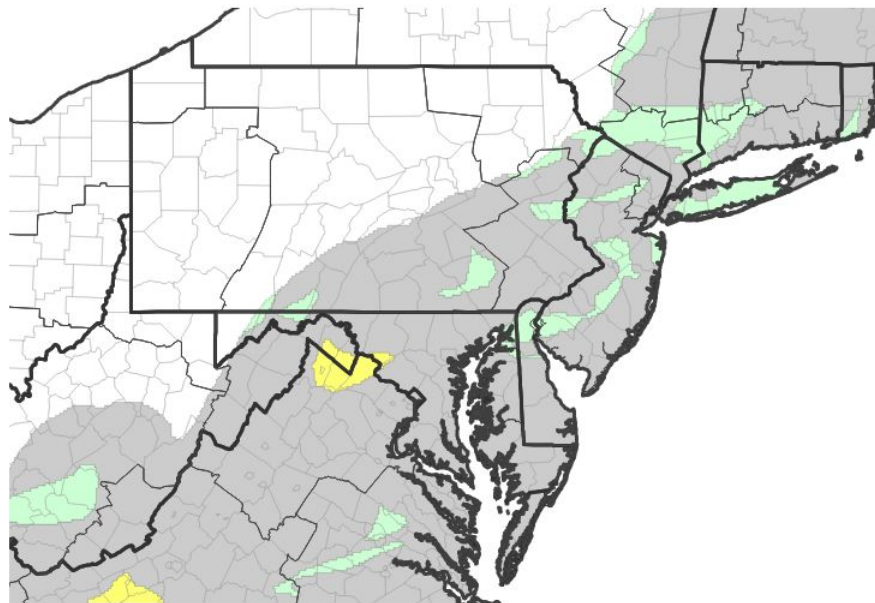


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

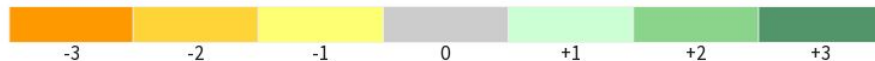
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Philadelphia/Mt. Holly Hydrologic Service Area

- A Four Week change map can be accessed from the link above.
- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change...
 - Drought Worsened: No degradation was observed across the four states we serve.
 - No Change: Most areas remained the same versus experiencing degradation or improvement.
 - Drought Improved: Minor improvement was observed across the four states we serve.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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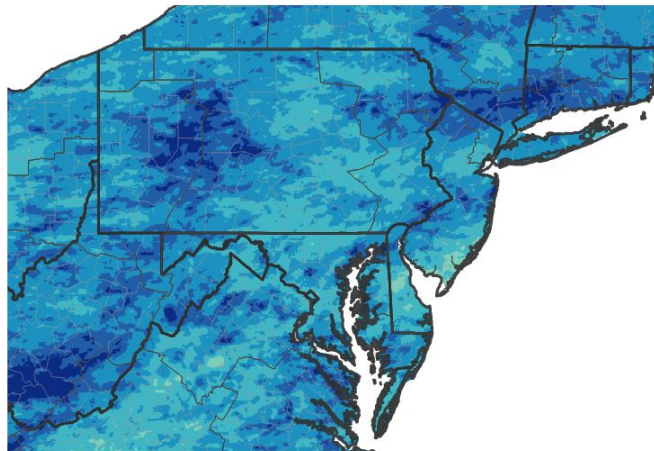


Precipitation

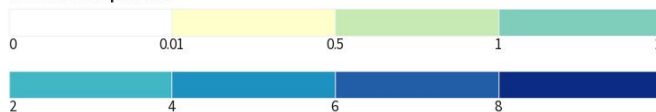
Last 30 Days

- Precipitation totals the last 30 days are mixed across the region mainly due to thunderstorms. Locations that experienced thunderstorms are running above normal, and those that didn't, are running below normal.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



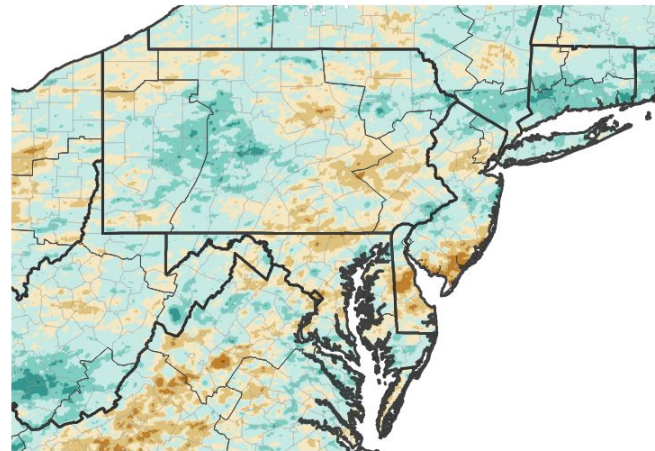
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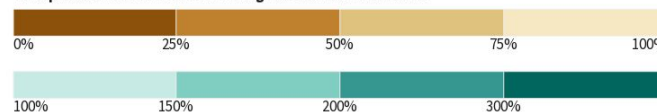
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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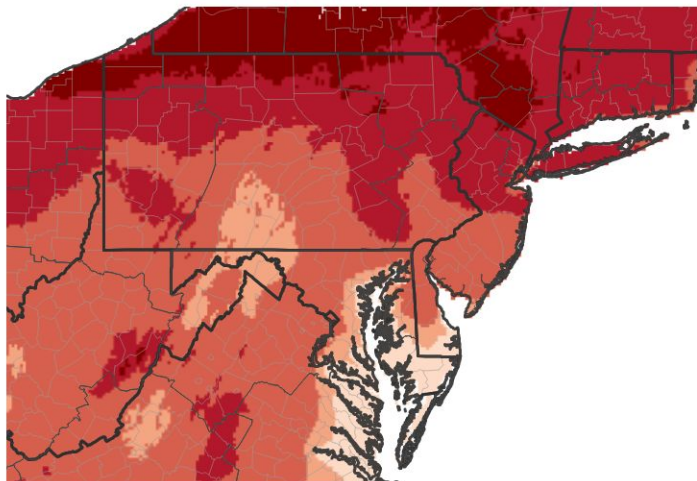
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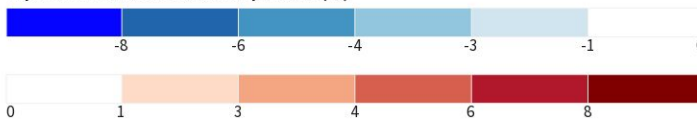
Temperature

- For the 7-Day Temperature Anomaly (ending 7/4), all of the forecast area experienced above normal temperatures.
- For the 30-Day temperature anomaly, again, all of the forecast area experienced above normal temperatures.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



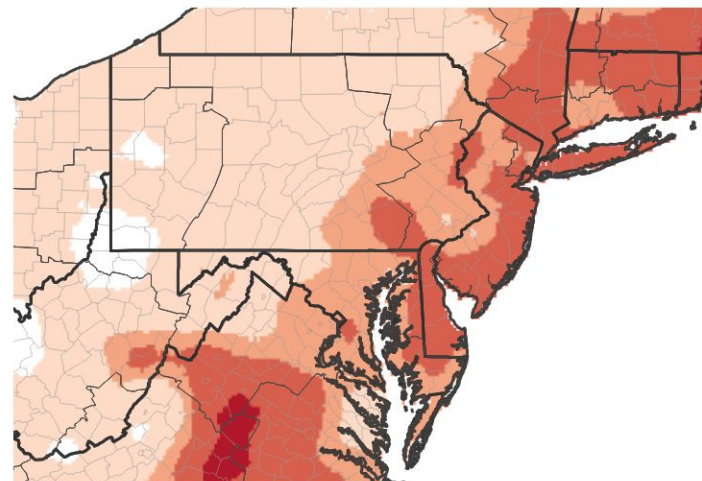
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



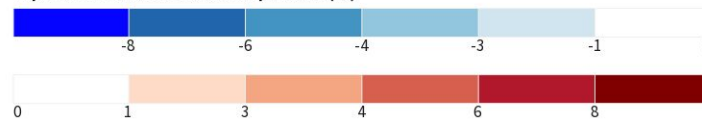
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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Seven-day average streamflow conditions, ending 7/9, were mainly below normal.

Agricultural Impacts

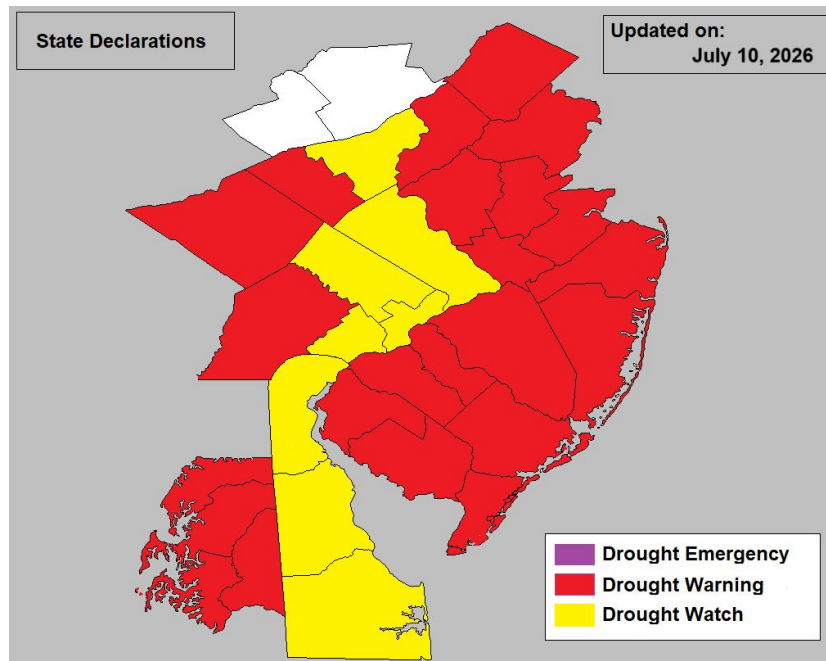
- Between June 28th and July 4th, crop moisture was either below normal or normal across the HSA.
- See slide 8 for more details.

Other Impacts

- Per state DEPs, reservoir pools across the HSA were mainly below normal to normal.
- Per the Delaware River Basin Commission, and as of July 6th, the salt front in the Delaware River Estuary was estimated at river mile marker 77.3. The normal location for this time of year is river mile marker 70. This indicates the salt line is further upriver compared to normal.

Mitigation Actions

- Per the state of New Jersey, a Drought Warning has been issued for the entire state.
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Keep in mind, the National Weather Service does not declare Drought Watches or Warnings.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

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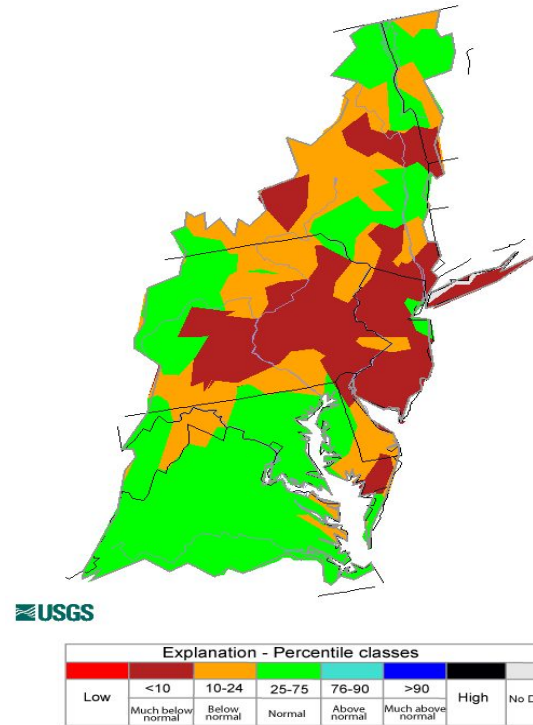
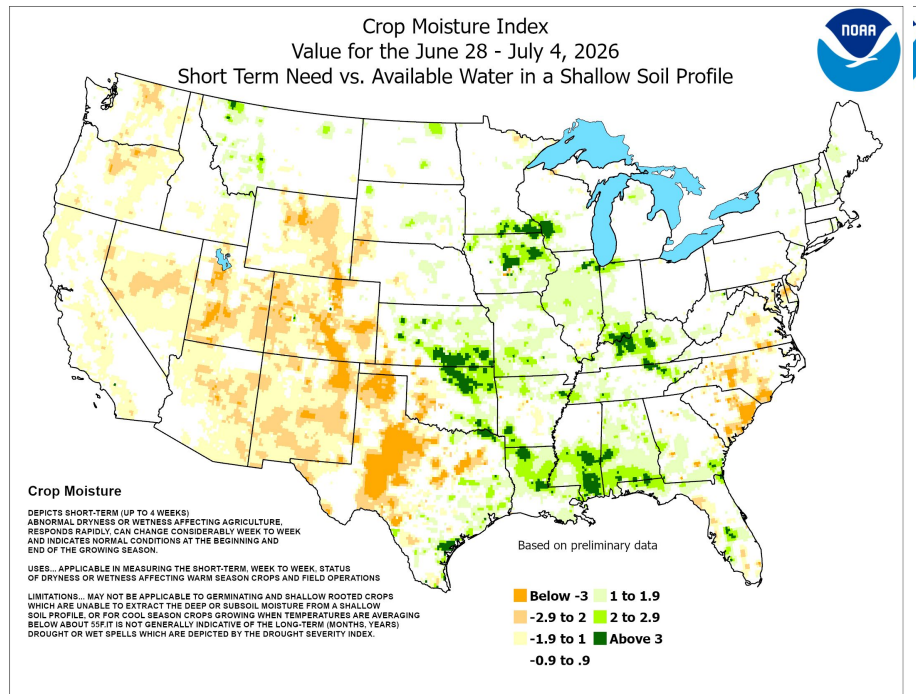


Image Caption: HUC map [USGS 7 day streamflow for the Mid-Atlantic](#) valid July 9, 2026



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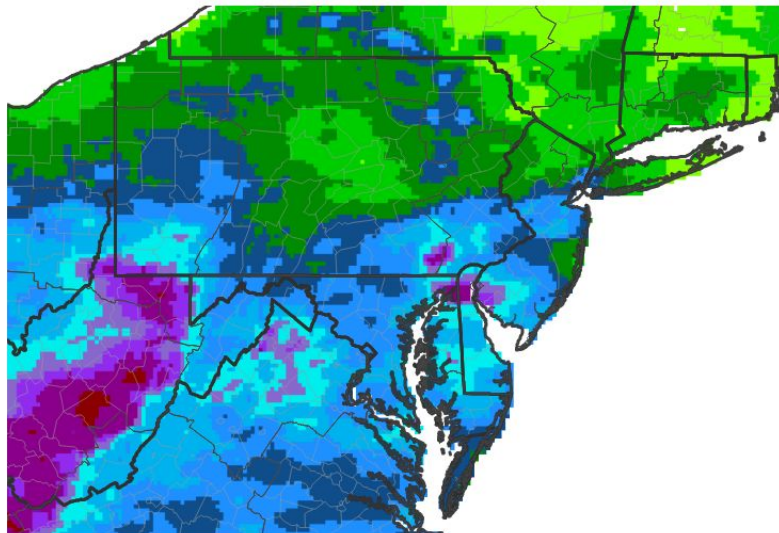


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

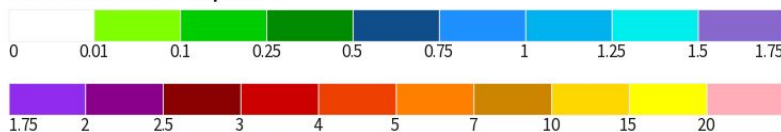
A cold front will slowly track across the region through Saturday. High pressure will then move in for the back half of the weekend and first half of next week. A frontal system could move in later next week.

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

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for July 9, 2026–July 16, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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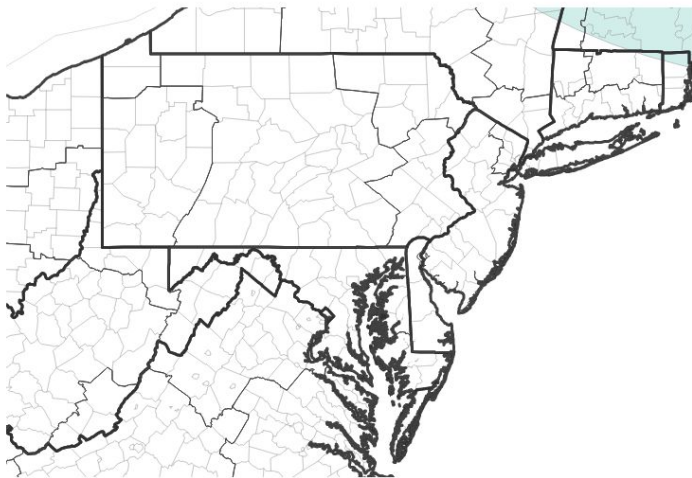


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Long-Range signals suggest July's average monthly precipitation will be about normal.
- Long-Range signals suggest July's average monthly temperatures have a greater chance of being above normal.

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



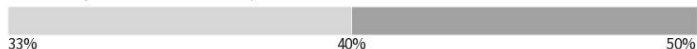
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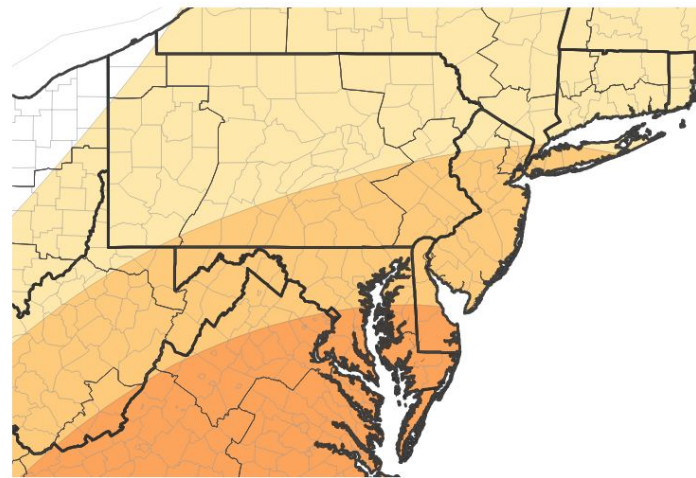
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



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