

Drought Information Statement for Central Pennsylvania

Valid **November 29, 2024**

Issued by: WFO State College

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated **December 6, 2024** 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/CTP/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- Slight improvement has been observed across portions of northern and western PA.
 - A Drought Warning continues for Schuylkill County.

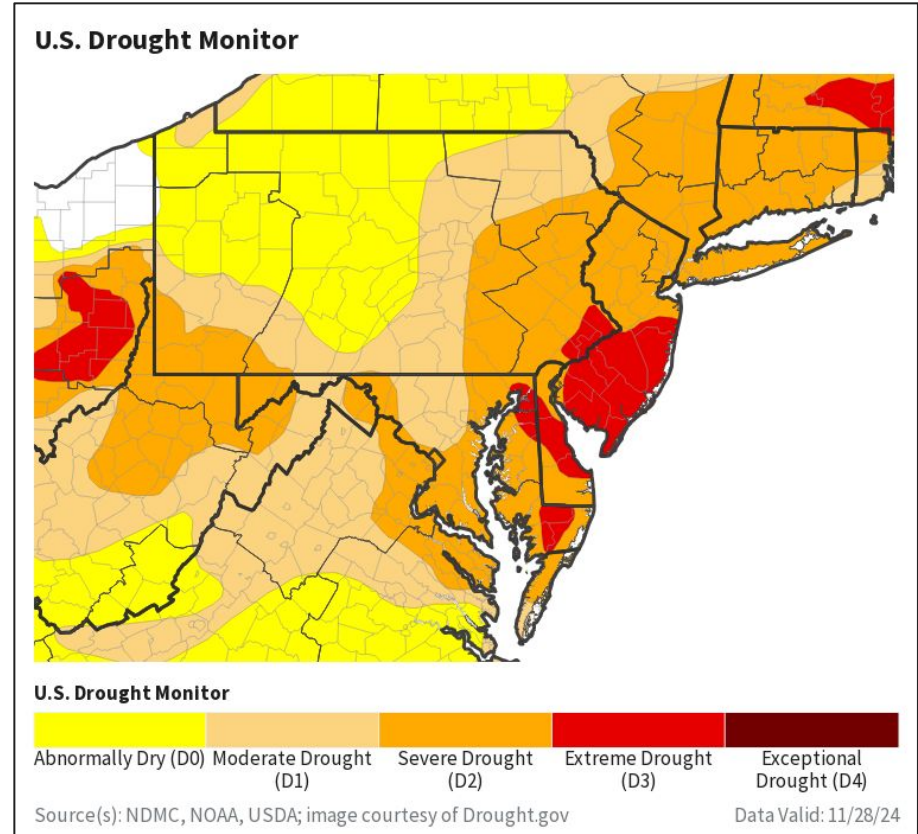




U.S. Drought Monitor

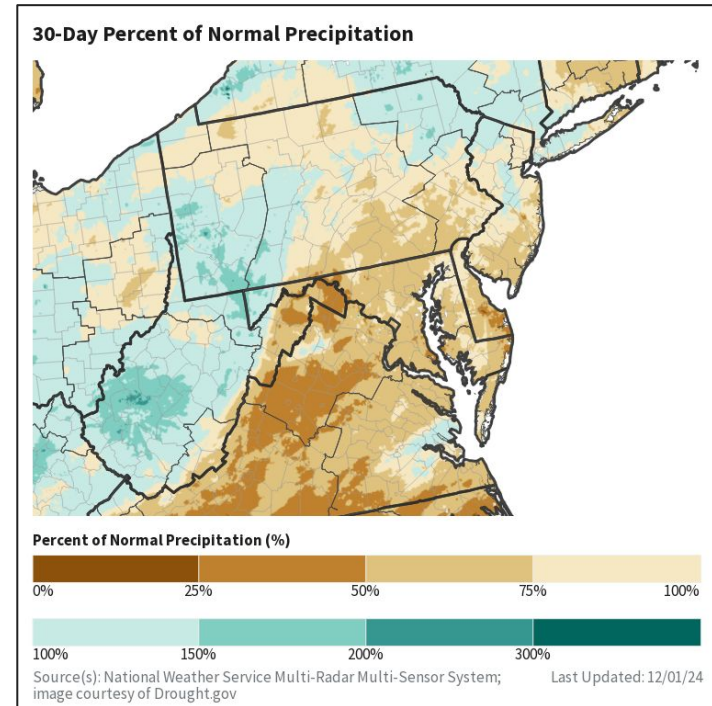
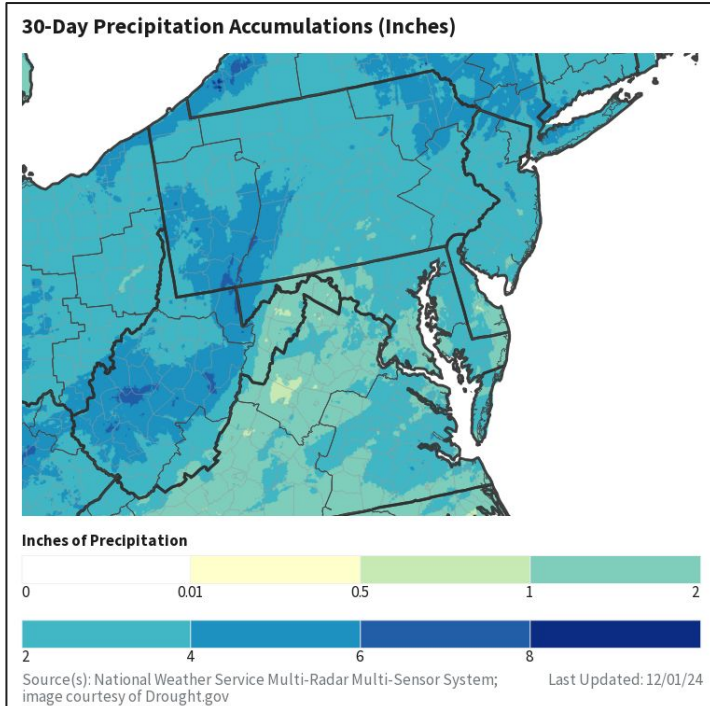
Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

- Drought Intensity and Extent:
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Somerset, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Columbia, Northumberland
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Cambria, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Union, Snyder, Lycoming, Tioga, Montour, Sullivan
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Warren, McKean, Potter, Elk, Cameron, Clearfield, Blair, Centre, Clinton, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata





Precipitation and Percent of Normal

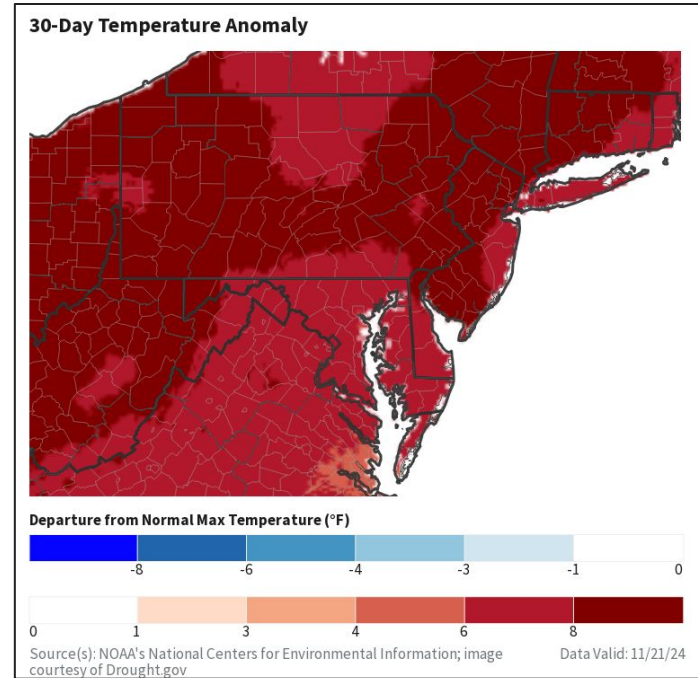
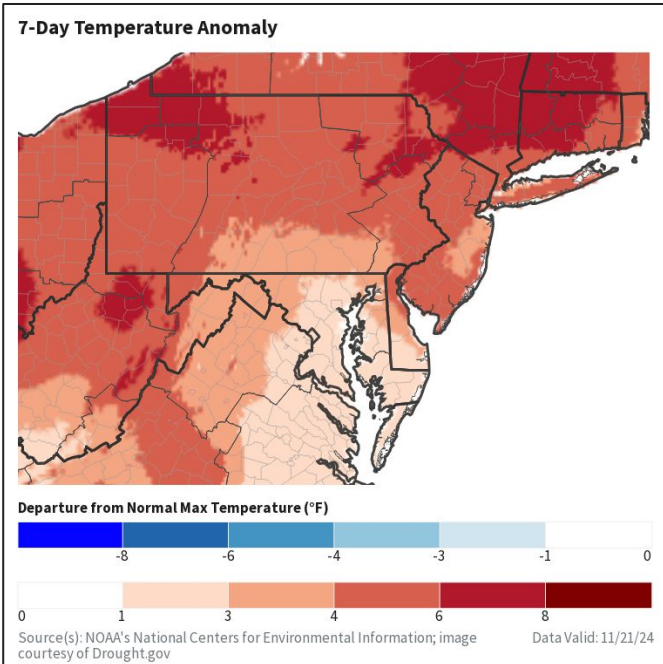


- Precipitation over the past 30 days has remained below average across much of the region, outside of southwestern & far northeastern Pennsylvania.





Temperature Anomalies



- Temperatures have been above to well above average over the past 7 days and the past 30 days.





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Several communities, primarily across southern Pennsylvania, have enacted either voluntary or mandatory water restrictions.

Agricultural Impacts

- Agriculture has largely gone dormant for the season across Pennsylvania.

Fire Hazard Impacts

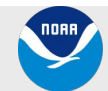
- Fire hazards remain elevated across primarily the southeastern half of the commonwealth.

Other Impacts

- Burn bans are in effect for the following Central Pennsylvania counties (per the PA DCNR and/or local officials): Somerset, Blair, Huntingdon, Franklin, York, Lebanon, Montour, and Columbia. Burn bans are also in effect for many individual municipalities across primarily the southeastern half of the commonwealth.

Mitigation Actions

- See “Hydrologic Impacts” above.

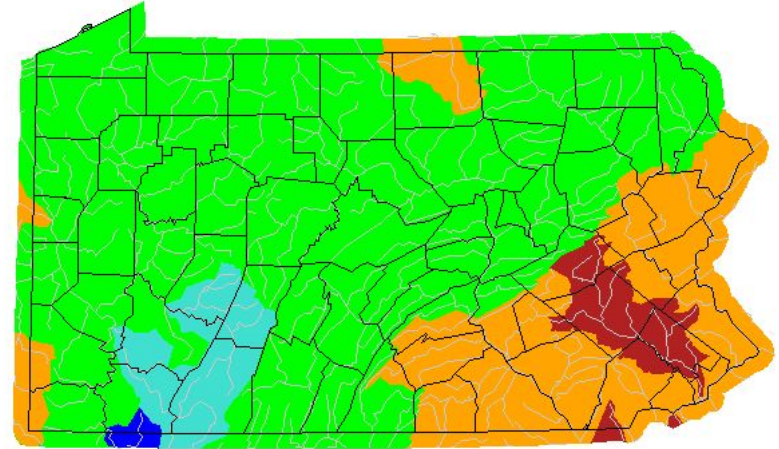




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Sunday, December 01, 2024

- Streamflows remain below to well below average across southeastern Pennsylvania, but have recovered to near normal elsewhere.



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

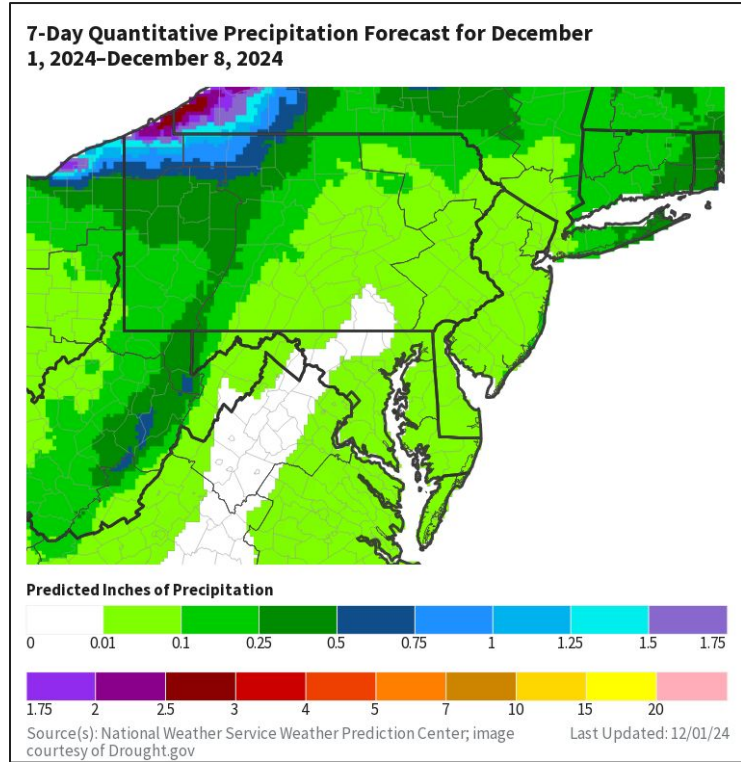
Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid December 1, 2024





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The 7-day precipitation forecast will mainly comprise of snowfall, and range from a liquid equivalent of 1-2 inches across far northwestern PA to little if any across southeastern PA.

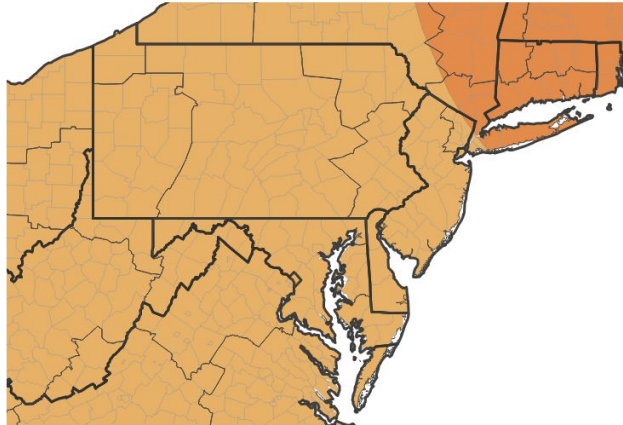




Long-Range Outlooks

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

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2024–January 31, 2025



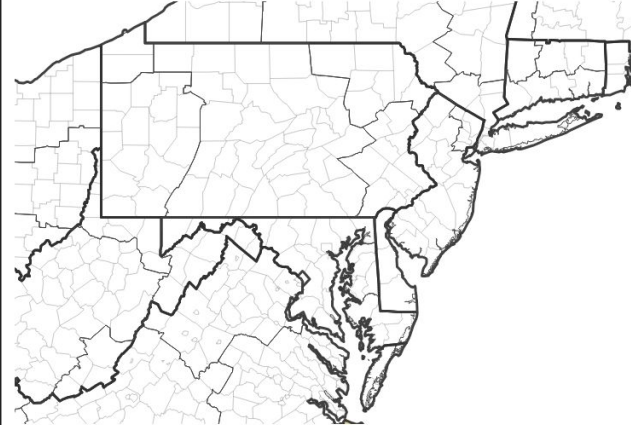
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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for November 1, 2024–January 31, 2025



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- The seasonal outlook for November 2024 through January 2025 calls for above average temperatures and near average precipitation.



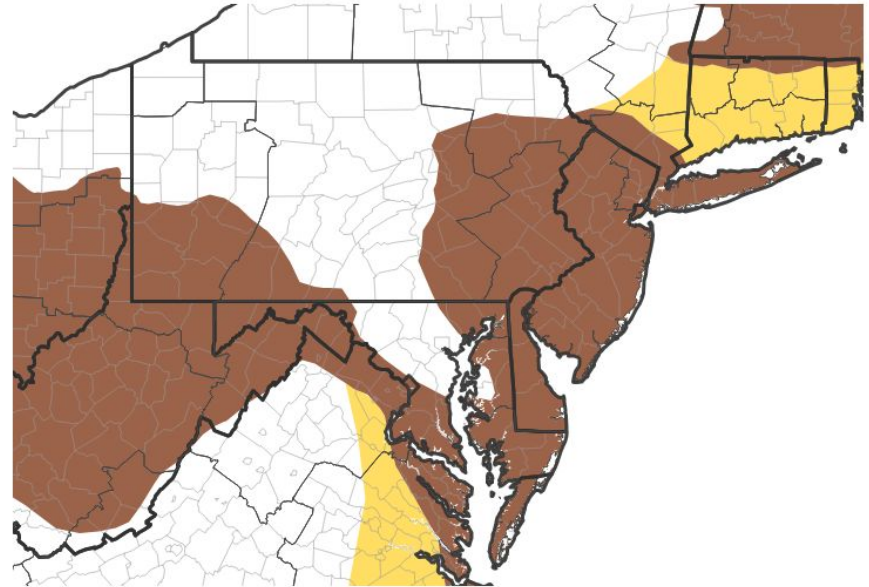


Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are expected to persist across southwestern and much of eastern Pennsylvania through the remainder of November 2024.

1-Month Drought Outlook for November 1, 2024–November 30, 2024



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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