

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

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- This product will be updated December 13, 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/phi/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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  - The state of Delaware has issued a Drought Watch for the entire state.
  - The state of Pennsylvania has issued a Drought Watch for east-central and southeast portions of the state and a Drought Warning for Berks county.



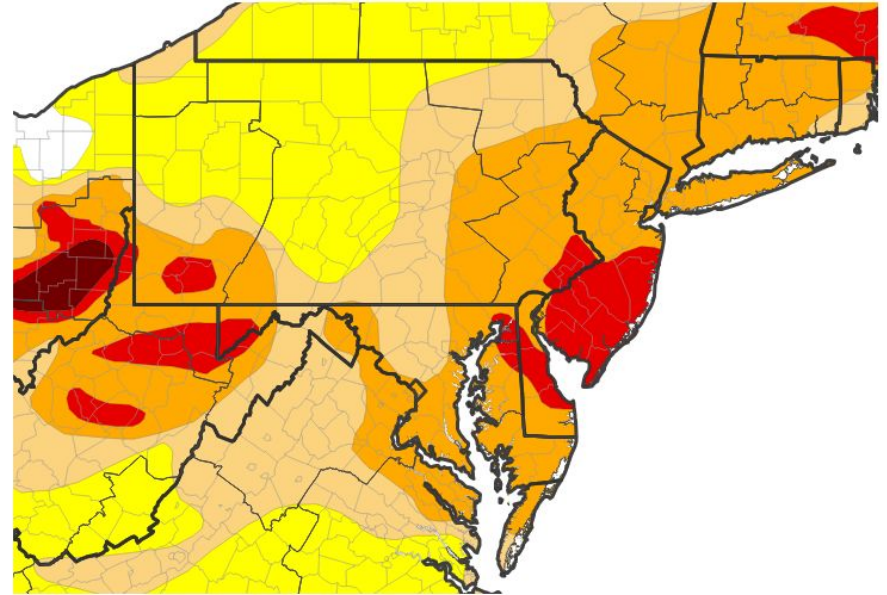


# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for the Philadelphia/Mt Holly Forecast 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 New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the Delmarva.
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: The entire forecast area is at least in Severe Drought.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: The entire forecast area is at least in Moderate Drought.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: The entire forecast area is at least considered Abnormally Dry.

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

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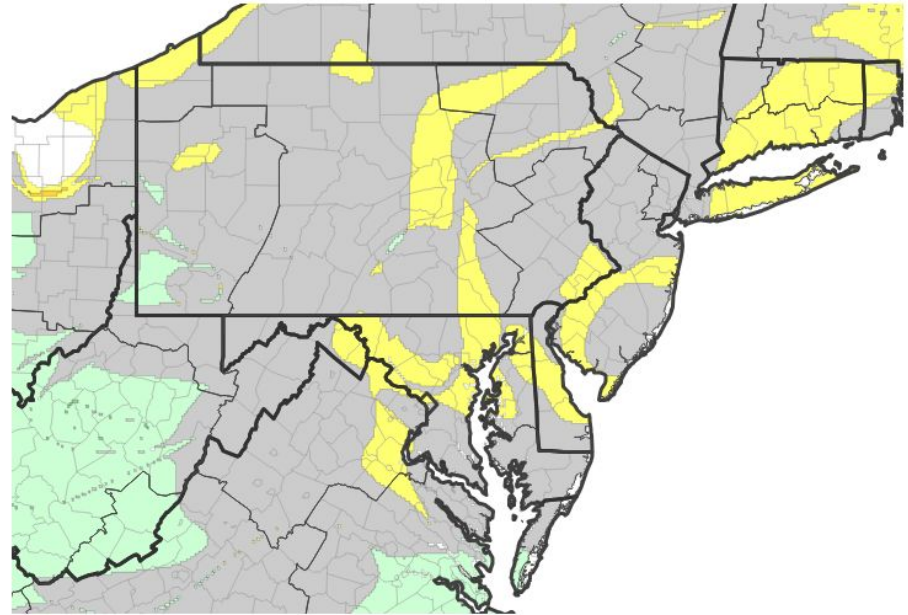


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

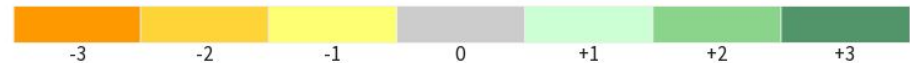
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Philadelphia/Mt Holly Forecast Area

- A Four Week change map can be accessed from the link above.
- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change...
  - Drought Worsened: Across portions of east-central and southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the Delmarva.
  - No Change: If drought didn't worsen, conditions remained the same across portions of east-central and southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the Delmarva.
  - Drought Improved: No improvement was observed.

## U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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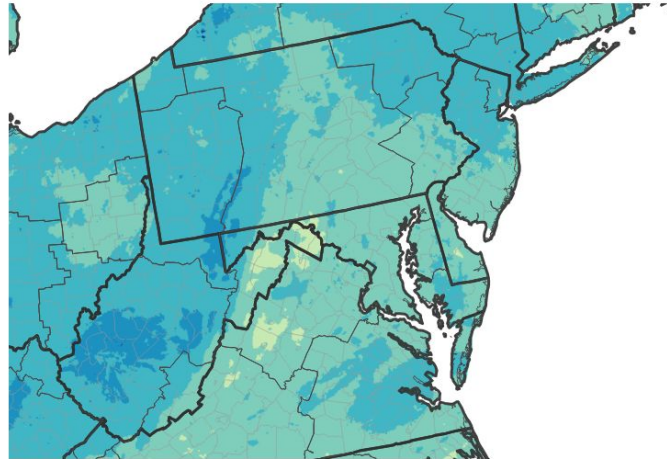


# Precipitation

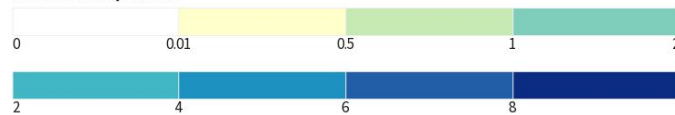
Last 30 Days

- The entire HSA has seen rainfall deficits over the last 30 days.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



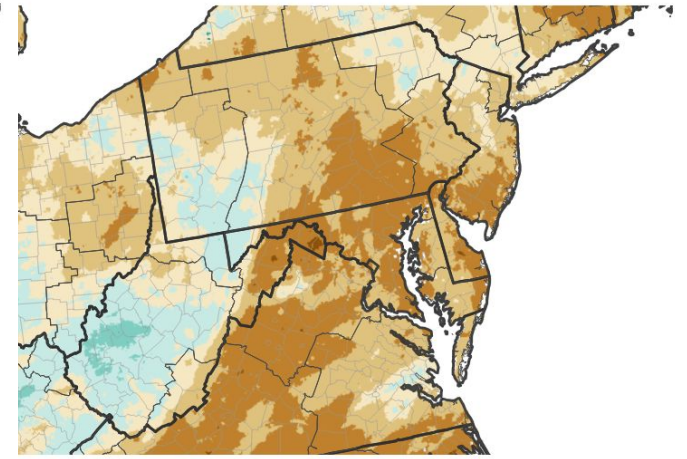
Inches of Precipitation



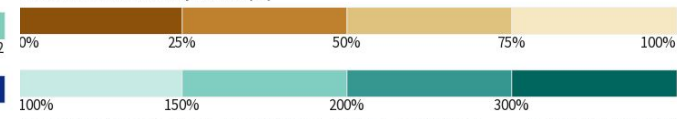
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)



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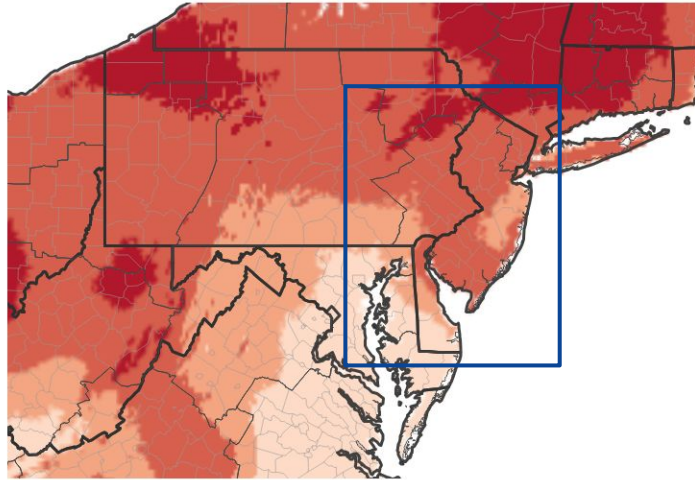




# Temperature

- The entire region has seen above normal temperatures the last 7 days.
- Over the last 30 days, temperatures have also been above normal.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



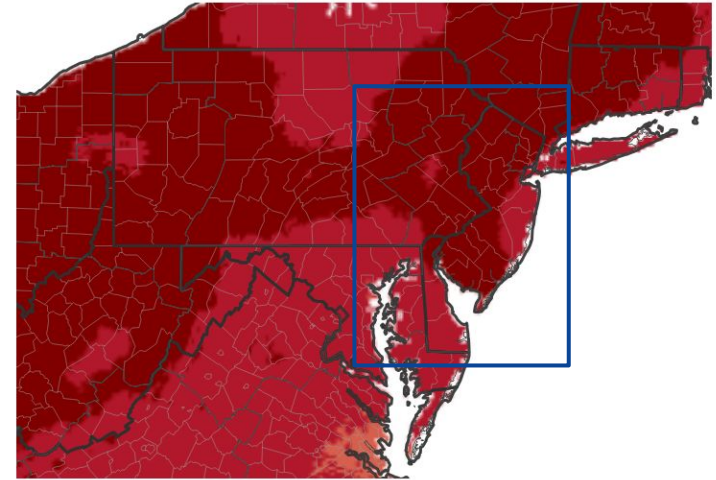
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



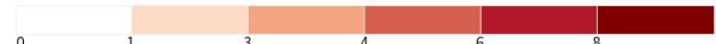
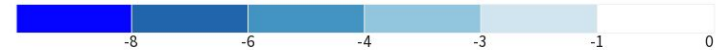
Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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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 11/27, were mainly below normal.
- See the next slide for more details.

## Agricultural Impacts

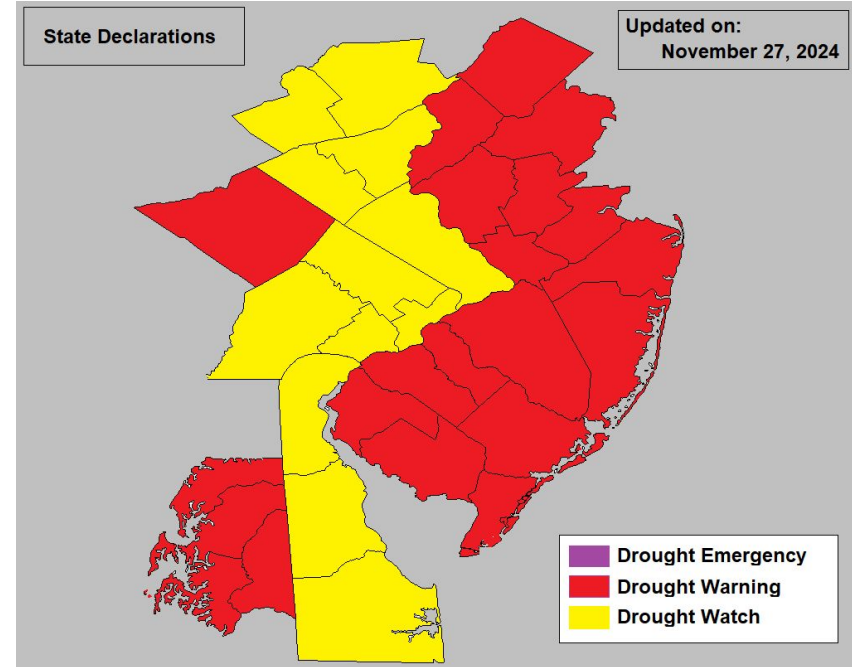
- Soil moisture was running below normal.
- See slide 8 for more details.

## Other Impacts

- Per state DEPs, reservoir pools across the HSA varied from normal to below normal.
- Per the Delaware River Basin Commission, and as of November 25th, the salt front in the Delaware River Estuary was estimated at river mile 89.5. The normal location for this time of year is river mile marker 70. This means the salt line was further upstream compared to normal.

## Mitigation Actions

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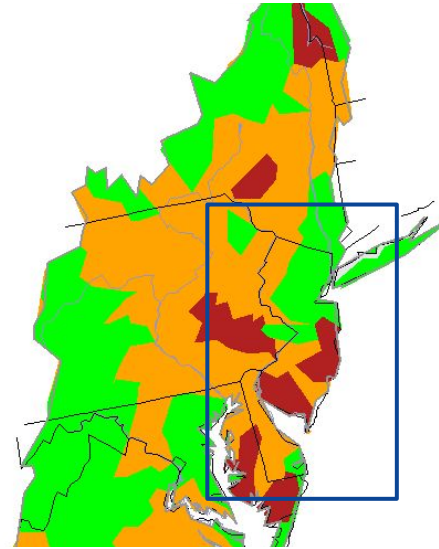
Keep in mind, the National Weather Service does not declare Drought Watches or Warnings.





# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- With the lack of recent rain, the seven-day average streamflow conditions, ending 11/26, were below normal. The exceptions were the northern half of New Jersey and lower Delaware where near normal flows were more common.



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: HUC map [USGS 7 day streamflow for the Mid-Atlantic](#) valid November 26, 2024

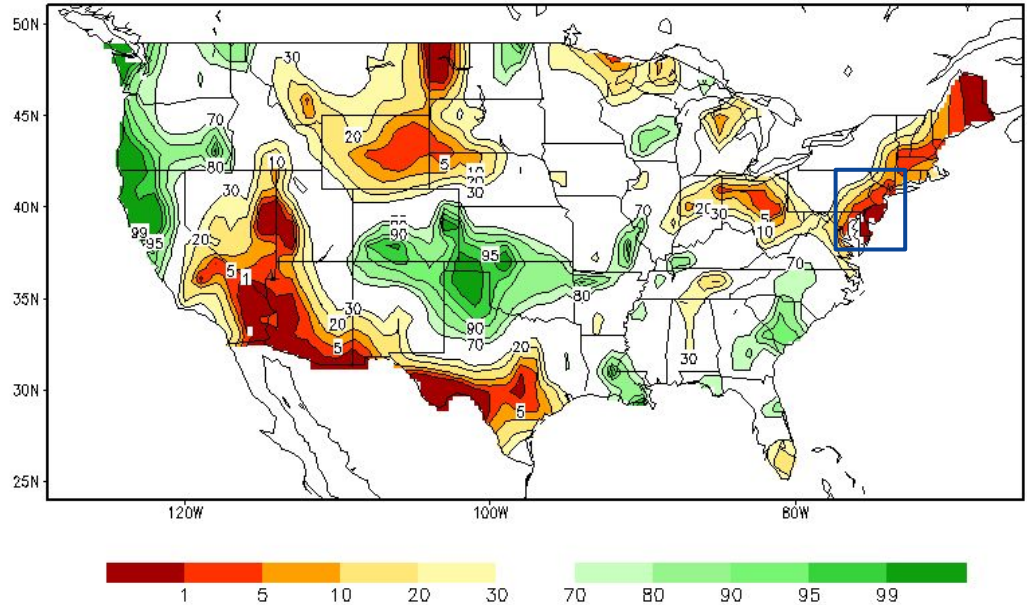




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- Soil moisture was running below normal across the HSA.

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile  
NOV 26, 2024



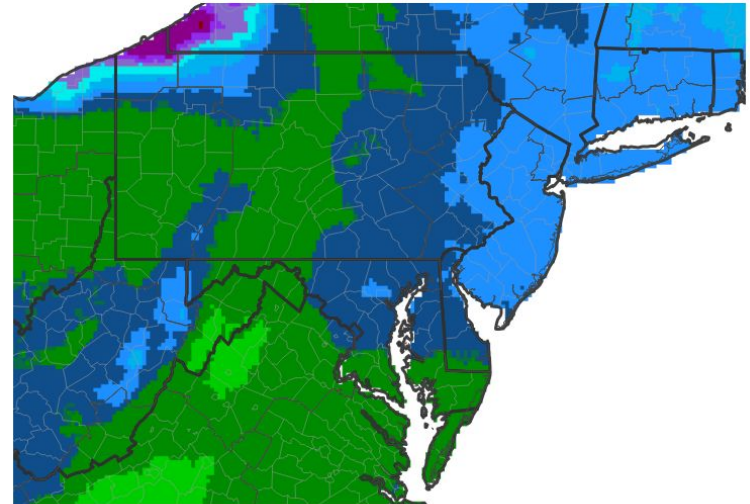




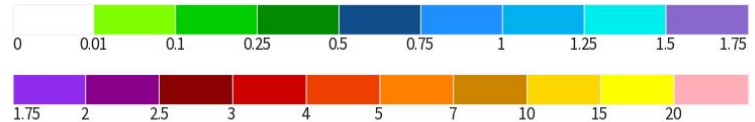
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- High pressure is in control today. A low pressure system will take aim at the area late tonight into Thanksgiving Day bringing another round of precipitation to the region, mostly in the form of rain. Cold Canadian high pressure will then build into the area on Friday and persist through at least early next week.
- The 8 to 14 day outlook calls for below normal temperatures and near normal precipitation.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for November 26, 2024–December 3, 2024



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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