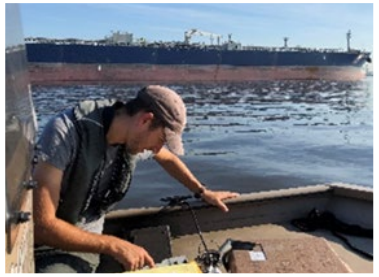

Hydrologic Conditions

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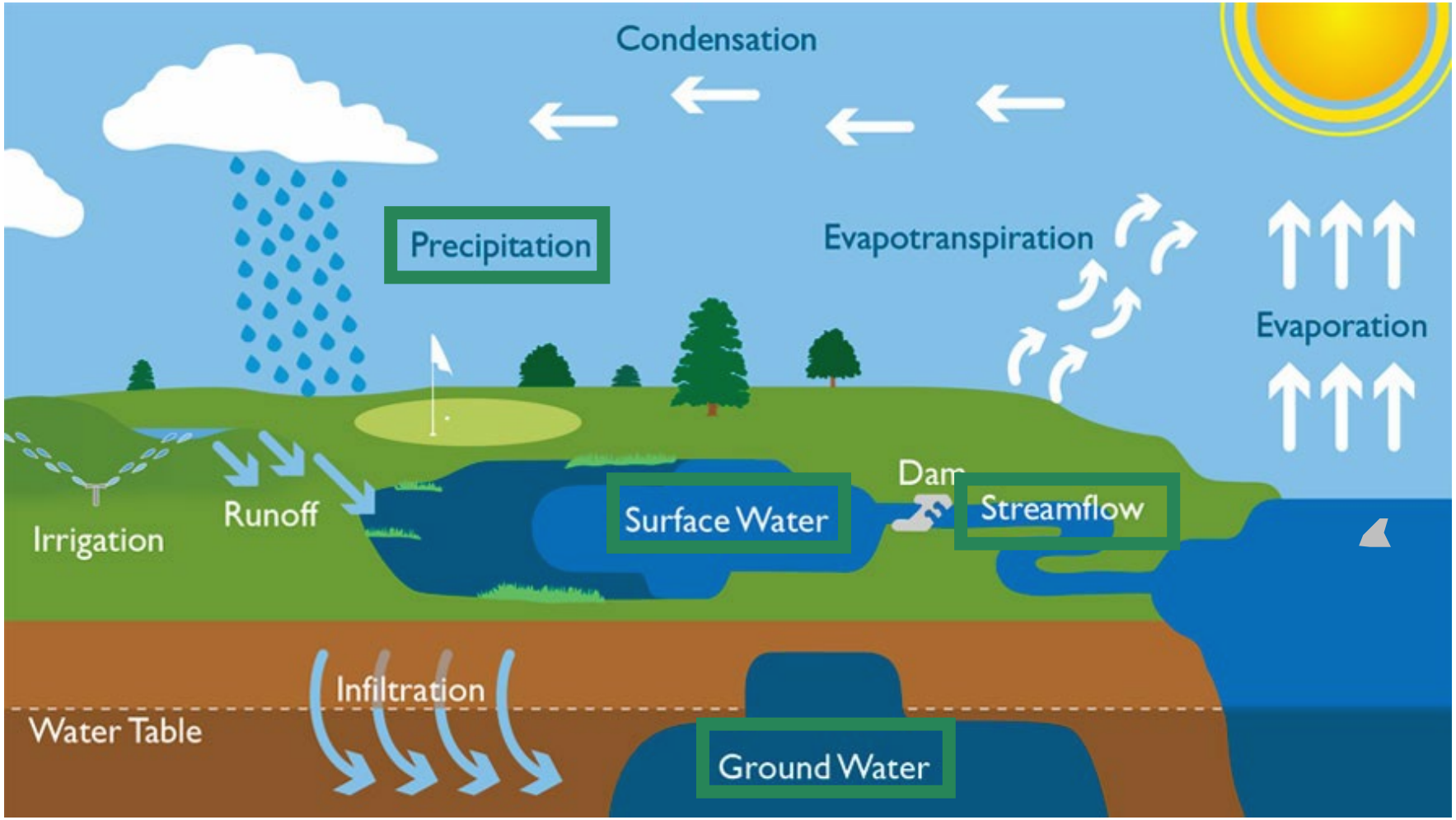
The Hydrologic Cycle

Water moves around the earth through air, soil, and over land.



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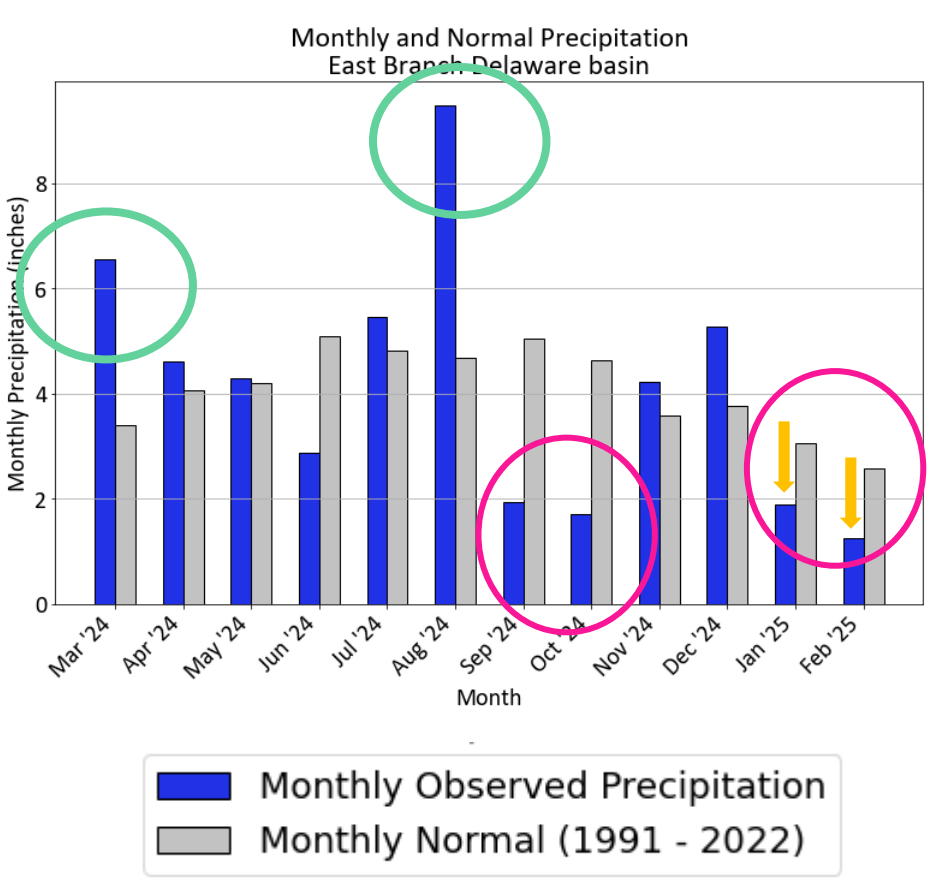
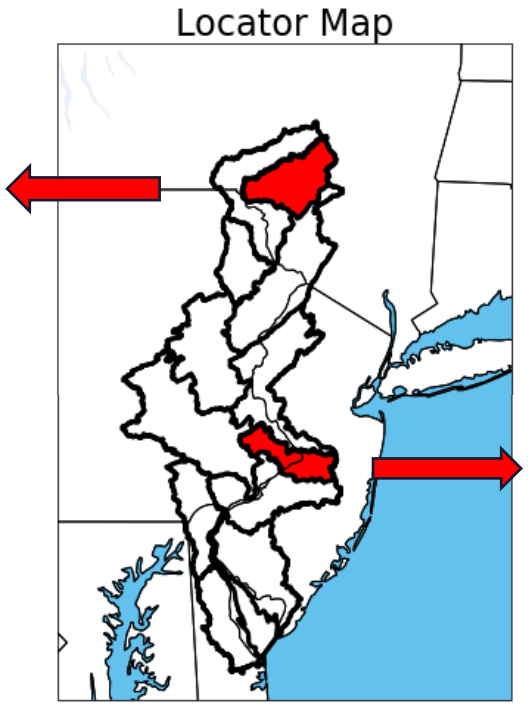
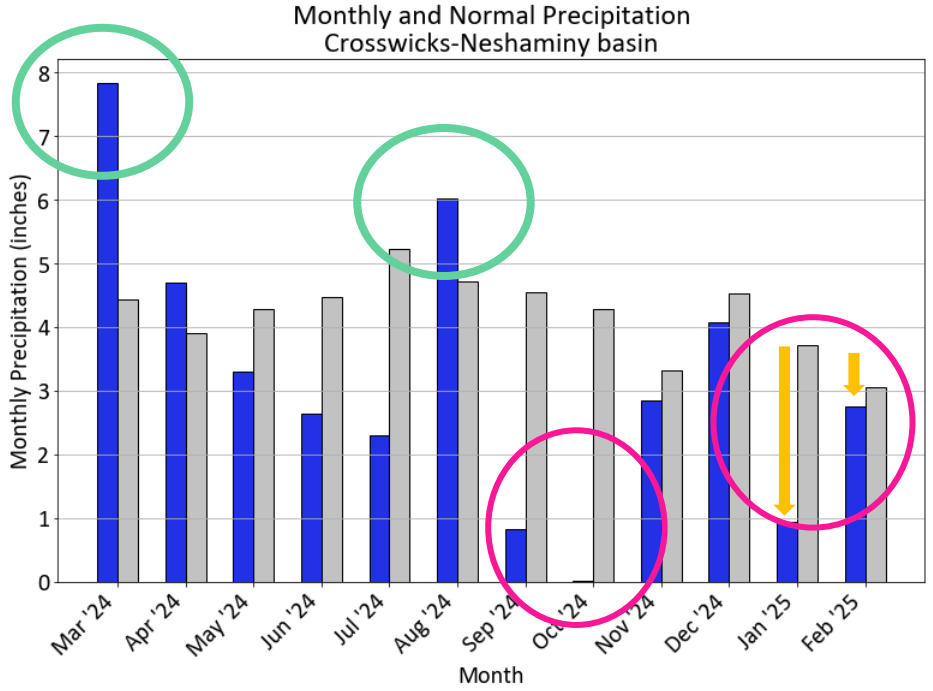
Precipitation from March 2024 to February 2025
(past 365 days)







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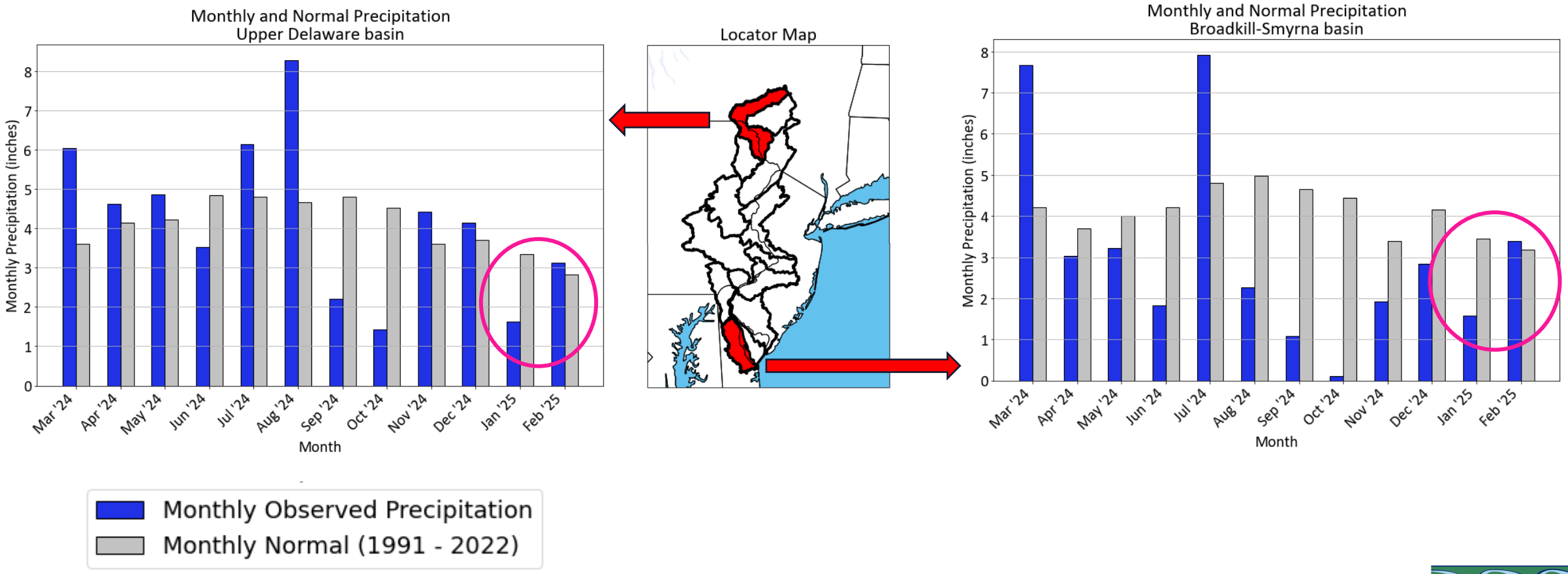

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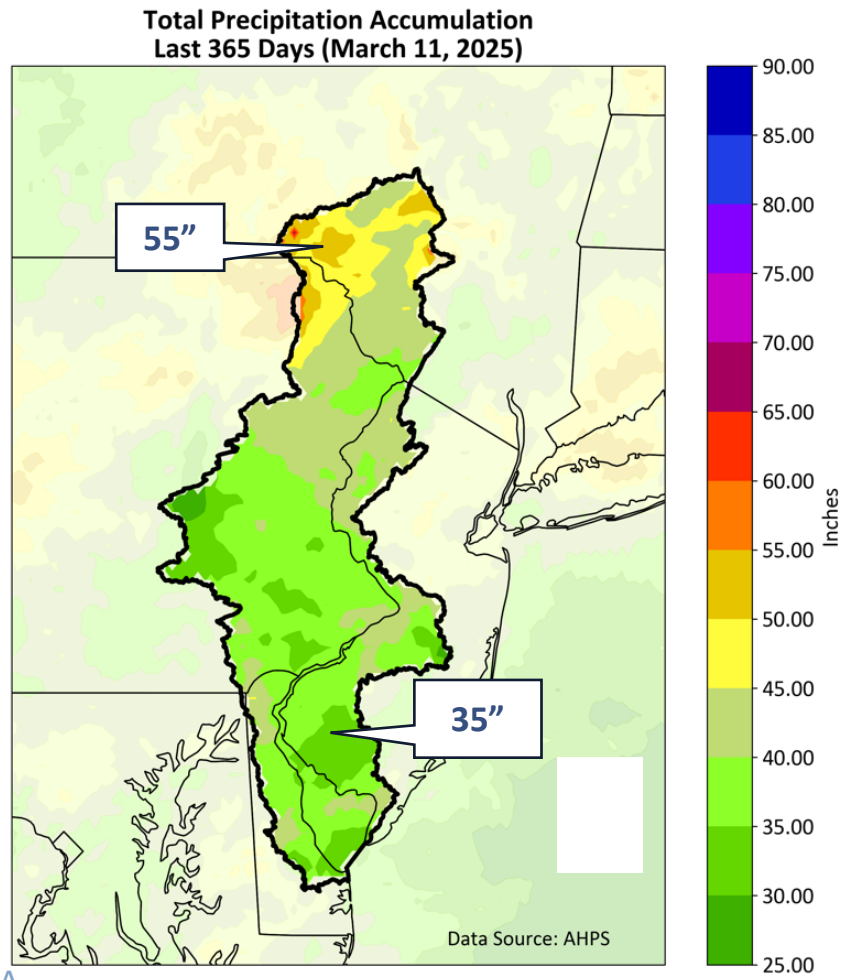
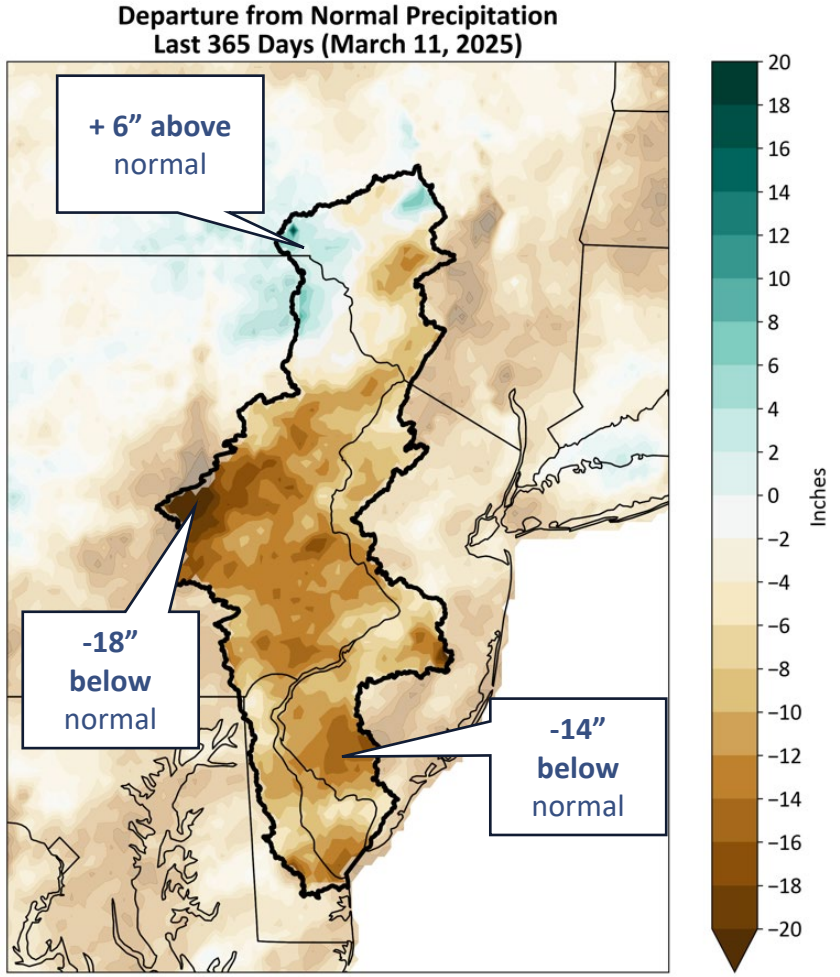
Precipitation over the last 12 Months

Reference date: March 11, 2025

Most of the basin has received below normal precipitation except for the northwest.





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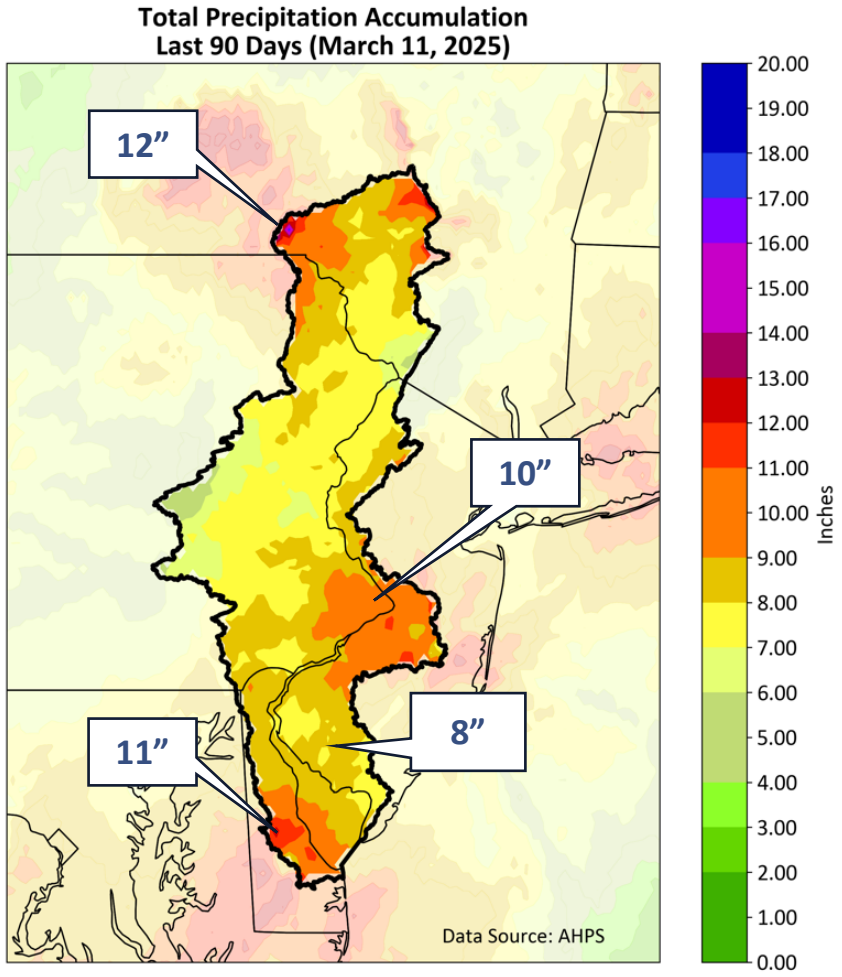
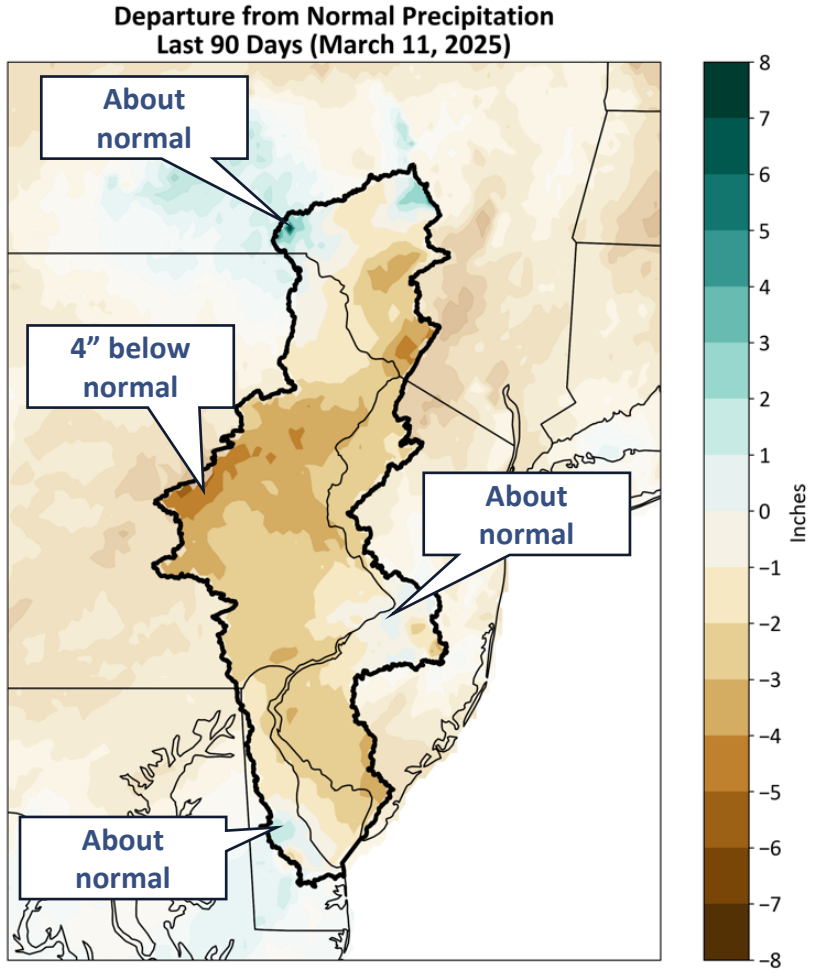
Precipitation – 90 days

Reference date: March 11, 2025

The past three-month period was below normal condition for most of the basin.





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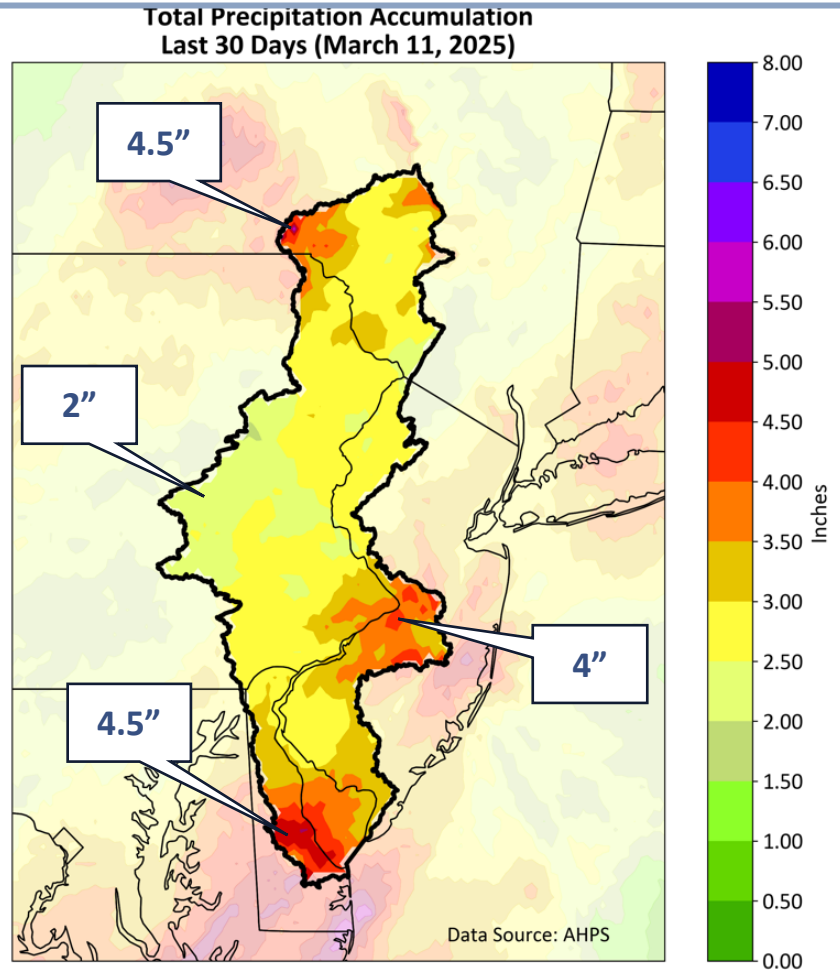
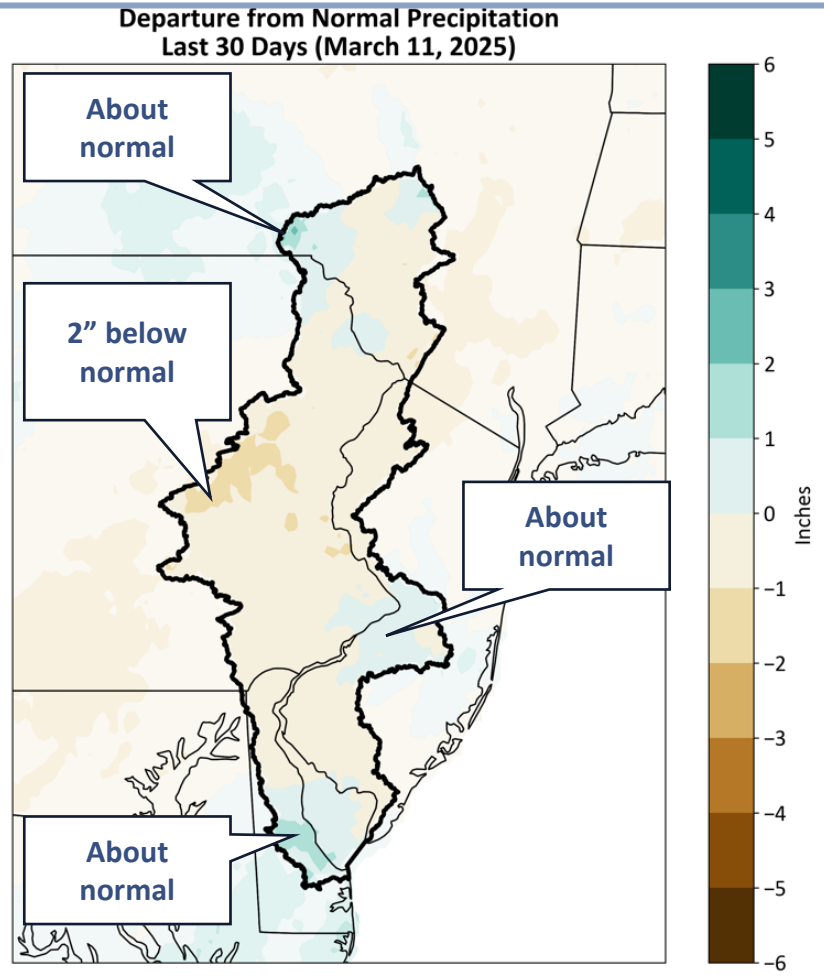
Precipitation – past 30 days

Reference date: March 11, 2025

It was slightly drier than normal in many parts of the basin during the past 30 days.





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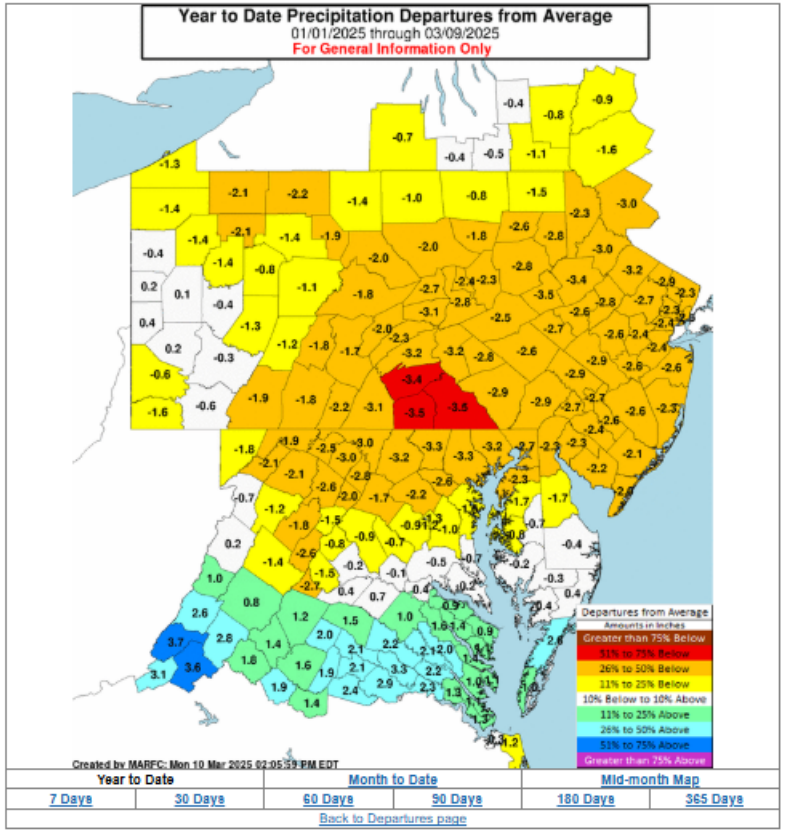
Precipitation Departures

Conditions have slightly recovered in the last 30 days with rainfall.

Year-to-date



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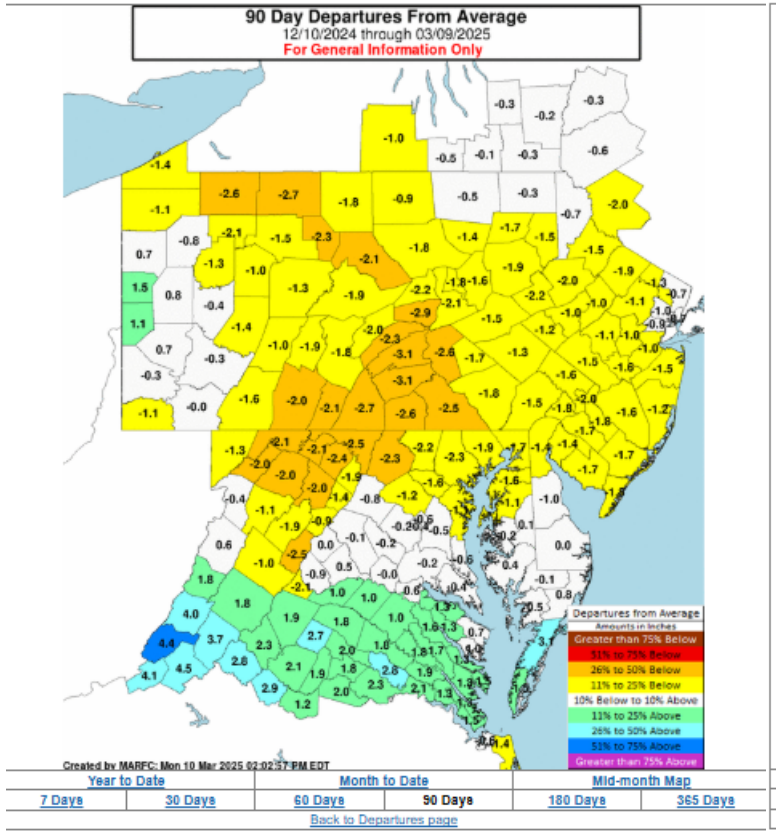

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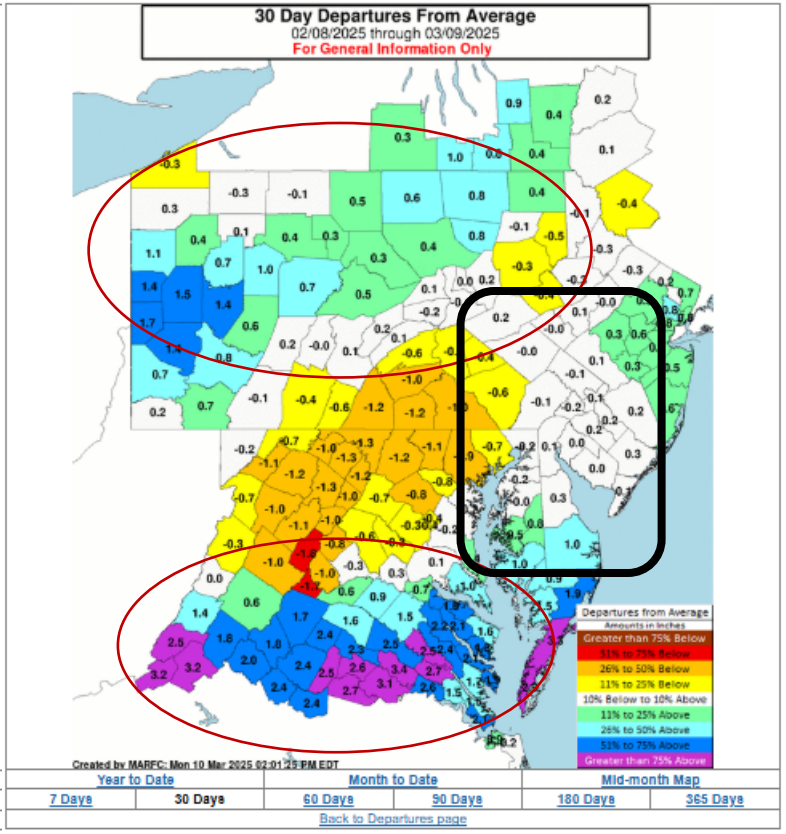

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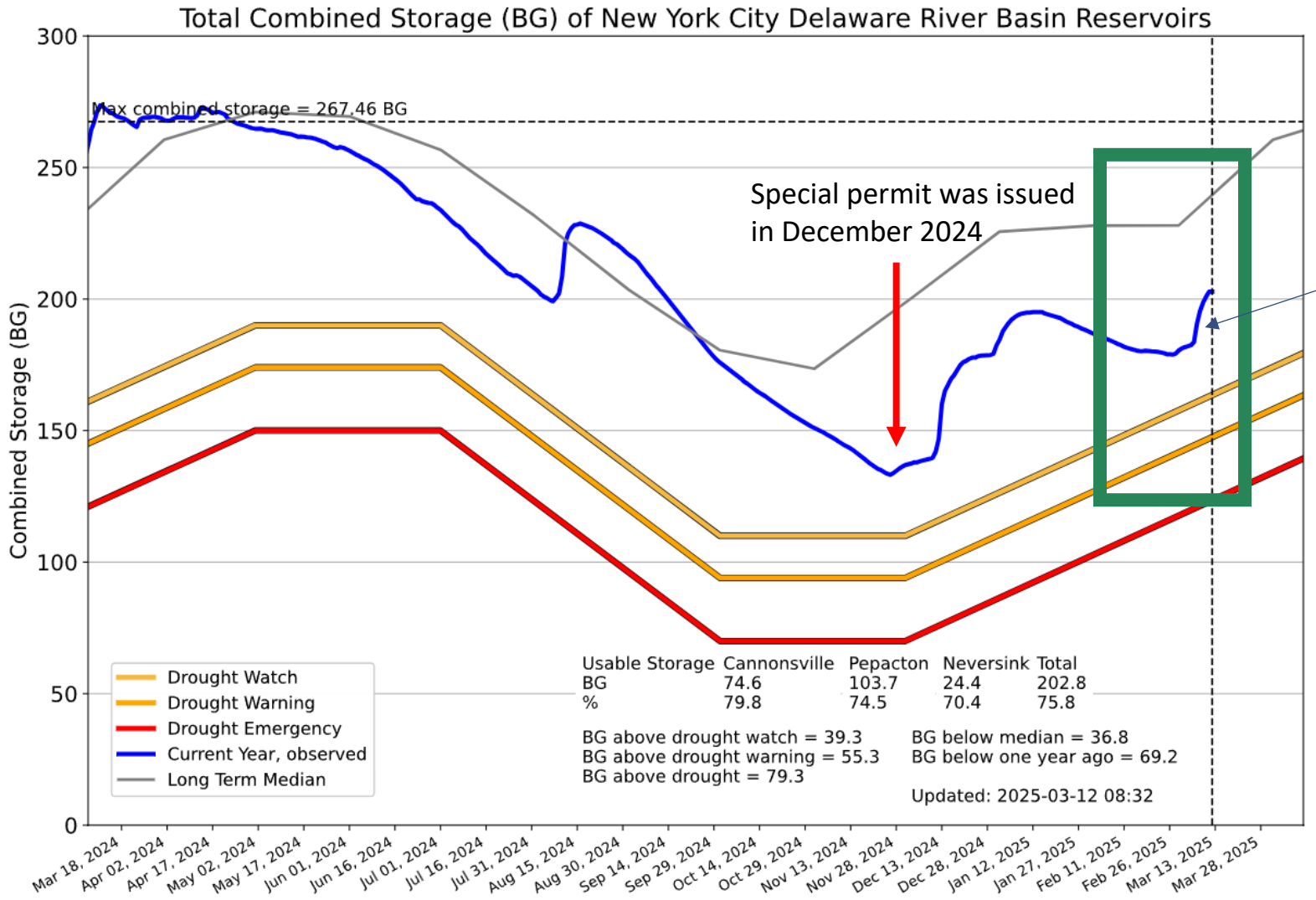
New York City Reservoir Storage

Recent precipitation is reflected in the combined storage.



Nearly 20 BG storage increase during past week

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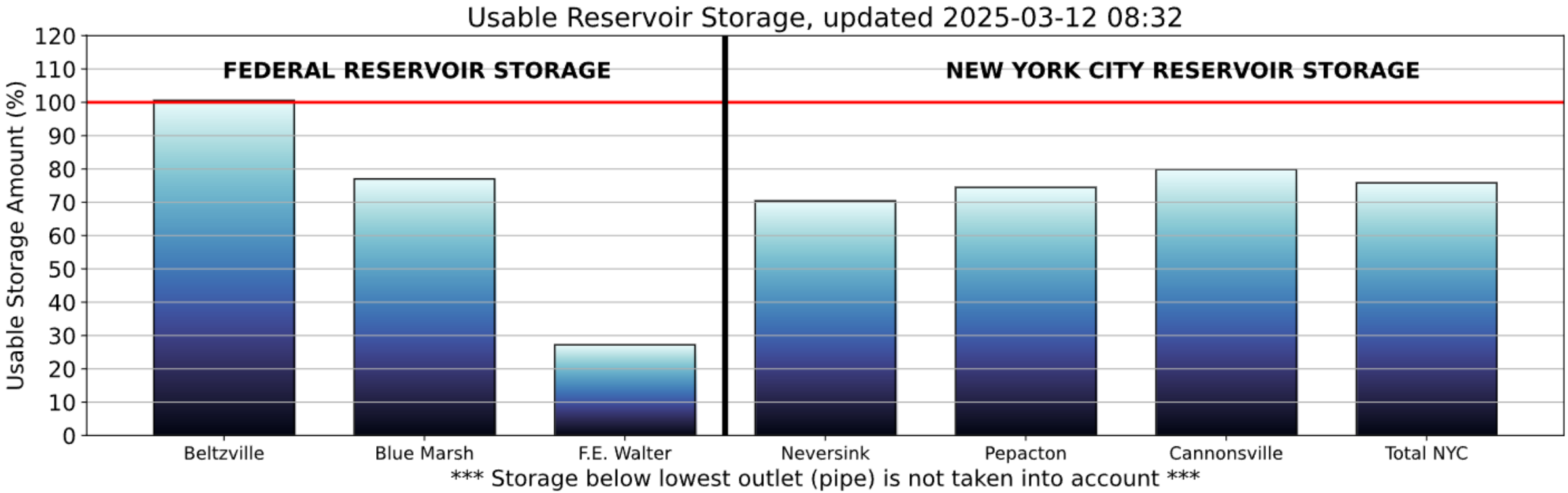
Reservoir Storage for Flow Management

The reservoirs have begun to recover from the dry fall due to increased precipitation.



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Releases from Lower and Upper Basin Reservoirs are used to meet flow objectives.

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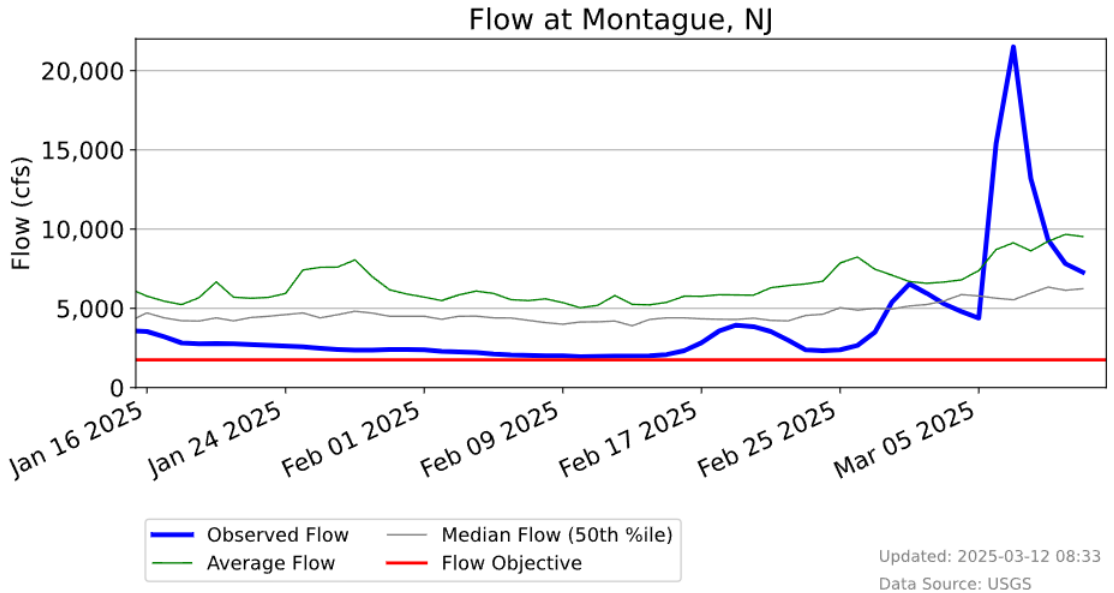
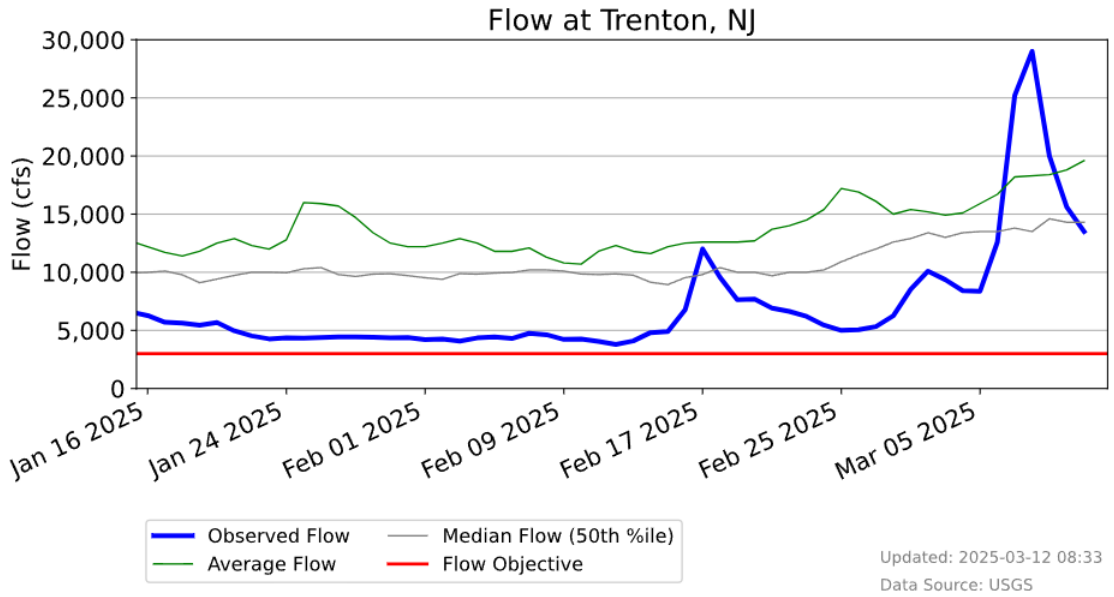
Streamflow

Flows along the mainstem remain above normal to normal after recent rains.





Map last updated:
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Data Source: USGS

Streamflow

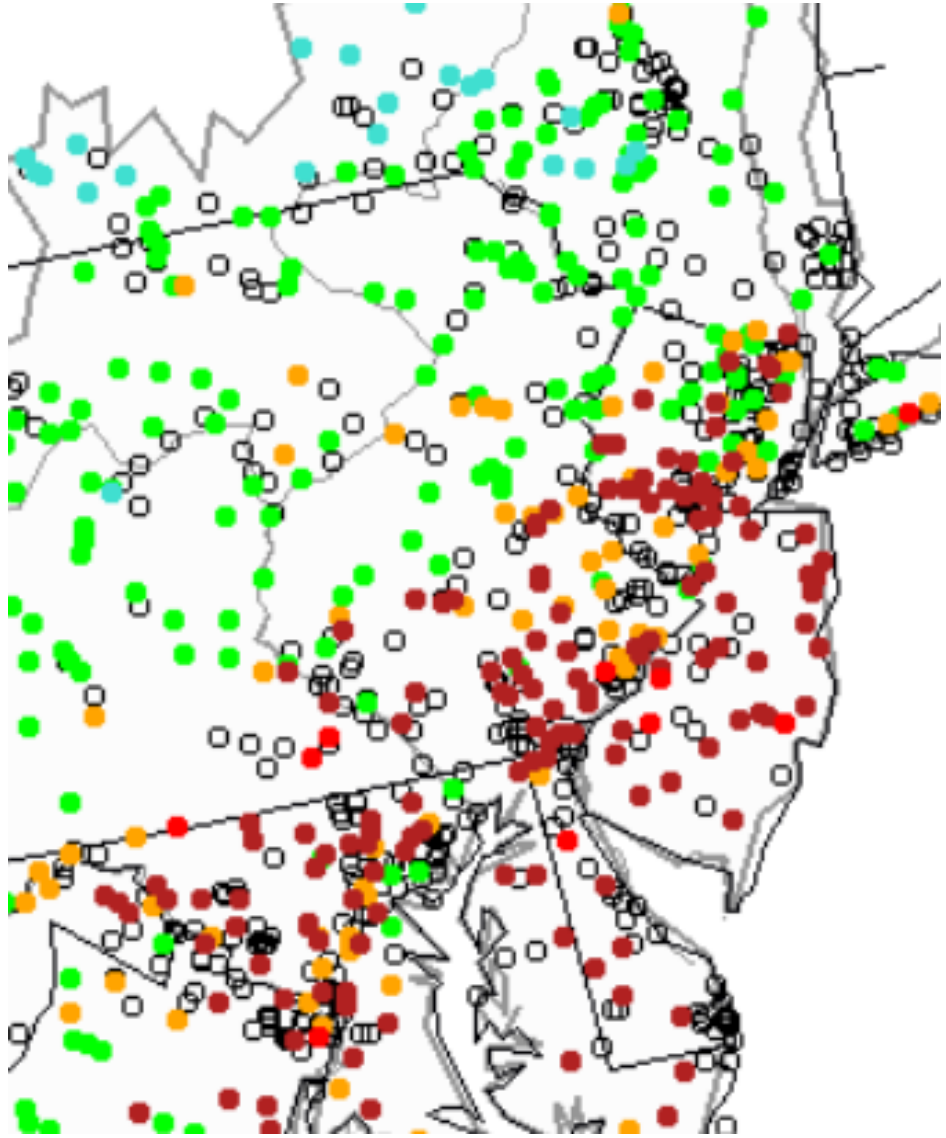
Most tributaries have recovered to normal conditions with recent precipitation but still dry in south.

<u>Flow Conditions</u>:

Upper Basin: Normal

Central Basin: Below Normal

Lower Basin: Below Normal



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not-ranked

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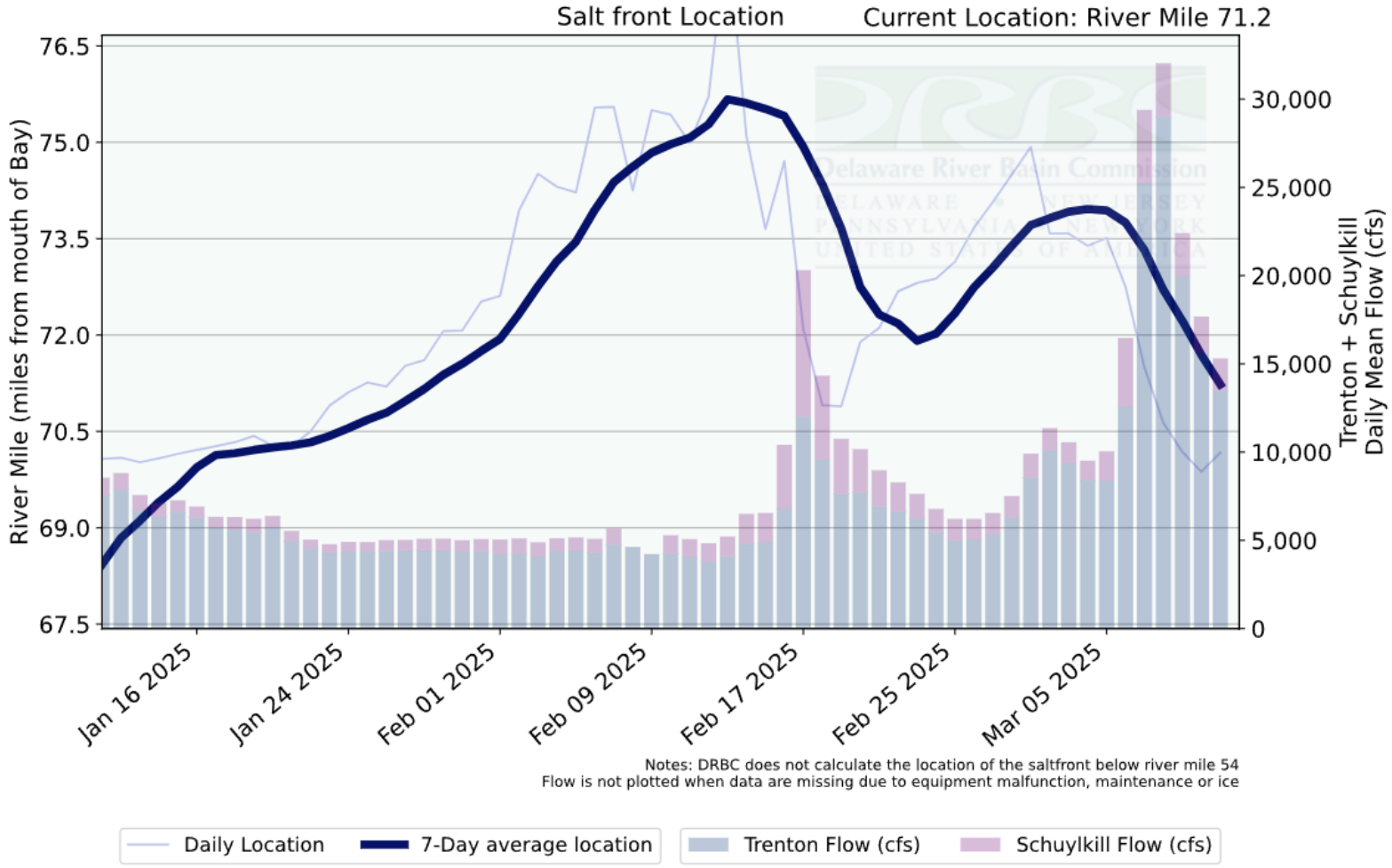
Salt Front Location

Salt front has moved upstream with the lack of rainfall.



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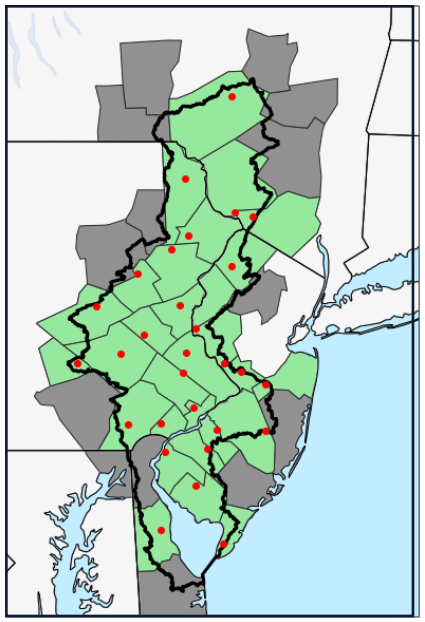
SALT FRONT (river mile)	This Week: 71.2	Last Week: 73.9	March Median: 70

Groundwater Levels

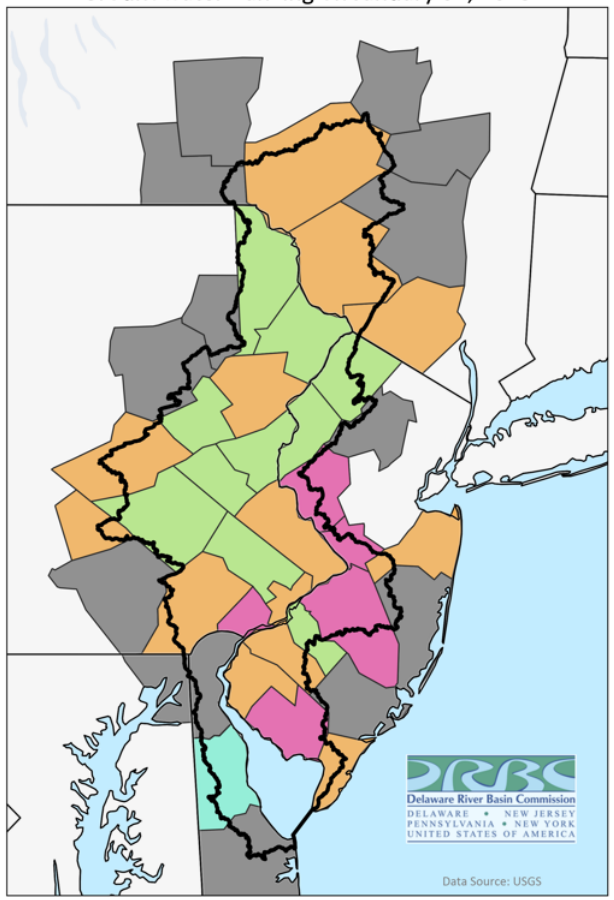
Groundwater levels have dropped significantly with the lack of rainfall in last winter.

Reference Wells



Basin Boundary
Well Location
County contains well
No well available within DRB

Groundwater Ranking on January 01, 2025



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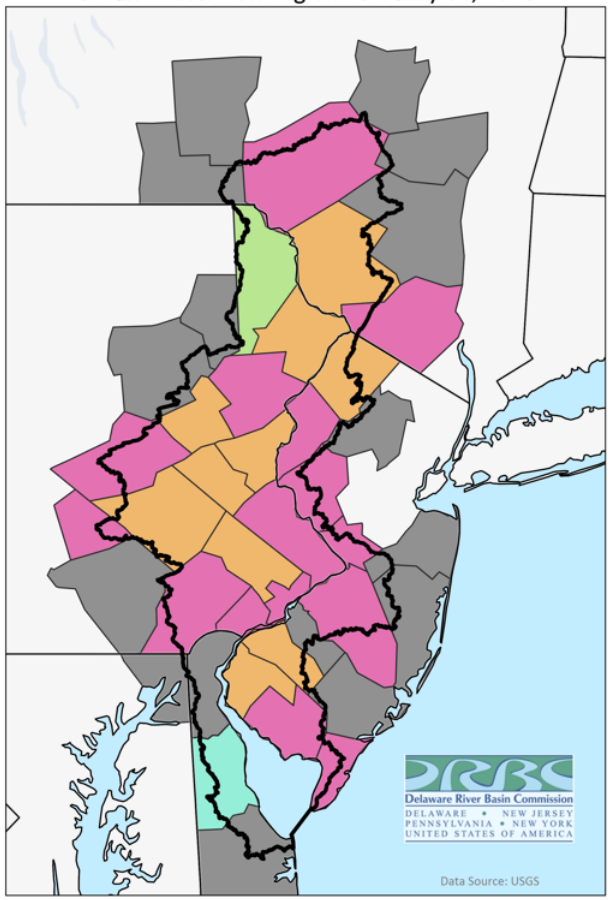

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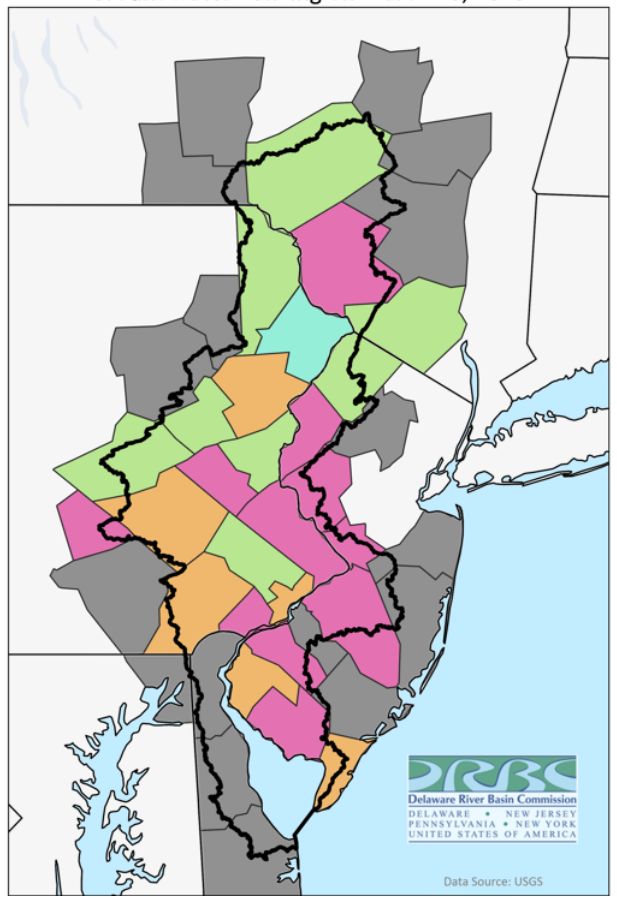

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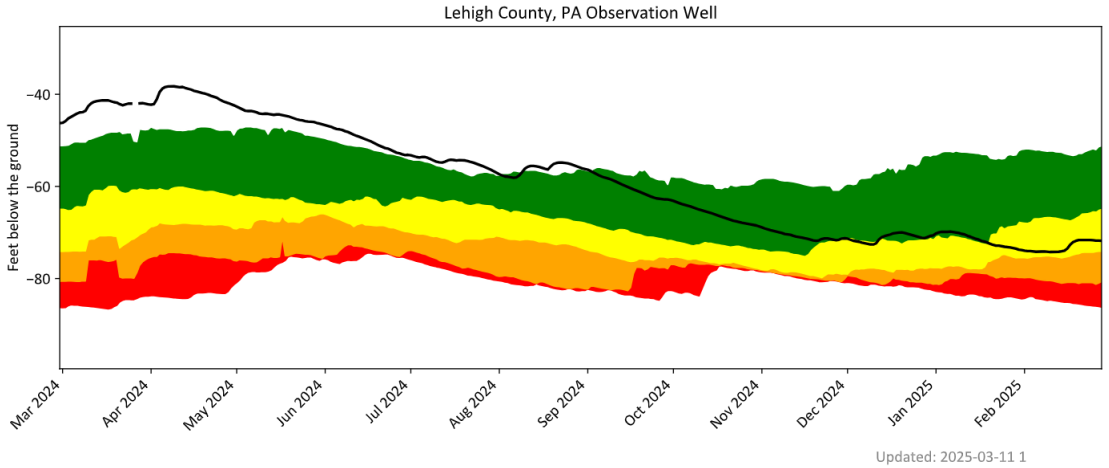
Basin Boundary

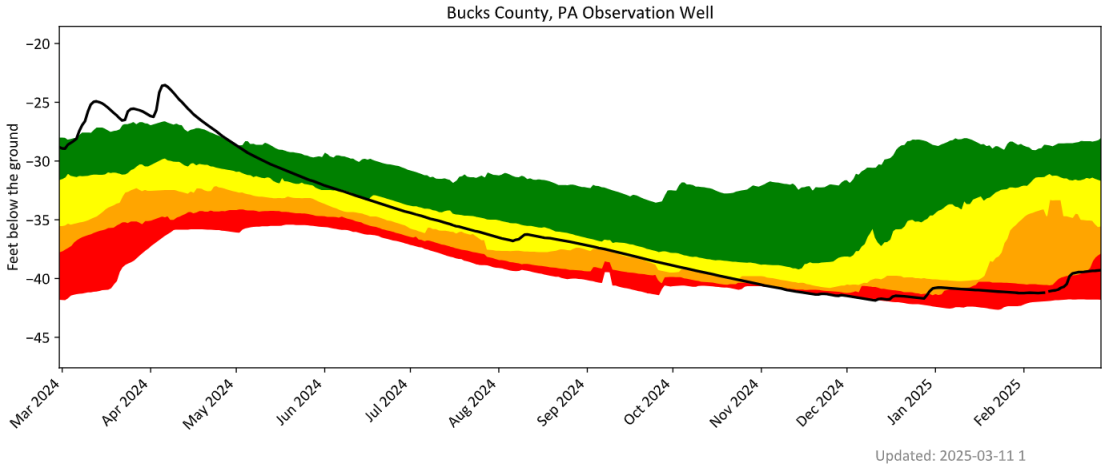
Much Above Normal
Above Normal
Normal
Below Normal
Much Below Normal
Data unavailable

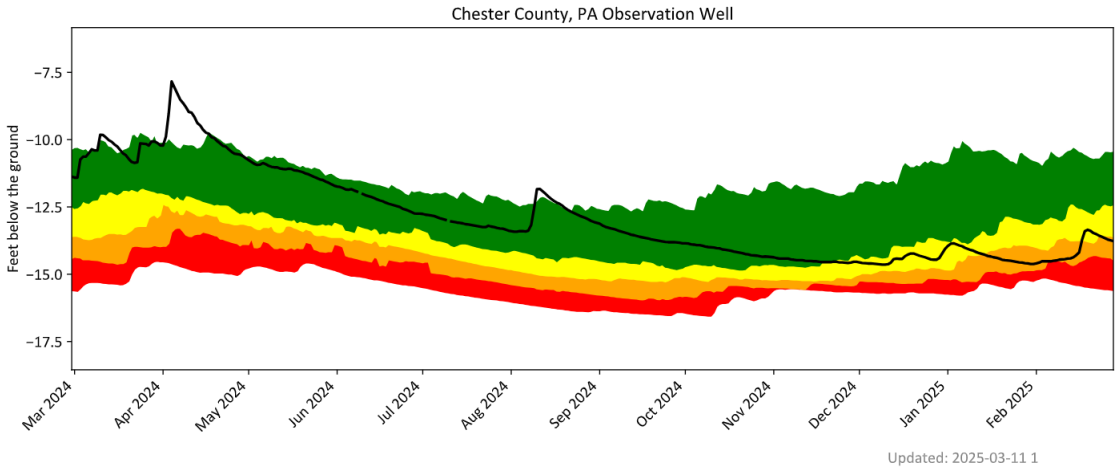
January 1st through March 10, 2025

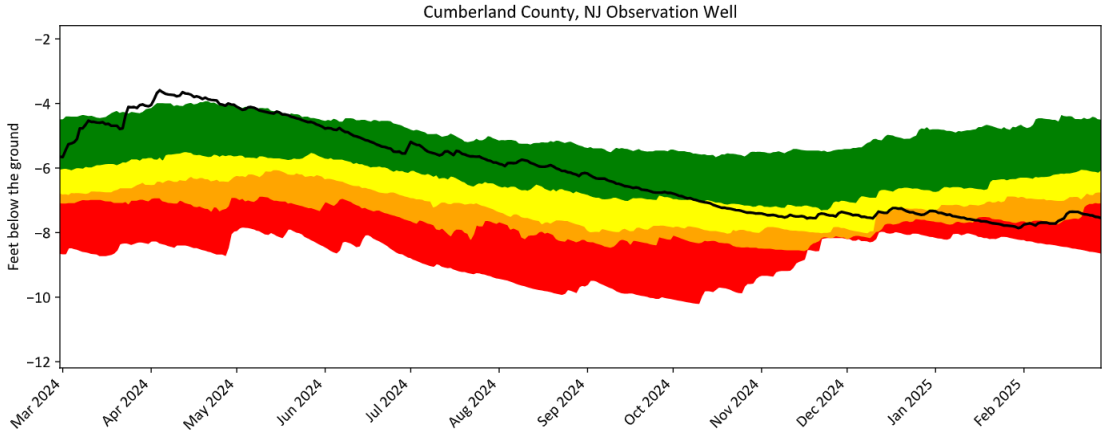
Groundwater Levels

Groundwater levels starting to show a decline with lack of rainfall.









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Drought Monitor

Conditions have remained dry with a moderate drought in many parts of the Basin.

Northeast

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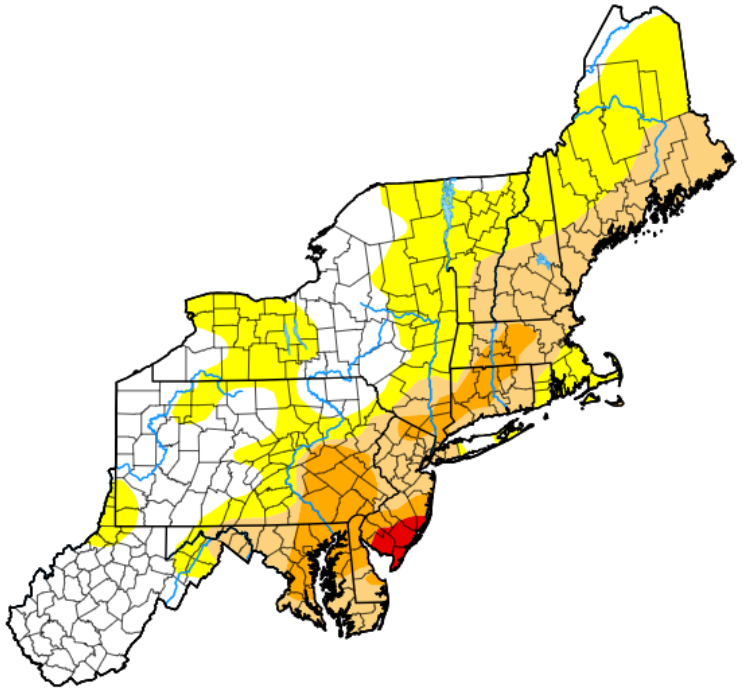

Map released: Thurs. March 6, 2025

Data valid: March 4, 2025 at 7 a.m. EST

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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Drought Monitor
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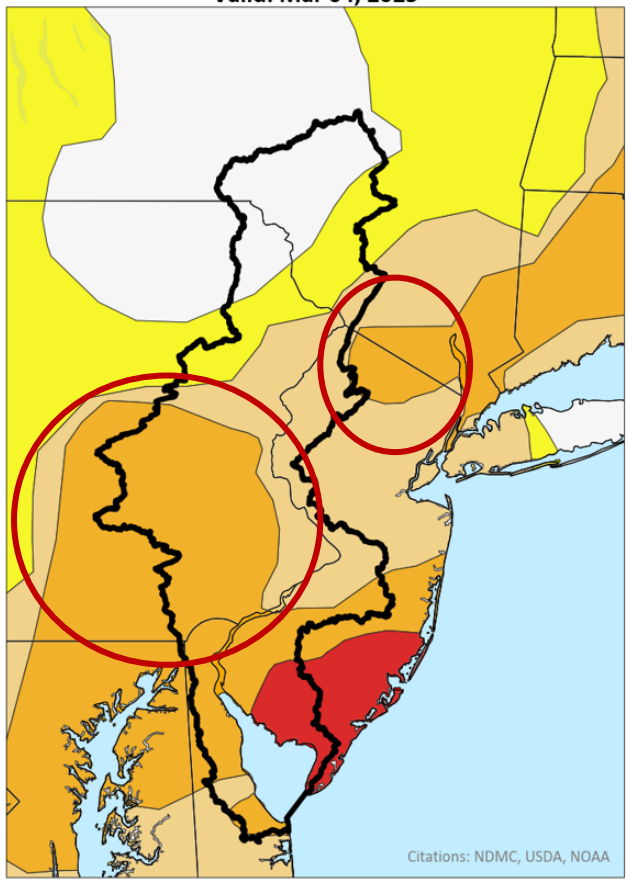

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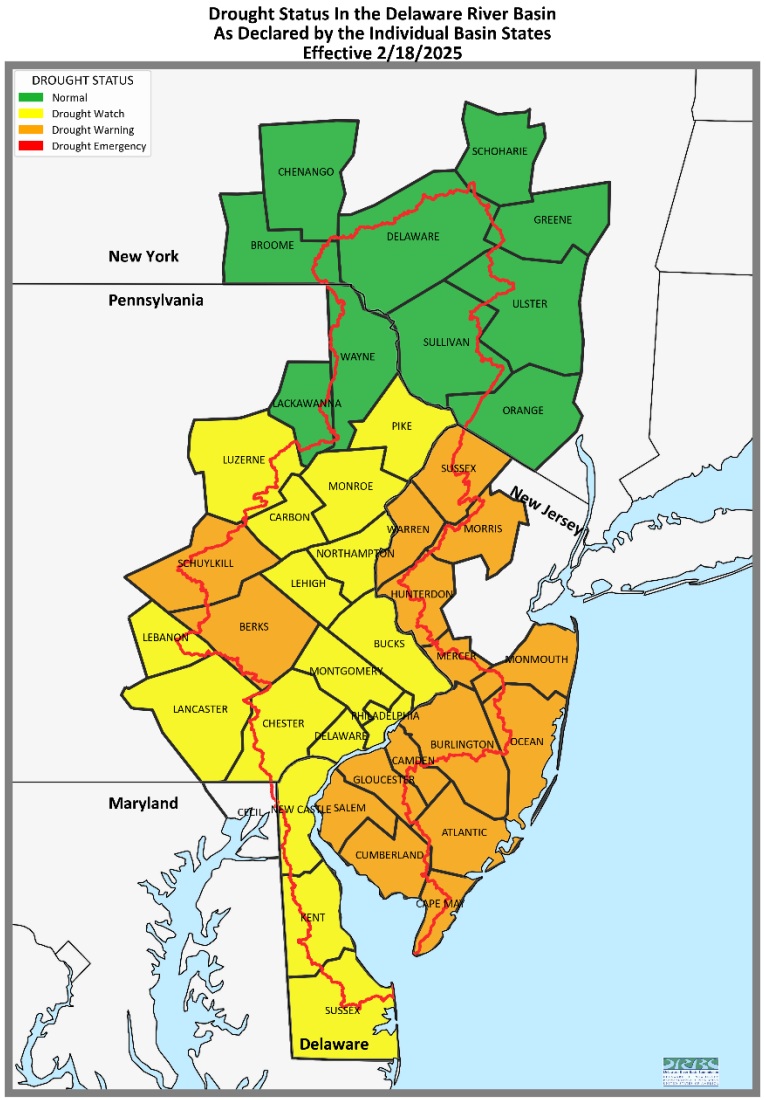
Drought Status

Dry conditions in the fall led to a drought watch in the Basin states.



- DRB drought status is normal
- NJ: Drought Warning
- DE: Drought Watch
- NY: Normal as of Jan 2025
- PA: Drought Watch; 2 DRB counties in Drought Warning

Map last updated on 2/18/2025.
No change since then.

DRBC's flow management operations normal

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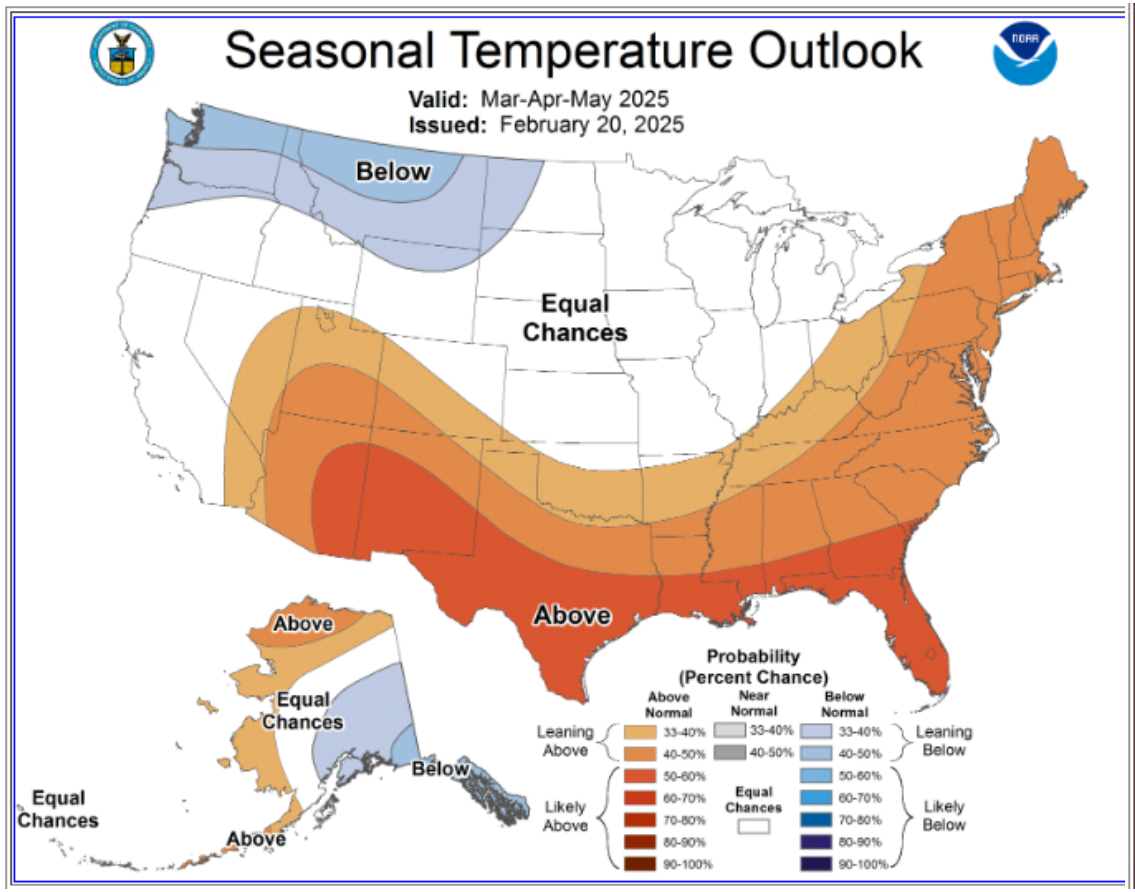
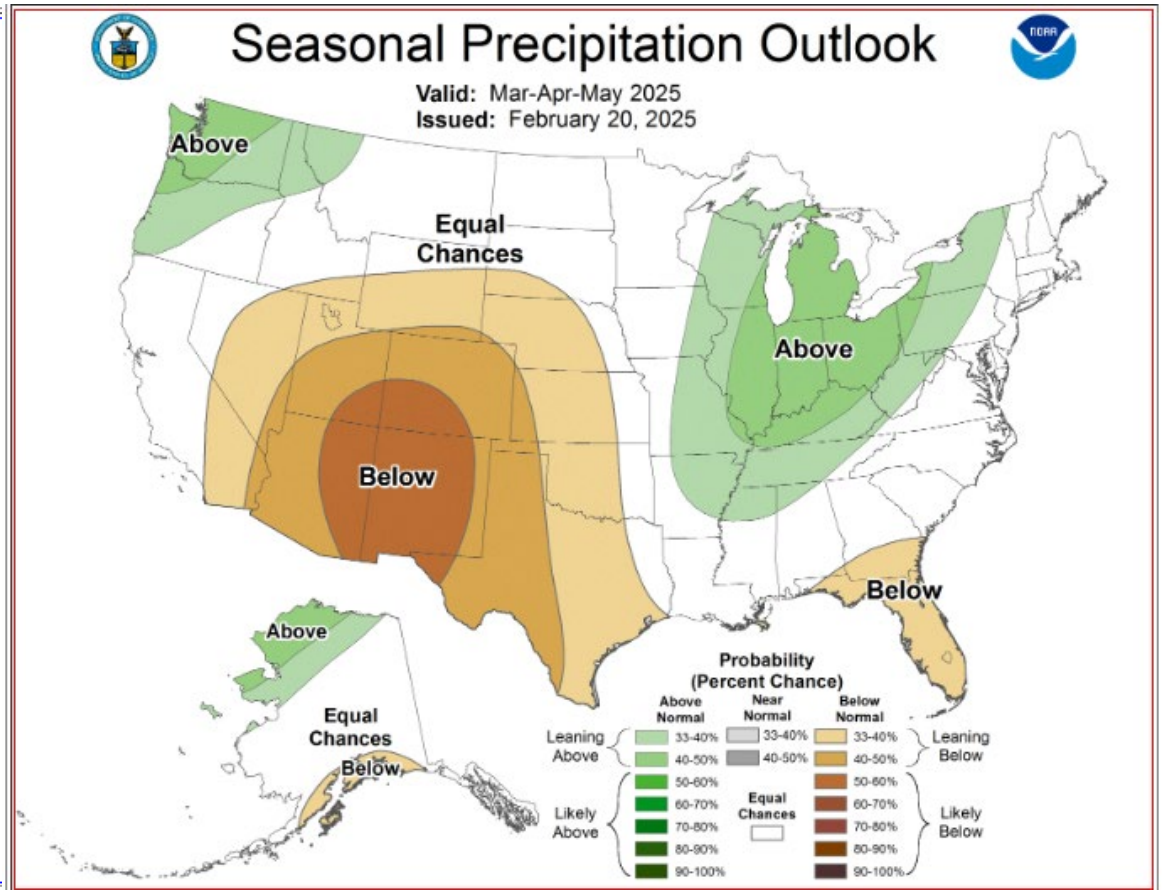
NOAA Seasonal Outlook

Warm early spring with equal chances for precipitation

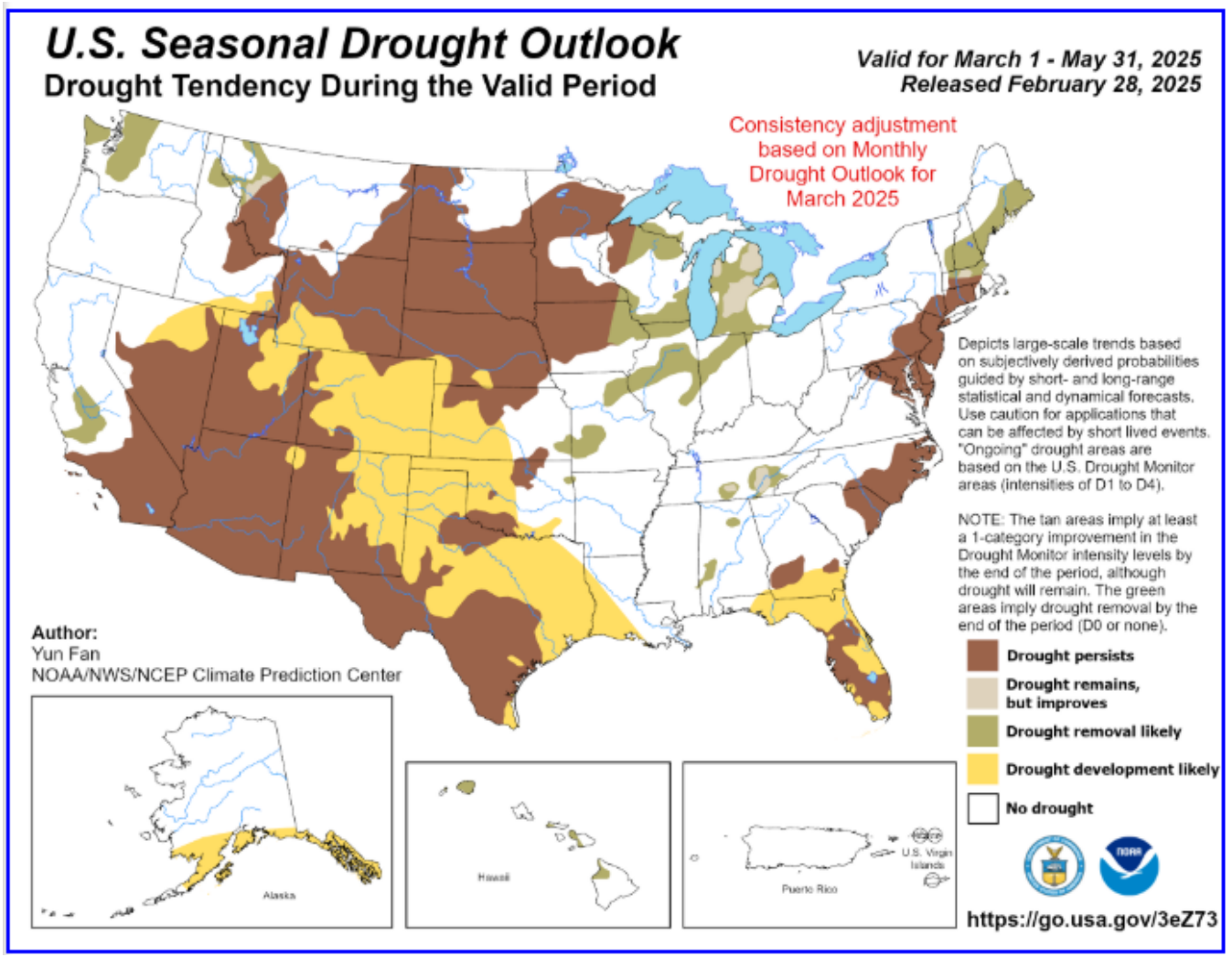




Climate Prediction Center: https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/.

NOAA Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought may persist in the DRB through the end of May



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Hydrologic conditions summary

- Conditions have recovered slightly, but many parts of the Basin remain in moderate drought.
- Three-month outlook – warmer weather to return, and precipitation is expected to be normal. Drought may persist through the end of May

Enjoy the rest of the spring!

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