

# Delaware River Basin Commission

## Hydrologic Conditions

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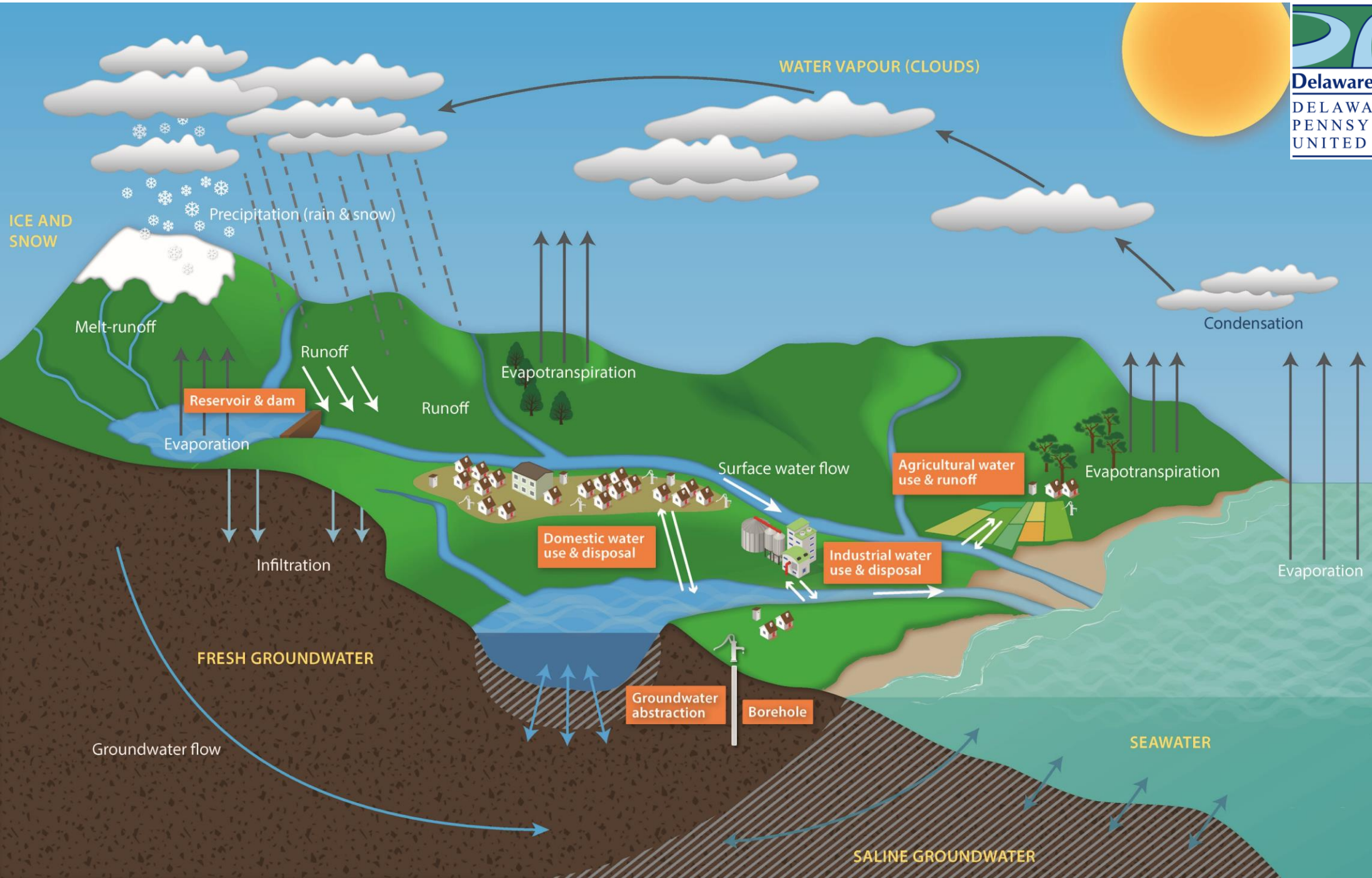
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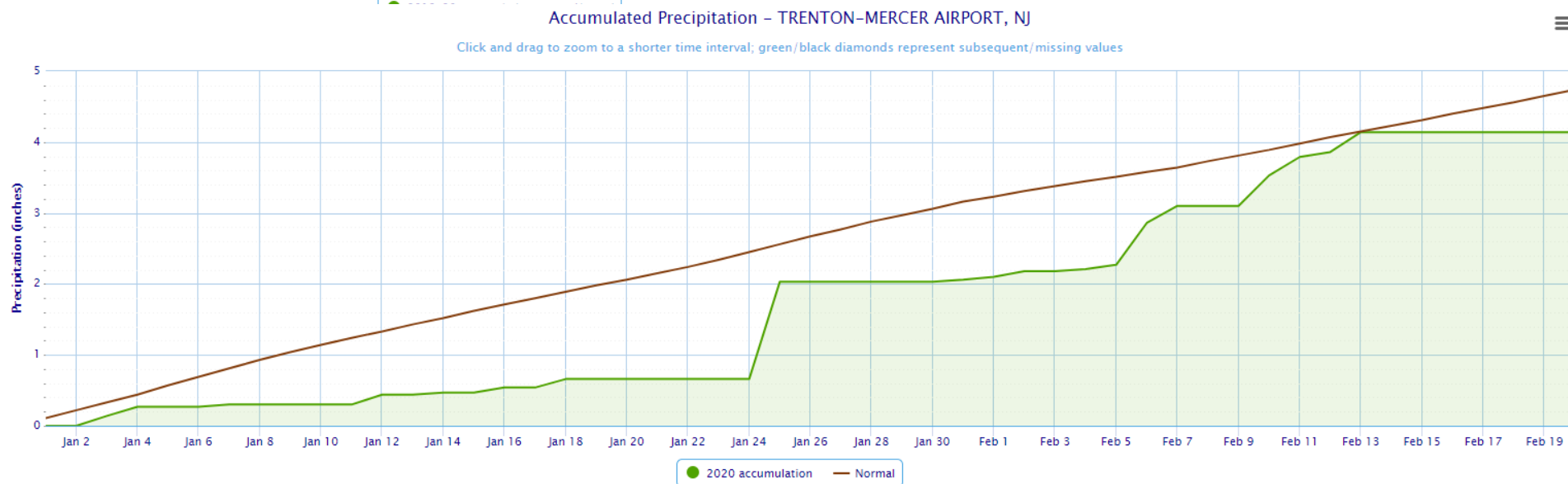
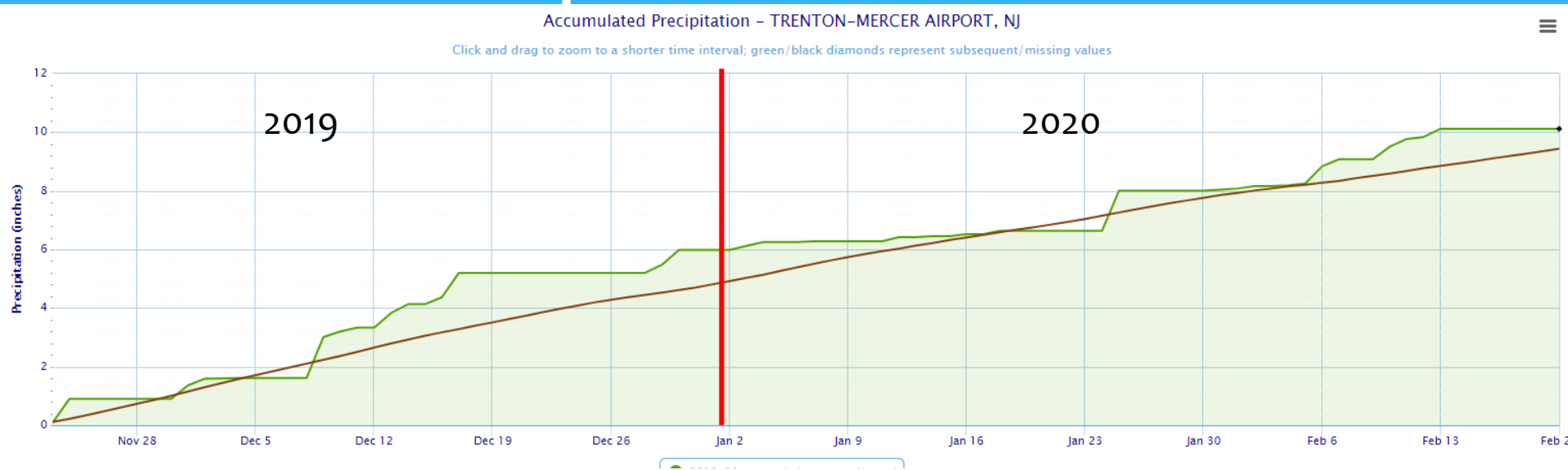


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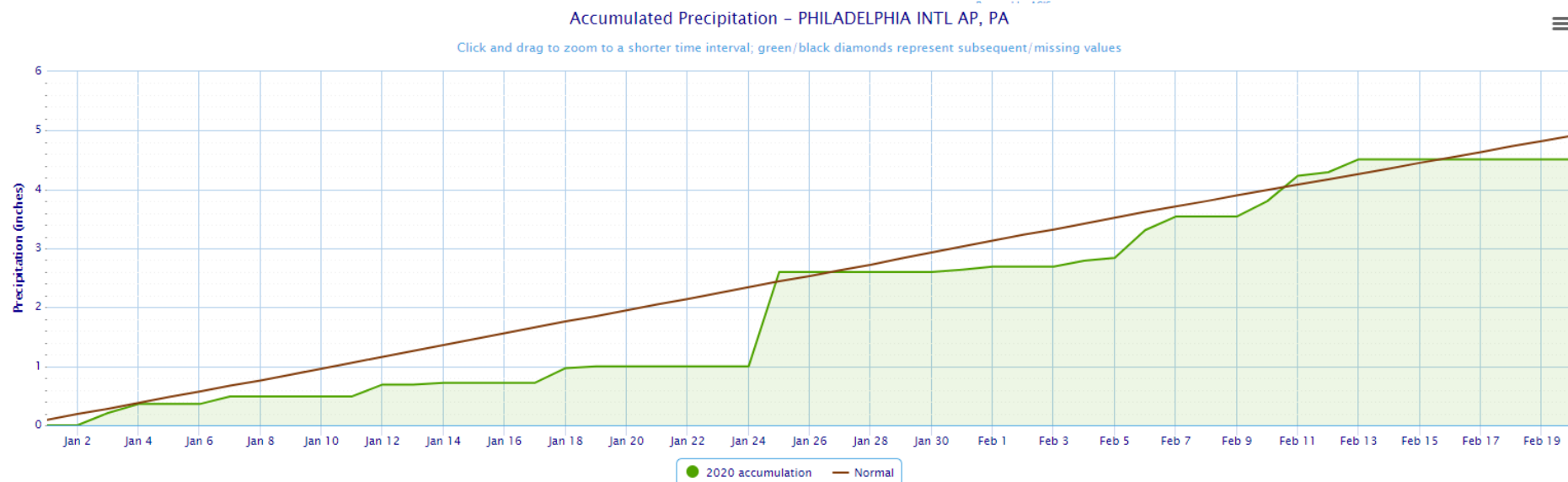
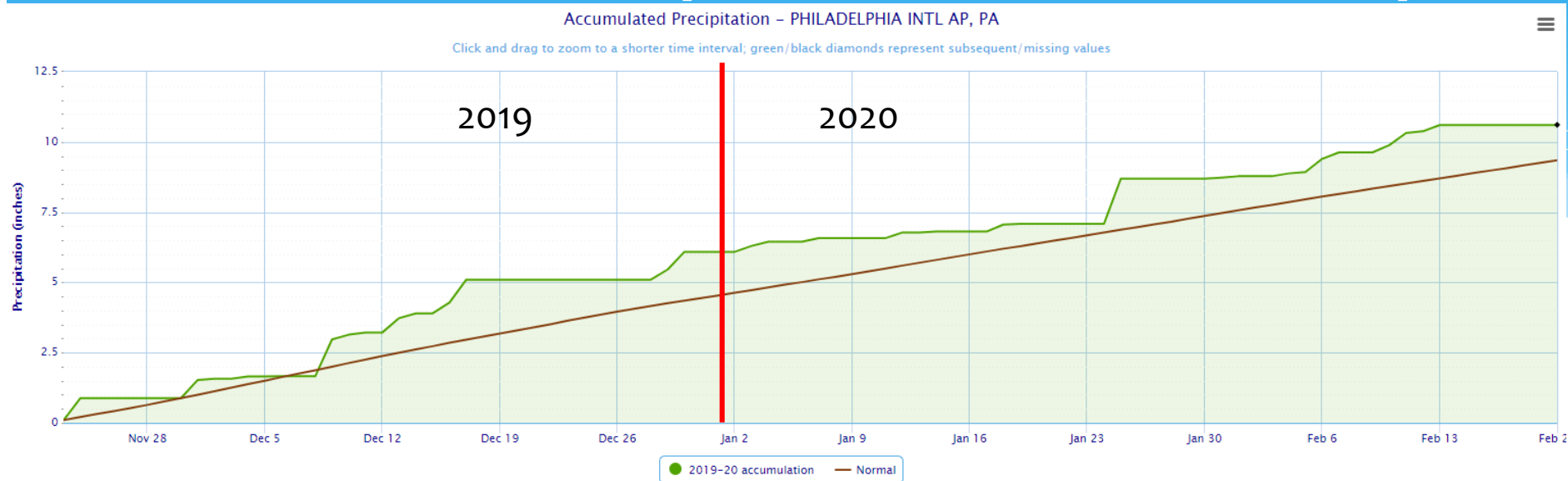


# Precipitation – Trenton



\* Source: Applied  
Climate Info. System  
(ACIS)

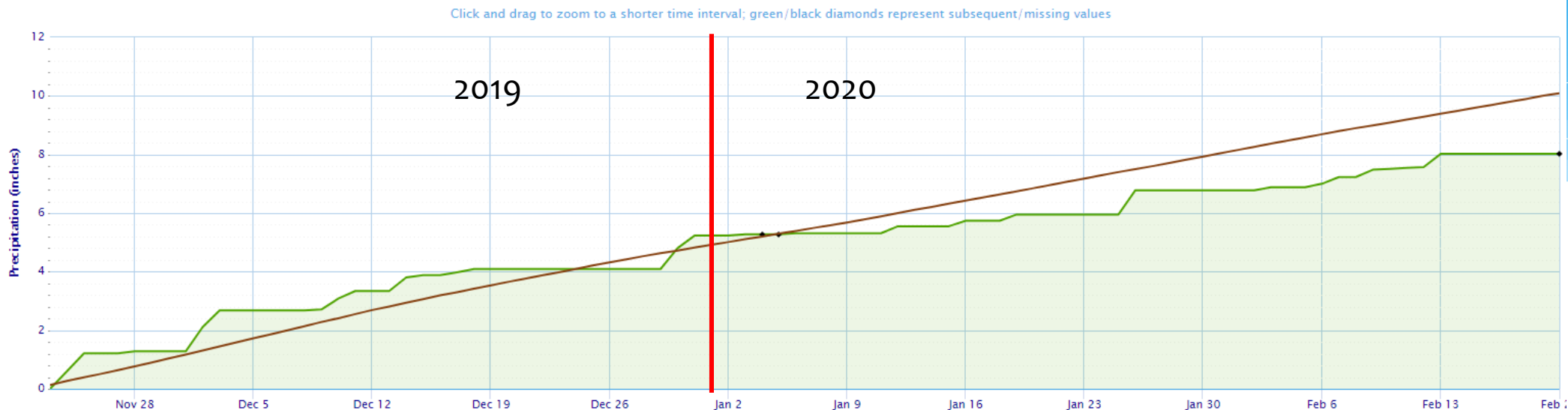
# Precipitation - Philadelphia



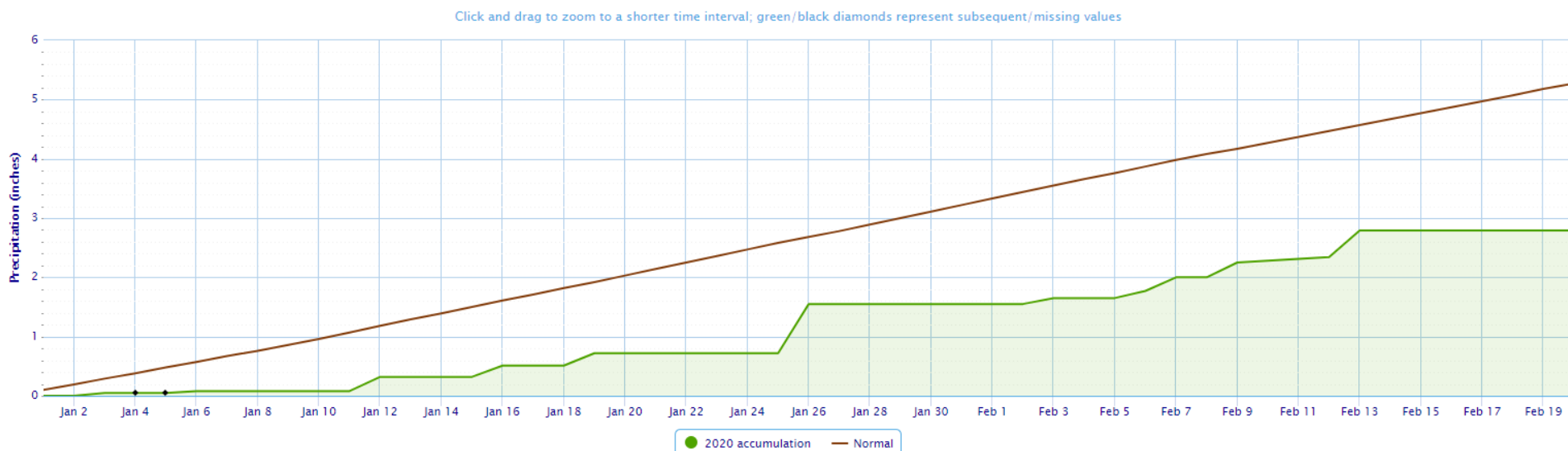
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# Precipitation – Port Jervis

Accumulated Precipitation – PORT JERVIS, NY

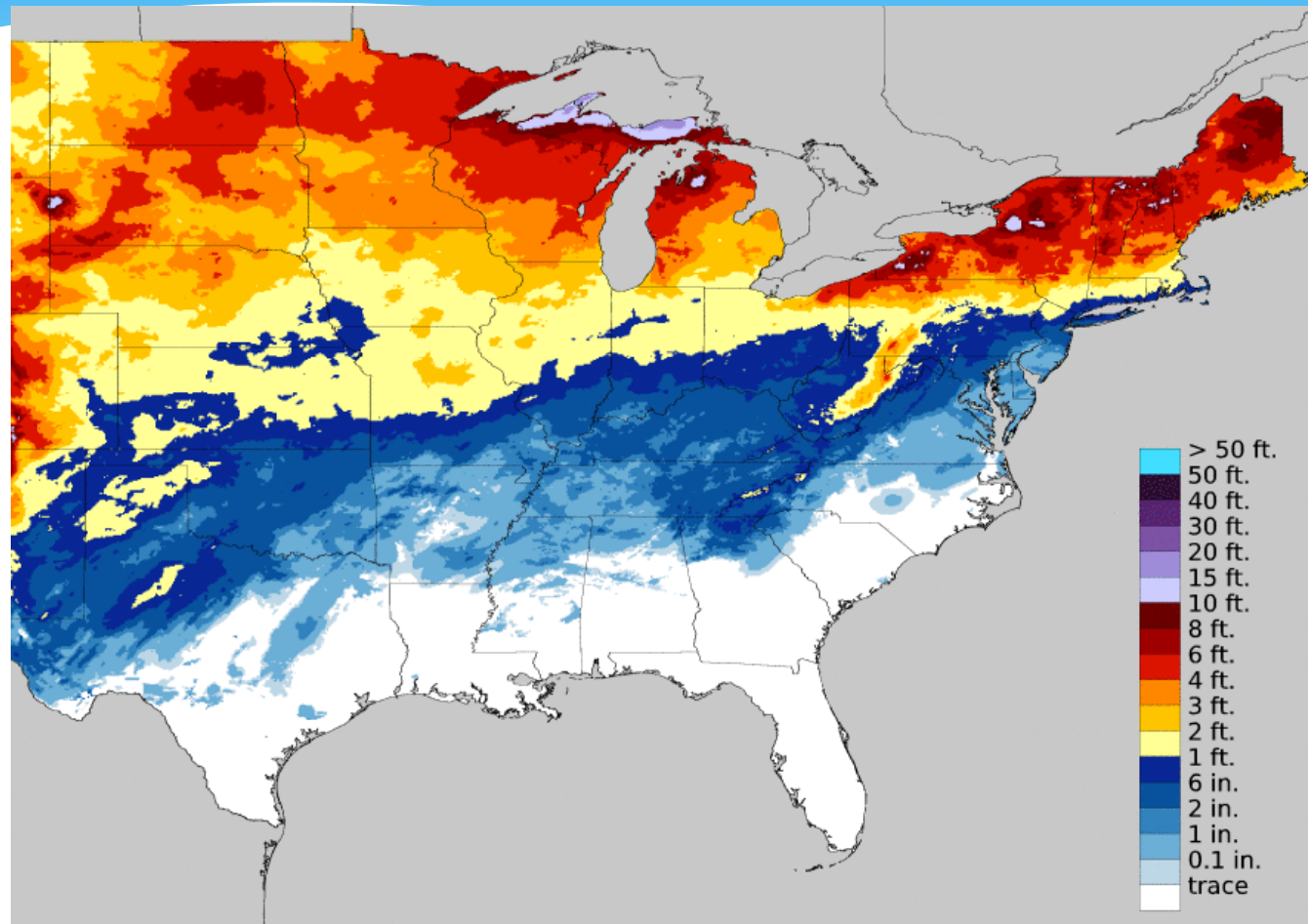


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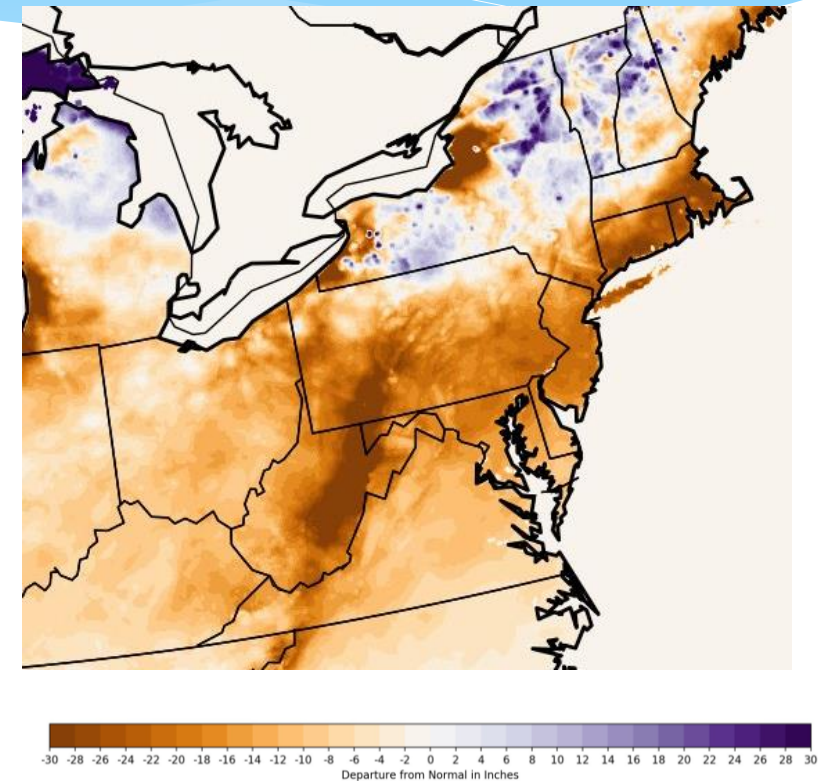


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# Snow (Where is it?)

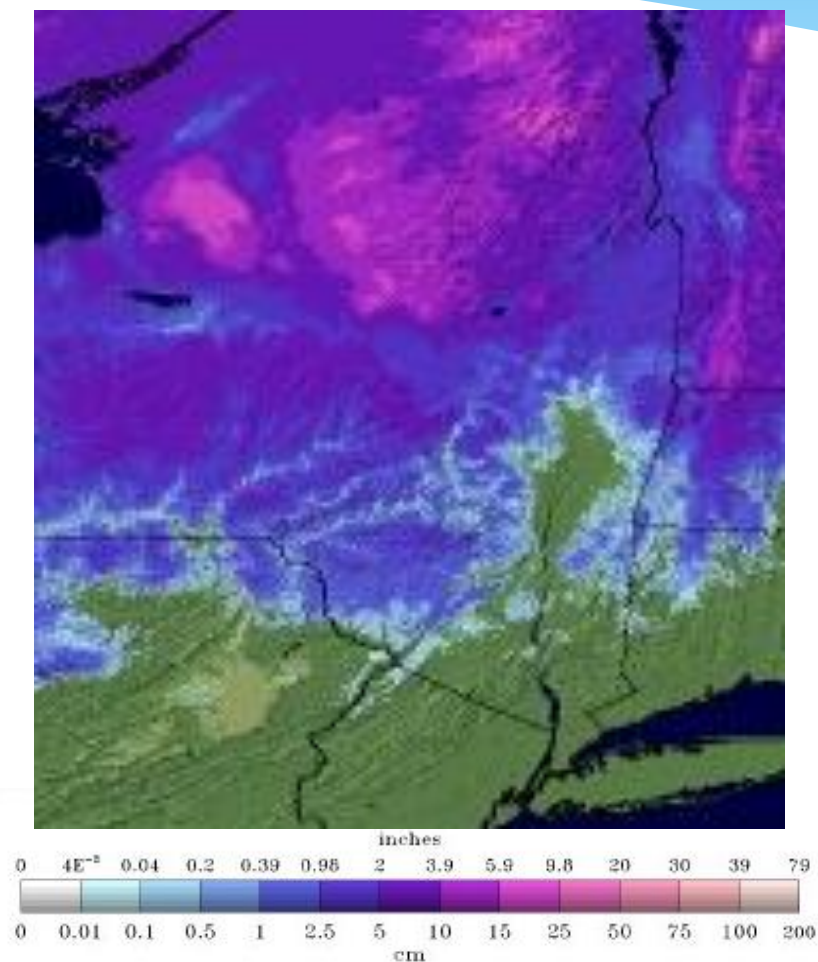


Seasonal Departure  
from average

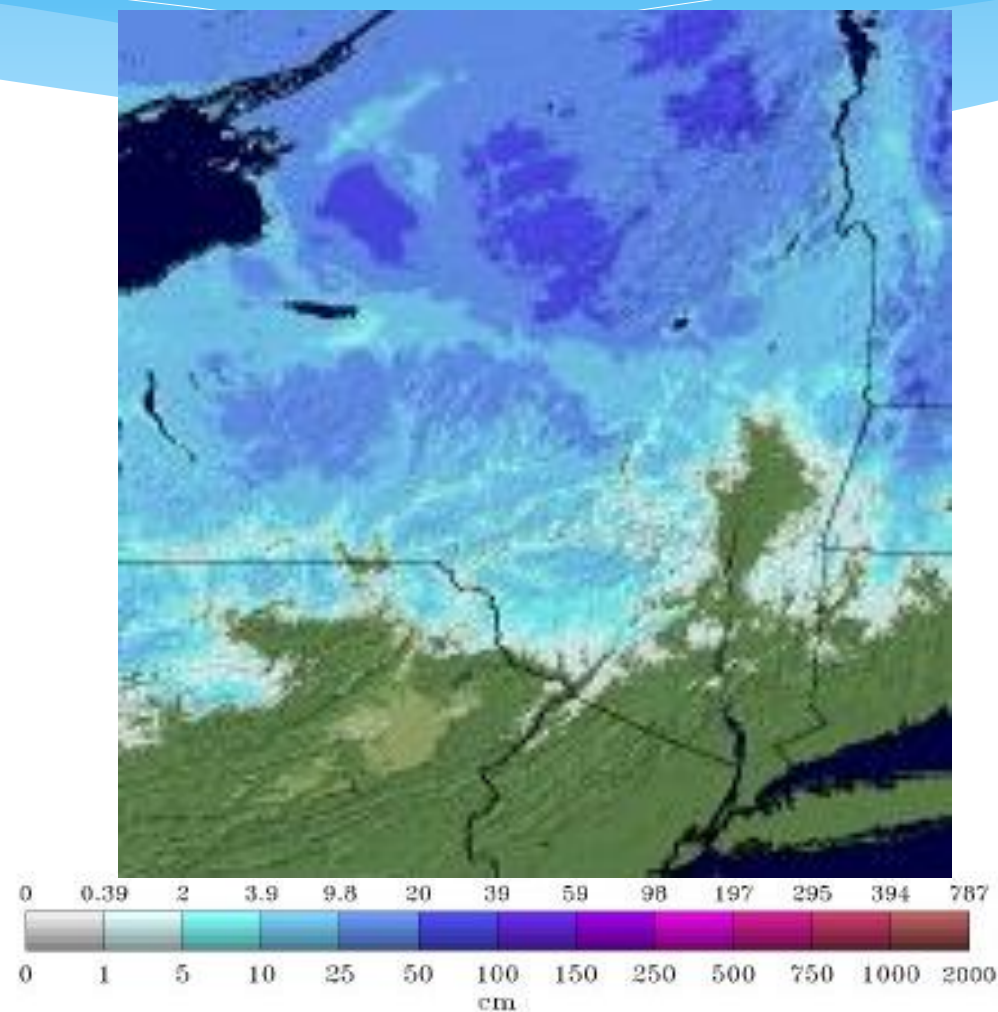


# Snow (Where is it?)

Snow Water Equivalent











Snow Depth

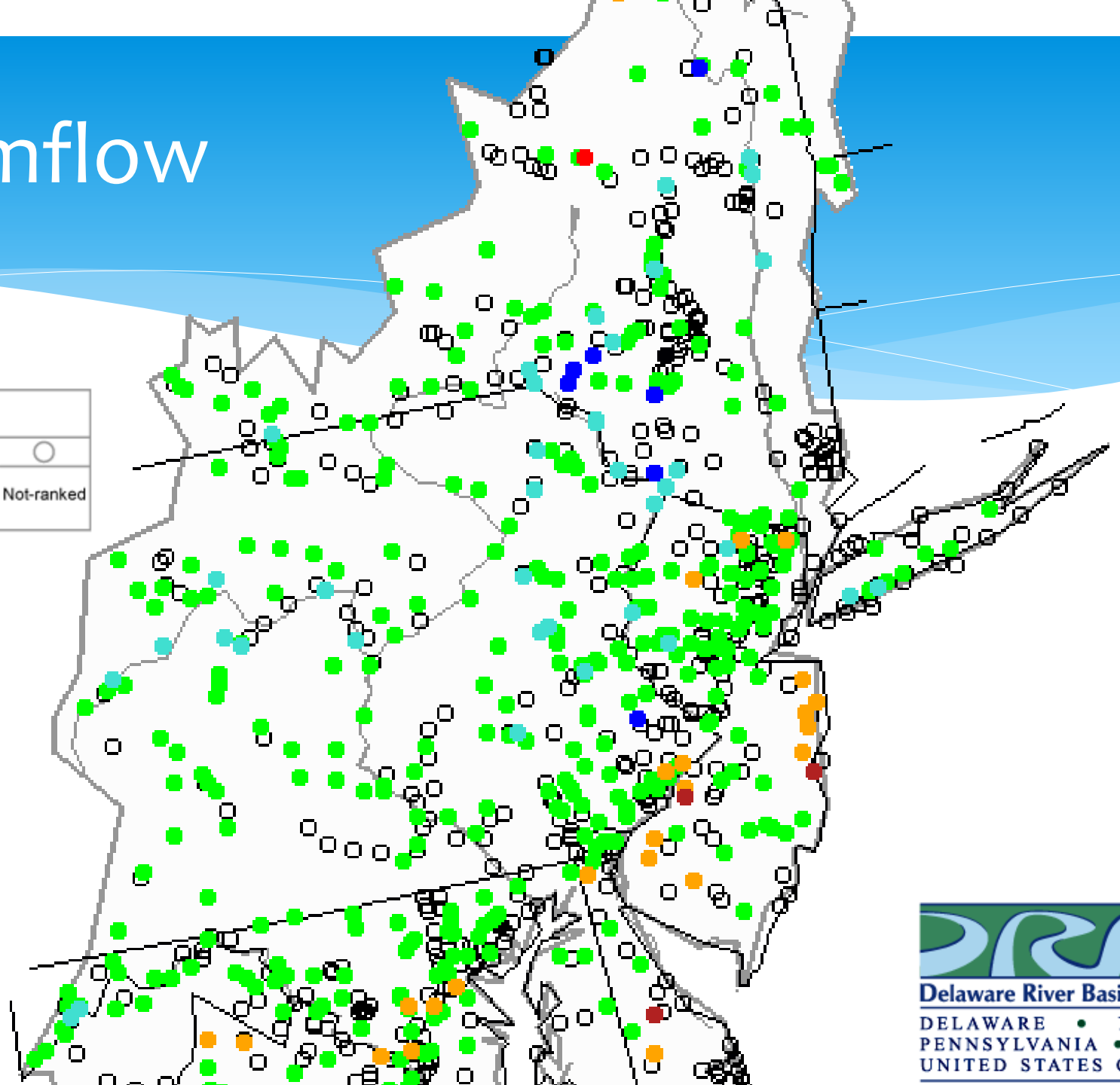




# Streamflow

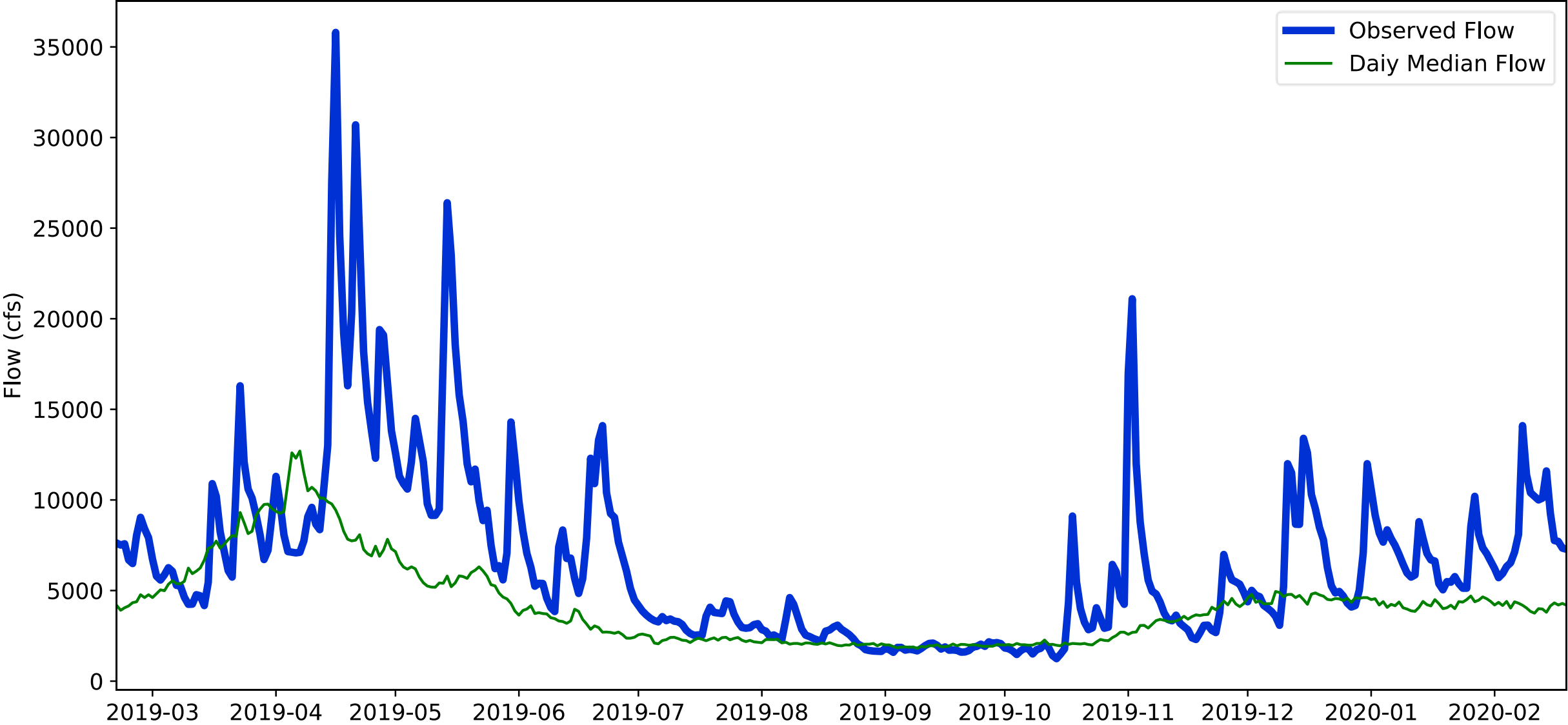
Explanation - Percentile classes

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





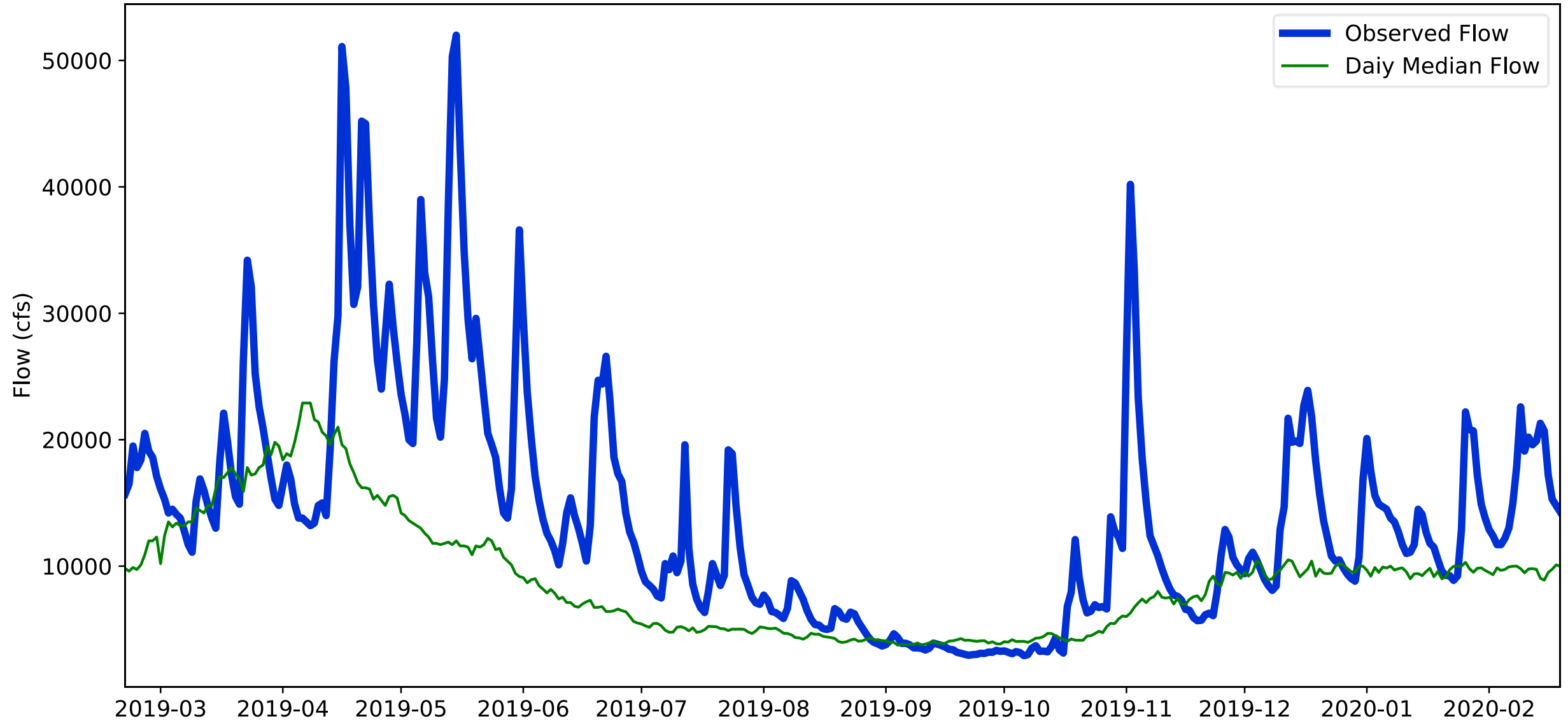
Delaware River at Montague



\* Source: USGS

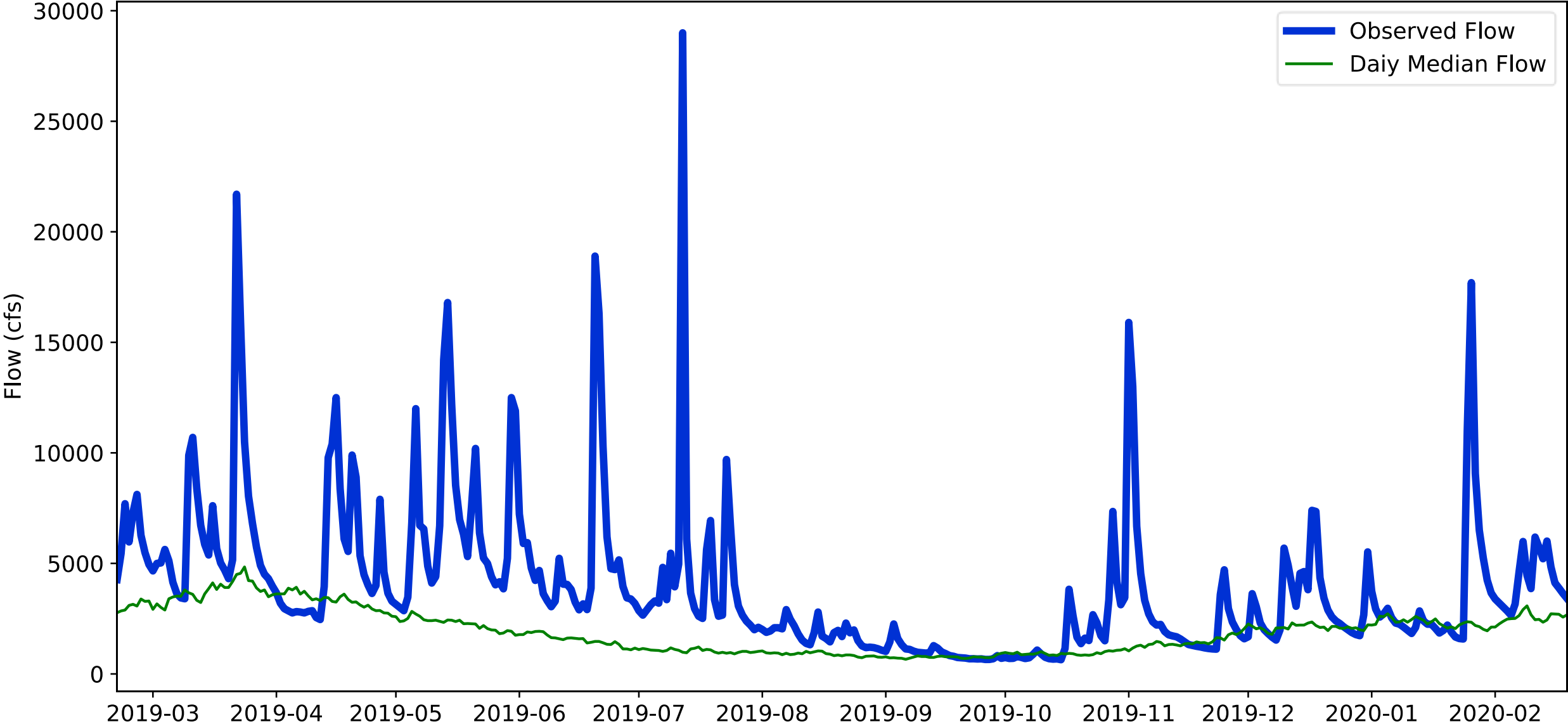


# Delaware River at Trenton



\* Source: USGS

# Schuylkill River at Philadelphia



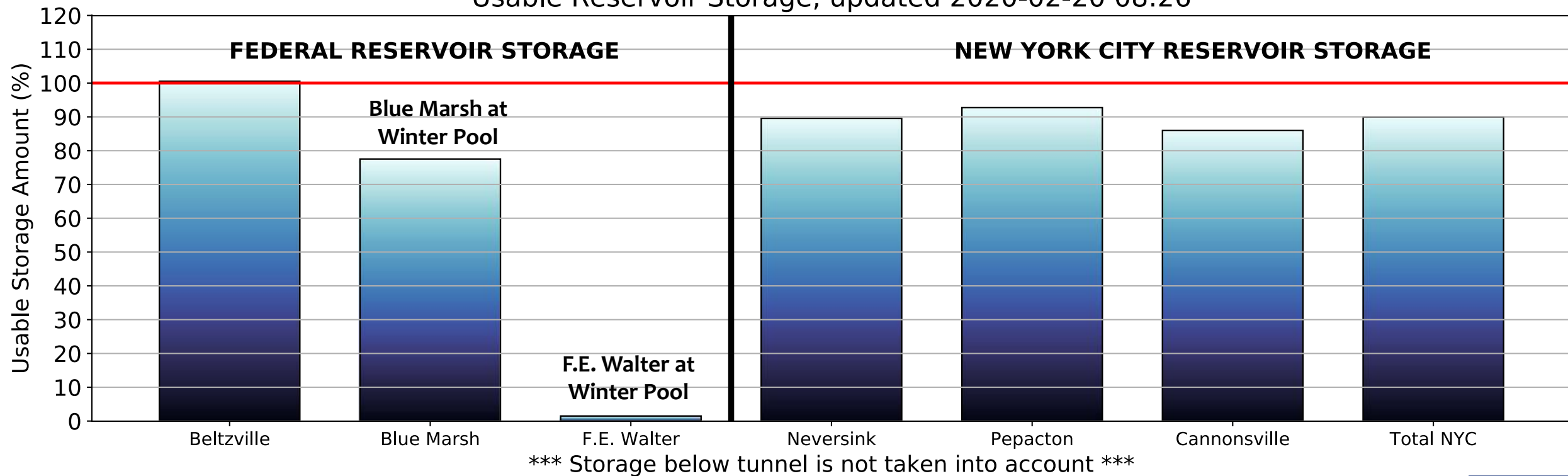
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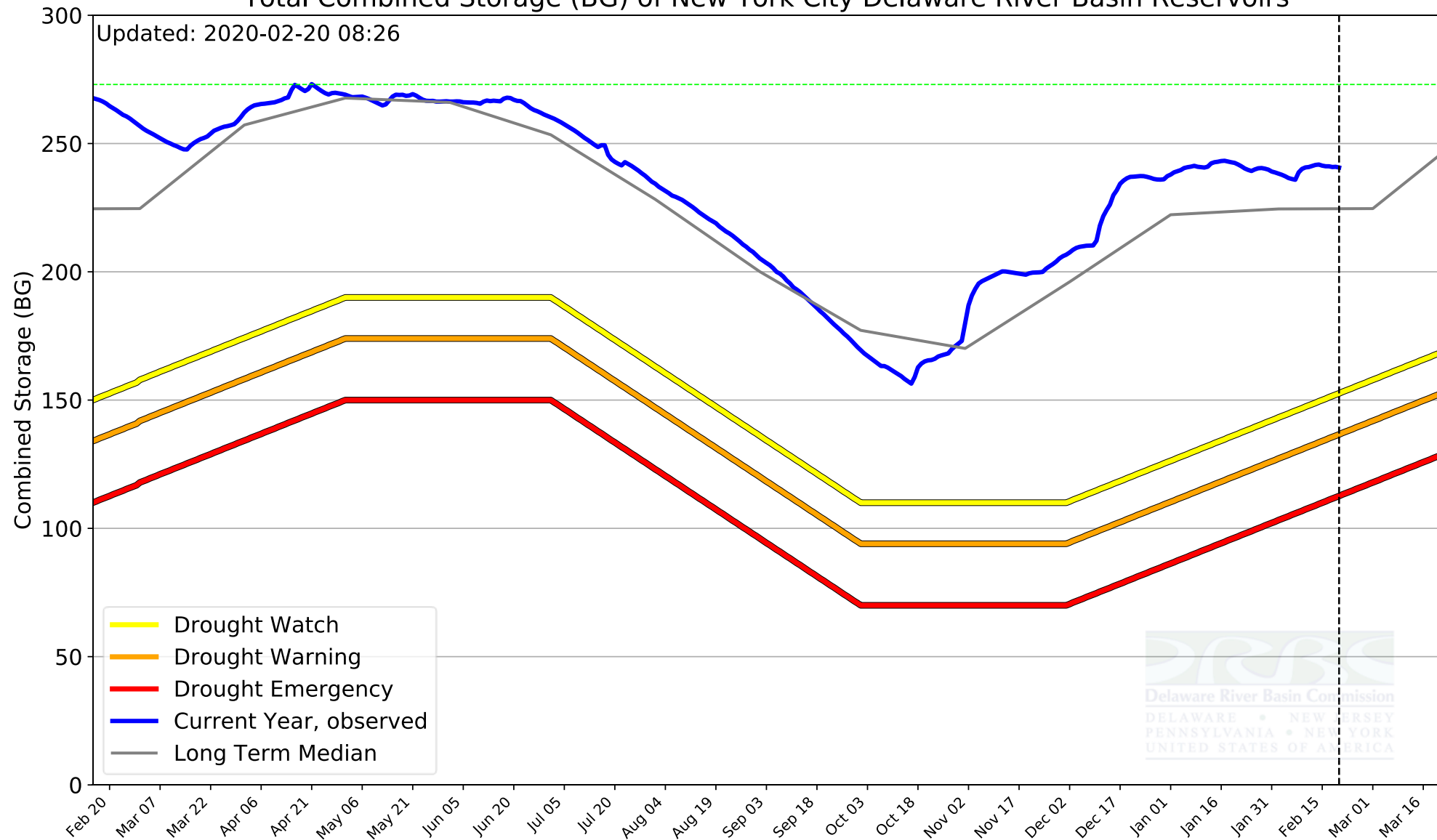
# Basin Storage

Usable Reservoir Storage, updated 2020-02-20 08:26



\* Sources: USGS, AHPS

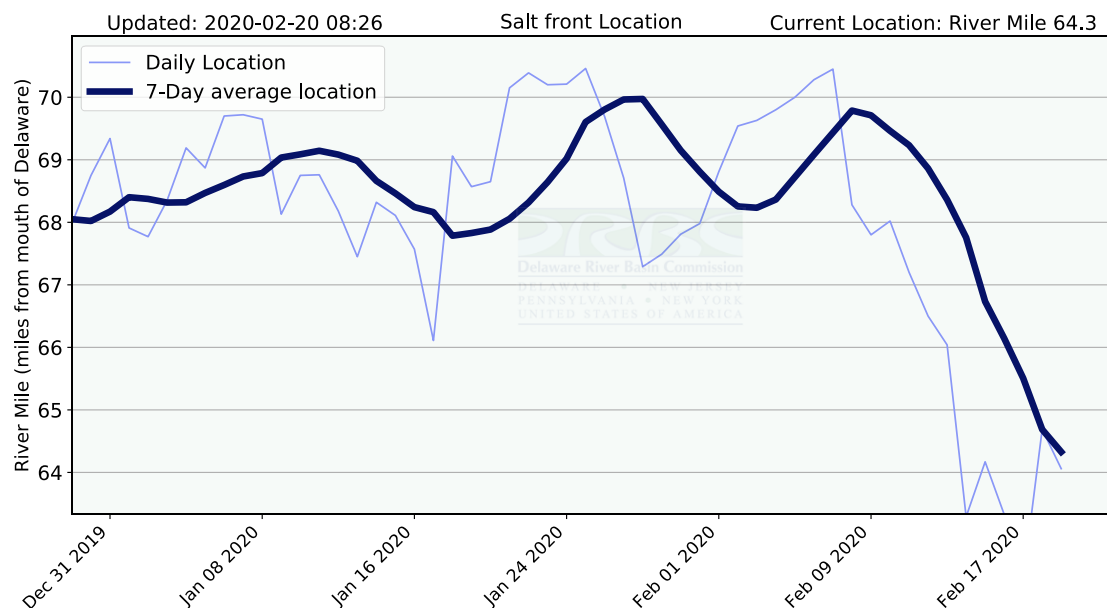
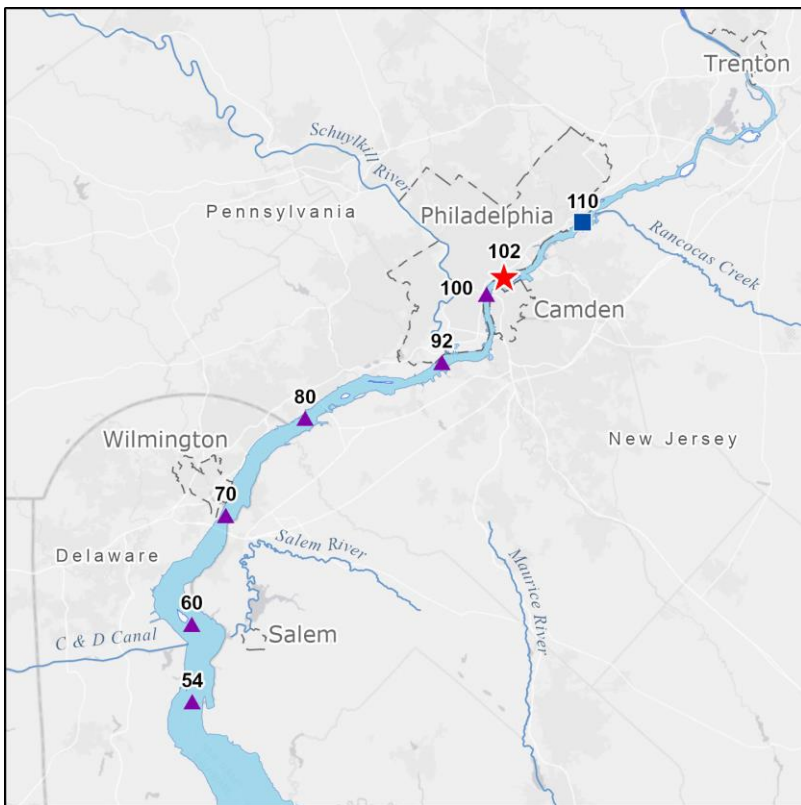
# Total Combined Storage (BG) of New York City Delaware River Basin Reservoirs



|                |              |          |           |       |                                  |                              |
|----------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Usable Storage | Cannonsville | Pepacton | Neversink | Total | BG above drought watch = 88.0    | BG above median = 16.0       |
| BG             | 80.4         | 129.2    | 31.1      | 240.6 | BG above drought warning = 104.0 | BG below one year ago = 23.2 |
| %              | 86.0         | 92.7     | 89.6      | 90.0  | BG above drought = 128.0         |                              |

\* Source: USGS

# Salt Front



**Chlorides**  
**7-Day Average RM**  
**Location of 250 mg/L**

**Current: 64.3**  
**February Normal: 71**

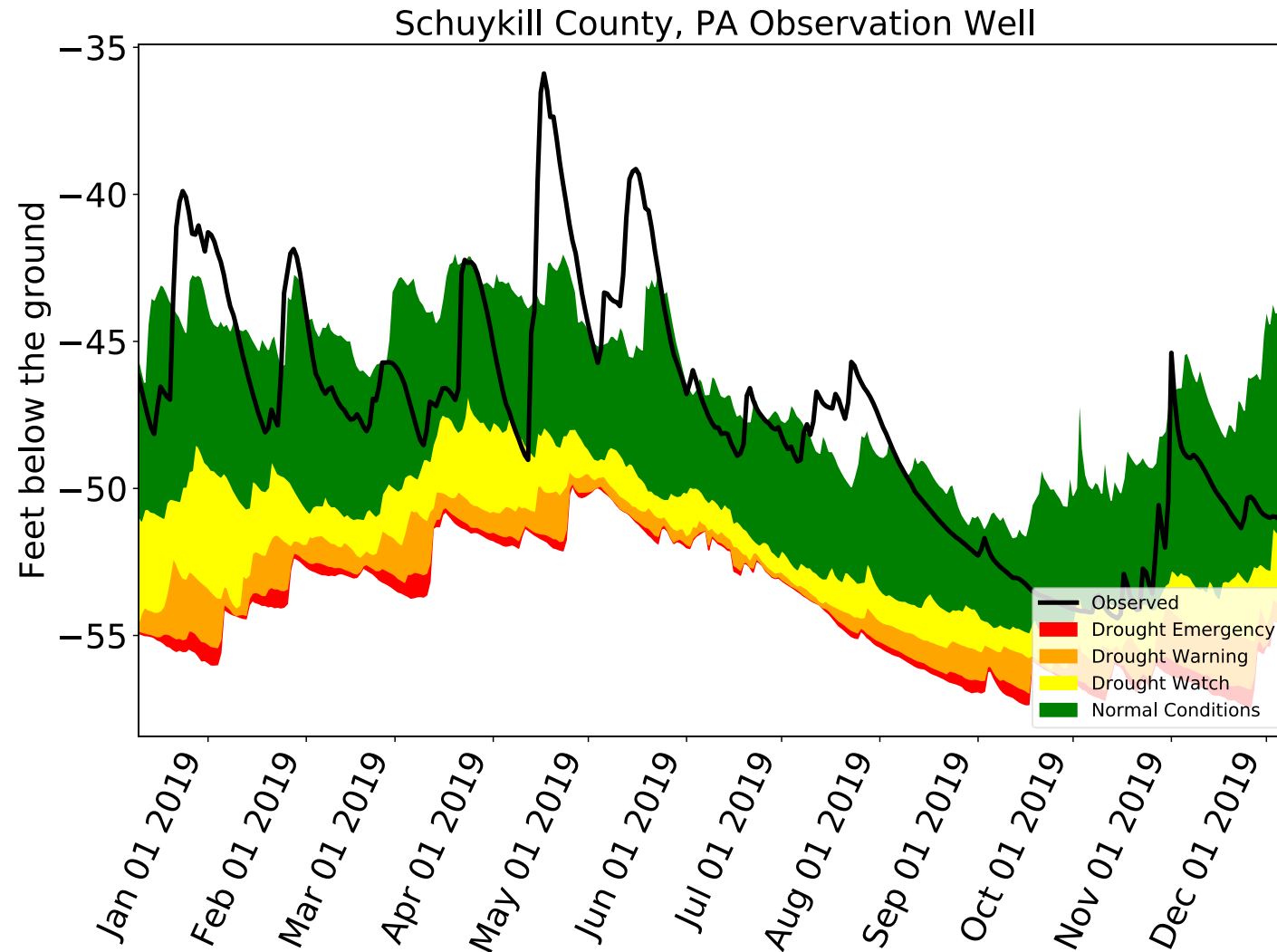
**The Flow Objective at Trenton was designed to repel salinity for the protection of drinking water treatment facilities and industrial intakes.**



# Groundwater

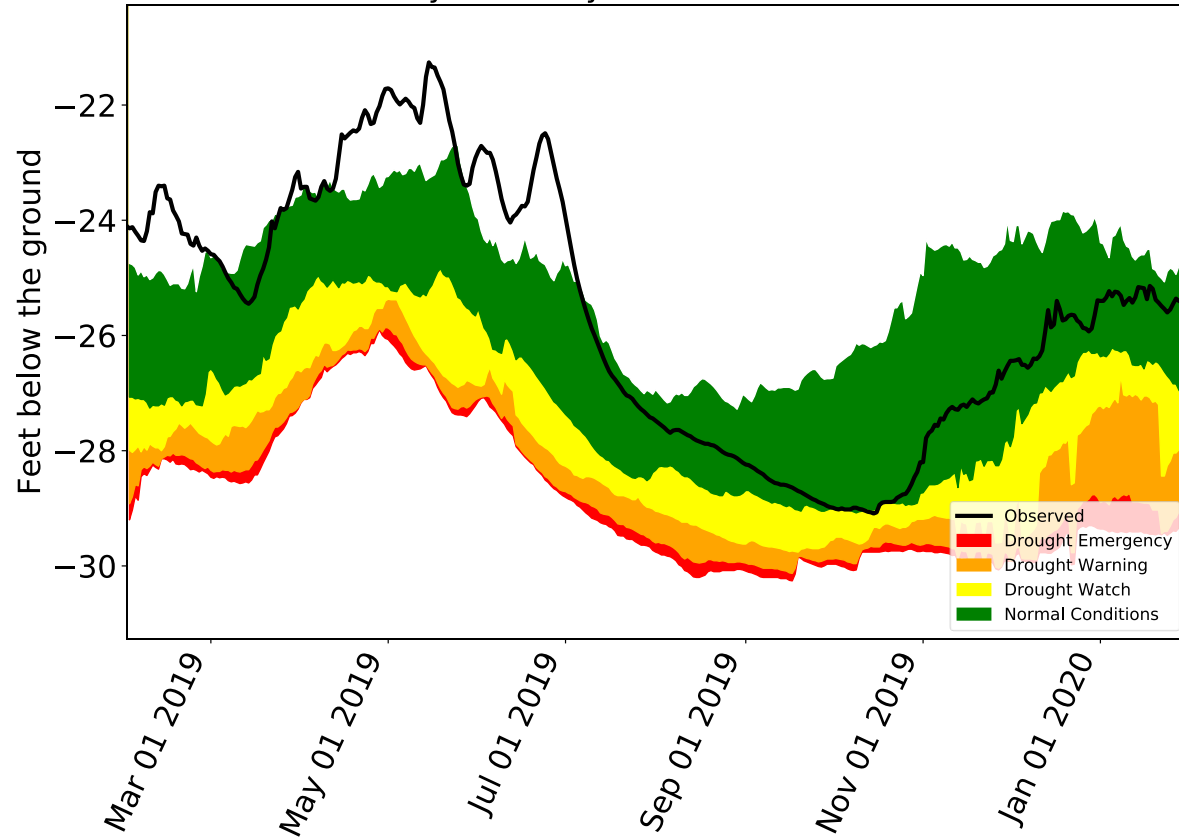
| COUNTY     | STATE | DATA SOURCE | WELL ID | INDICATOR AS OF 2020-02-19 |
|------------|-------|-------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Wayne      | PA    | USGS        | WN 64   | Normal                     |
| Monroe     | PA    | USGS        | MO 190  | Normal                     |
| Carbon     | PA    | USGS        | CB 104  | Normal                     |
| Schuylkill | PA    | USGS        | SC 296  | Normal                     |
| Lehigh     | PA    | USGS        | LE 372  | Above Normal               |
| Bucks      | PA    | USGS        | BK 1020 | Normal                     |
| Chester    | PA    | USGS        | CH 10   | Normal                     |
| Delaware   | PA    | USGS        | DE 723  | Normal                     |
| Lebanon    | PA    | USGS        | LB 372  | Normal                     |
| Burlington | NJ    | USGS        | 050689  | Normal                     |
| Cumberland | NJ    | USGS        | 110042  | Normal                     |

# Schuylkill County Well



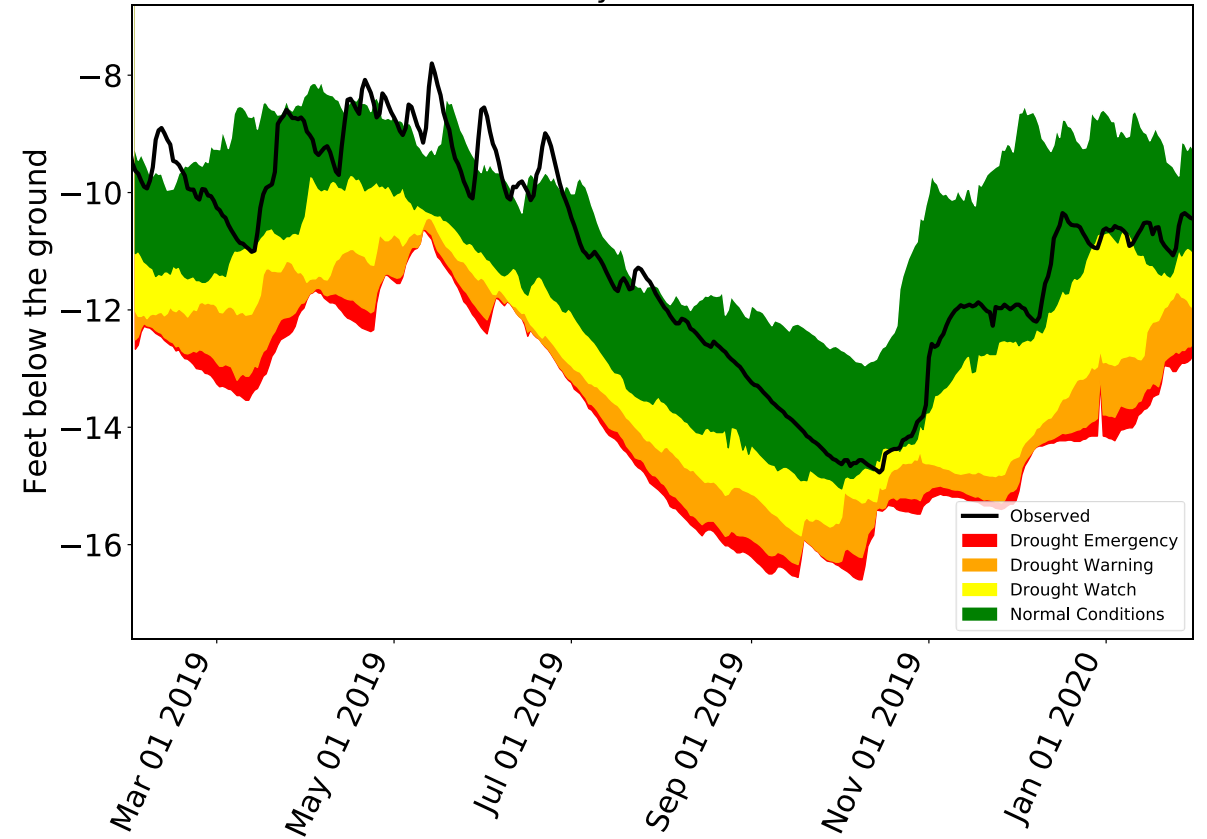
## Upper Basin

Wayne County, PA Observation Well



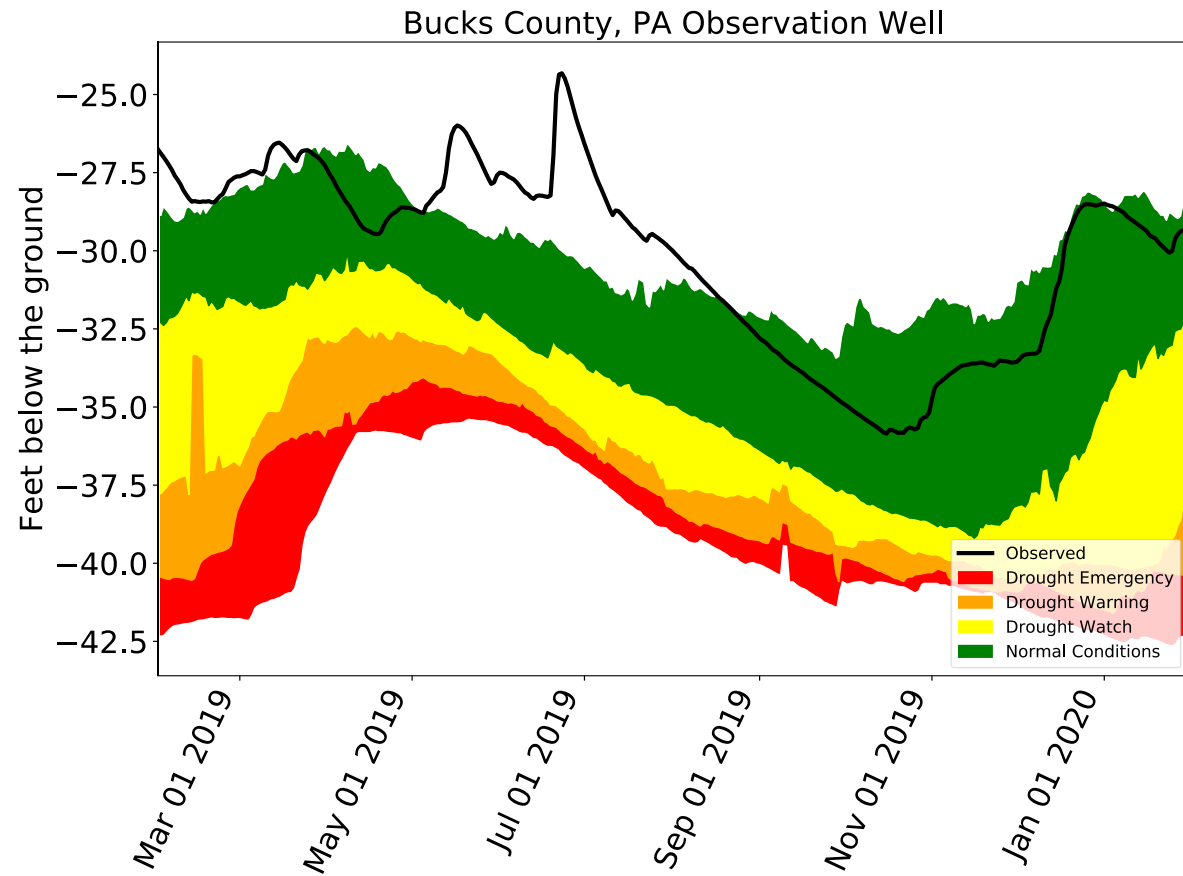
## Middle-Upper Basin

Monroe County, PA Observation Well

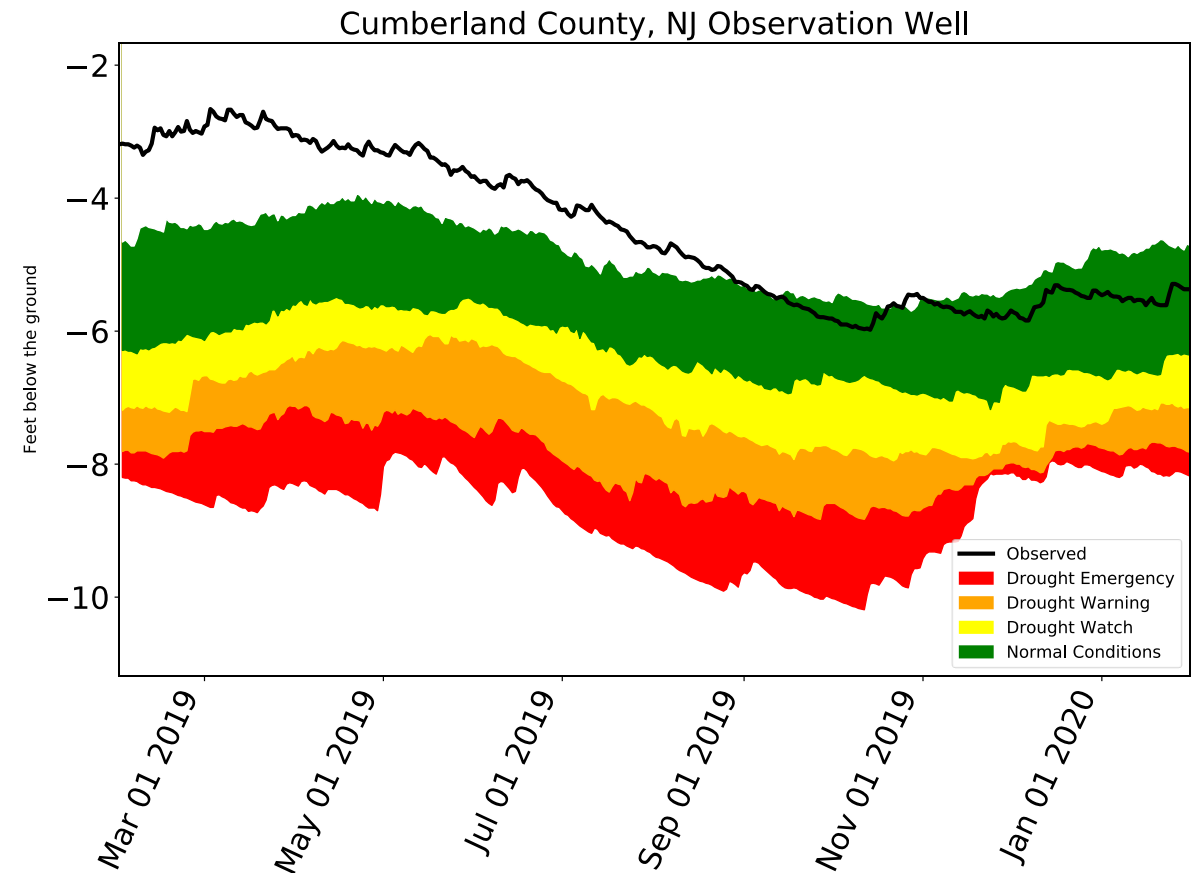




## Middle-Lower Basin

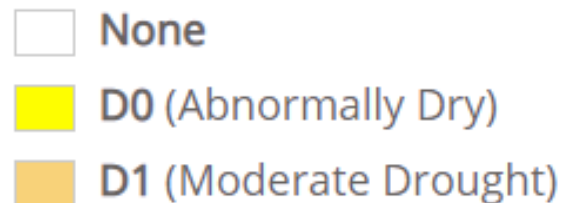
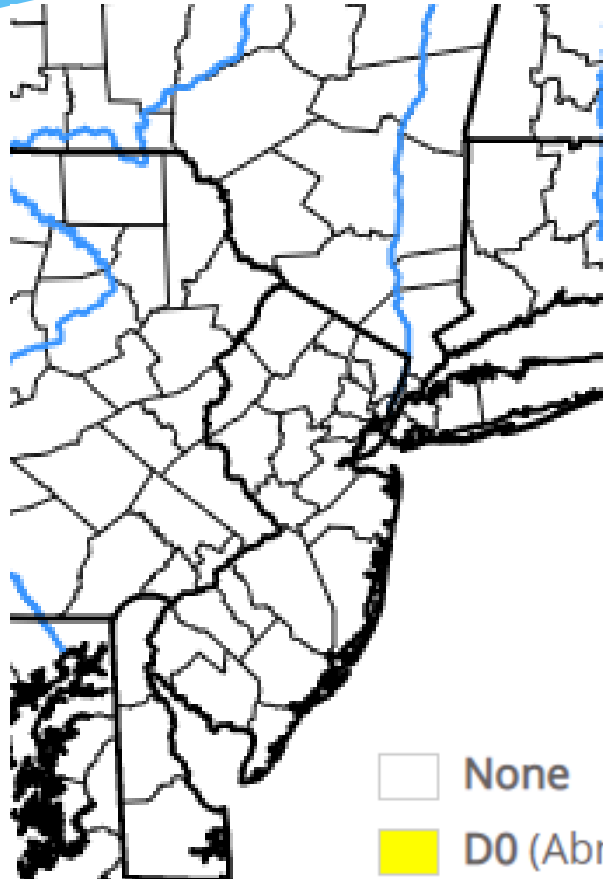


## Lower Basin



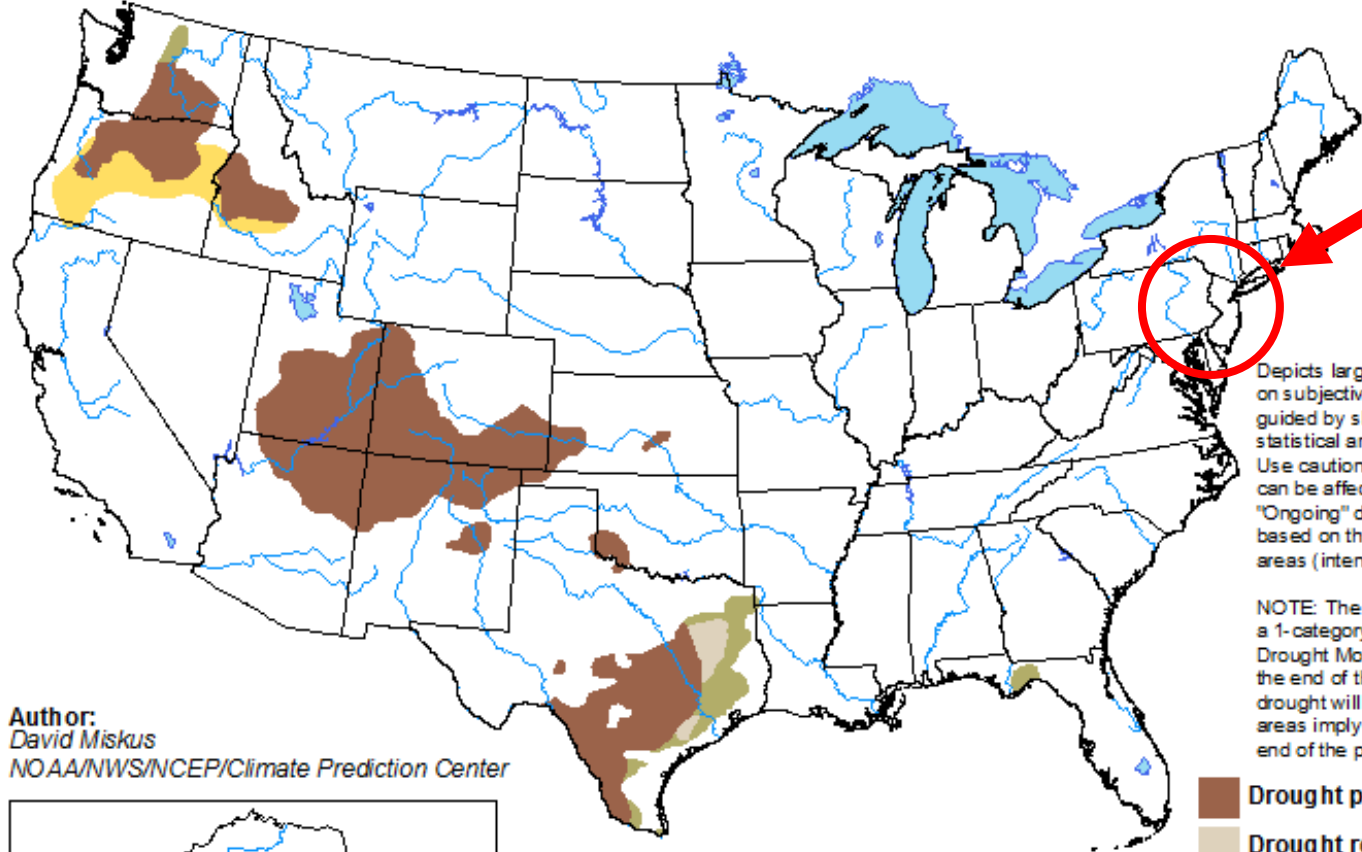
# Drought Monitor

February 13, 2020



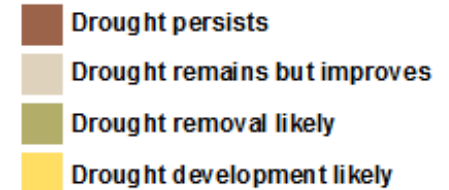
## U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for February 2020  
Released January 31, 2020



Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).



<http://go.usa.gov/3eZGd>

# 7 Day Precipitation Forecast

## Today - Monday

- High pressure remains strong, with dry conditions.
- Temperatures cooler than normal, warm up on Saturday

## Tuesday - Wednesday

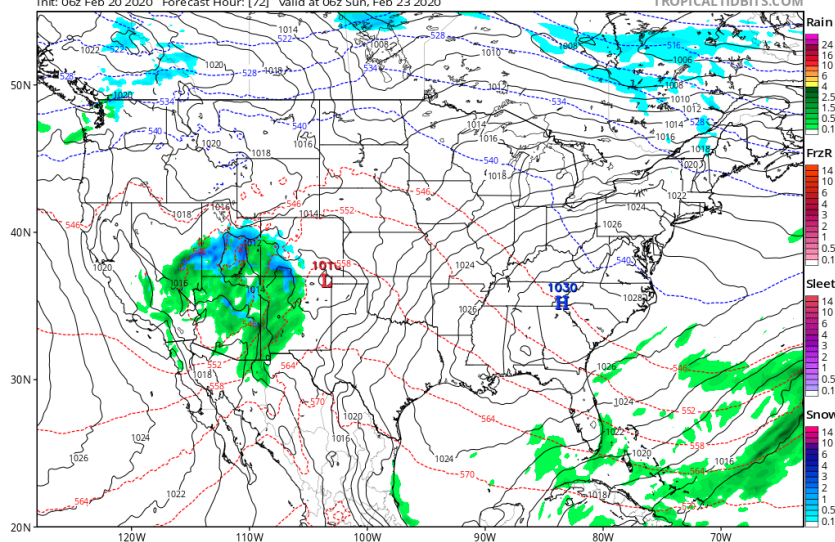
- Low Pressure system comes across from the Midwest
- Rainfall totals – 0.2 inches north, 0.6 inches south
- Moves out Wednesday morning

## Wednesday evening - Thursday

- Stronger low possible for the northeast, dependent on track
- Chance for snow on the back side
- 1 – 1.75 additional inches of liquid equivalent possible

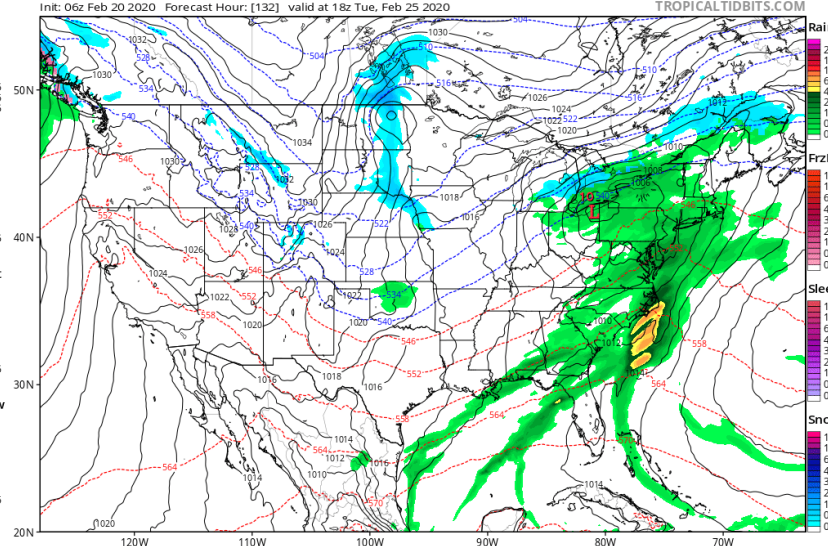
GFS 6-hour Averaged Precip Rate (mm/hr), MSLP (hPa), & 1000-500mb Thick (dam)  
Init: 06z Feb 20 2020 Forecast Hour: [72] valid at 06z Sun, Feb 23 2020

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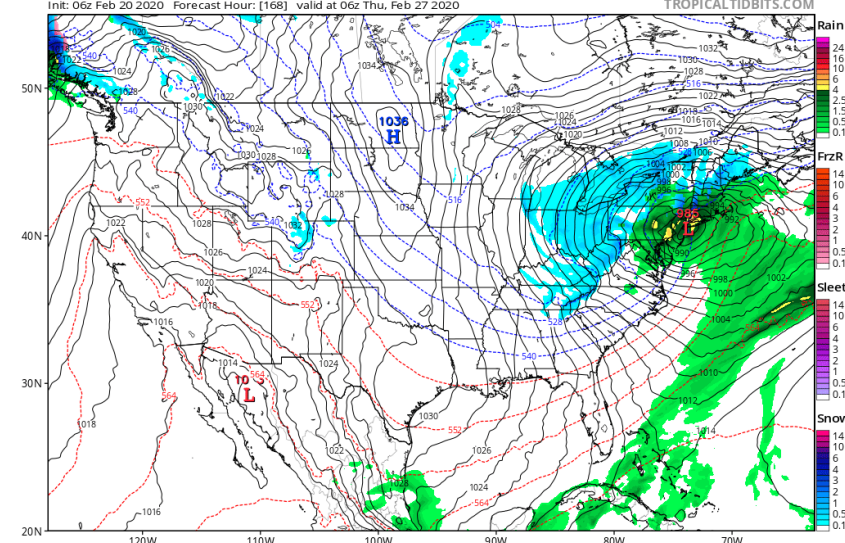
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GFS 6-hour Averaged Precip Rate (mm/hr), MSLP (hPa), & 1000-500mb Thick (dam)  
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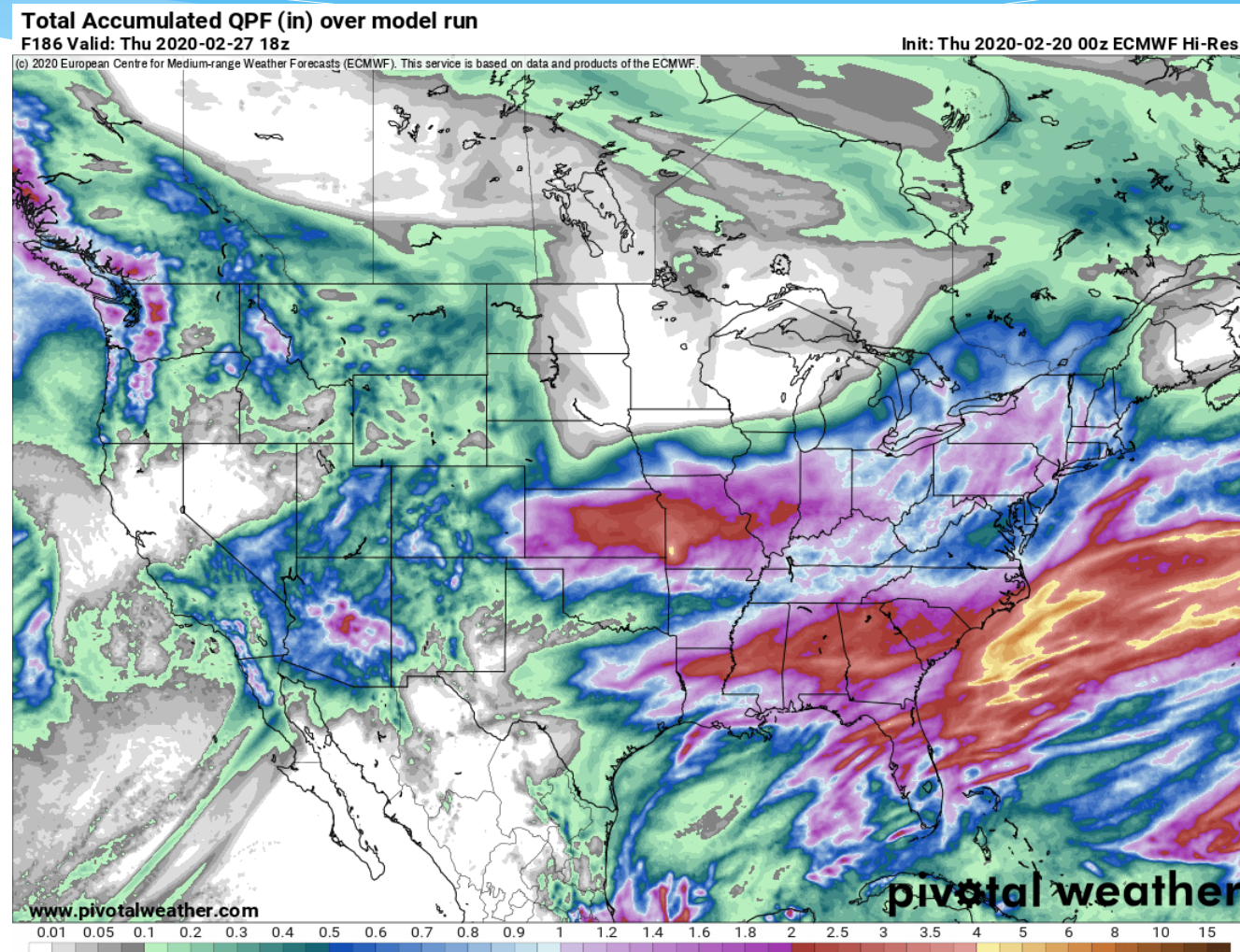


# 7 Day Precipitation Forecast

## Summary:

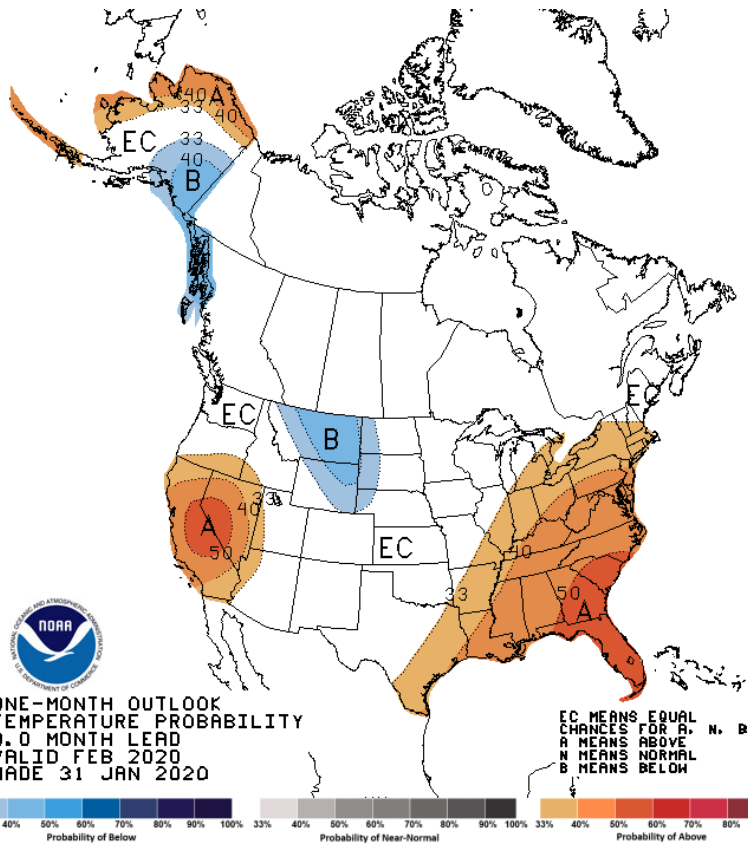
- Drier than normal week across the basin
- Weak event Monday-Tuesday
- Possible coastal low late next week, potential for heavy rain

Source: Pivotal Weather

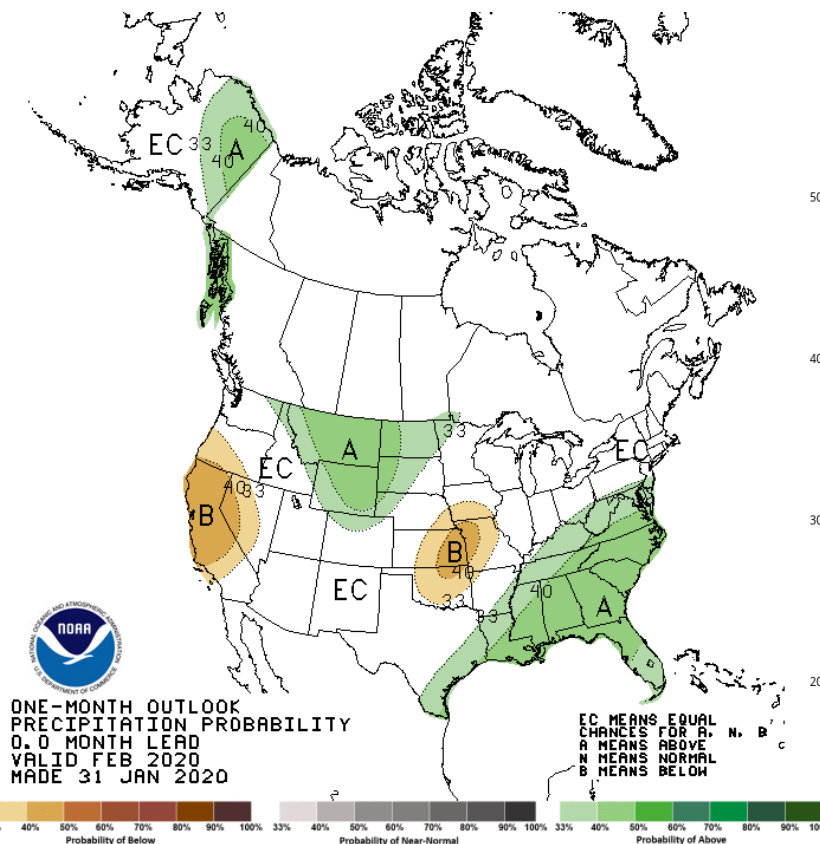


# 1 Month Outlook

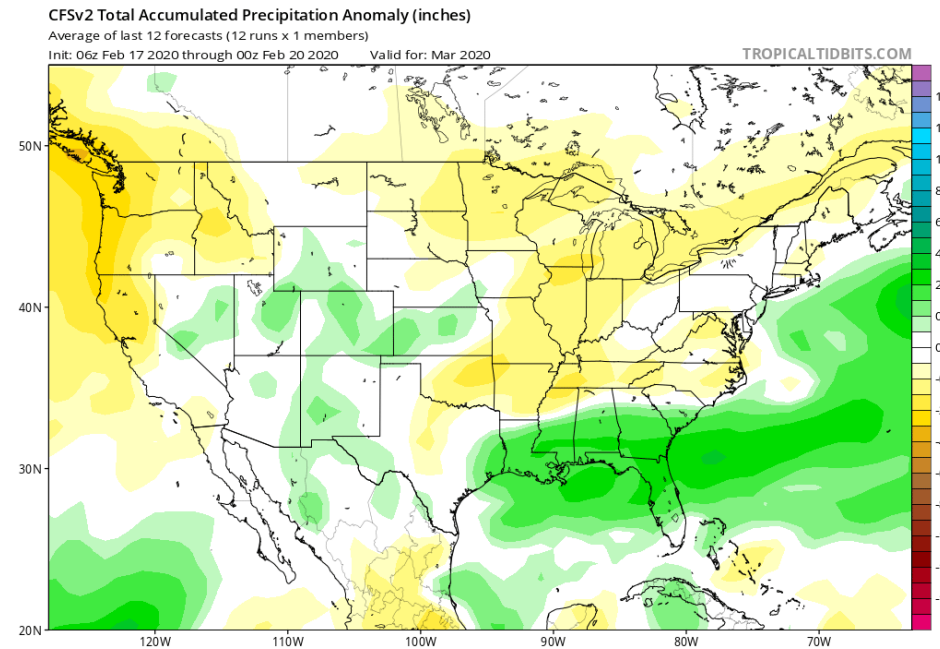
## Temperature



## Precipitation



## Model Prediction

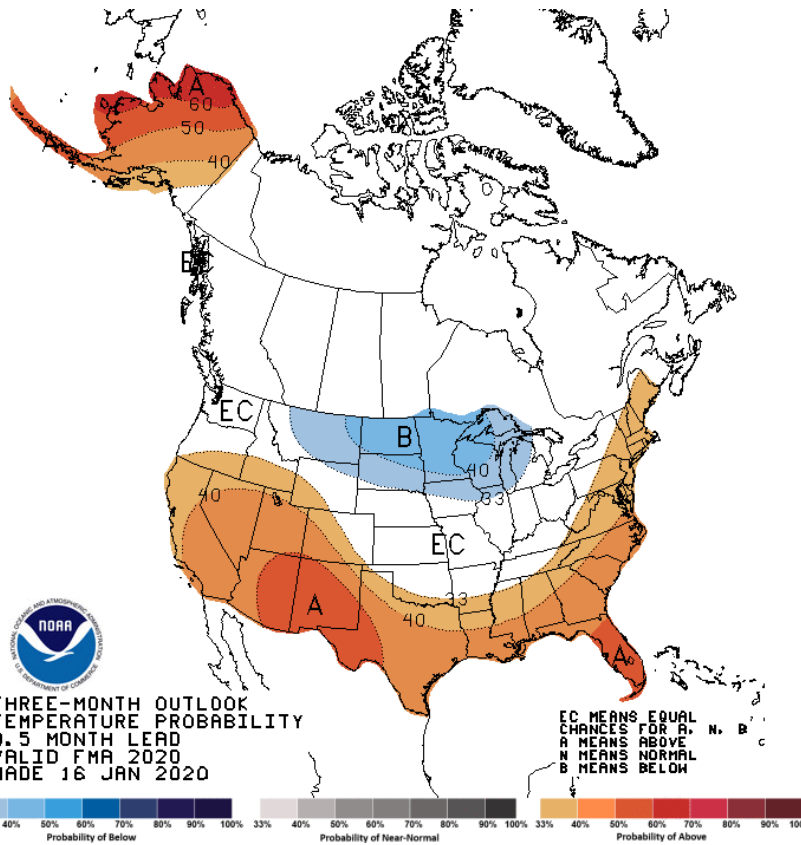


\*Forecast from Climate Prediction Center, Updated Jan 31, 2020. Valid for February.

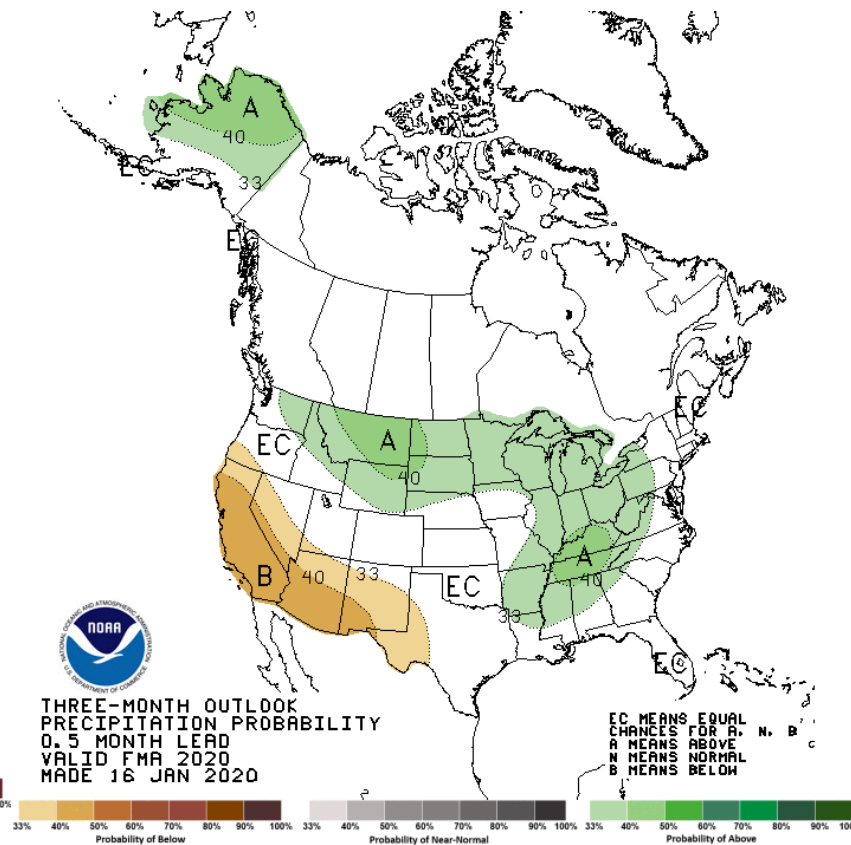


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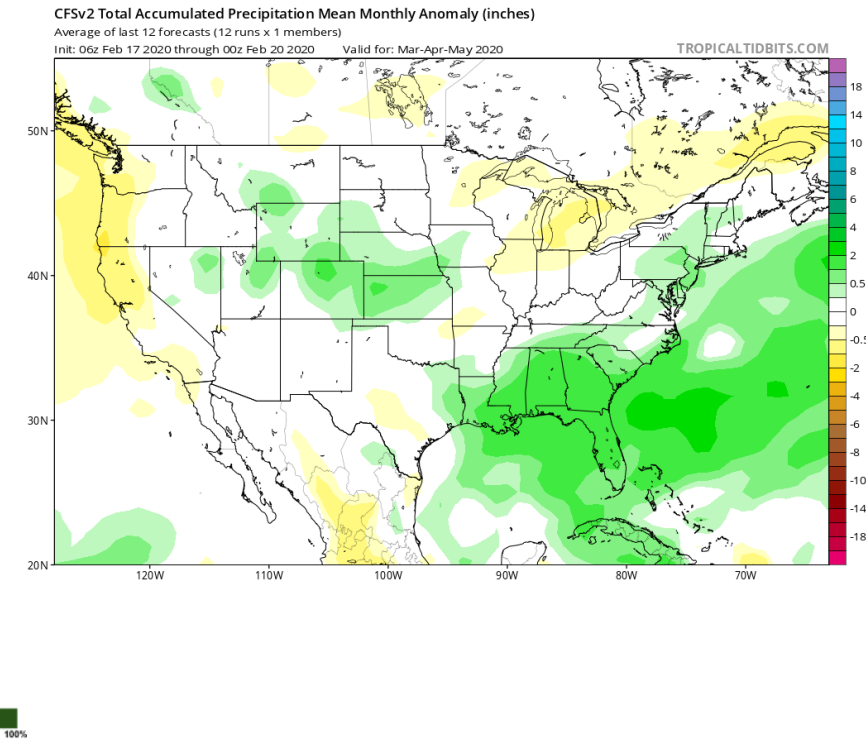
## Temperature



## Precipitation



## Model Prediction



\*Forecast from Climate Prediction Center, updated November 21, 2019. Valid for December - February