

Hydrologic Conditions

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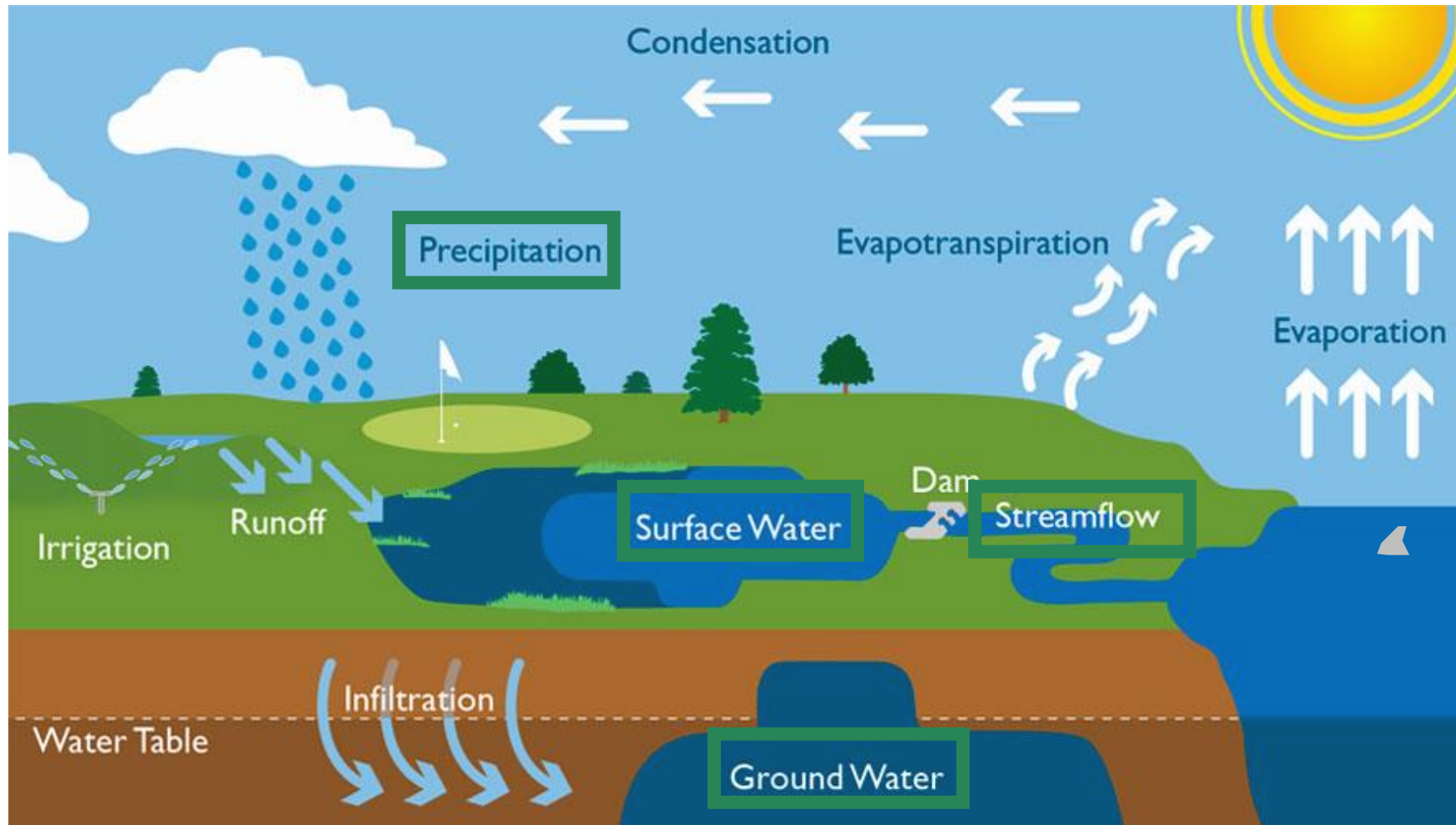


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The Hydrologic Cycle

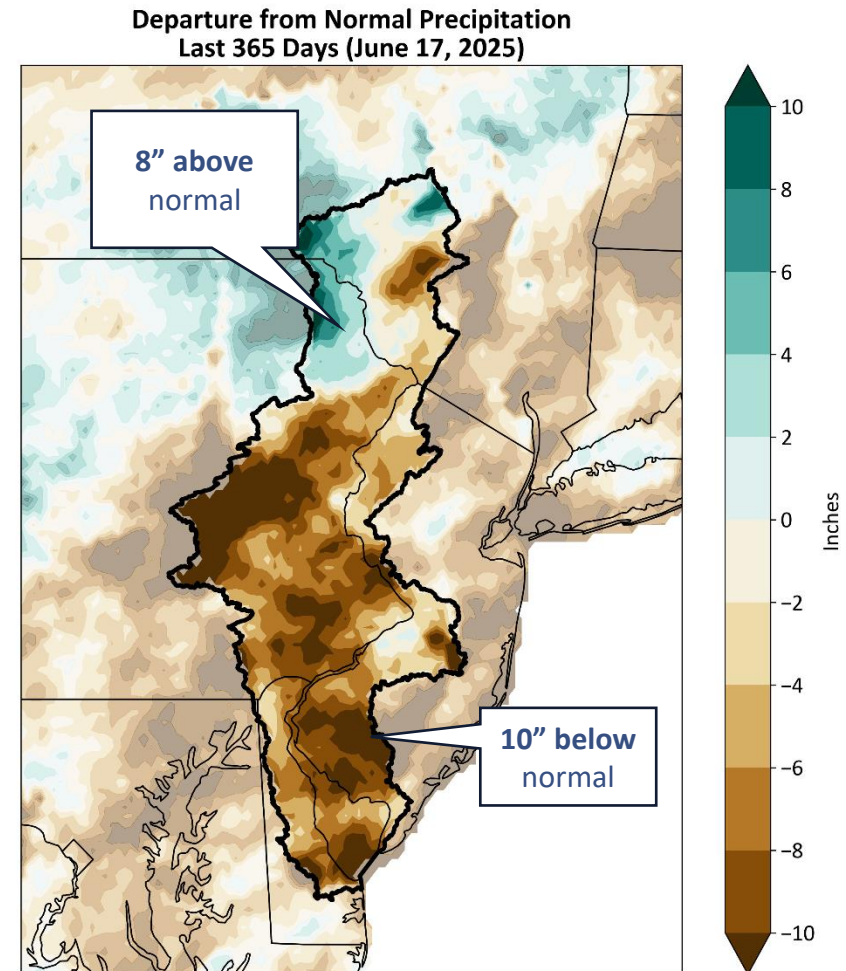
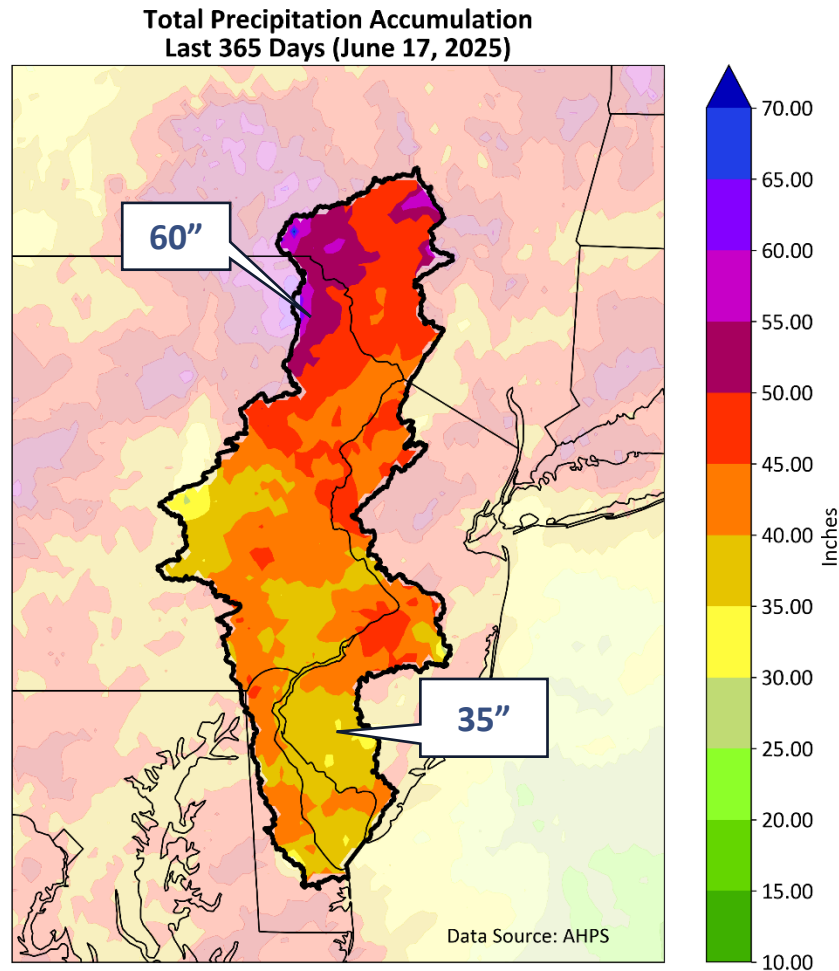
Water moves around the earth through air, soil, and over land.



Graphic courtesy of Pike County Soil Conservation District

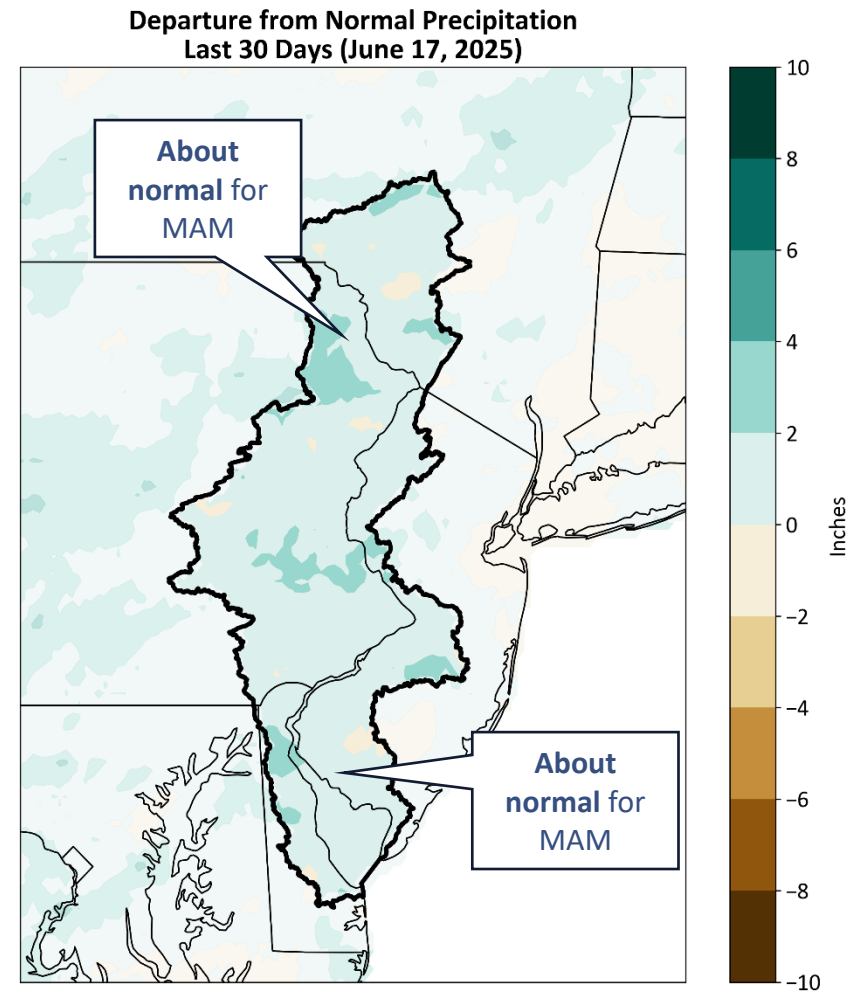
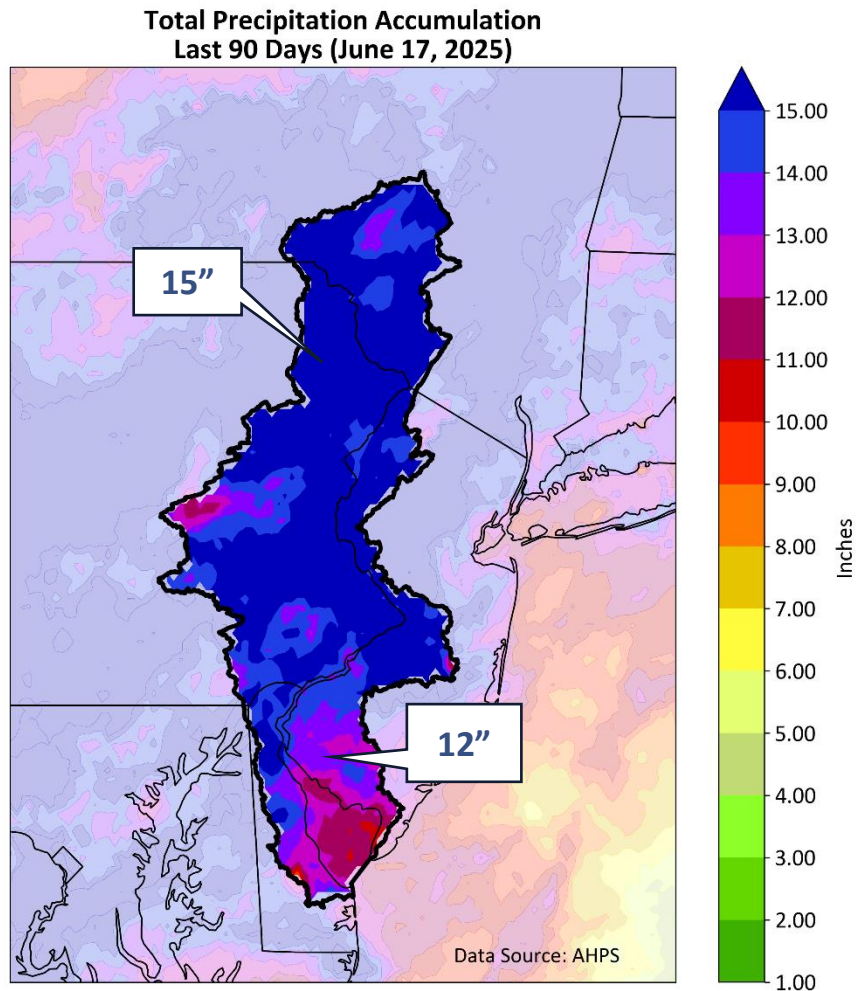
Precipitation over the last year

Slightly improving conditions throughout the basin.



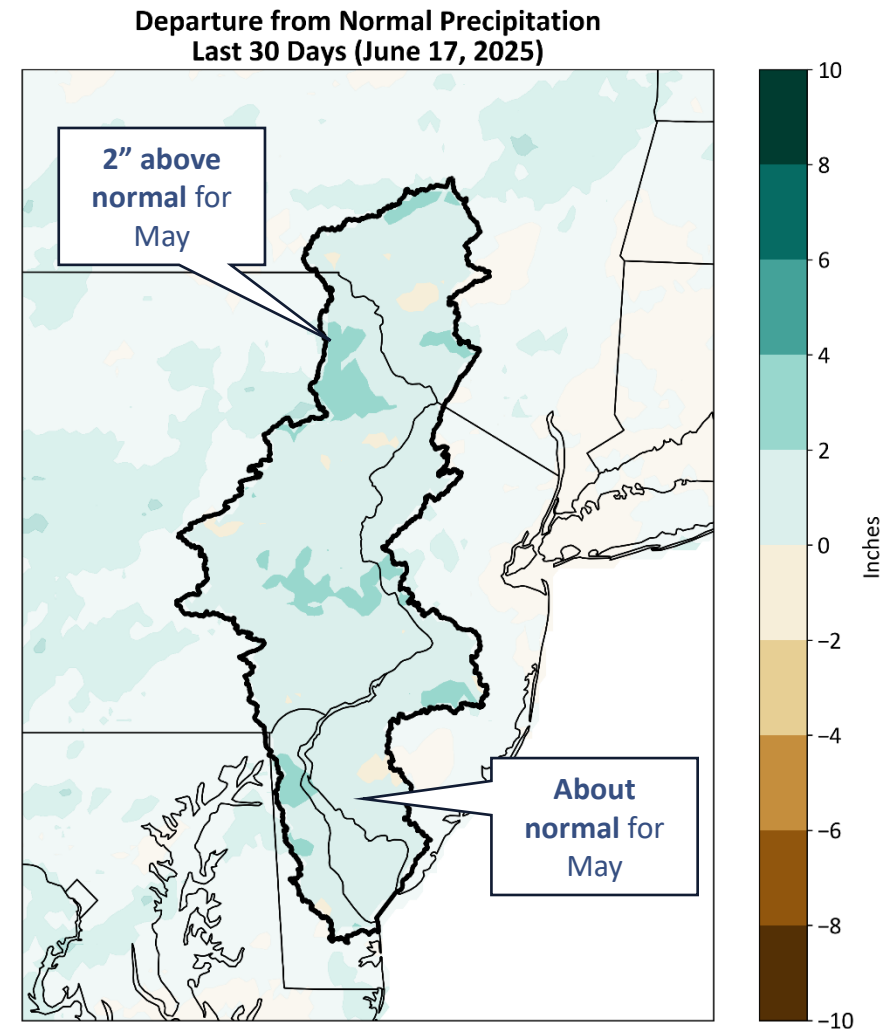
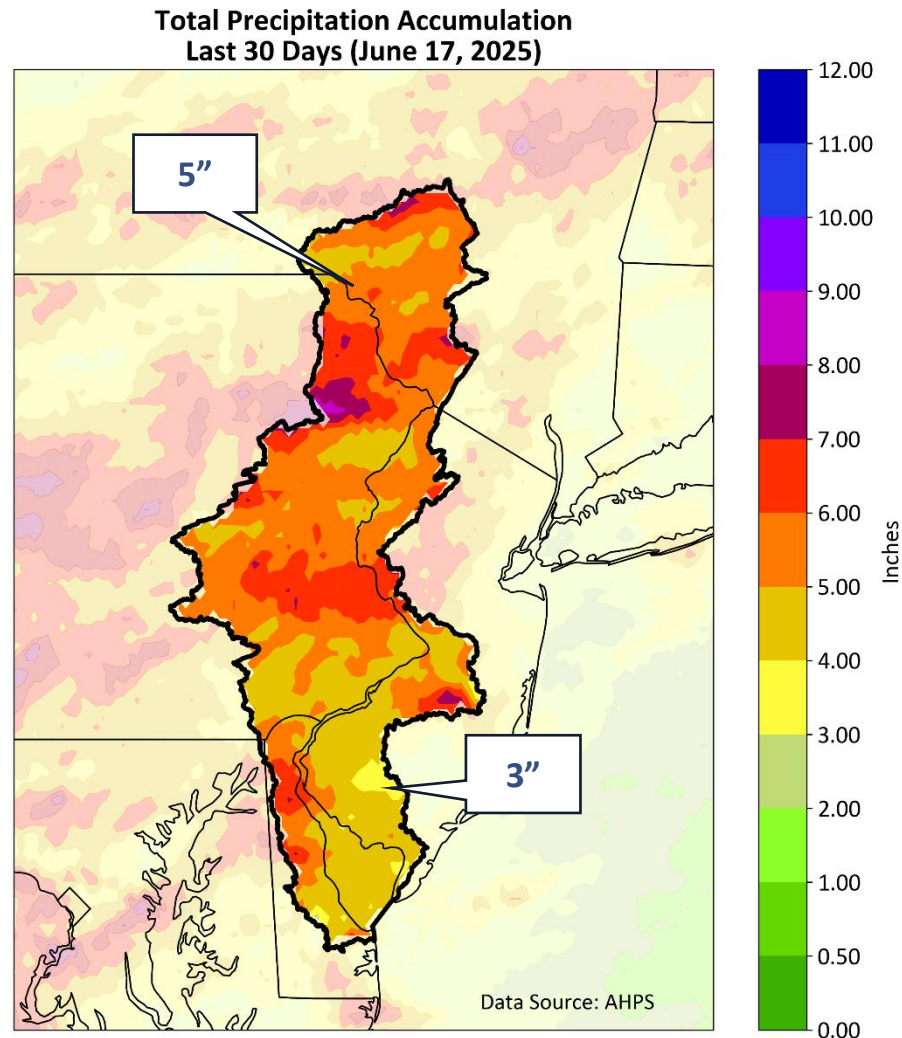
Precipitation – 90 days

The past three-month period was about normal.



Precipitation – past 30 days

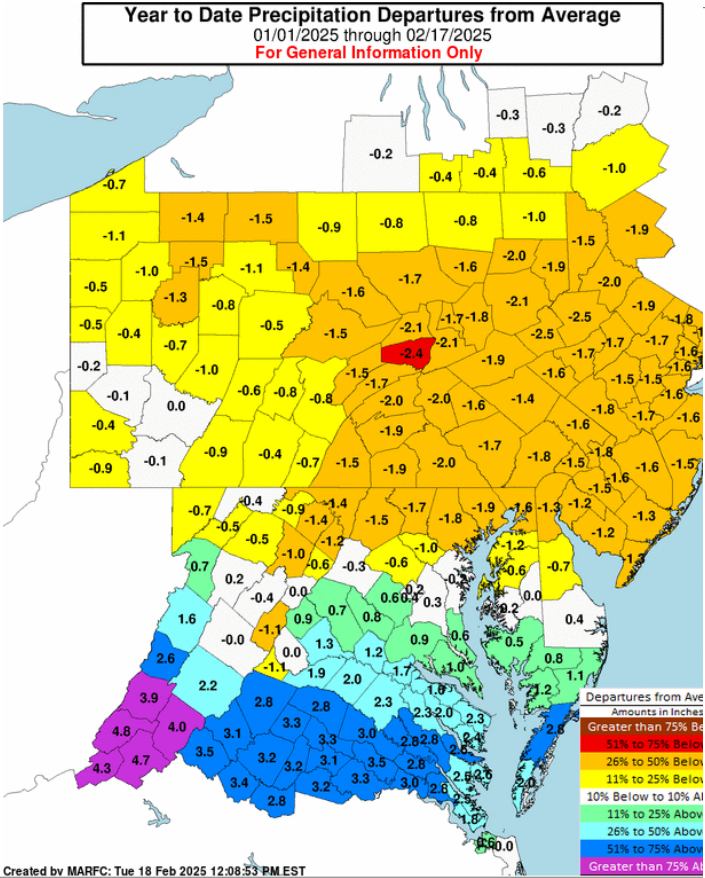
May's precipitation was about normal.



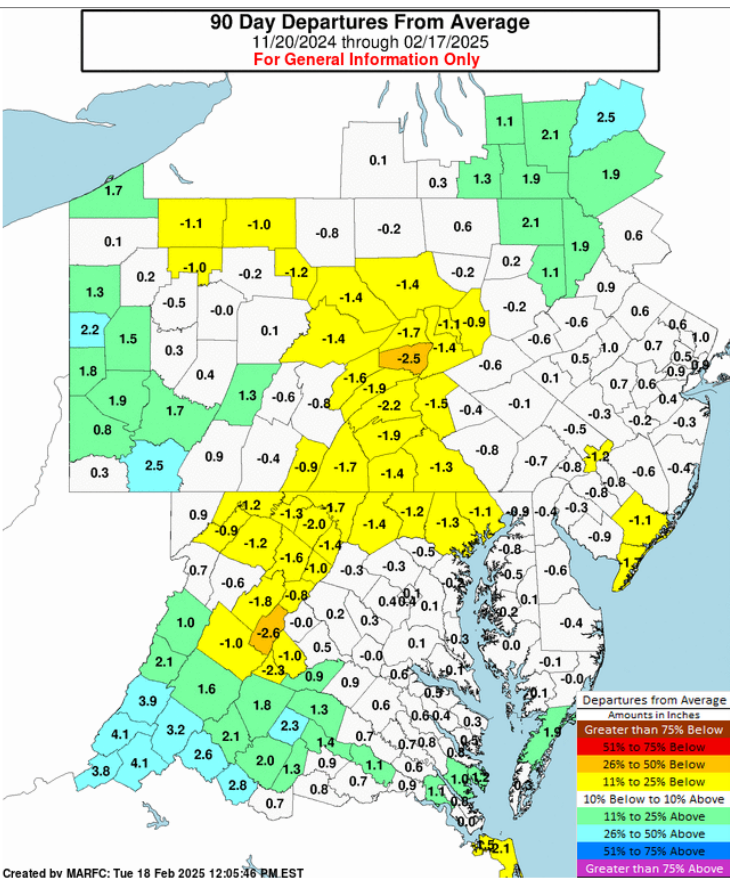
Precipitation Departures

Conditions have recovered in the last 90 days with rainfall.

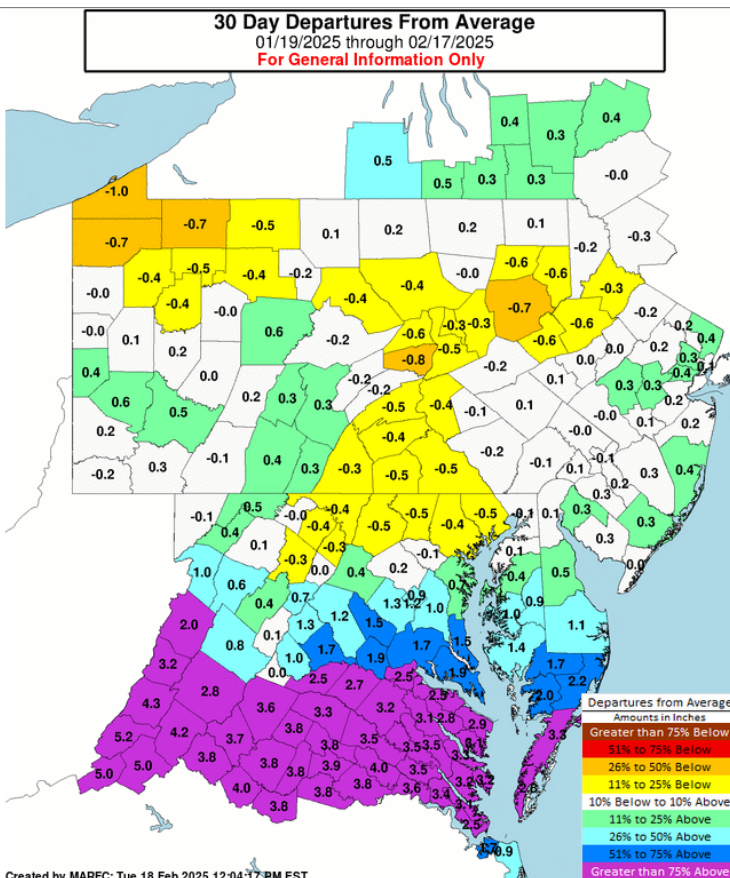
Year-to-date



90-day



30-day



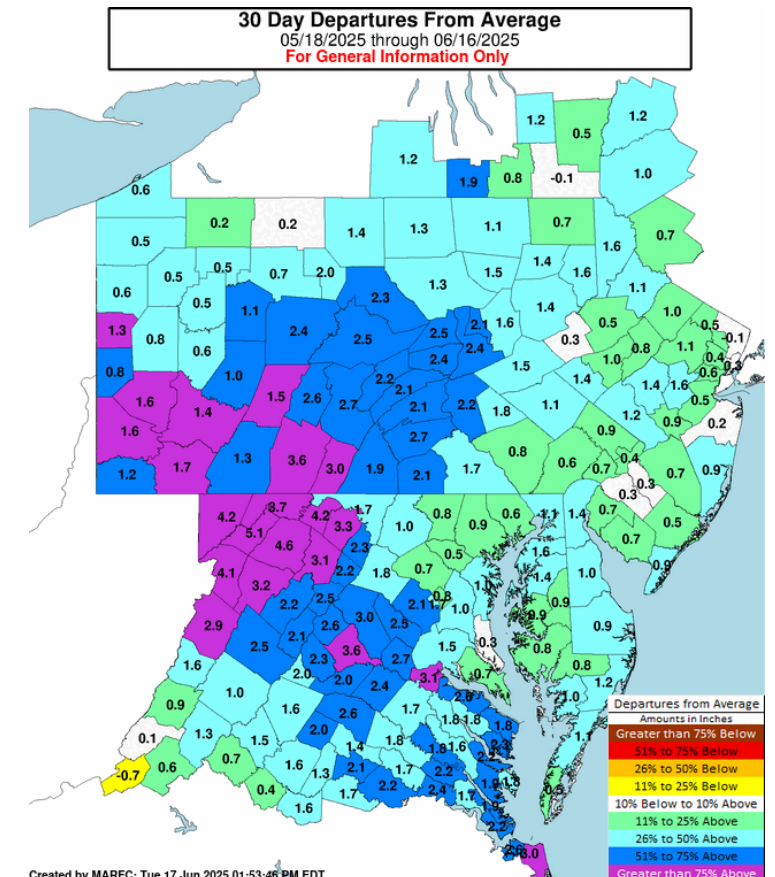
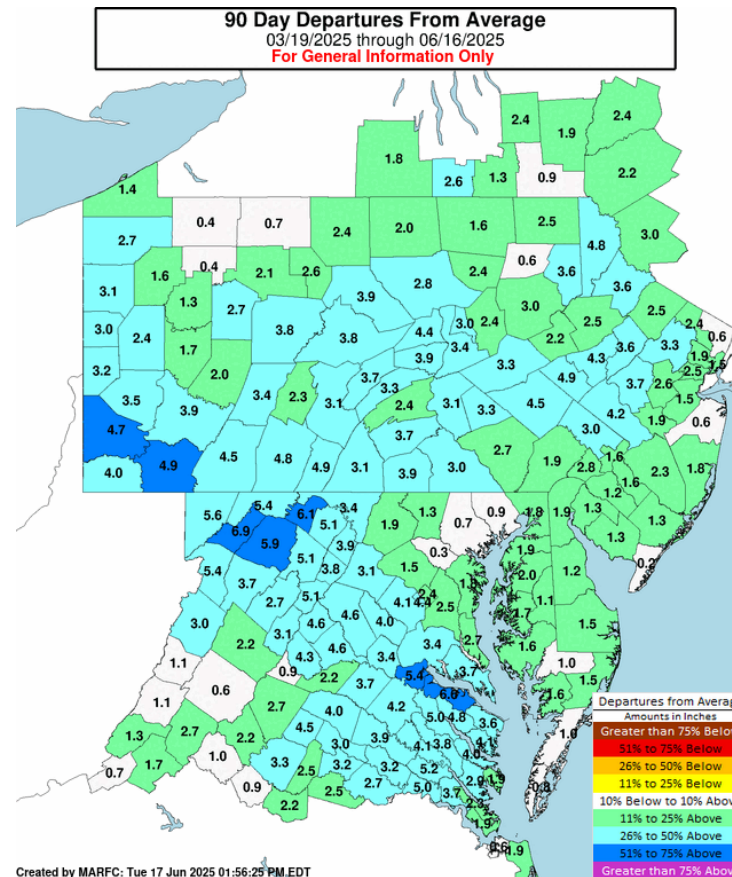
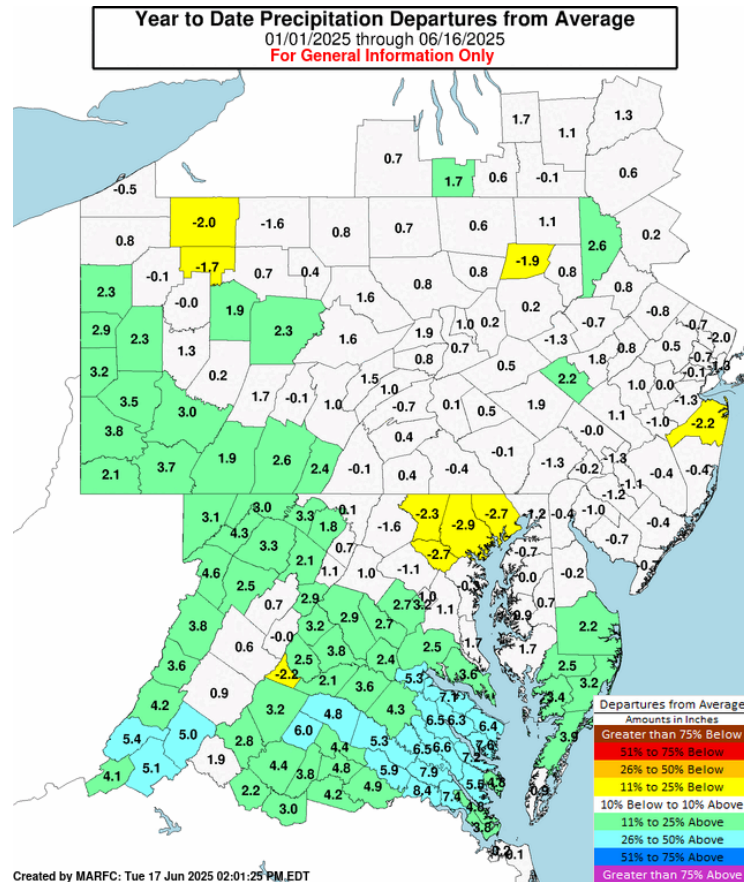
Precipitation Departures

Conditions have recovered to mostly normal over all temporal scales.

Year-to-date

90-day

30-day



Streamflow









Most tributaries have recovered to normal conditions with recent precipitation, but still dry in Southern NJ.

Flow Conditions:

Upper Basin: Above Normal to Normal

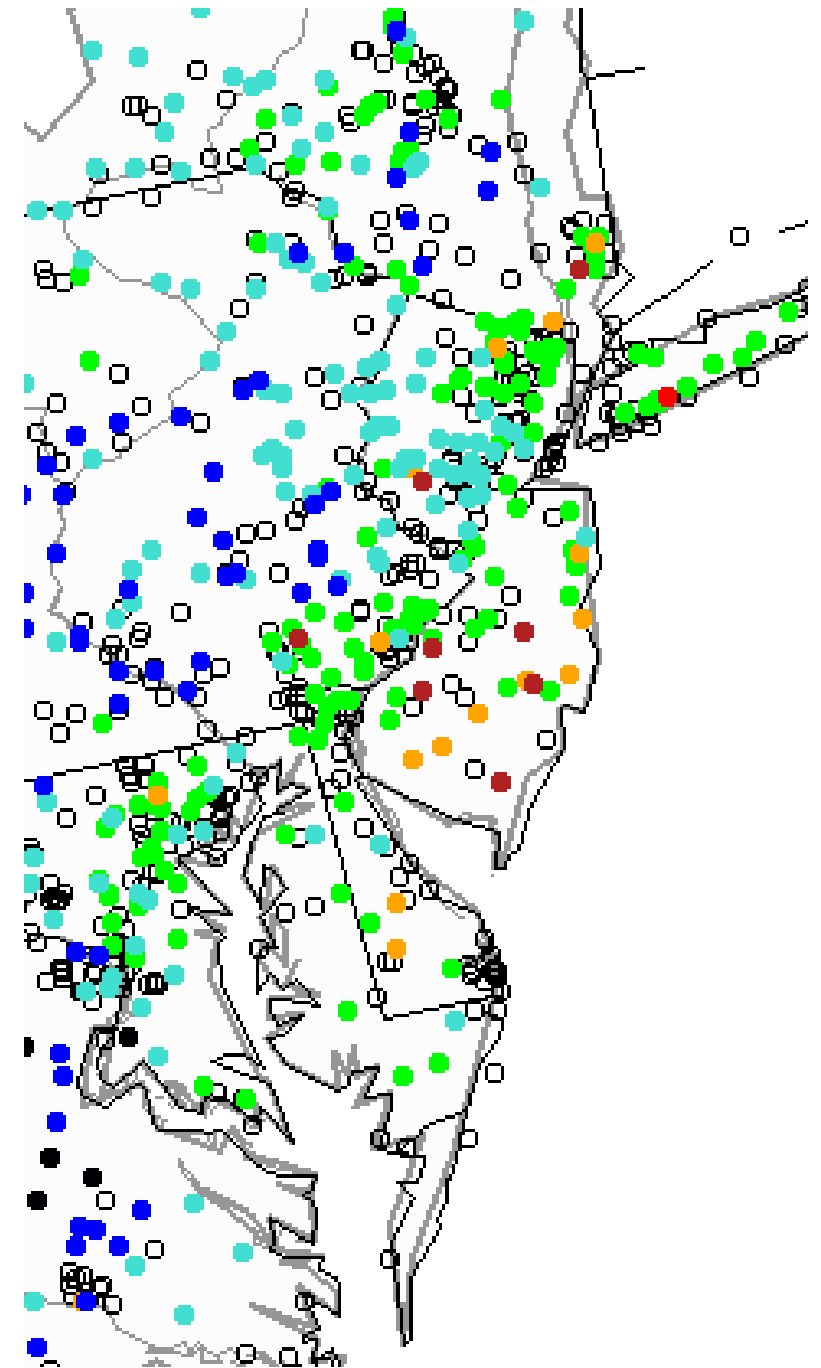
Central Basin: Above Normal to Normal

Lower Basin: Normal

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

Map last updated:
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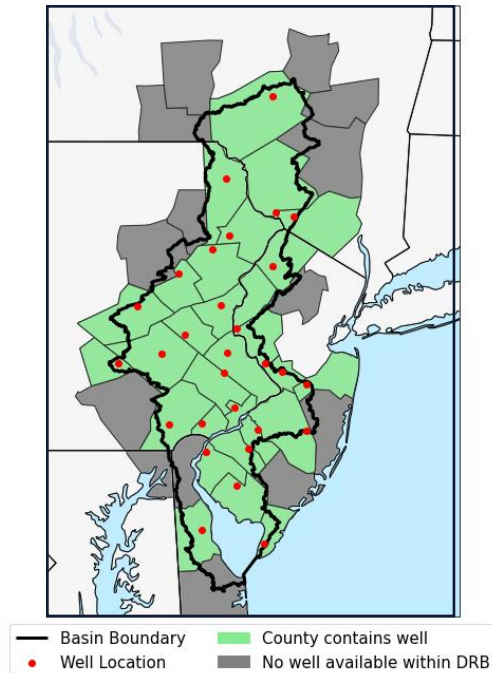
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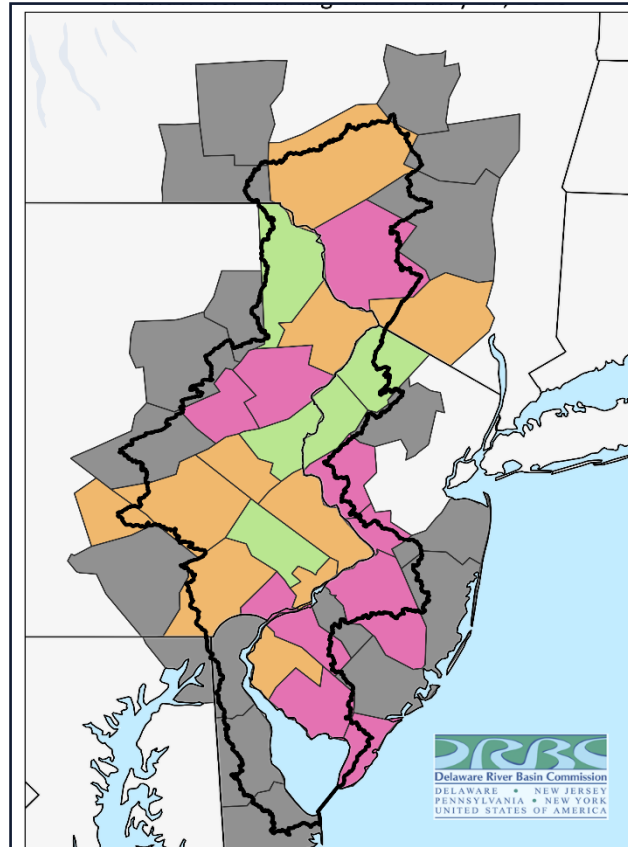
Groundwater Levels

Groundwater levels improved significantly with the rainfall over the past quarter.

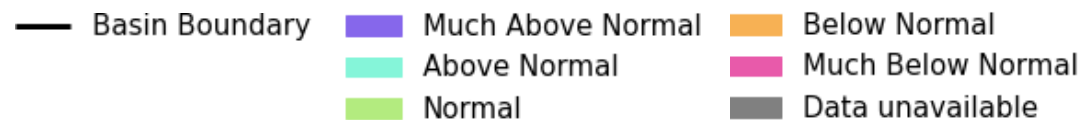
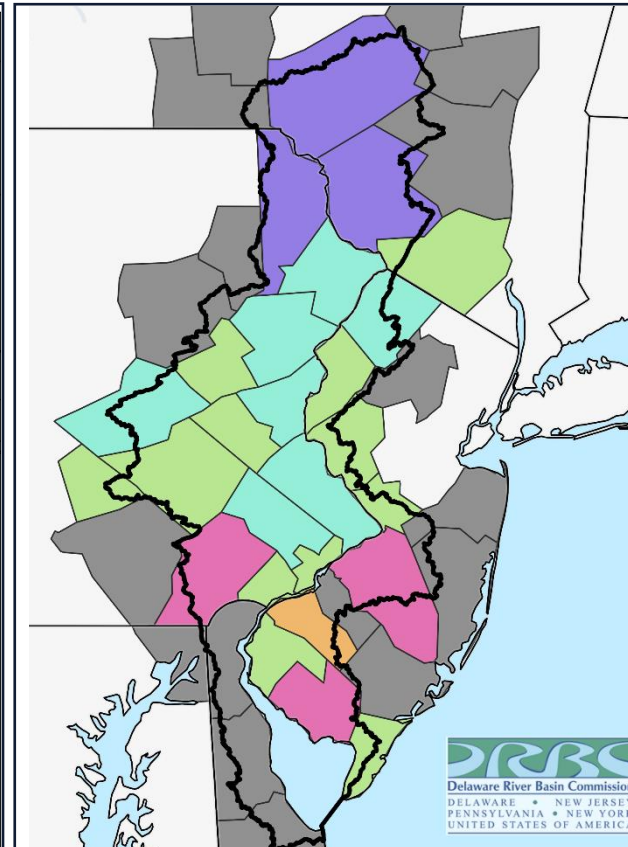
Reference Wells



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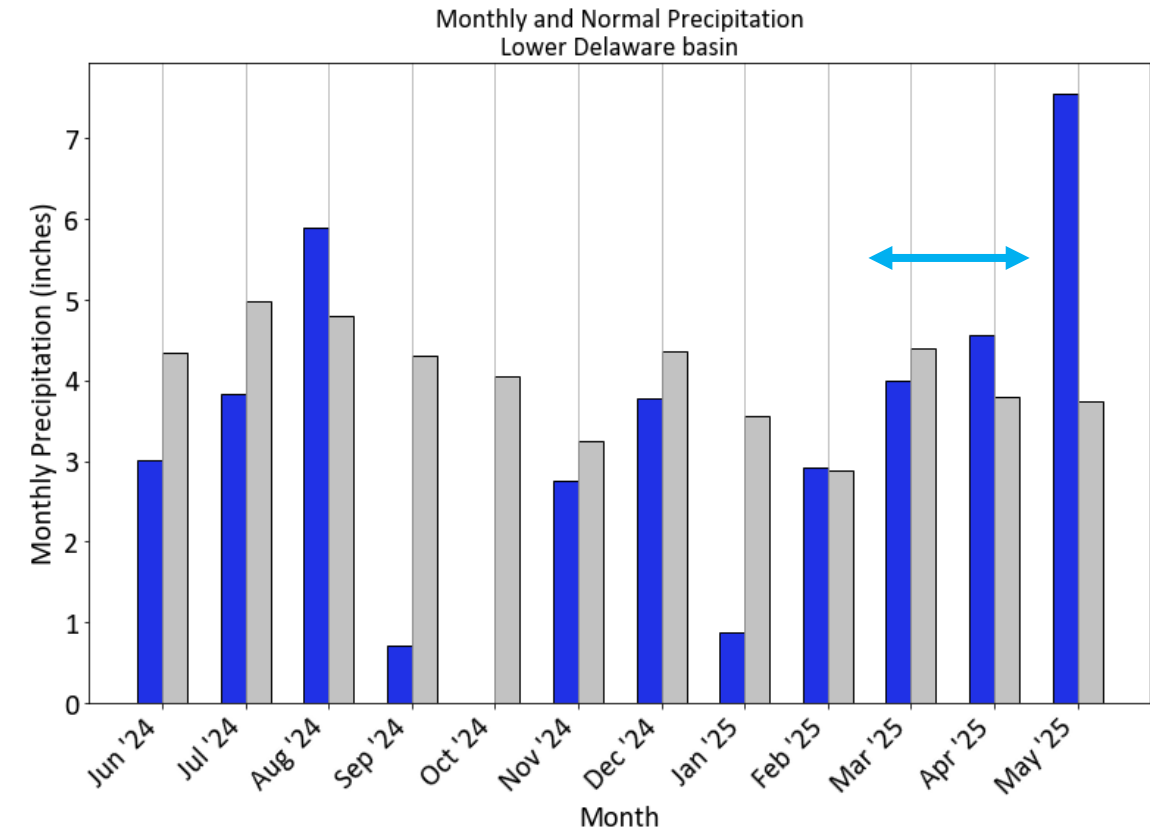
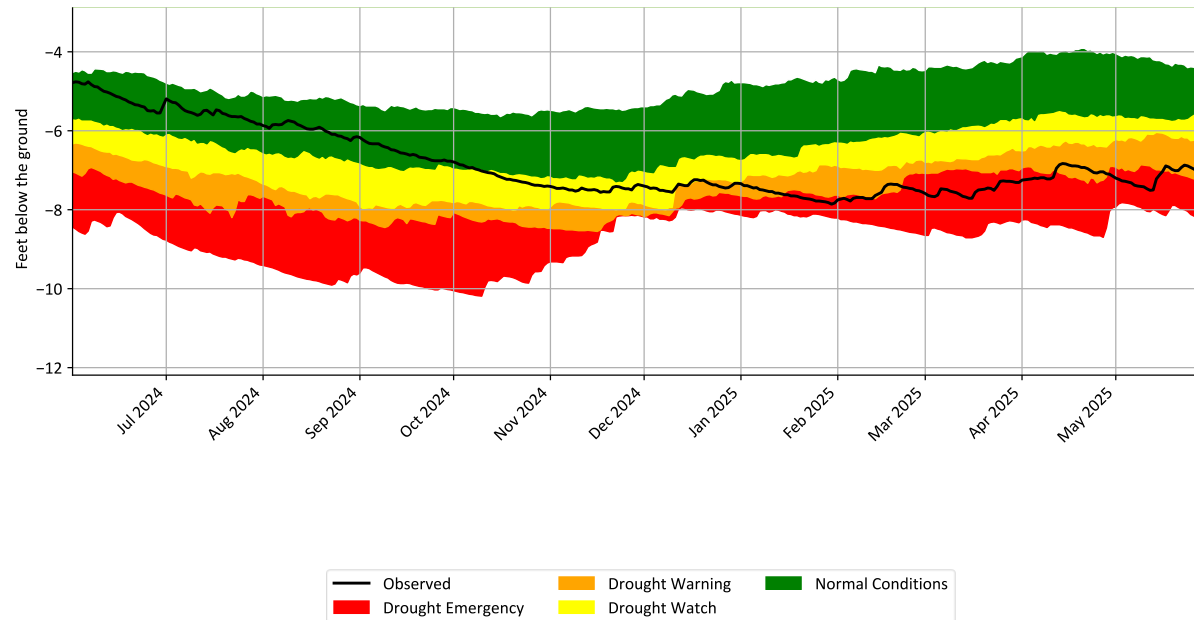


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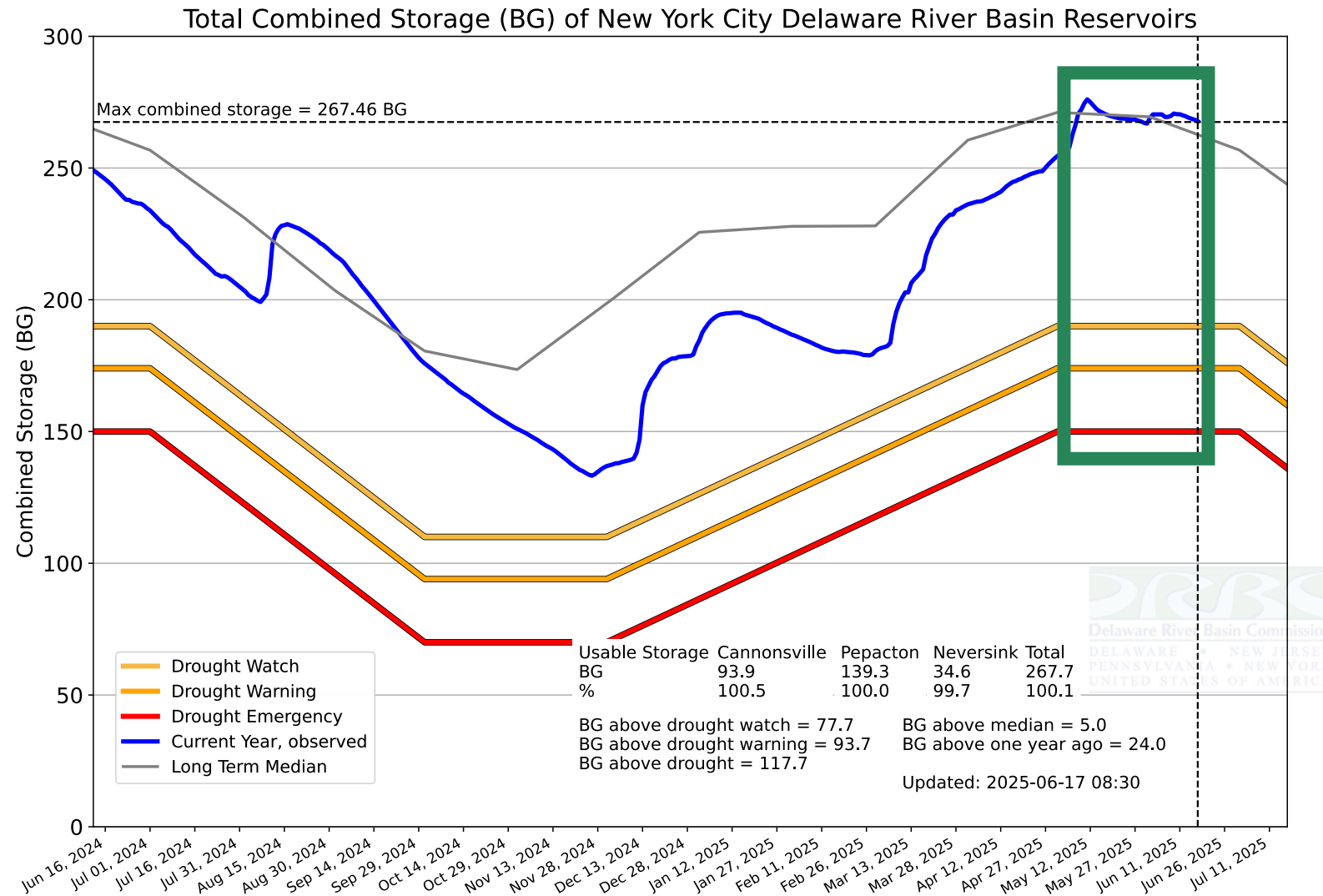
Groundwater Levels

Groundwater levels are slow to recover in some areas even with recent precipitation.



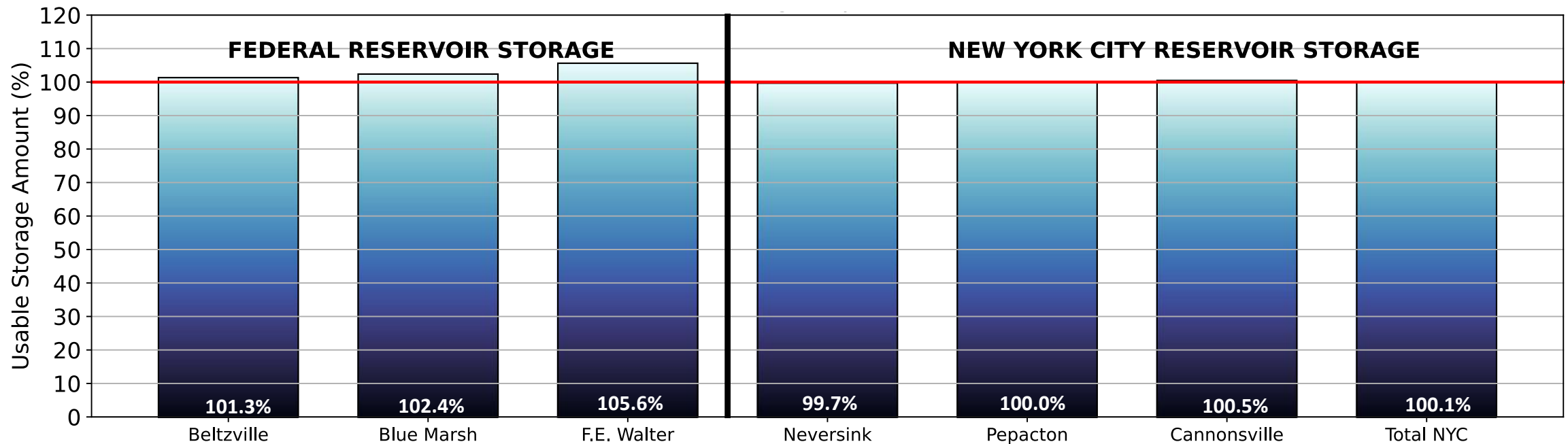
New York City Reservoir Storage

Combined storage has met its refill date of June 1st.



Reservoir Storage for Flow Management

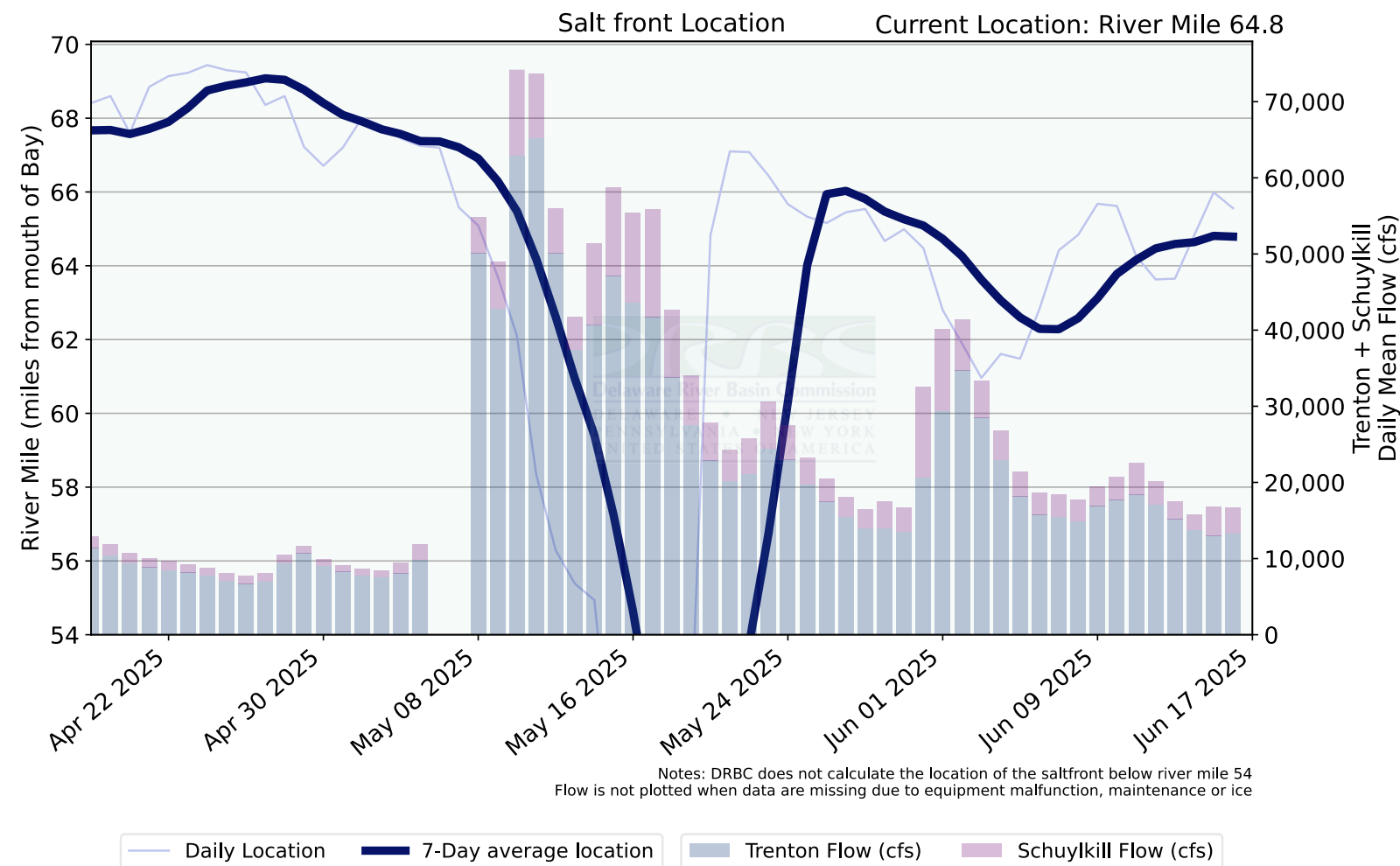
NYC and lower basin reservoirs are all full.



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

Salt Front Location

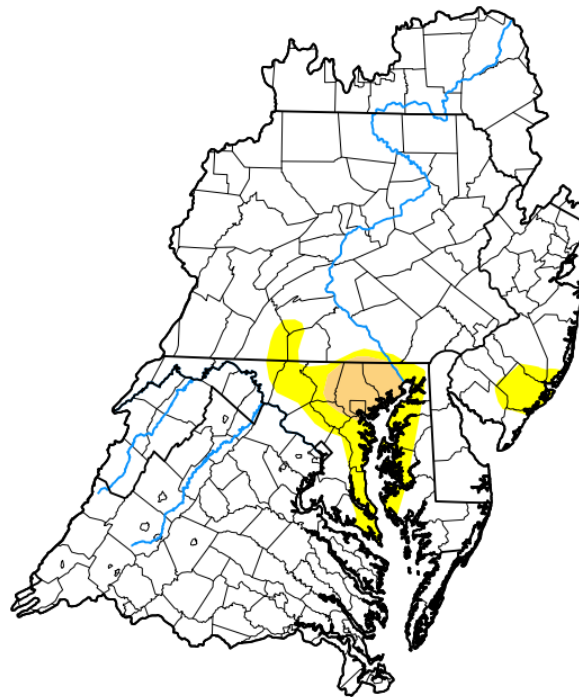
Salt front is below the monthly average of RM69.



Drought Monitor

Conditions have significantly improved throughout the basin with recent precipitation. The whole basin is mostly in normal conditions.

U.S. Drought Monitor Middle Atlantic RFC



June 10, 2025
(Released Thursday, Jun. 12, 2025)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

| | Drought Conditions (Percent Area) | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
| Current | 92.54 | 5.74 | 1.72 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 06-03-2025 | 84.11 | 14.17 | 1.72 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 03-11-2025 | 34.68 | 23.97 | 24.05 | 15.35 | 1.95 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 01-07-2025 | 25.13 | 23.73 | 27.84 | 19.94 | 3.36 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 10-01-2024 | 54.31 | 31.90 | 10.79 | 2.52 | 0.47 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 06-11-2024 | 75.08 | 24.92 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None | D2 Severe Drought |
| D0 Abnormally Dry | D3 Extreme Drought |
| D1 Moderate Drought | D4 Exceptional Drought |

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.
Local conditions may vary. For more information on the
Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

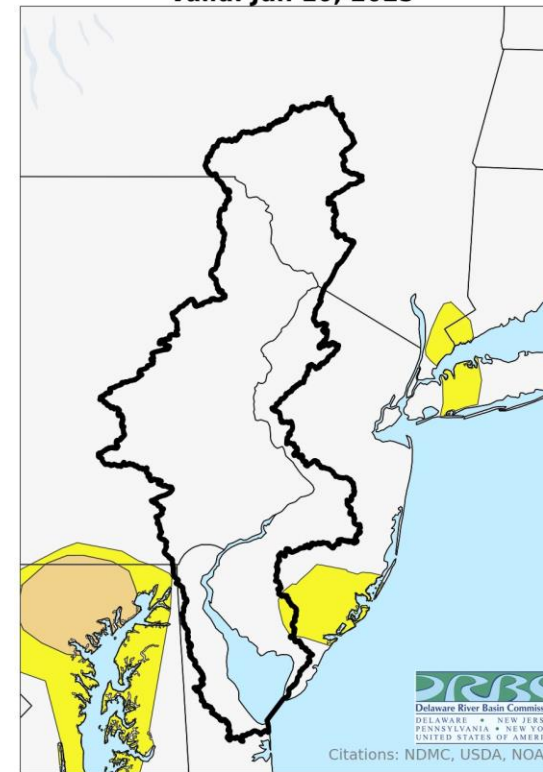
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- Basin Boundary
- D0 - Abnormally Dry
- D1 - Moderate Drought
- D2 - Severe Drought

Current Drought Status

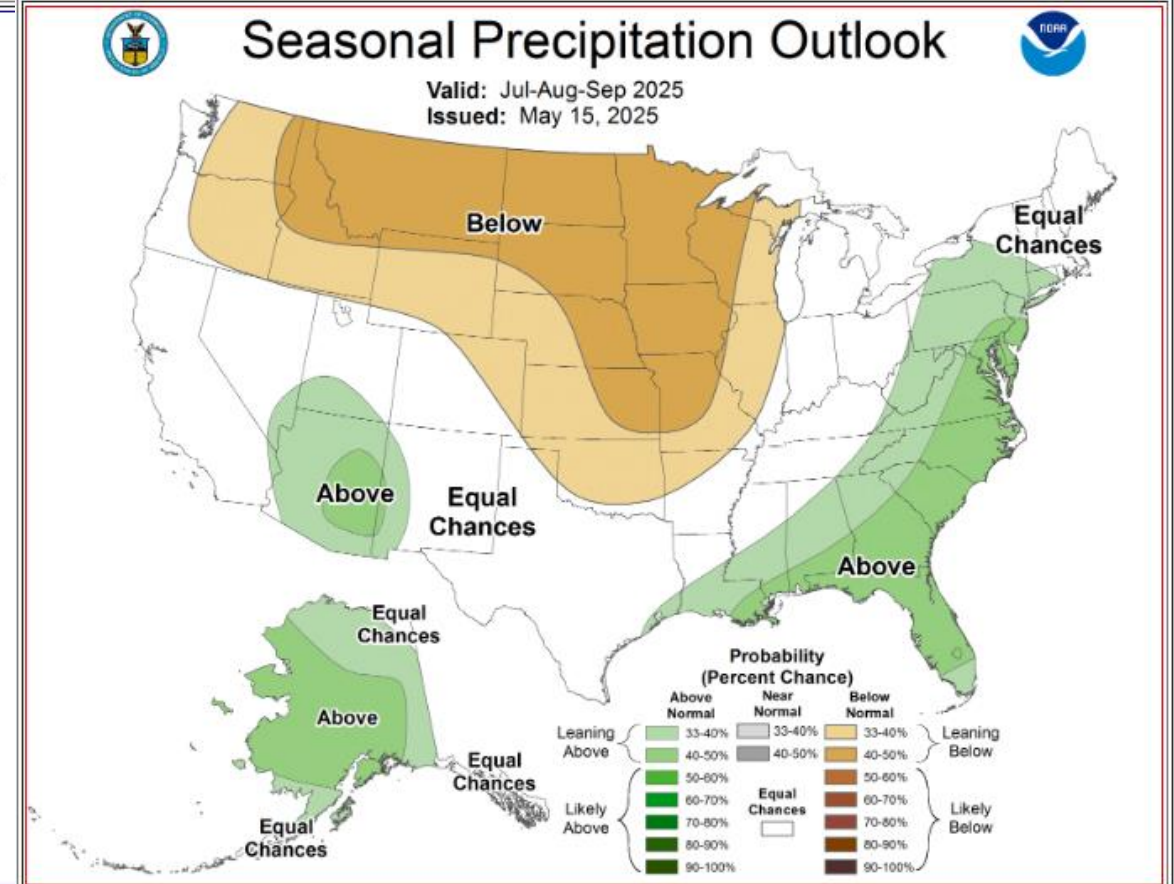
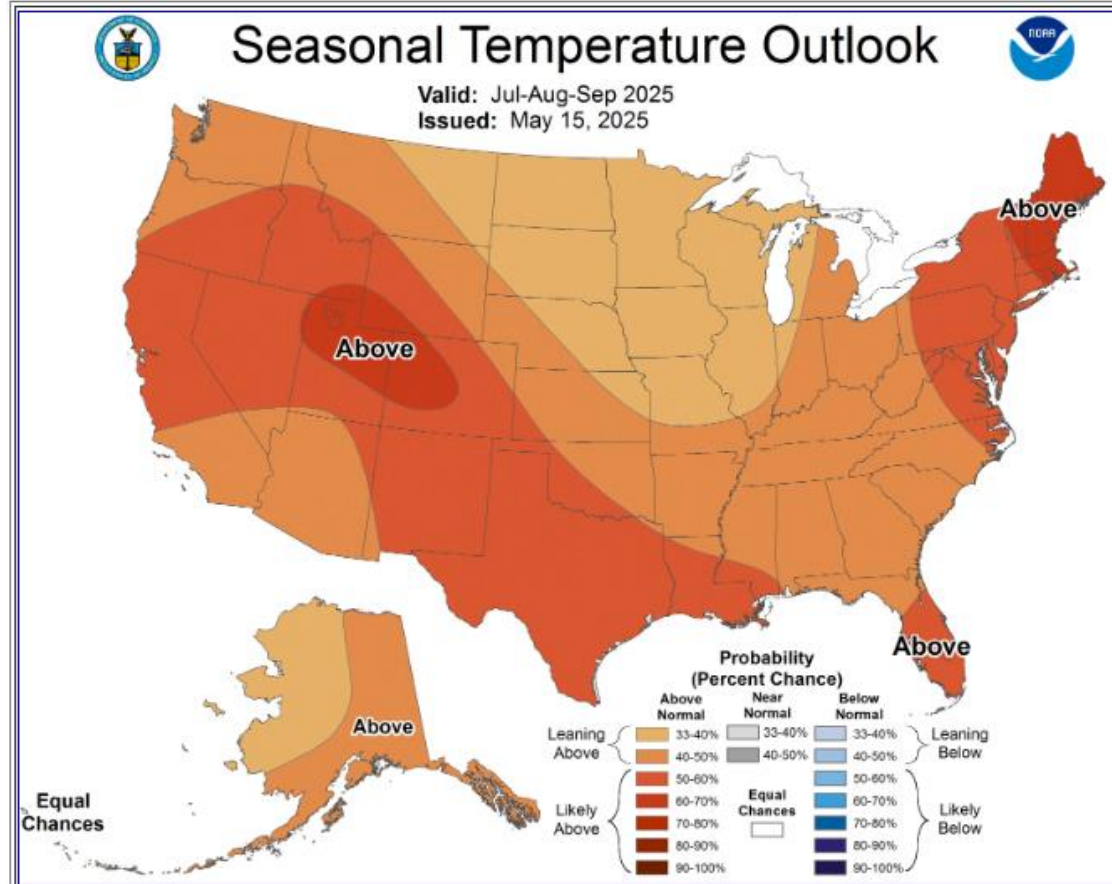
Wetter conditions have helped ease drought warnings in the basin.



- DRB drought status is normal
- NJ: Normal; Southern Coastal region in drought watch
- DE: Drought Watch
- NY: Normal as of Jan 2025
- PA: Drought Watch

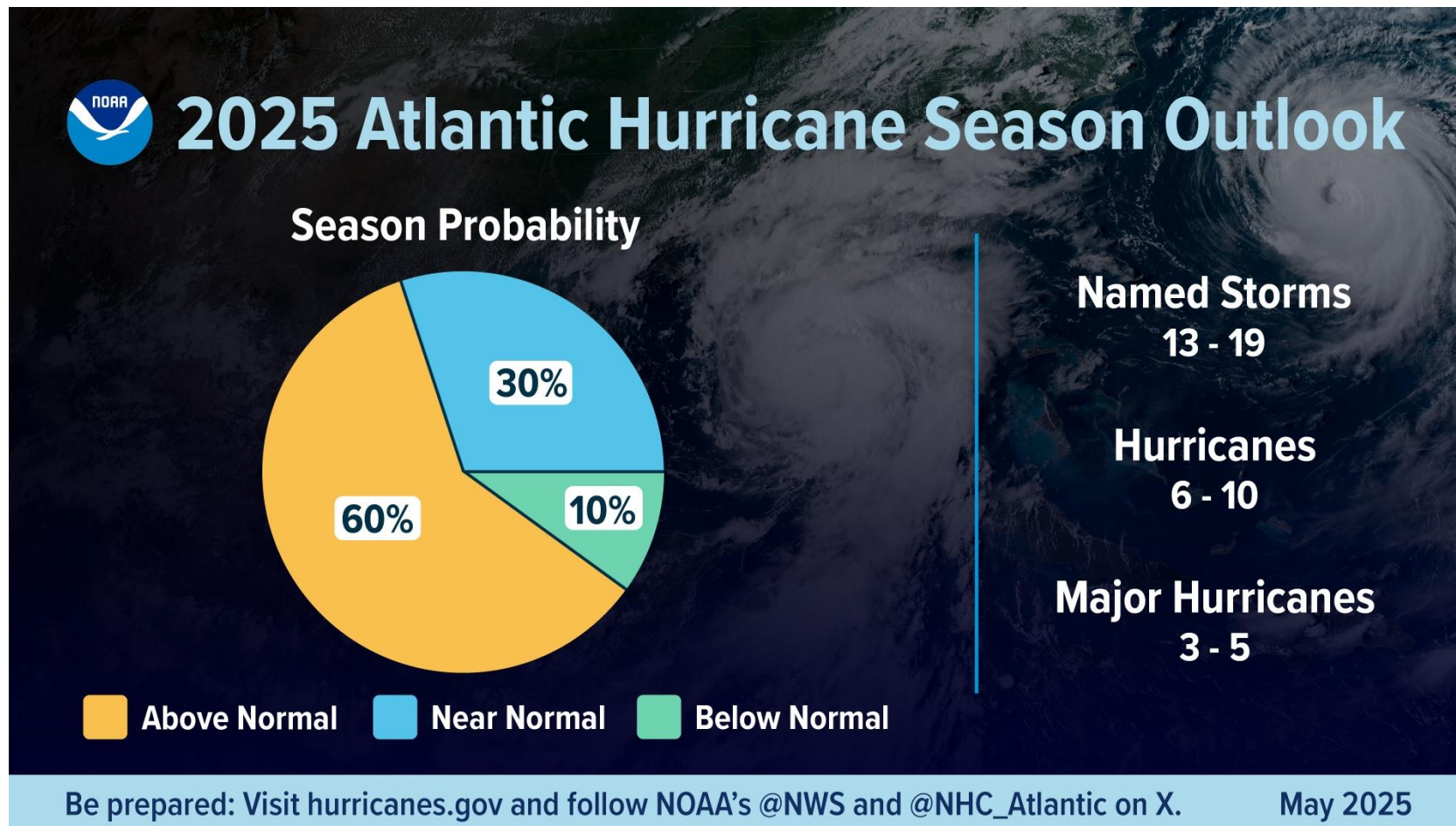
NOAA Seasonal Outlook

Warm and wet summer are expected.





NOAA Hurricane Outlook – Summer 2025

An above normal hurricane season is predicted.





Hydrologic conditions summary

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- Conditions have recovered significantly, and many parts of the basin are no longer in a drought. Groundwater wells continue to recover, but slowly.
 - Three-month outlook – warm and wet summer expected. Above average hurricane season expected.
 - Drought conditions are not expected to occur in the next three months.



Enjoy the summer!