Delaware River Basin Commission

Hydrologic Conditions

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Hydrologic Cycle





Year-to-Date Precipitation

Observed



Departure from Normal



Flash Flood



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Amount of rain required in a 3-hour period, based on antecedent conditions, to cause flash flooding.

Currently, the upper basin is more susceptible to flash flooding, with only 1.5 inches in 3 hours. Larger amounts of rain are required for flash flooding in the lower basin.



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Inches

Areas flooding or that may flood



- N.B. Rancocas at Pemberton (Moderate)
- * Brandywine Creek at Wilmington (Action)
- * Brandywine Creek at Chadds Ford (Action)
- Eat Branch Brandywine Creek Below Downingtown (Moderate)
- * Red Clay Creek at Wooddale (Minor)
 - Chester Creek near Chester (Minor)
 - Schuylkill River at Norristown (barely Action)
 - W.B. Delaware at Walton (Action)
- * E.B. Delaware River at Harvard
- NYC are spilling or are near spilling, but being actively manage
- * 3 WTPs in the Schuylkill Basin discharging partially treated effluent







USGS 01438500 Delaware River at Montague NJ



– Median daily statistic (78 years) — Estinated daily nean discharge – Daily nean discharge





USGS 01463500 Delaware River at Trenton NJ



- Median daily statistic (105 years) Period of approved data
- Daily mean discharge
- Estimated daily mean discharge





Period of provisional data

USGS 01474500 Schuylkill River at Philadelphia, PA



- Median daily statistic (87 years) — Period of approved data - Daily mean discharge Period of provisional data



PSA

Stay Afloat: Always Wear A Life Jacket



Photo by Tom Amidon Rafting after FE Walter Release



Basin Storage

New York City Delaware River Basin Storage

Lower Basin Storage







Salt Front



Groundwater

County	State	Agency	Well ID	Initial Year	Indicator 3/2019	Indicator 6/2019
<u>Sullivan</u>	NY	USGS	SV 535	2001	Normal	Above Normal
Wayne	PA	USGS	WN 64	1967	Above Normal	Above Normal
<u>Monroe</u>	PA	USGS	MO 190	1967	Normal	Normal
<u>Carbon</u>	PA	USGS	CB 104	1969	Normal	Above Normal
<u>Schuylkill</u>	PA	USGS	SC 296	1975	Normal	Above Normal
<u>Lehigh</u>	PA	USGS	LE 644	1971	Above Normal	Above Normal
<u>Lebanon</u>	PA	USGS	LB 372	1973	Above Normal	Above Normal
<u>Bucks</u>	PA	USGS	BK 1020	1975	Above Normal	Above Normal
<u>Chester</u>	PA	USGS	CH 10	1966	Above Normal	Above Normal
<u>Delaware</u>	PA	USGS	DE 723	1983	Above Normal	Above Normal
Burlington	NJ	USGS	050689	1955	Above Normal	Normal
Cumberland	NJ	USGS	110042	1972	Above Normal	Above Normal
New Castle	DE	Delaware GS	Db24-18	1993	Above Normal	NA

Ten of 13 Indicator Wells are Above Normal Two are below Normal











U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for May 16 - August 31, 2019 Released May 16





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).

Drought persists

Drought remains but improves

Drought removal likely

Drought development likely



http://go.usa.gov/3eZ73



NOAA 3-Month Outlook





Be prepared: Visit hurricanes.gov and follow @NWS and @NHC_Atlantic on Twitter.

May 23, 2019

Typical El Niño influence

More hurricanes due to less vertical wind shear

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Fewer hurricanes due to stronger vertical wind shear and trade winds and greater atmospheric stability

WARM, WET

https://www.33andrain.com/



DRBC Spring Photo Contest Winner

Tulipes à Frenchtown by Laura Orbine



Have a safe and happy summer!

Photo by Carl LaVo D&R Canal Spillway, Lambertville, NJ