

# Virginia Drought Update

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For the assessment period ending March 19, 2026

## Main Takeaway

Persistent precipitation deficits since August 2025 are driving ongoing moderate hydrologic drought across much of Virginia. Recent storms have brought above normal recent precipitation totals to northern and southeastern areas of the State, but overall dry conditions persist.

## This Week's Summary

Most of the Commonwealth received above-normal precipitation this week, with most areas receiving approximately 1.25 inches with localized higher totals near two inches. The U.S. Drought Monitor increased the extent of severe drought conditions in a central portion of the Commonwealth.

## Next Week's Outlook

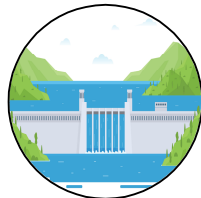
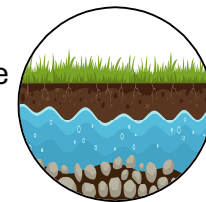
Below normal precipitation totals of less than 0.1" forecasted Statewide, and near-normal temperatures progressing to above-normal temperatures by the weekend.



Recent 30-day precipitation shows the Commonwealth receiving 75-125% of normal precipitation with localized areas in the northern and southeast corners of the State receiving up to 200% of normal precipitation. Below normal precipitation develops and covers the entire State across the recent 60, 90, and 180-day periods.

[U.S. Drought Monitor \(USDM\)](#)

Groundwater recharge was observed across much of the Commonwealth, but many wells remain much below Normal, especially in the Coastal Plain, Northern Virginia, and along the Blue Ridge Mountains.

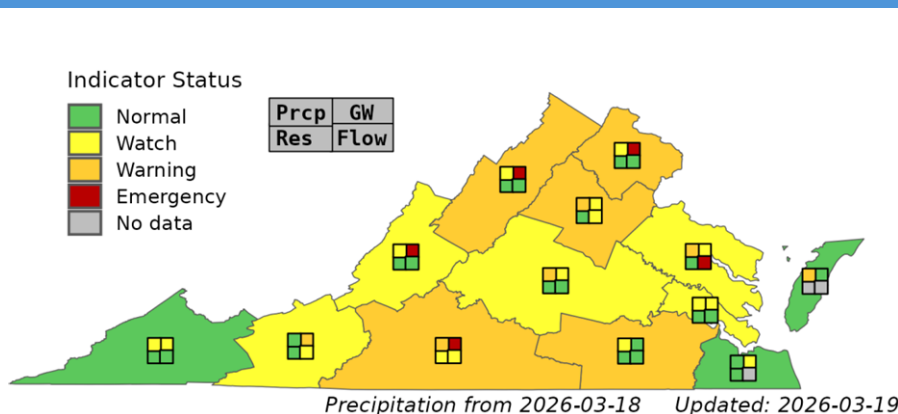


All major reservoirs are in normal status.

Streamflow levels generally improved, but pockets of well below-normal flows persist in eastern and southern Virginia.



## DMTF Drought Region Status



## Statewide Coverage by Category (USDM)

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
DO: Abnormally Dry	16.98%	-2.44%
D1: Moderate Drought	49.3%	-7.72%
D2: Severe Drought	26.09%	+7.84%
D3: Extreme Drought	0.00%	0.00%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%