

Watershed MANAGEMENT



Drought Information Center

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Scattered showers provided less than 0.1 inches of very localized precipitation in several areas, including Armstrong, Butler, Washington, Westmoreland, Cambria, Clearfield, Bradford, Columbia and Dauphin Counties during the past 24 hours.

Upper and middle Delaware Basin streams generally held steady or declined yesterday, while lower basin streams showed a general overall continuing decline.

Streams throughout the entire Susquehanna River Basin showed a general decline yesterday, with only a few exceptions. Streams flowing from the Cameron/Clearfield County area showed temporary reaction to apparent local precipitation, as did Penns Creek, with its origins in Centre County. Headwater Juniata streams showed mixed reactions to previous rain and snowfall.

In the Ohio River Basin, Allegheny River tributaries generally showed marked decreases in flow yesterday, while Monongahela, and Beaver River tributaries held fairly steady.

Groundwater continues to show little reaction to recent precipitation, statewide.

Five-day forecasts for western Pennsylvania are for temperatures to remain in the teens and twenties to low thirties, with cloudiness and snow showers early in the period, snow on Saturday and snow showers again through the end of the period. Eastern Pennsylvania is forecast to see snow in the Susquehanna Valley today, cloudy and windy Friday, possible snow late Saturday and a chance of snow/rain mixed on Sunday, with snow showers possible on Monday. Temperatures will range from high teens to mid-thirties. Ten-day forecasts are for below normal temperatures and near normal precipitation.