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The Commonwealth Drought Task Force met on May 16, 2017, and with unanimous agreement moved 19 counties out of “drought watch” status and into “normal” status so that the entire commonwealth currently is under “normal” status.

Now that normal conditions exist statewide; the Commonwealth Drought Task Force will not be meeting until conditions warrant.

The decision to return all counties to “normal” status was the result of gradual recovery of drought indicators (stream flows, groundwater levels, and soil moisture) during the past couple months.

DEP staff will continue to evaluate indicators to render recommended changes in drought status and call for a Commonwealth Drought Task Force meeting if conditions change.



