



Drought Information Statement for the Middle Ohio River Valley

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- This product will be updated November 5, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ILN/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit [https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/\[link\]](https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/[link]) for regional drought status updates.

- Drought conditions have developed in portions of the Ohio Valley over the past several weeks



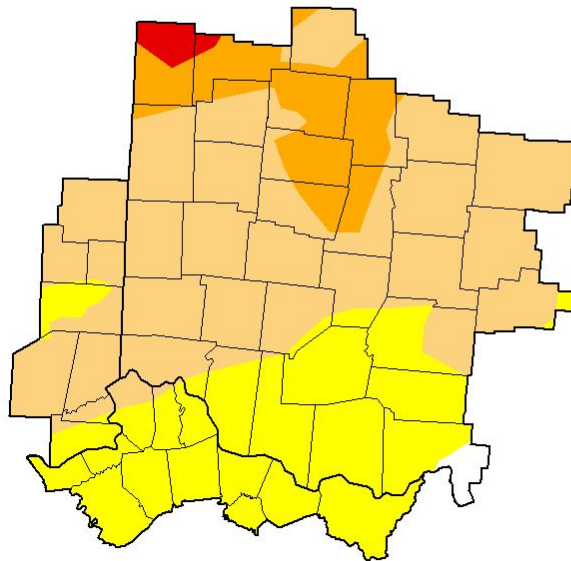


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Lower Midwest

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of the lower Scioto Valley
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of central and western Ohio
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Through much of central/southern Ohio and southeast Indiana
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: South central Ohio, most of northern Kentucky
- The U.S. Drought Monitor only considers conditions **ENDING at 8am each Tuesday**, so the rainfall that occurred after 8am Tuesday Oct 7 is NOT included in this week's U.S. Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor Wilmington, OH WFO



October 7, 2025

(Released Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.86	99.14	67.07	12.48	1.17	0.00
Last Week 09-30-2025	0.86	99.14	74.08	2.99	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-08-2025	96.14	3.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2025	96.68	3.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2024	15.14	84.86	49.90	16.55	7.47	0.49
One Year Ago 10-08-2024	25.88	74.12	43.32	17.28	8.54	0.49

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.asp>

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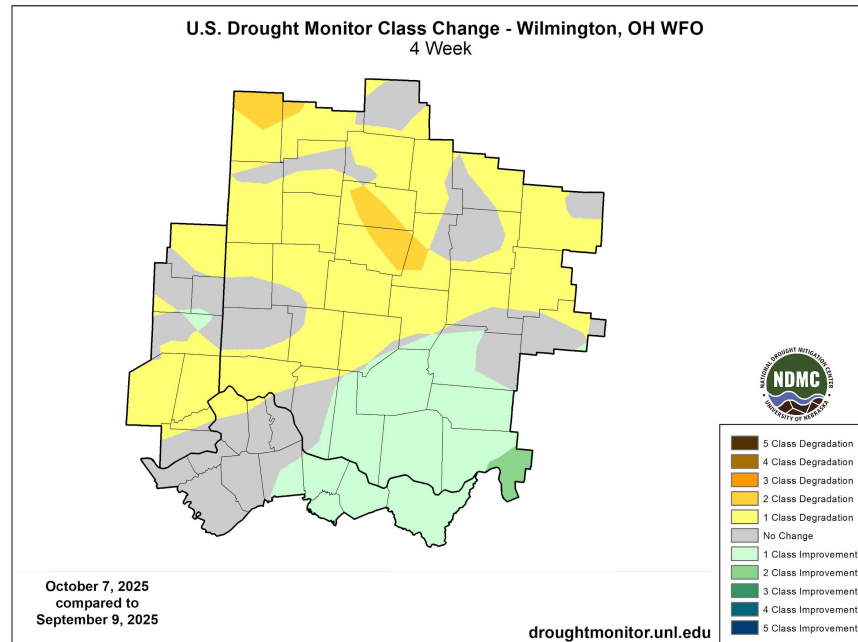
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Ohio River Valley

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Worsened:** Most of the worsening changes have been in Central and western Ohio and eastern Indiana.
 - **No Change:** Spotty locations have not changed conditions since early September
 - **Drought Improved:** Areas of greatest improvement have been in south central Ohio and northeast Kentucky

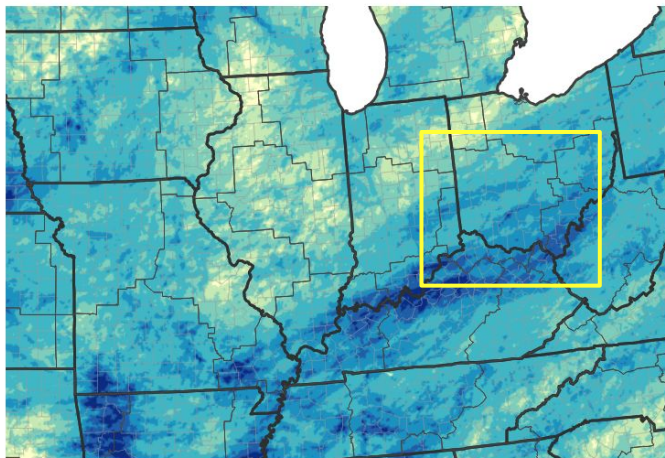




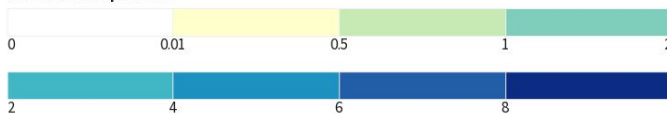
Precipitation Accumulations and Percent of Normal

- As mentioned, much of the rainfall on Tuesday Oct 7 is not included in this week's Drought Monitor. However, significant rainfall fell over all but northwest Ohio. Precipitation remains below normal in this area

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



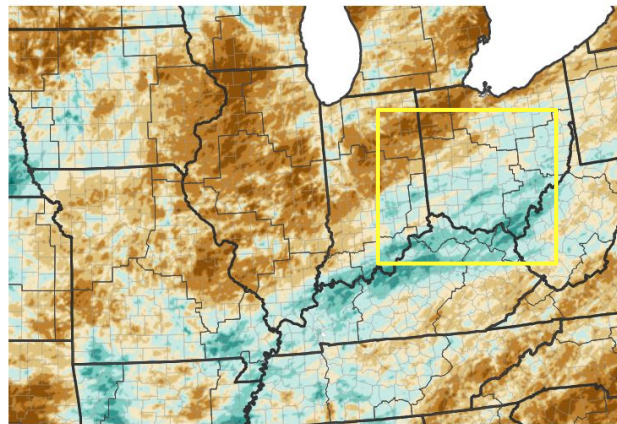
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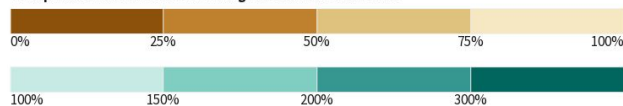
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image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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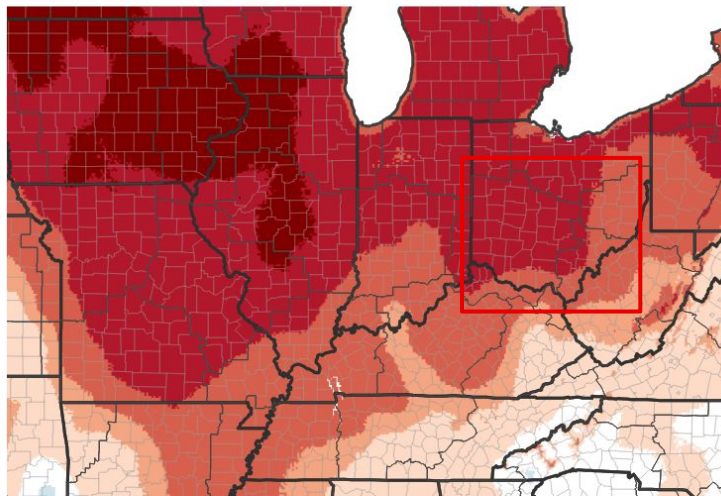




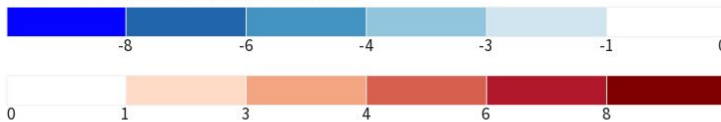
Temperature

- Both the 30 day and 7 day temperature anomalies depict above normal temperatures across at least portions of the mid Ohio Valley.

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



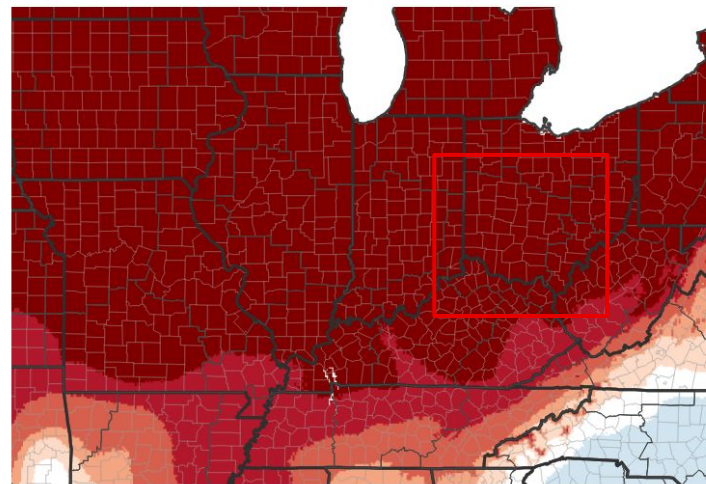
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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Data Valid: 10/06/25





Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Below normal streamflow has been persistent, and in some cases worsening, across the Great Lakes Drainage in the St. Marys and Auglaize basins

Agricultural Impacts

- Ohio's staple row crops are already showing signs of stress. In northwest Ohio, corn is prematurely senescing, or aging, as a result of drought stress during the critical pollination and grain-fill stages.
OSU Ohio State Ag News
- [Ohio Crop Progress Report](#), [Indiana Brownfield Ag News](#), [Kentucky Crop Weather Report](#)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

- None reported





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Below normal streamflow is affecting portions of middle/lower Scioto, the Hocking and Licking basins of Ohio, and the Licking basin of Kentucky

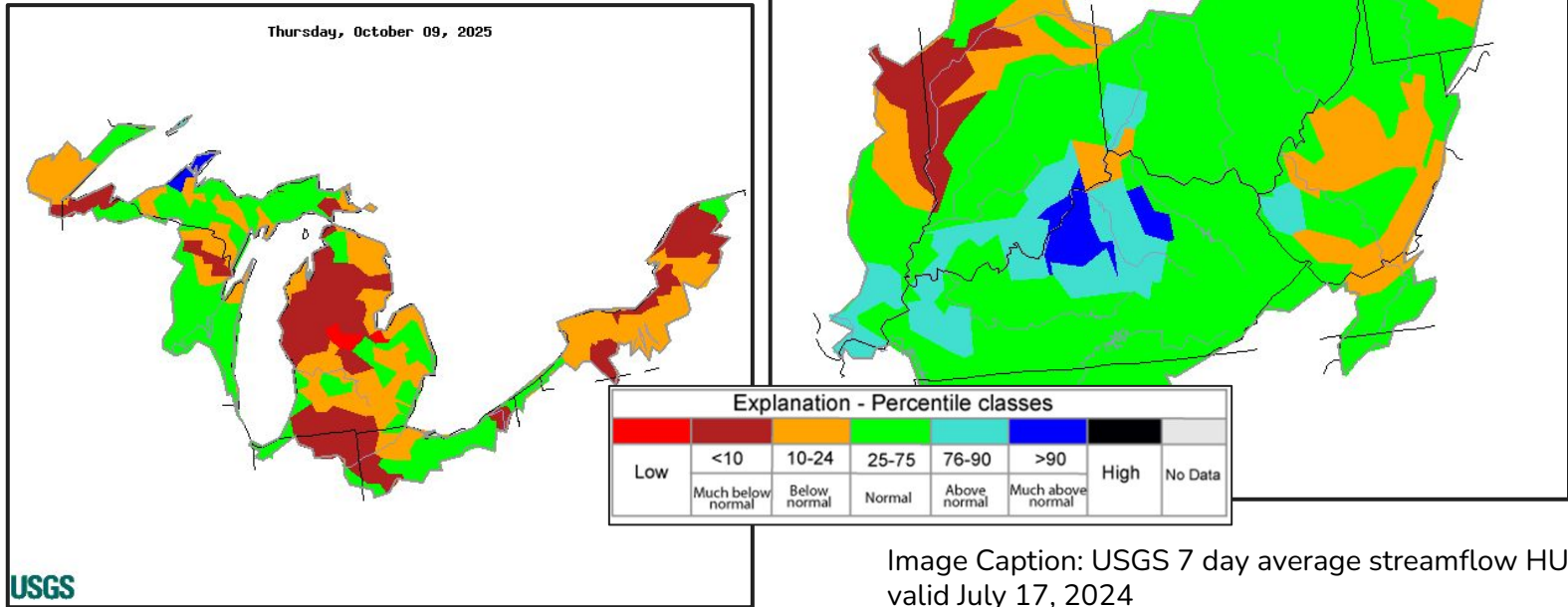


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid July 17, 2024



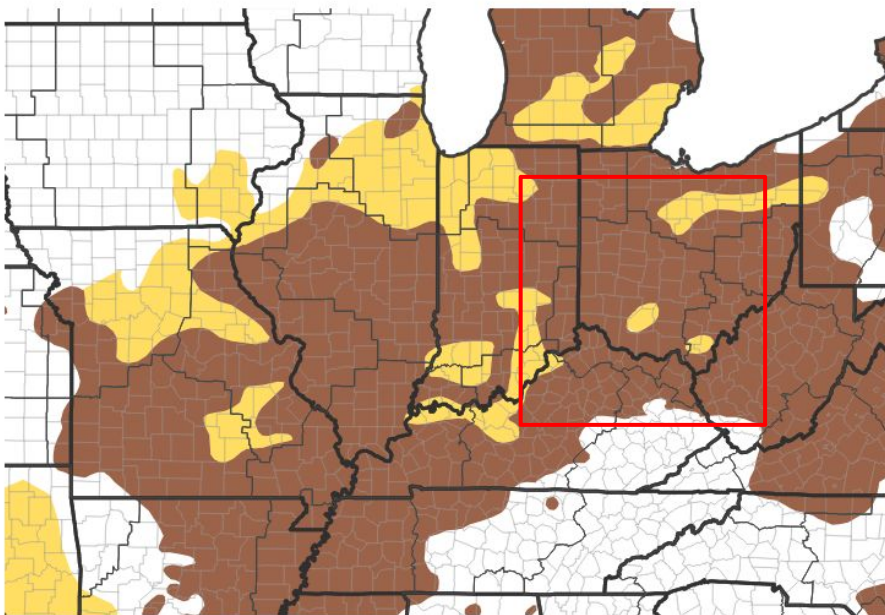


Drought Outlook

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- The 1-Month drought outlook depicted here was from September 30, 2025. A new outlook will be issued at the end of October.
- At the time of this issuance, precipitation is expected to be near normal for the period of October 11 -16.
- The 8-14 day outlook for the period October 17-23 is for near normal temperatures and near normal precipitation.

1-Month Drought Outlook for October 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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