



Drought Information Statement for Northern Ohio

Valid September 25, 2025

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- This product will be updated by October 23, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions significantly change.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/cle/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- Drought conditions have worsened across most of Northwest Ohio and portions of North Central to Northeast Ohio
- Severe Drought (D3) conditions have developed across portions of Northwest Ohio, including portions of Hancock and Wood counties.
- Drought conditions remain stable or slightly improved across the southeast portion of the forecast area due to recent rainfall.





U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Northern Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania

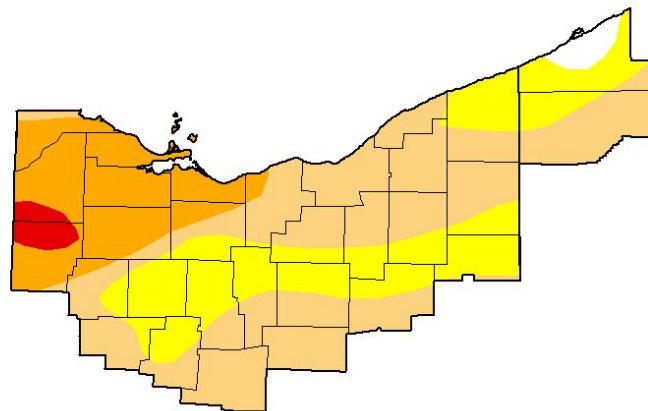
- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Far northern Hancock and far southern Wood counties in Northwest Ohio.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Most of Northwest Ohio along and north of a Findlay to Vermilion line.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Much of Northern Ohio and interior Northwest Pennsylvania.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: The Central Highlands to the Canton and Youngstown areas in Ohio and near the lakeshore of Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania, excluding north-central Erie County, PA.

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Intensity:

None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme 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.aspx>

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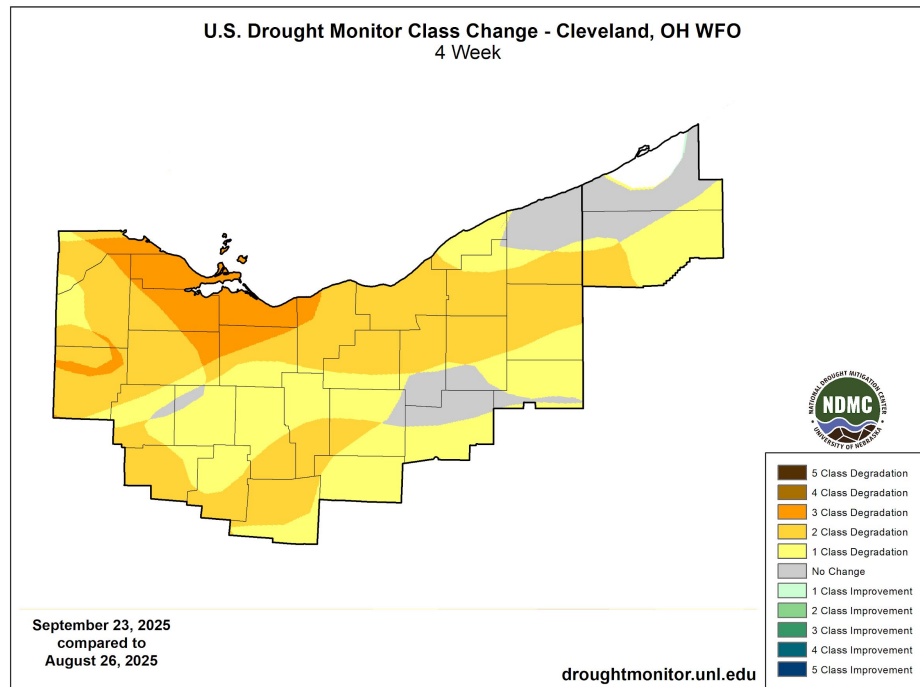
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Northern Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought developed and/or degraded across the majority of the forecast area.
 - The Erie, PA area is the only location in the forecast area that has not experienced drought or abnormally dry conditions due to minimal precipitation deficits/drought impacts.
 - Some minor improvements from last week across the southeast portion of the forecast area due to above normal rainfall over the past seven days.

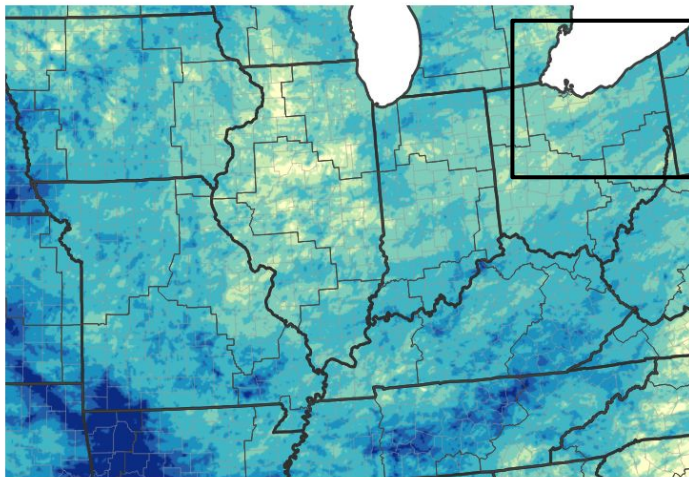




Precipitation

- Highest 30-day rainfall totals of 2 to 5 inches have fallen generally along and south of a Marion to Cleveland to Erie, PA line, with much of this rainfall occurring in the past seven days.
- The majority of Northwest and North Central Ohio has received less than an inch of rainfall over the past 30 days, which a small portion of North Central Ohio only receiving one half inch or less of rainfall during this period.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



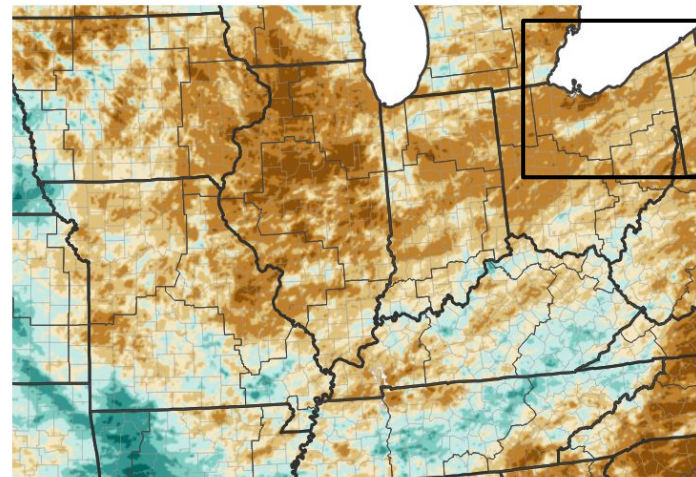
Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System;
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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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows values are generally below normal where severe drought (D2) or worse conditions are present. ([USGS](#))
- The riverbeds of many creeks and small streams are dry. ([CoCoRaHS](#))

Agricultural Impacts

- Crop growth is stunted, especially across D1 to D3 areas. ([CoCoRaHS](#))
- Abnormally dry daily shallow soil moisture values across the area. ([CPC](#))
- Low Crop Moisture Index values across the area, especially in D1 and D2 areas. ([CPC](#))

Fire Hazard Impacts

- No known impacts at this time.

Other Impacts

- No known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

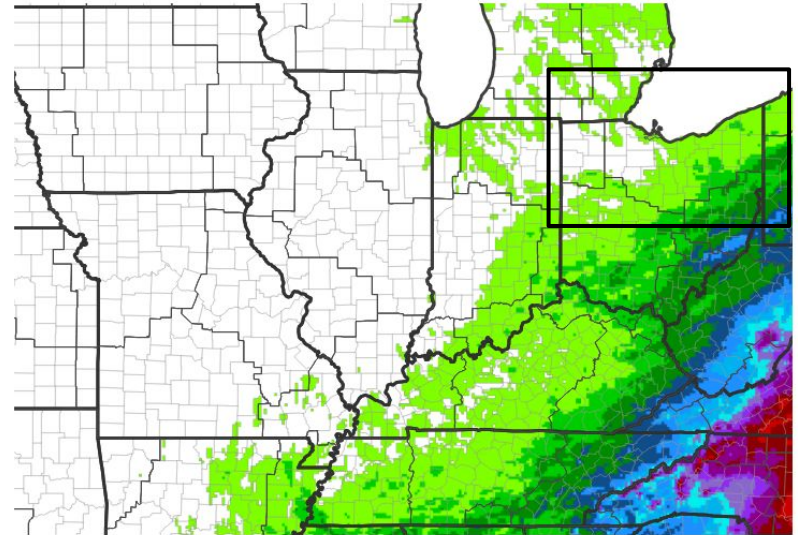




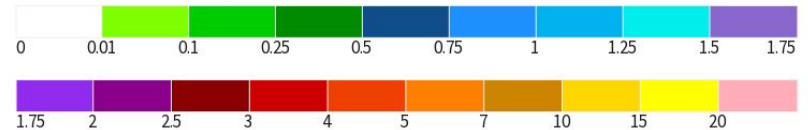
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Dry weather is favored through the majority of the the next week, outside of small rain chances Thursday night.
- 7-day rainfall totals of less than 0.5 inches expected across the area, with most of this precipitation occurring before Friday morning (9/26).

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 25, 2025–October 2, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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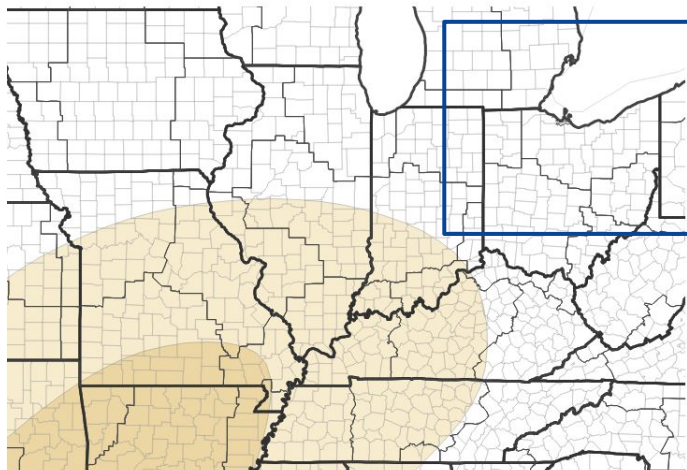


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The monthly precipitation outlook for October doesn't favor above or below normal precipitation across the region.
- The monthly temperature outlook for October predicts a 40 to 50% chance of above normal temperatures.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for October 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



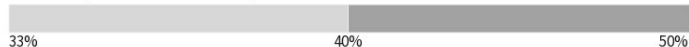
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



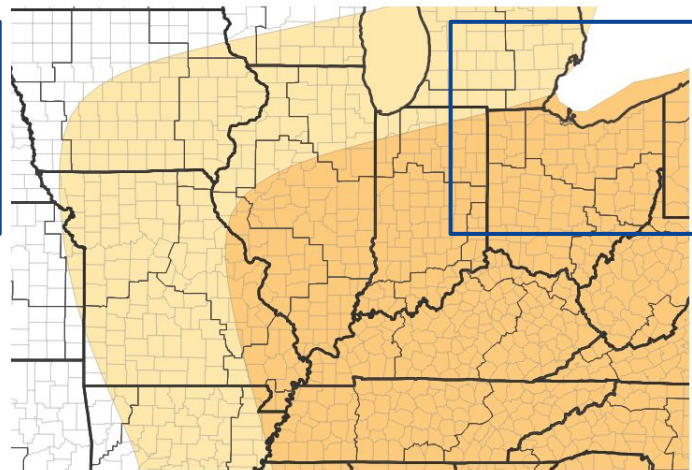
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for October 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



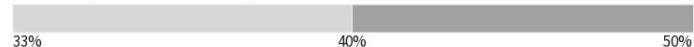
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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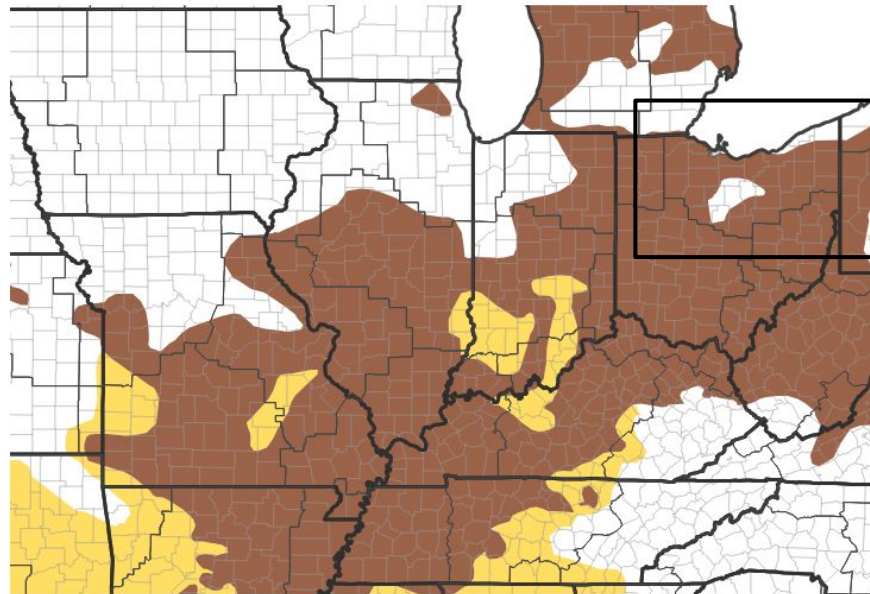


Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are predicted to persist across the much of the local area through the end of 2025.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 18, 2025–December 31, 2025



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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