



Drought Information Statement for Central and Southeast Illinois

Valid October 30, 2025

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- The next update will be Thursday, November 6th, if conditions persist or worsen.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ilx/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

Key Messages:

- Despite some light rain as of recent, drought has persisted and even worsened over the past week.
- Sprinkles possible on Friday, but otherwise a very dry forecast is expected for the next week.





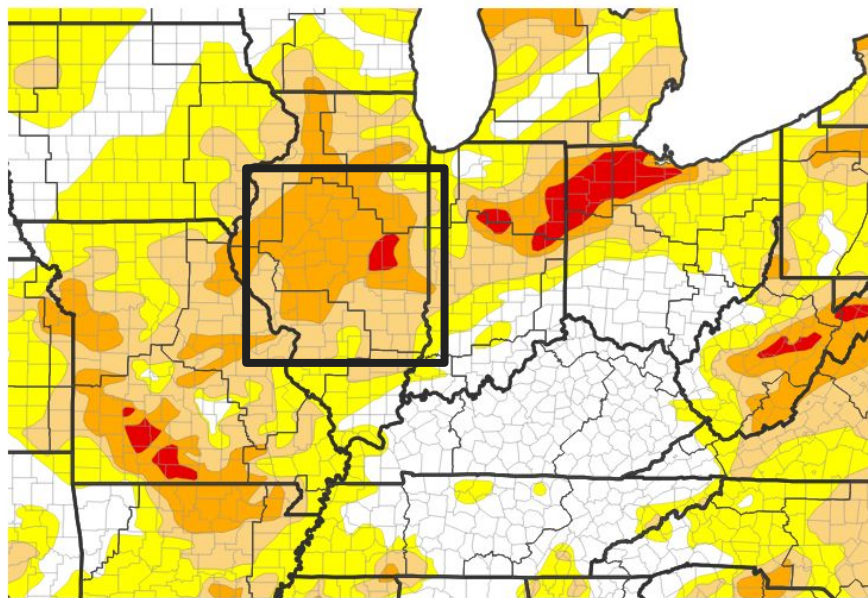
U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for central and southeast Illinois

- **Drought Intensity and Extent:**

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** N/A
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Portions of east-central Illinois over Piatt, De Witt, and Champaign counties.
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Most of central Illinois near and north of I-72, except Vermilion county. Also including Douglas, Moultrie, Coles, and Edgar Counties
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Vermilion County, and most counties south of a Shelby county to Clark county line.
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Small area in southeast Illinois near Wabash river in Lawrence and southeast Crawford counties as well as in a sliver of eastern Vermilion county.

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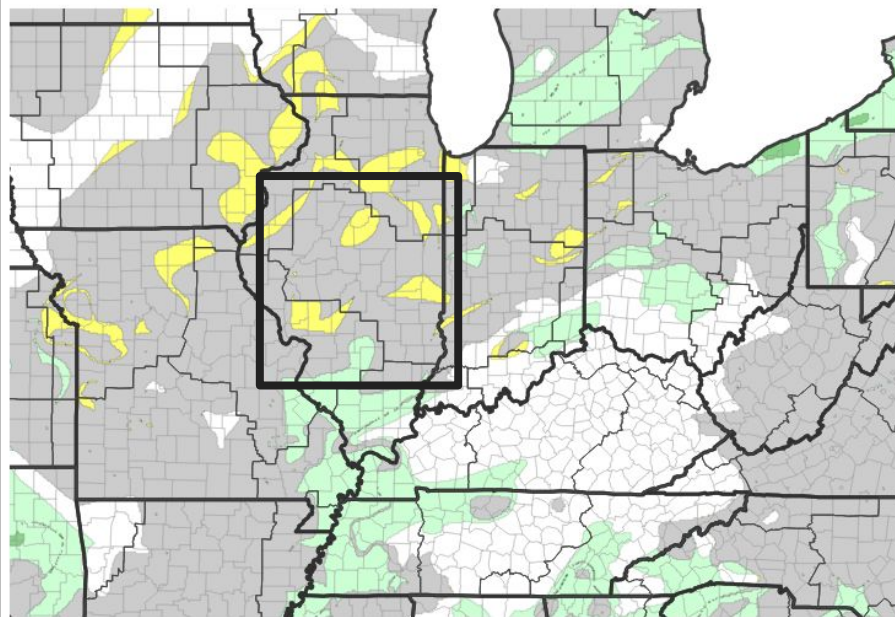


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

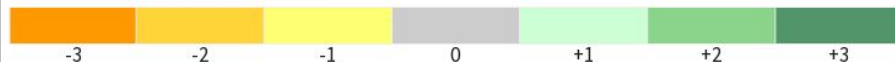
Link to the latest [1-week change map](#) for central and southeast Illinois

- **One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.**
 - Drought Worsened:
 - Portions of Woodford, Tazewell, and McLean Counties
 - Portions of Douglas, Moultrie, Coles, and Edgar Counties
 - Southwestern Christian County
 - Western Knox County
 - Drought Improved:
 - N/A
 - No Change:
 - The rest of central and southeastern IL

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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Recent Precipitation

Last 7 days and 30 days

- Below normal precipitation was observed over central and southeast Illinois in the past week since Oct 23rd.
- 30-day precip continues to run well below normal over central and southeast Illinois.

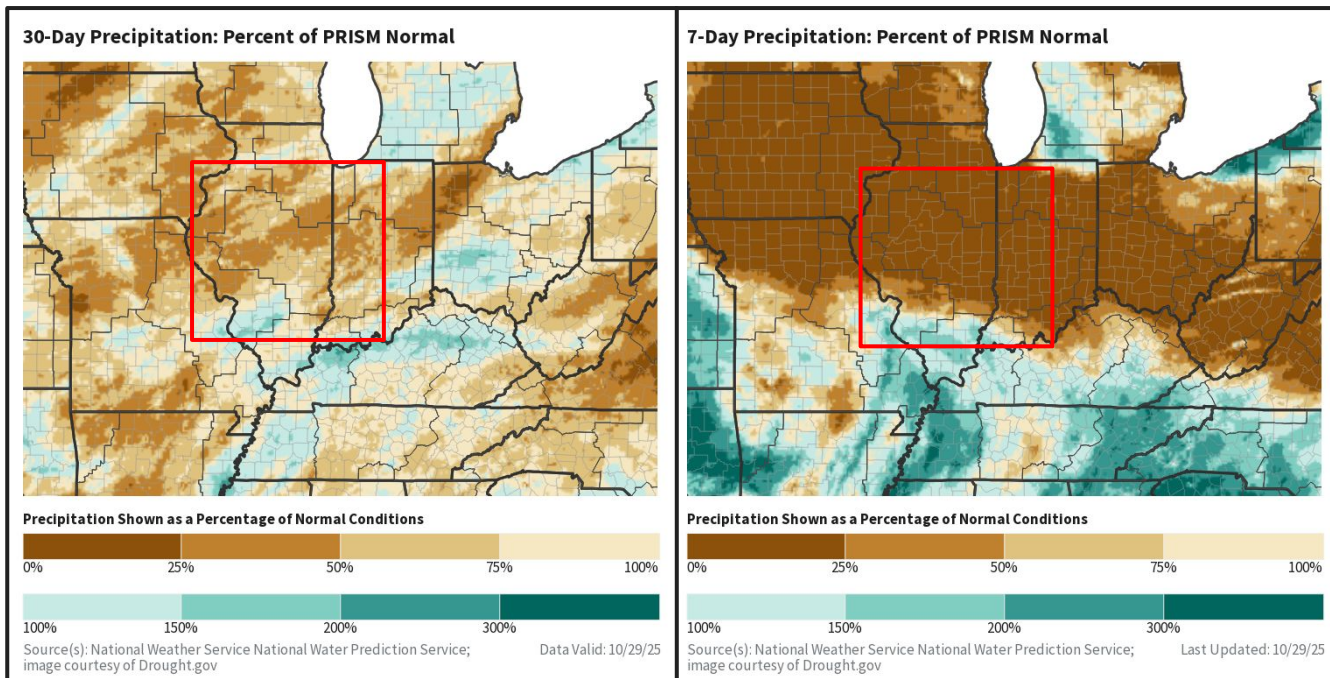


Image Caption: Total precipitation as a percentage of normal, as of October 28. Left image is a 30 day average, right image the last 7 days. Images from [Drought.gov](https://drought.gov).



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflow along the Illinois, Sangamon, Vermilion, Mackinaw, Little Wabash and Wabash Rivers is below normal, and some smaller creeks are near zero flow.
- Lake levels: Lake Decatur 2 feet below seasonal normals, Lake Shelbyville about 1.5 feet below, Lake Springfield slightly below normal in the past week. Smaller lakes and ponds are low.

Agricultural Impacts

- N/A

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Burn bans continue in a number of counties and local municipalities.
- There is a field fire risk as farmers run hot equipment through dry fields during harvest.

Other Impacts

- Lawns are turning brown. Young trees and landscaping plants are stressed.

Mitigation Actions

- None brought to attention



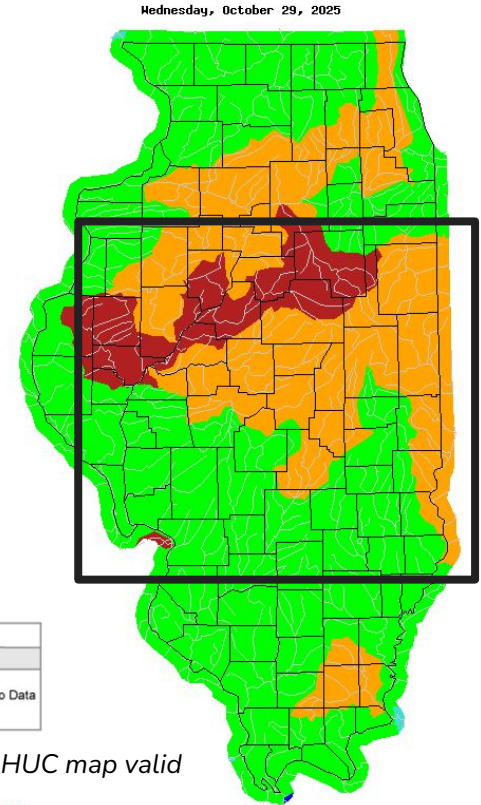


Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Most streamflows are below normal, however the most significant streamflow impacts are on portions of the Illinois and Mackinaw Rivers.
- The Wabash River is also below normal streamflow.
- Southeastern IL streamflows are near normal.

Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid October 29, 2025.

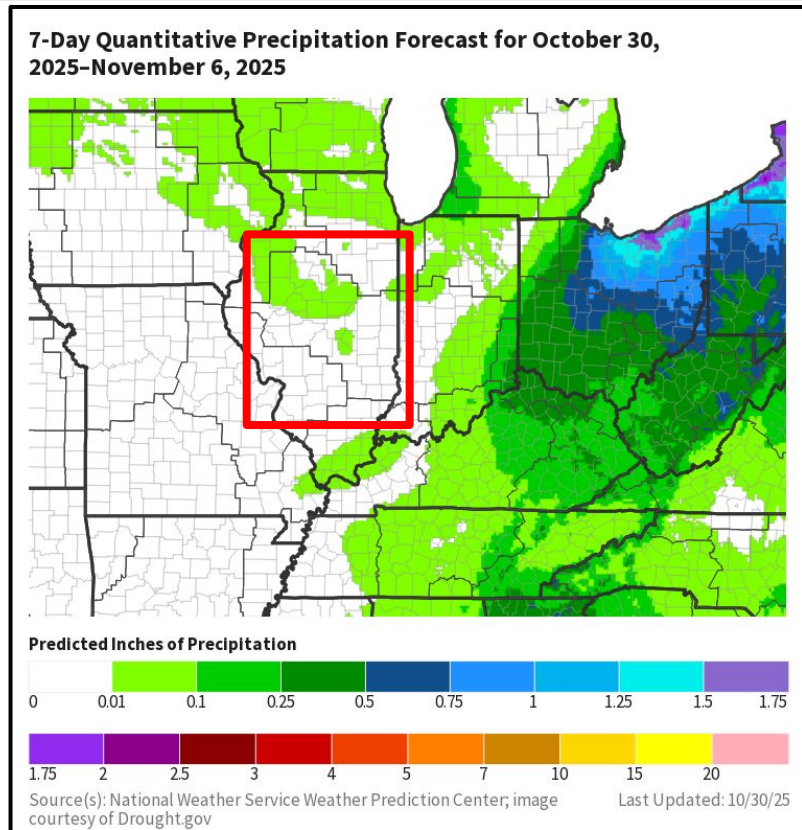




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Rainfall over the next 7 days is forecast to be near zero or a trace of rain in localized spots.

Image Caption: Expected rainfall over the next 7 days, valid through 7 PM Wednesday, Nov 6. Check weather.gov/ilx for updated forecasts.





Drought Outlook

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the CPC homepage

- 1 Month Drought Outlook will be updated for November, October 31st. Visit [CPC.gov](https://cpc.ncep.noaa.gov) for the updated image for November on Oct 31st.
- There are some signs of improvement of drought conditions in portions of central & eastern IL from November through January.

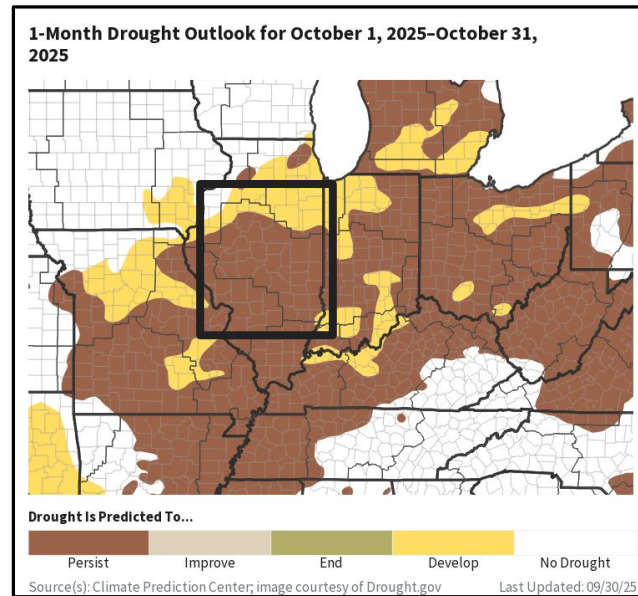
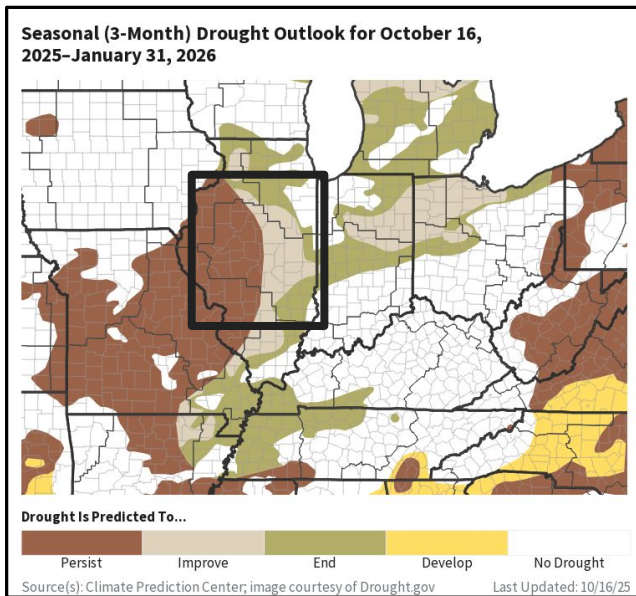


Image Caption:

(Right) Climate Prediction Center 1-Month Drought Outlook for October released Sep 30 and (Left) Seasonal Drought Outlook released Oct 16, valid through January 31, 2026

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](https://cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/monthly/)
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](https://cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/seasonal/)



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