



Drought Information Statement for Central and Southeast Illinois

Valid November 6, 2025

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- The next update will be Thursday, November 13th, 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 over the past week.
- A few thundershowers are forecast Thursday night, but rain amounts will generally run under a quarter of an inch. There will be a 50-80% chance for additional rain Saturday evening north of roughly I-72 with totals up to a half inch in places. Otherwise, dry weather is forecast over the next week.





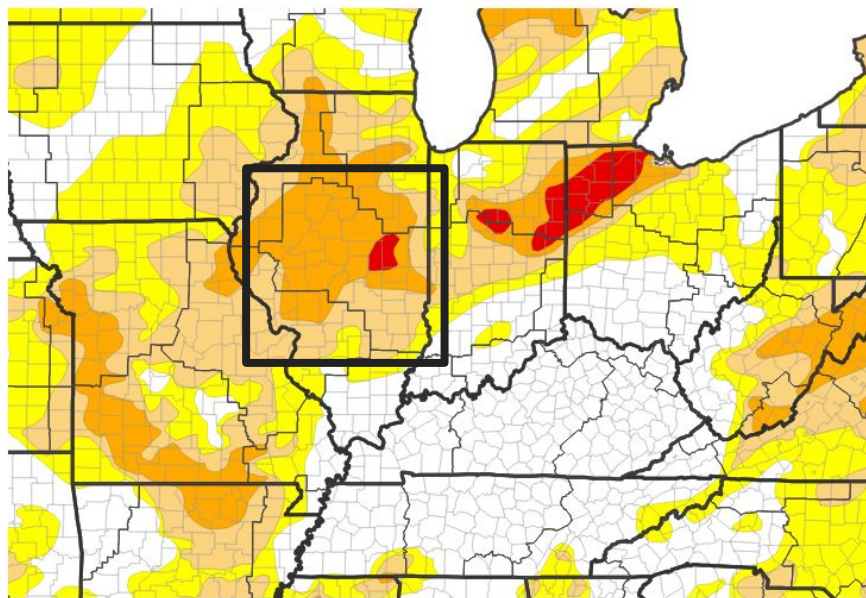
U.S. Drought Monitor

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, Douglas, Champaign, and extreme southeast McLean 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):** Most of 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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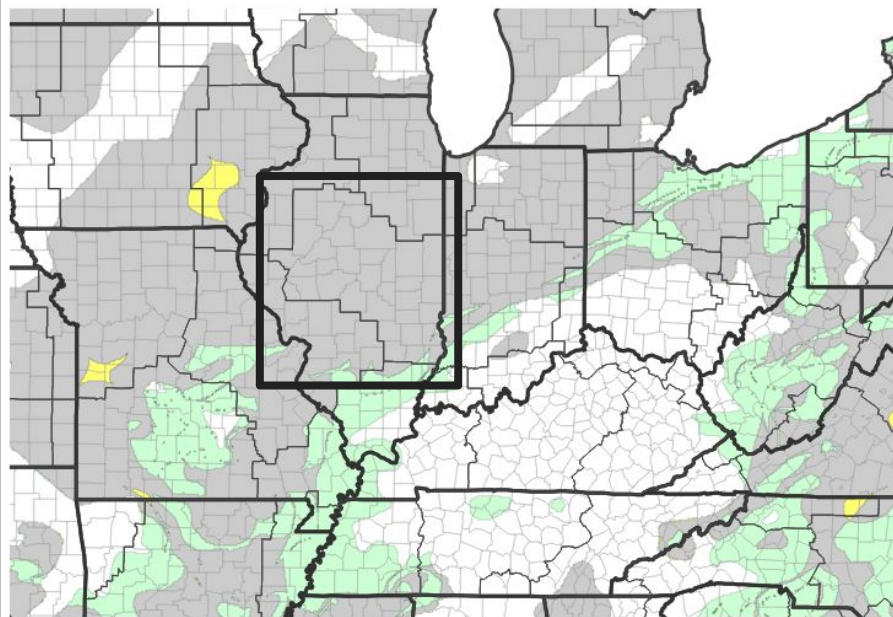


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

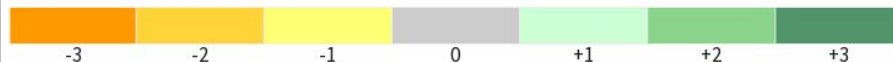
Link to the latest [1-week change map](#) for central and southeast Illinois

- **One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.**
 - Drought Worsened:
 - N/A
 - Drought Improved:
 - N/A
 - No Change:
 - All 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

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

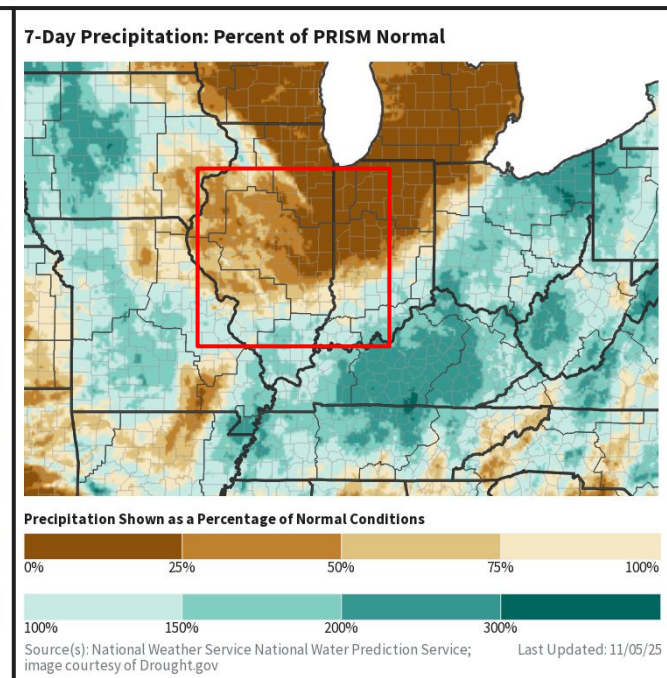
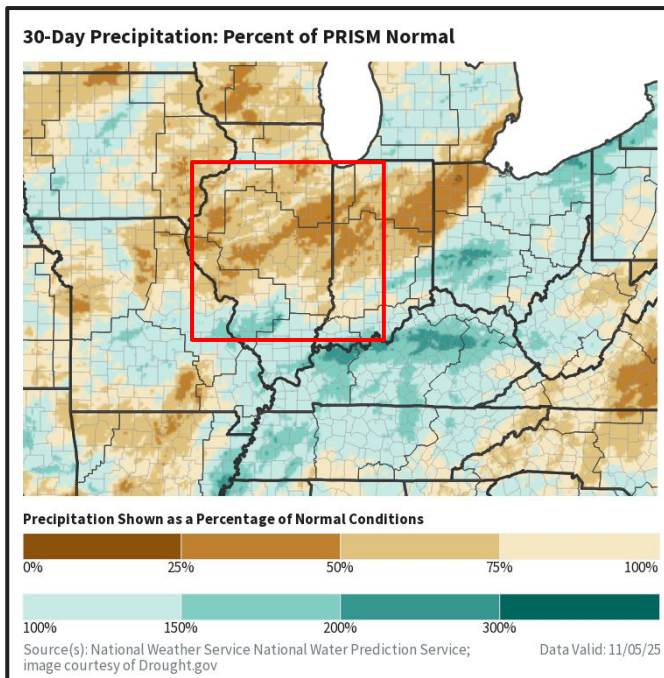


Image Caption: Total precipitation as a percentage of normal, as of November 5th. Left image is a 30 day average, right image the last 7 days. Images from [Drought.gov](https://drought.gov).



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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. October average streamflow in the Sangamon River near Monticello was the lowest in the 118-year period of record.
- Lake levels: Lake Decatur 1.6 feet below seasonal normals, Lake Shelbyville about 2 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

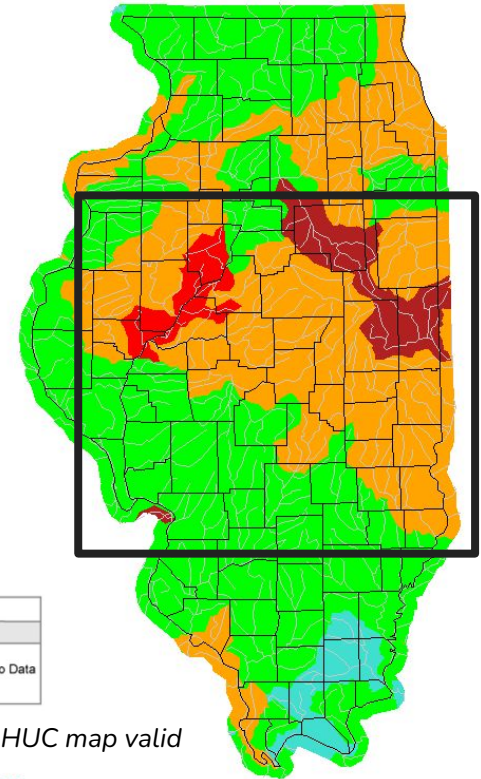




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

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

Wednesday, November 05, 2025



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 November 5, 2025.

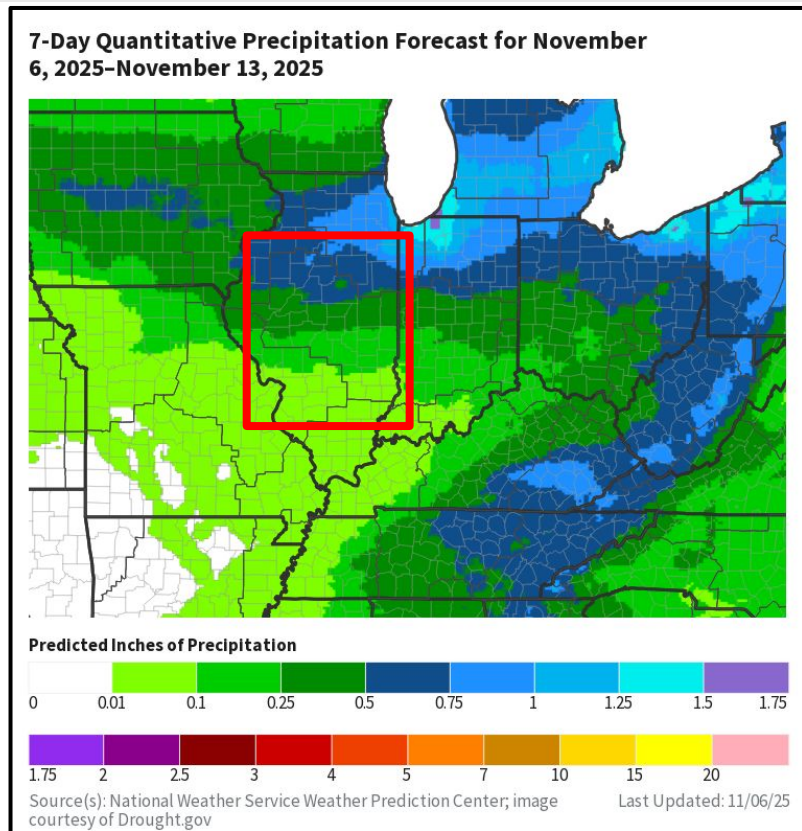




Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Rainfall over the next 7 days will be little to nothing across southern IL, while north of I-72 and especially north of I-74 at least some beneficial rainfall (0.25-1 inches) is expected, mainly Saturday afternoon into early Sunday morning.

Image Caption: Expected rainfall over the next 7 days, valid through 7 PM Wednesday, Nov 12. Check weather.gov/ilx for updated forecasts.

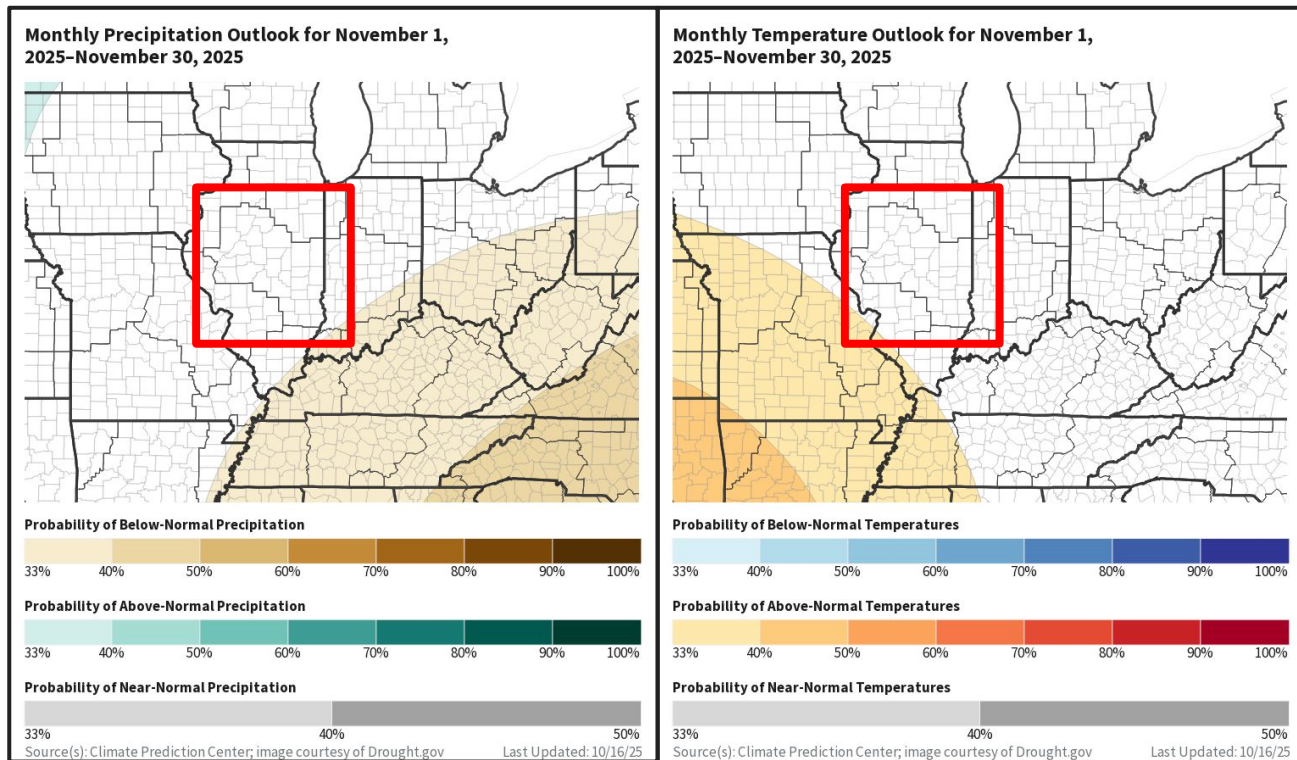




Long Range Outlooks

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

- The precipitation outlook for November has roughly equal chances for above and below normal precipitation.
- The November temperature outlook depicts approximately equal chances for above and below normal temperatures, on average throughout the month.



Monthly outlook (issued 18th of the month)





Drought Outlook

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- 1 Month Drought Outlook will be updated for December on November 30th. Visit [CPC.gov](#) for the updated image then.
- While the drought is forecast to persist this month, there are some signs of improvement in portions of central & eastern IL by the end of January.

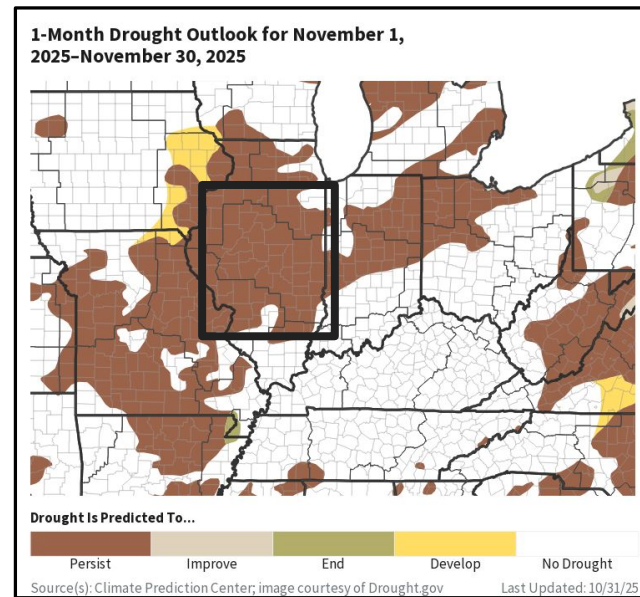
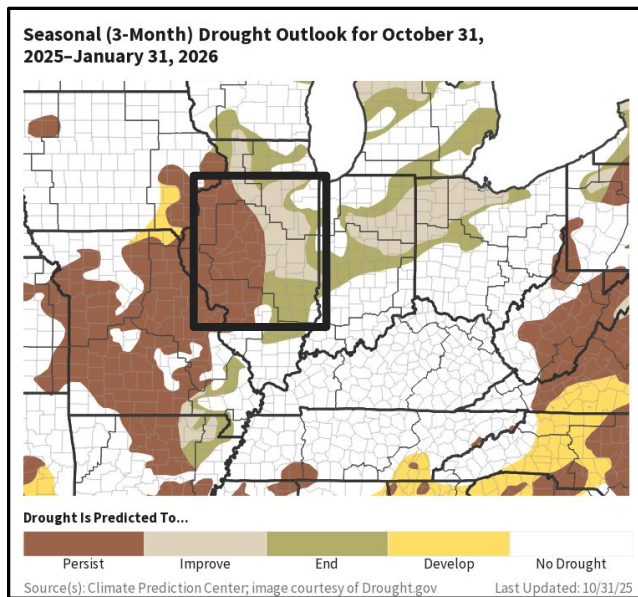


Image Caption:

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

Links to the latest:

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



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