



Drought Information Statement for Central Indiana

Valid September 19, 2025

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- Large expansion of Moderate Drought (D1) across the state, with introduction of two pockets of Severe Drought (D2)



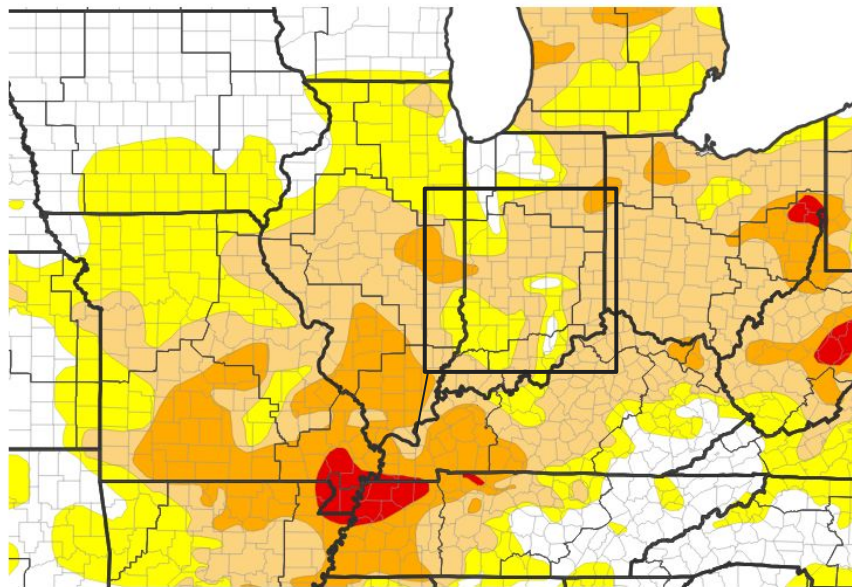


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Parke, Vermillion
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Decatur, Delaware, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Owen, Putnam, Randolph, Rush, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Vigo
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Daviess, Fountain, Greene, Knox, Martin, Shelby, Sullivan, Warren

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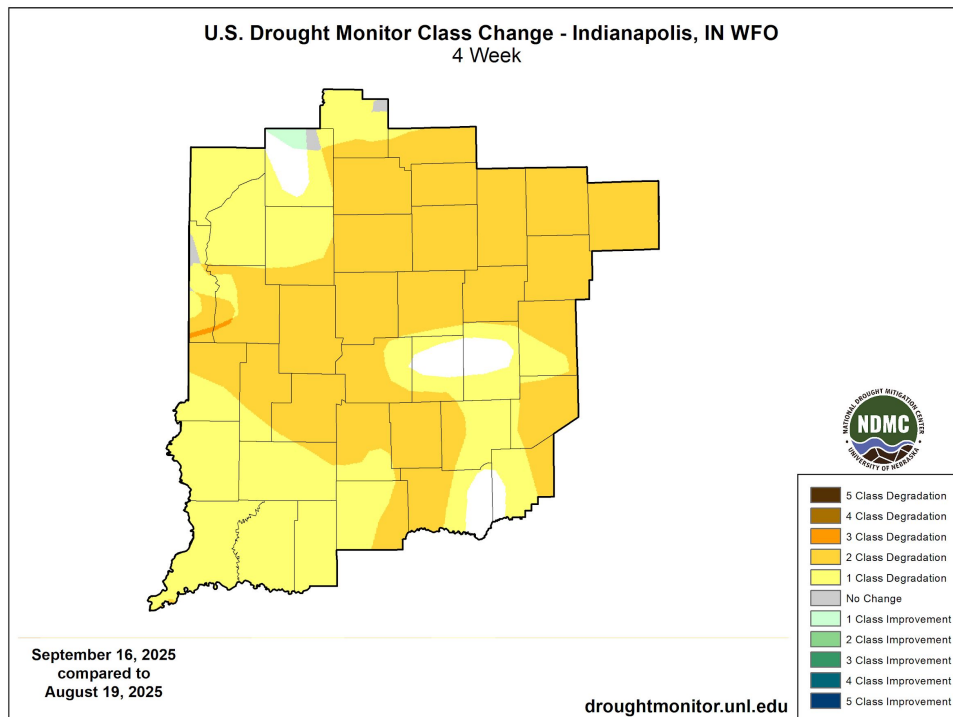
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for central Indiana

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change
 - Two class degradation over most of central Indiana, with one class degradation also fairly common
 - Three small pockets of no designation

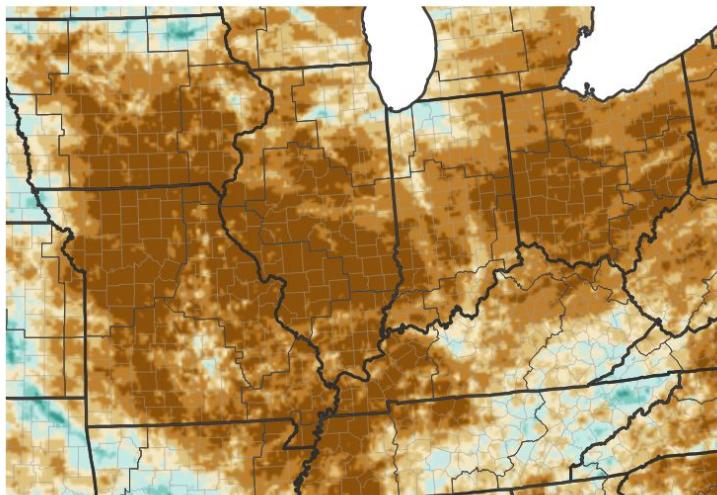




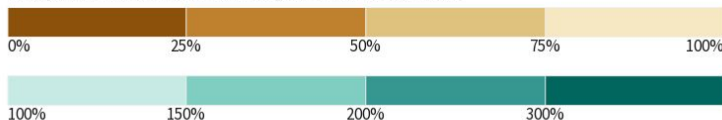
Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation of less than 50% over all but a pocket of north central Indiana

30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



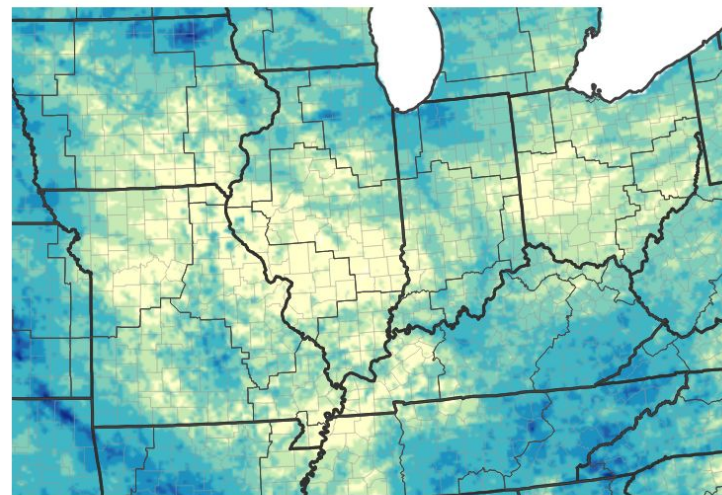
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



Source(s): National Weather Service National Water Prediction Service; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



Inches of Precipitation



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Below to much below normal streamflow over many basins (USGS)
- Reports of small streams going dry, ponds at low levels (CMOR)

Agricultural Impacts

- Dry topsoil, cracks in ground (CMOR)
- Farm crops showing signs of stress and drying out quickly (CMOR)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Several county burn bans (IDHS)

Other Impacts

- Plants, shrubs discolored and losing leaves (CMOR)
- Lawns going dormant (CMOR)

Mitigation Actions

- None reported

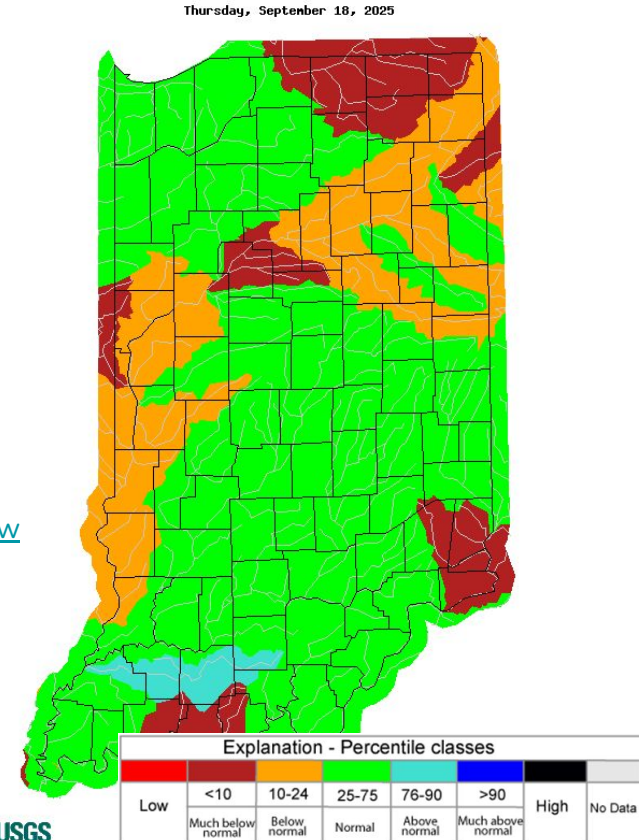




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Below to much below normal streamflow across northeast Indiana and the Wabash basin as well as a few other basins along the Ohio River
- Normal streamflow showing up across much of Indiana, but this is likely on the low end of normal (near 25%)
- Reports of low pond and creek levels

Image Caption:
[USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map](#) for Indiana valid September 18, 2025



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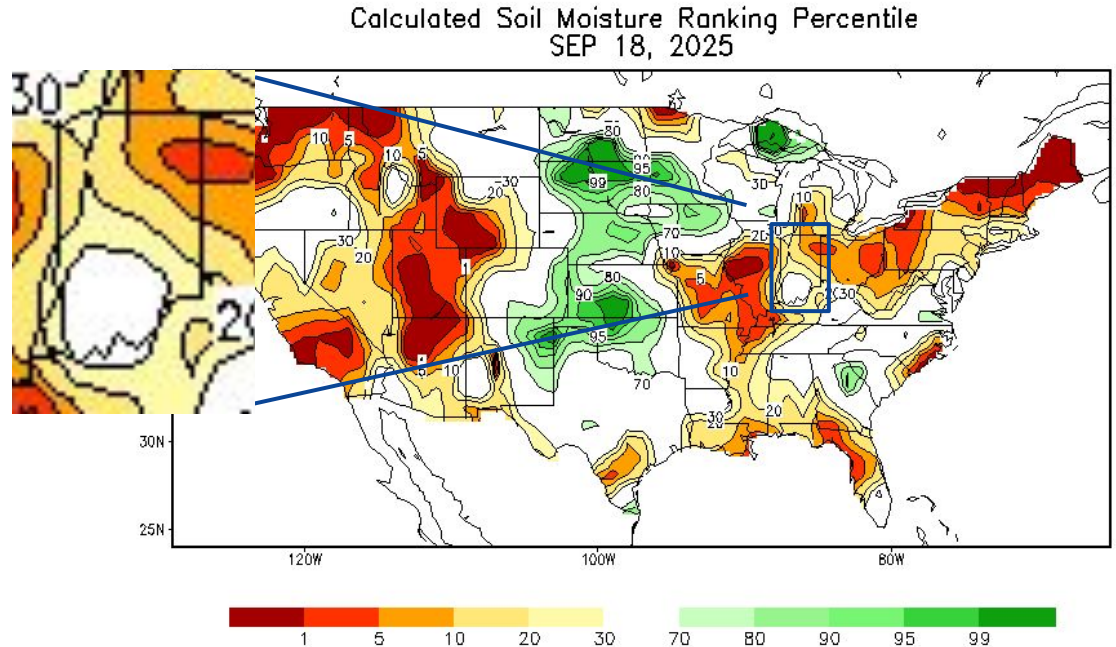
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Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is below normal across much of Indiana
- Dry topsoil, cracks in ground
- Farm crops showing signs of stress and drying out quickly

[Link to Latest Weather and Crop Bulletin](#)





Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#)

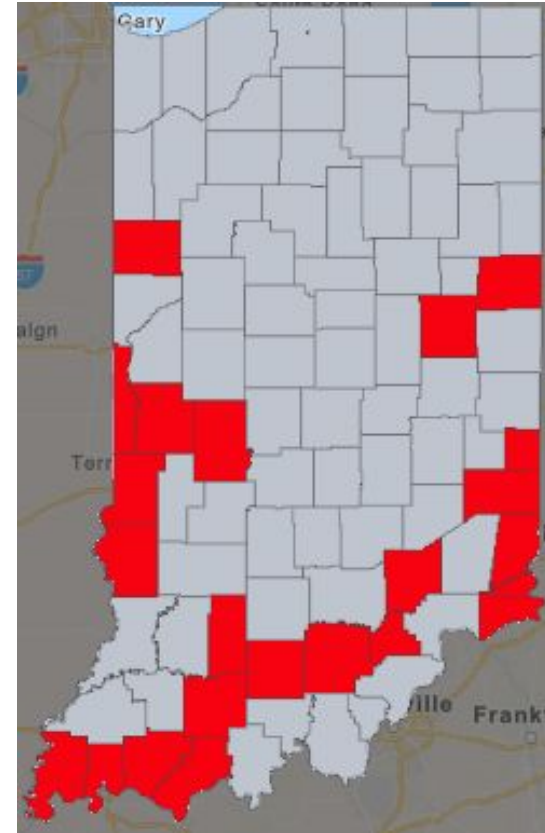
- Several burn bans in place over central and southern Indiana counties
- Conditions are conducive for brush fires

For the latest Indiana burn ban map, click [here](#).

County Burn Ban Status Legend



Image Caption: County Burn Ban Status Map from Indiana Department of Homeland Security valid September 19, 2025

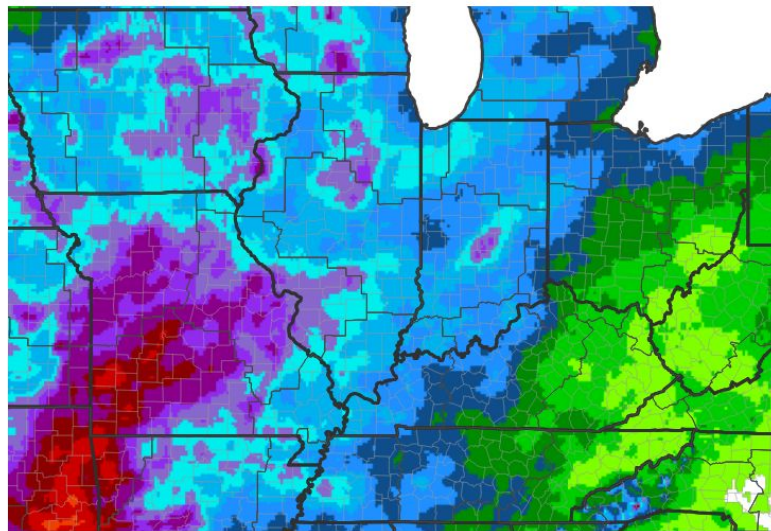




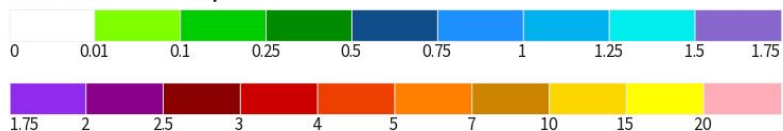
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Potential for half an inch to near 2 inches of rainfall through September 25th, with multiple rounds of rainfall possible beginning this weekend and continuing through next week

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 18, 2025–September 25, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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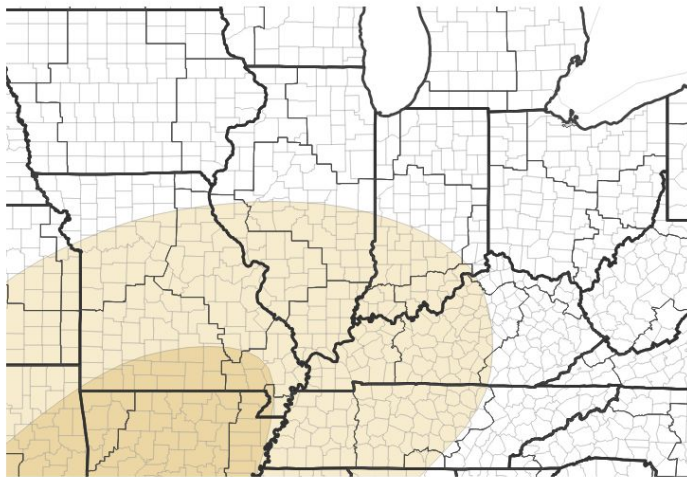


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- One month outlooks for October show a lean toward drier than normal precipitation over southwestern Indiana and midrange probabilities of above normal temperatures

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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



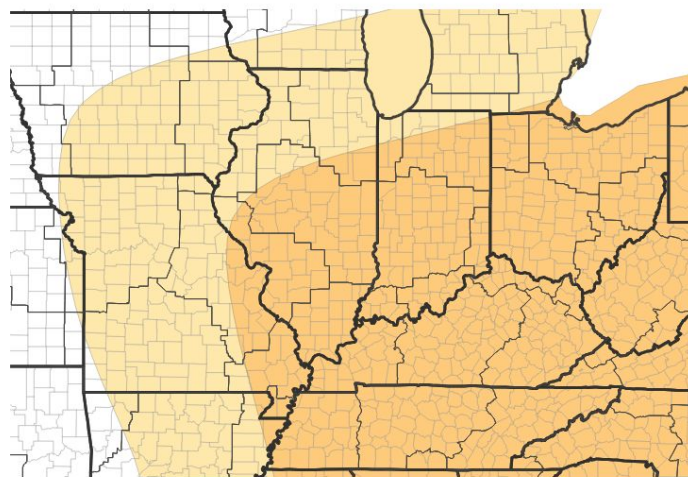
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



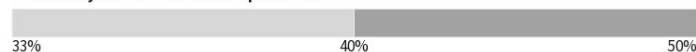
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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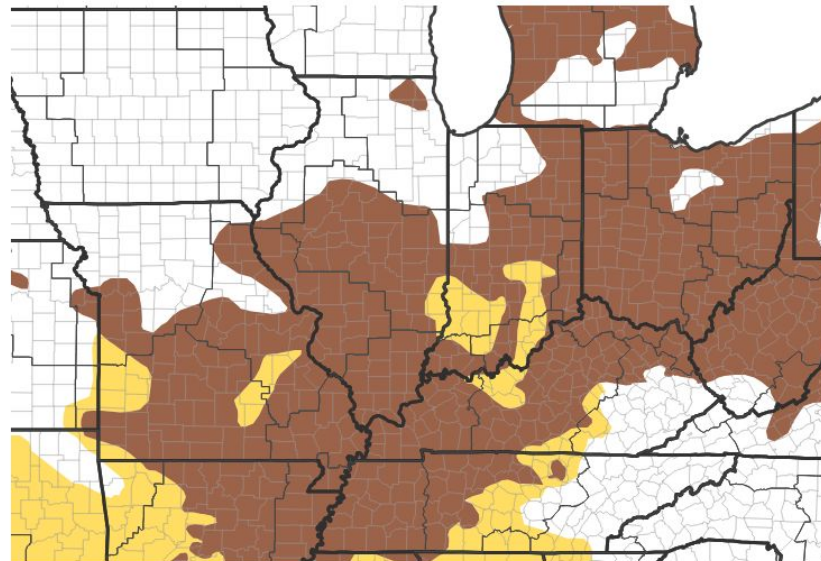


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to develop/persist across all but northwest Indiana through the end of December

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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