



Drought Information Statement for Central Indiana

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- Expansion of Moderate Drought (D1) and Severe Drought (D2)
 - Recent rainfall provided surface level short term relief, but dry forecast should erase this quickly



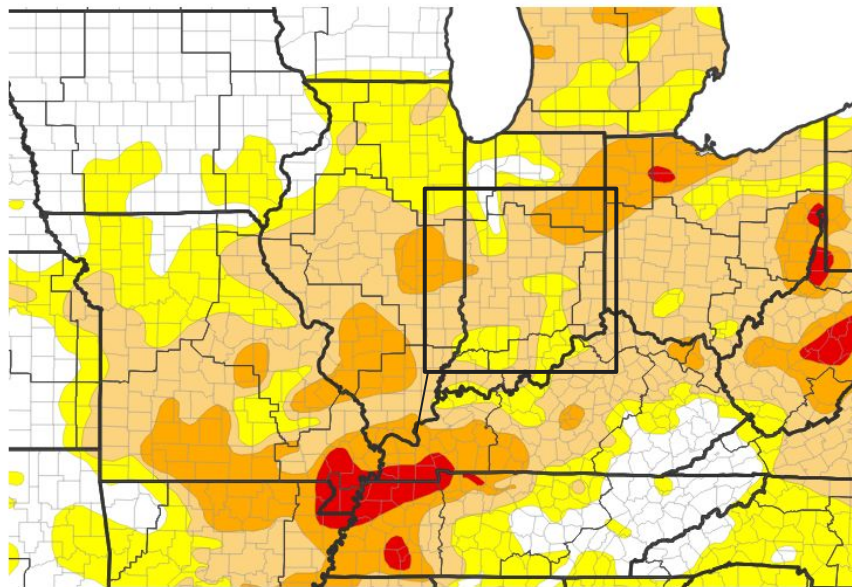


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

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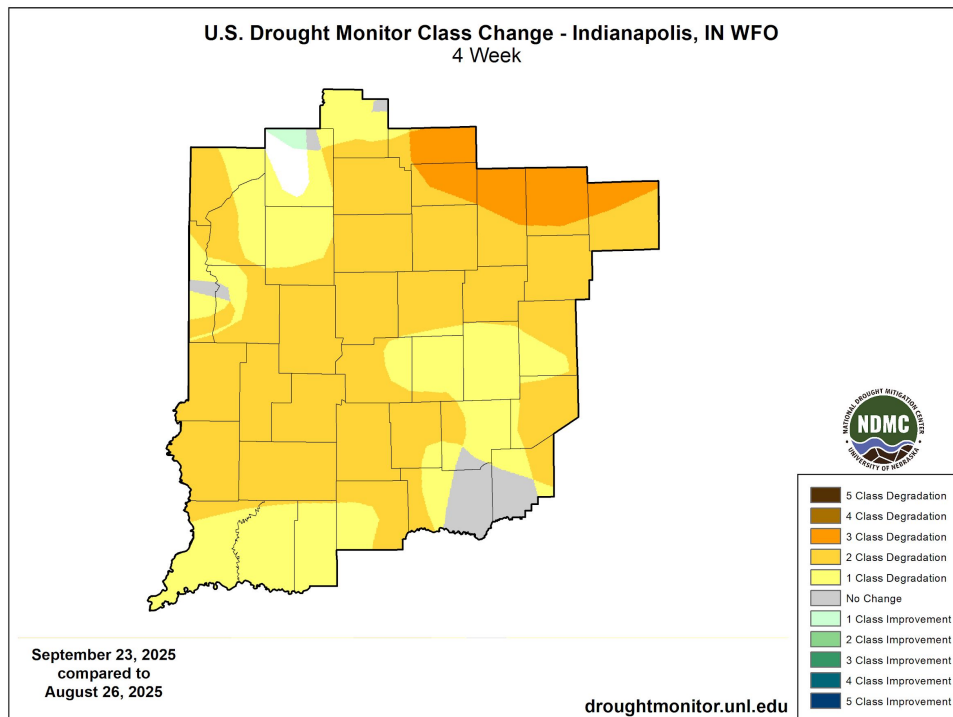




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change
 - Three class degradation over northeastern central Indiana
 - Two class degradation over most of central Indiana, with one class degradation also fairly common

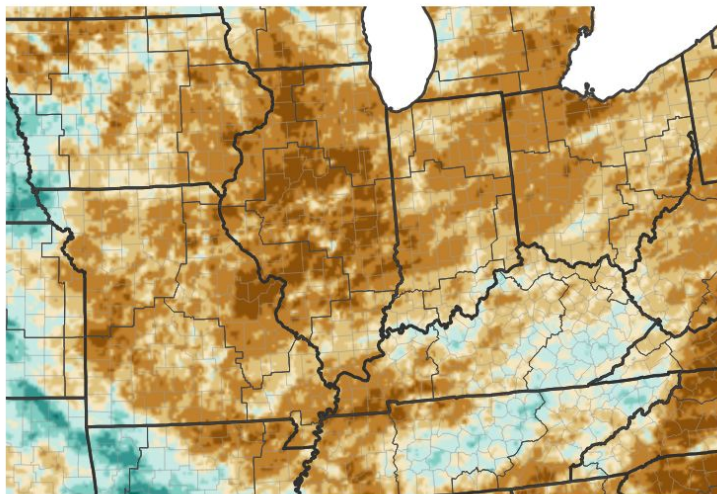




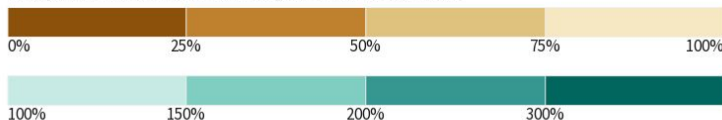
Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation for the state over the last 30 days, with the majority of the area in the 25 to 50% of normal

30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



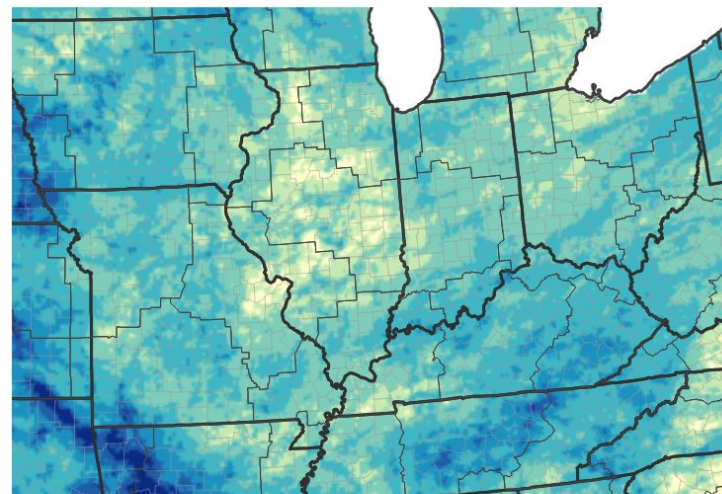
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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 some basins (USGS)
- Low levels in ponds and streams (CMOR)

Agricultural Impacts

- Despite recent rain, ground remains dry and hard in many locations (CMOR)
- Some farm crops showing signs of stress (CMOR)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Some county burn bans (IDHS)

Other Impacts

- Plants, shrubs, trees discolored and losing leaves (CMOR)
- Lawns patchy and brown (CMOR)

Mitigation Actions

- None reported

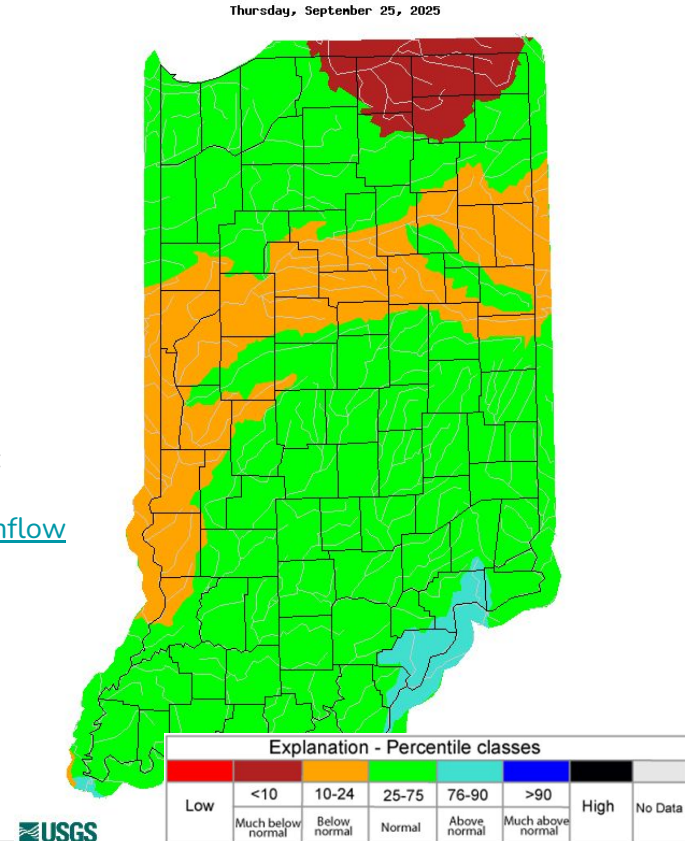




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Below normal streamflow across the Wabash and Mississinewa basins
- Much below normal streamflow over northeast Indiana in the St Joseph basin
- 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 stream levels

Image Caption:
[USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map](#) for Indiana valid September 25, 2025

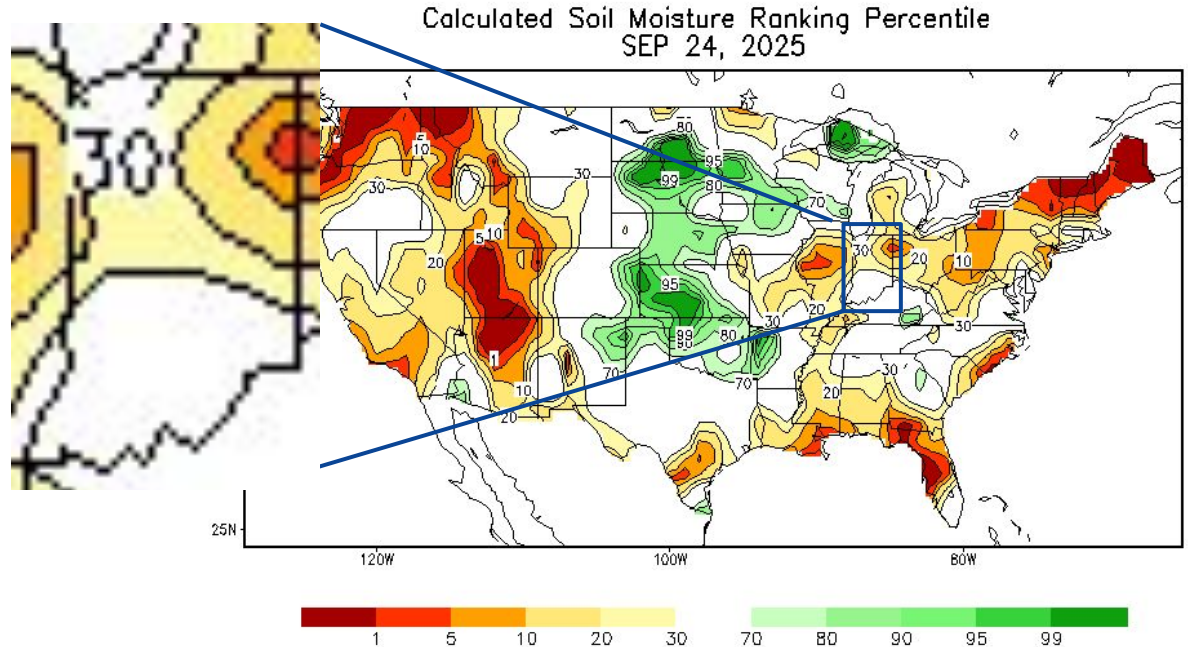




Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is below normal across central and northern Indiana
- Despite recent rain, ground remains dry and hard in many locations
- Some farm crops showing signs of stress

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





Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Several counties removed burn bans due to rainfall this past week
- A few burn bans remain in western and eastern Indiana
- Conditions have improved, but will likely deteriorate over the next week

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

County Burn Ban Status Legend



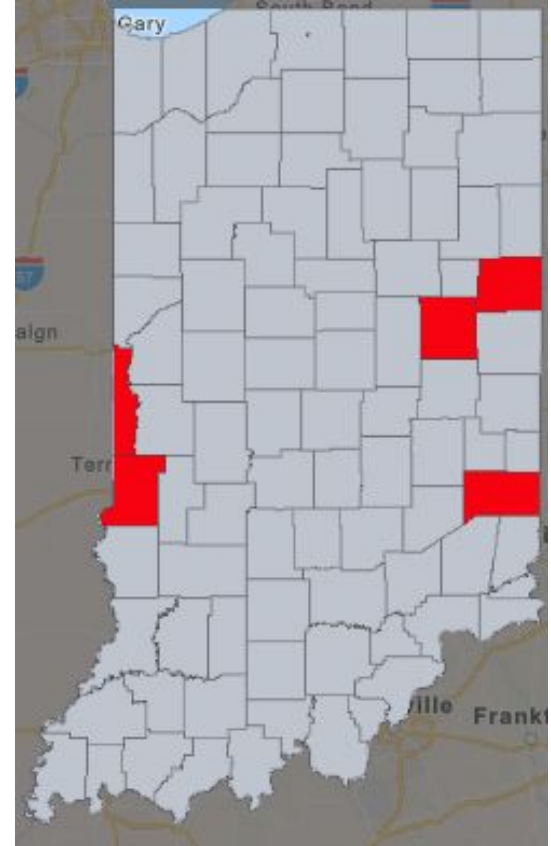
-  Countywide Burn Ban
-  Local Burn Ban
-  No Burn Ban Reported

Image Caption: County Burn Ban Status Map from Indiana Department of Homeland Security valid September 26, 2025

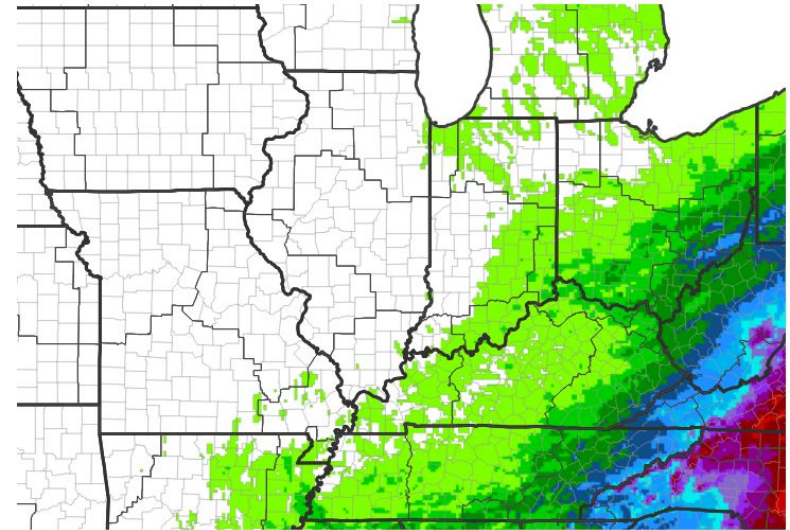




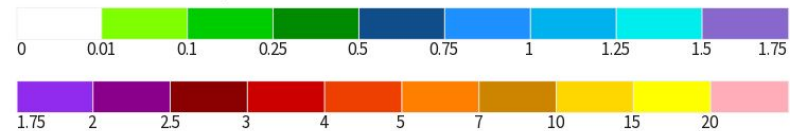
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Little to no precipitation forecast for the state for the next seven days

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



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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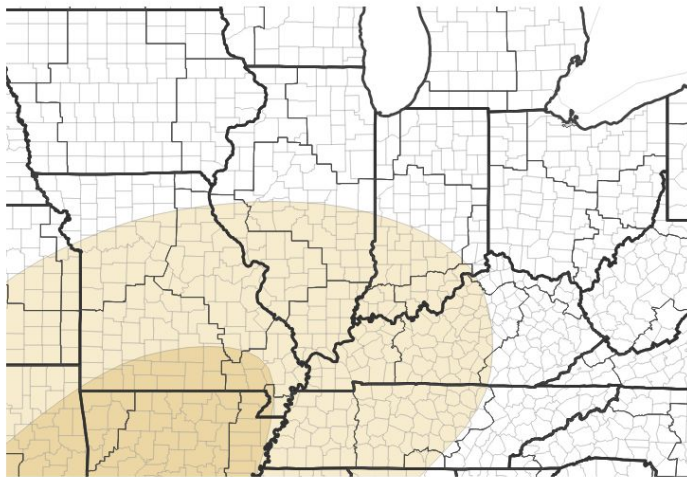


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- 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



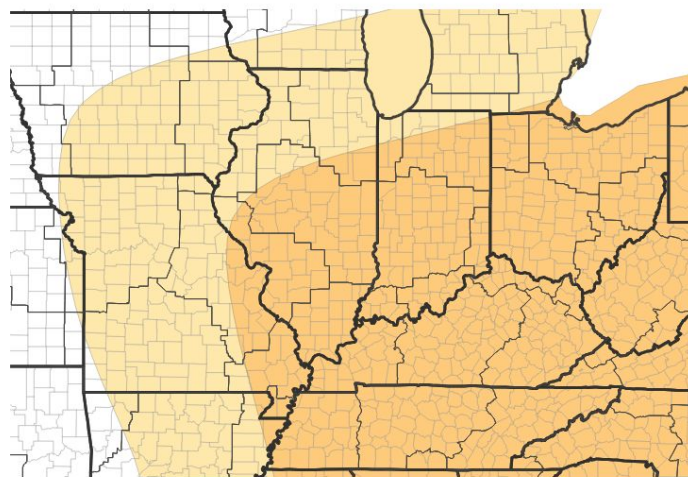
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



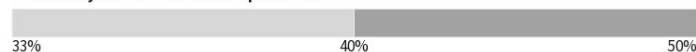
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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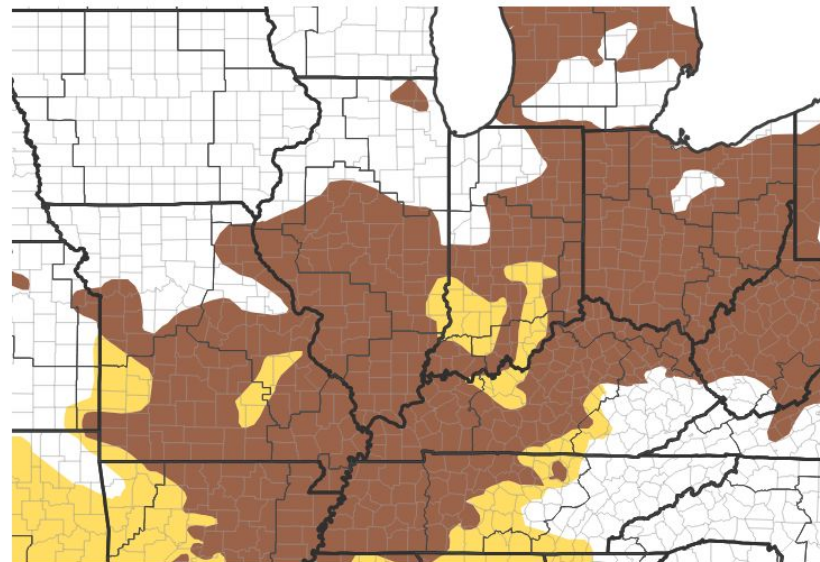


Drought Outlook

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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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