



# Drought Information Statement for Central Indiana

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- This product will be updated by October 31, 2025 or when significant changes occur.
  - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
  - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ind/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
  - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- D3 (Extreme Drought) introduced in a couple counties in northeastern Indiana
  - Minor improvements in northwestern and southern Indiana due to higher rainfall amounts last week



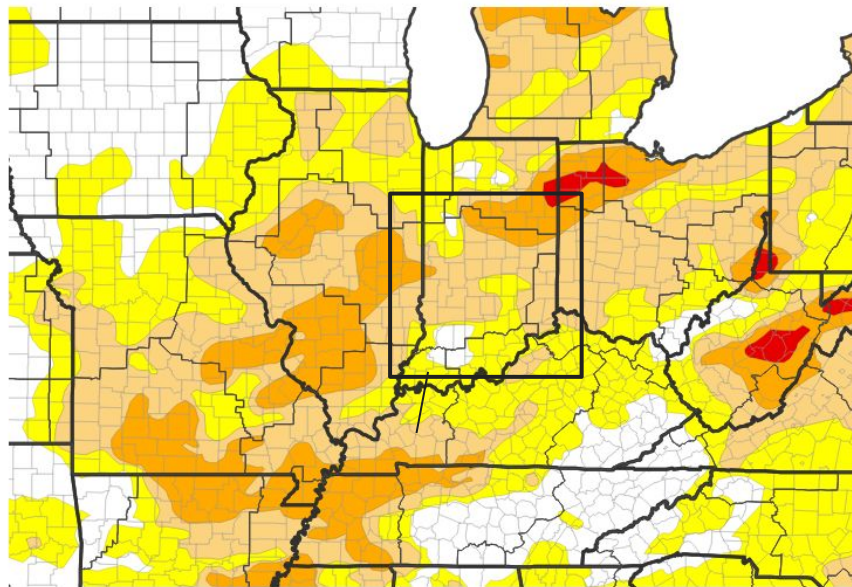


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

U.S. Drought Monitor



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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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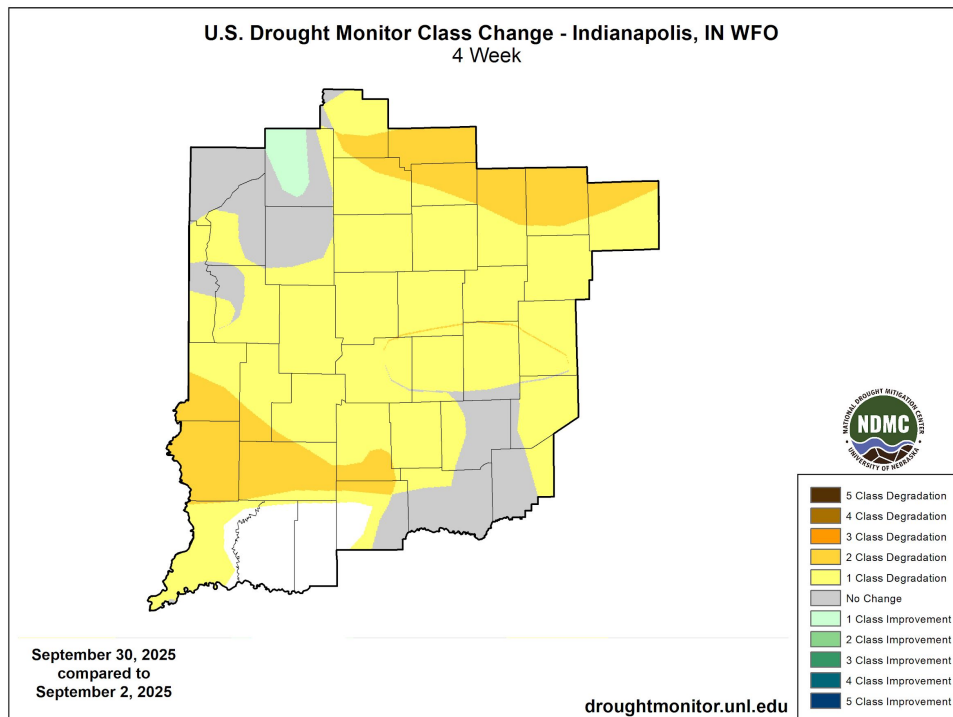
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# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change
  - Two class degradation over northeastern central Indiana as well as part of western Indiana
  - One class degradation over the majority of central Indiana

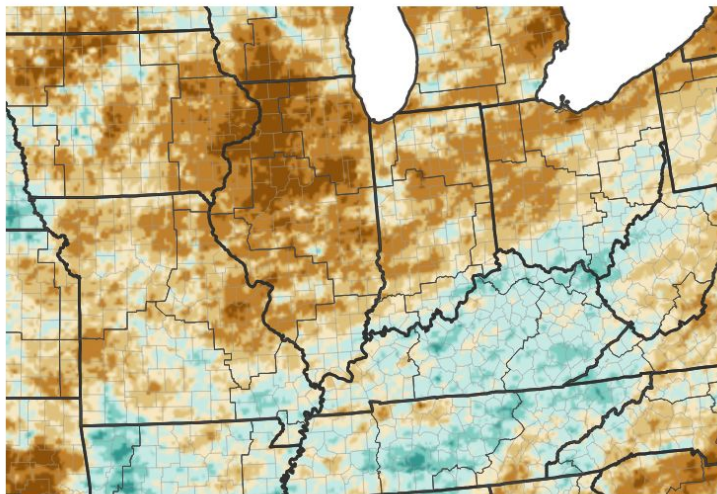




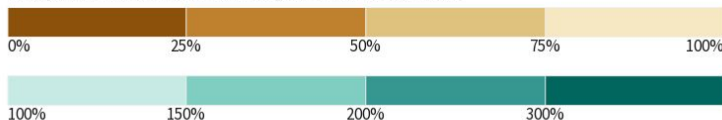
# Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation for all but near the Ohio River over the last 30 days, with the majority of the area in the 25 to 75% of normal

**30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal**



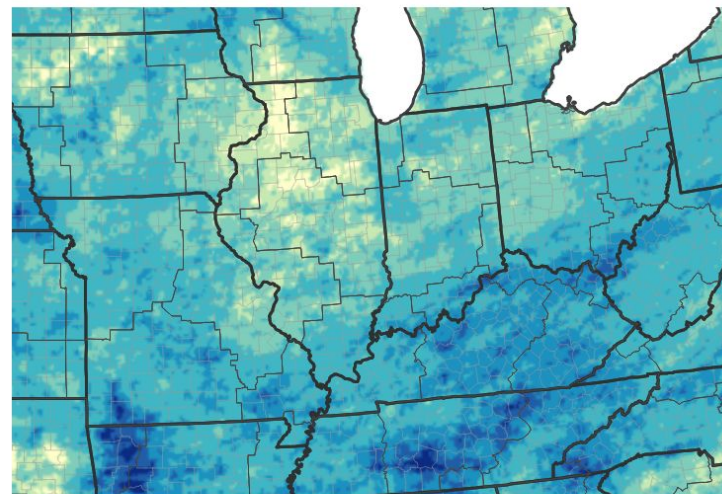
**Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions**



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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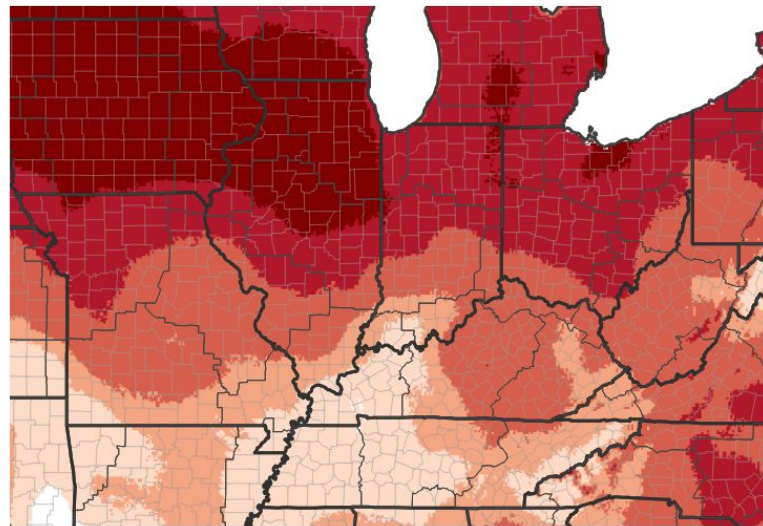




# Temperature

- The 7 day temperature anomaly for max temperatures has been 6 to 8 degrees above normal for the northern half of Indiana, with 3 to 4 degrees above normal near the Ohio River

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 09/29/25





# 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

- Crops drying out quicker than normal with some signs of stress (CMOR)
- Cracked hard ground, dusty crop fields

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Several county burn bans (IDHS)

## Other Impacts

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

## Mitigation Actions

- None reported

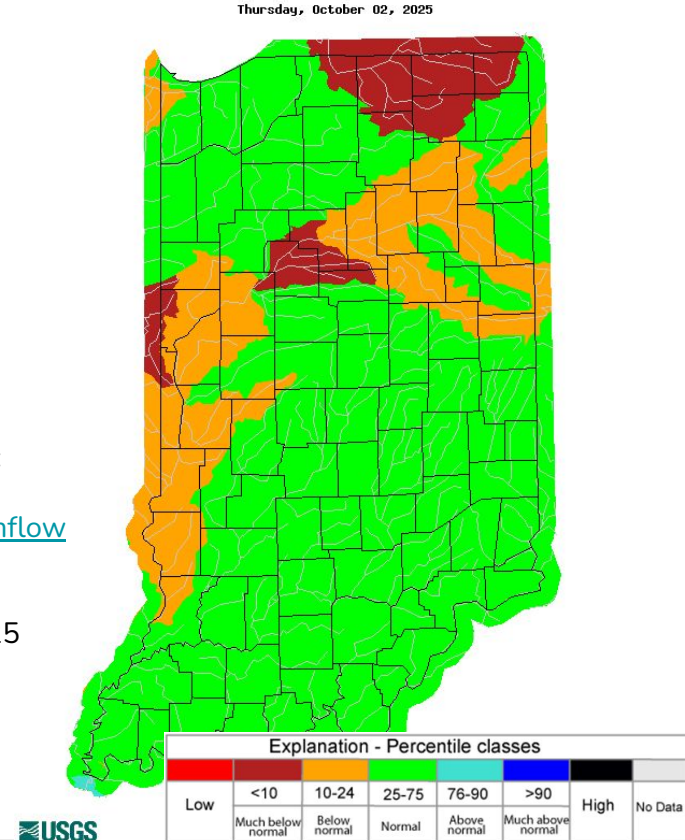




# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Below to much 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 October 2, 2025

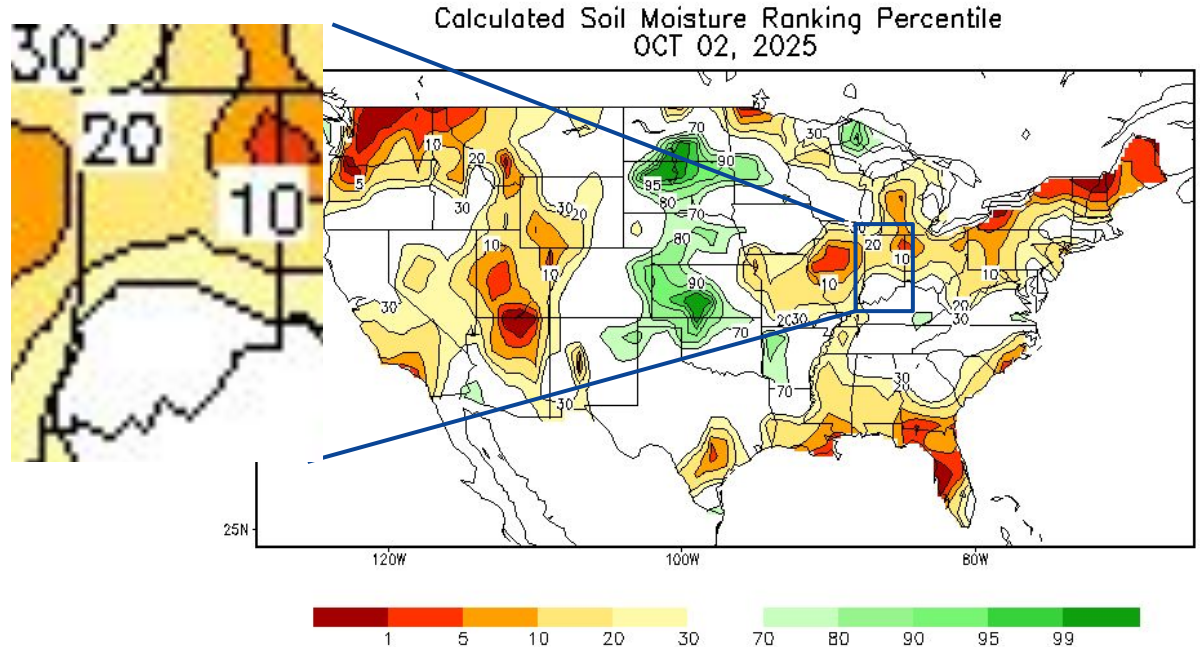




# Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is below normal across central and northern Indiana
- Crops drying out quicker than normal with some signs of stress
- Dusty crop fields

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







# Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Burn bans have expanded to include several counties across Indiana

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

## County Burn Ban Status Legend

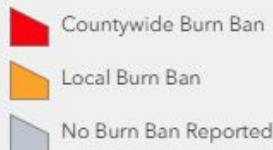
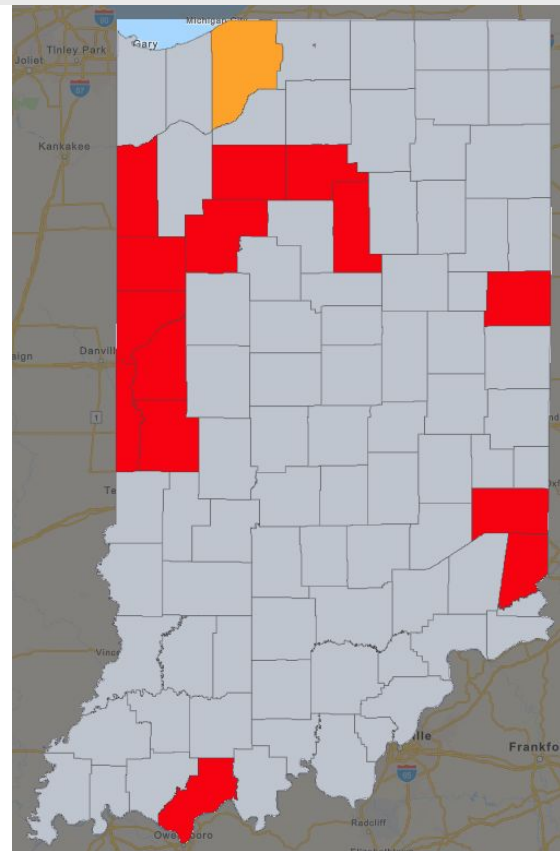


Image Caption: County Burn Ban Status Map from Indiana Department of Homeland Security valid October 3, 2025



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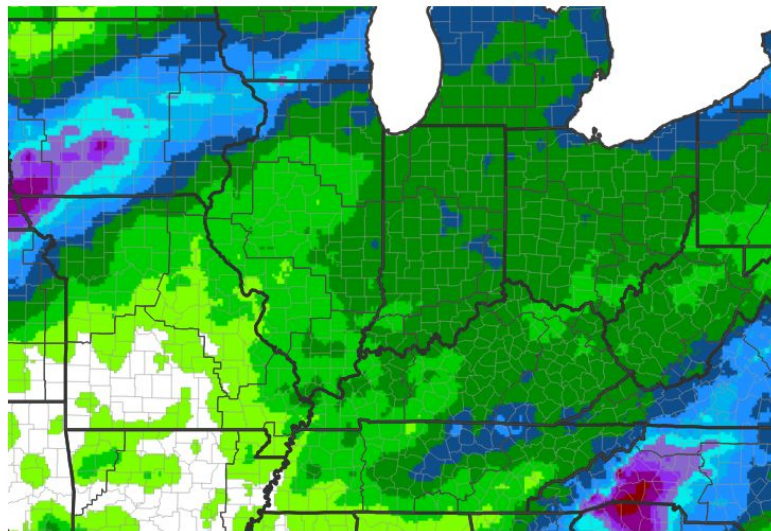
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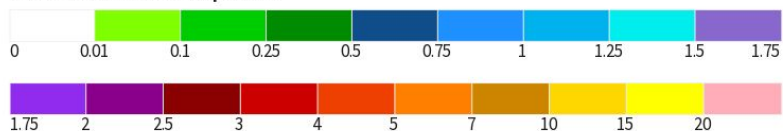
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- After today's (Friday October 3rd) scattered showers, widespread precipitation totals of a quarter inch to half an inch are possible over Indiana over the rest of the seven days. Most of this rainfall is associated with a cold frontal passage Monday through Tuesday

**7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 3, 2025–October 10, 2025**



**Predicted Inches of Precipitation**



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

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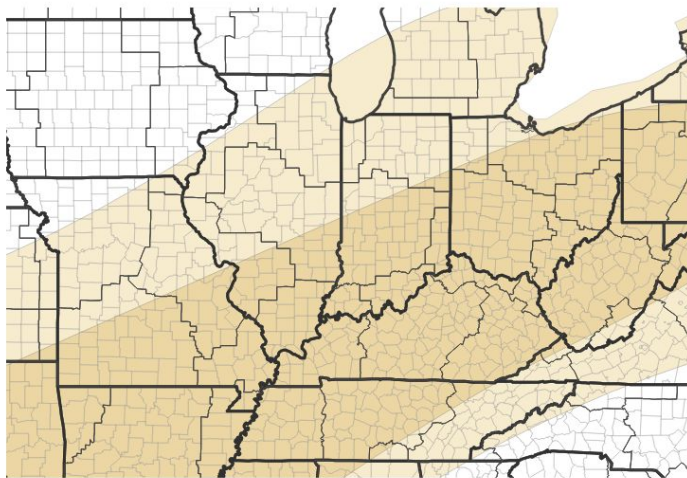


# Long-Range Outlooks

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 across the state with above normal temperatures likely

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



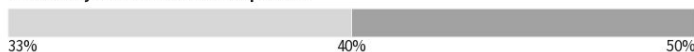
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**Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation**



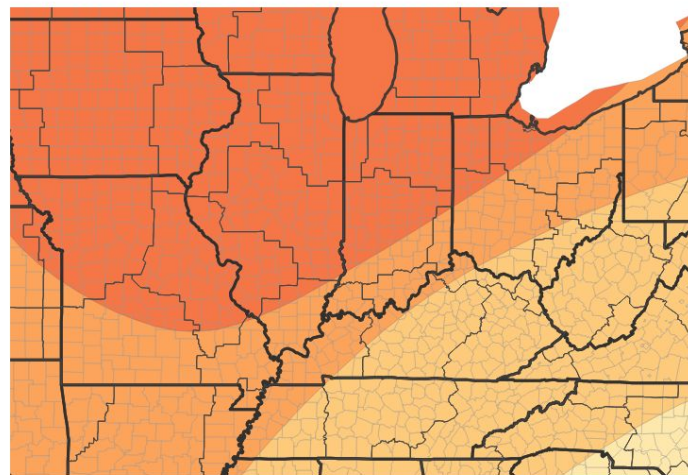
**Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation**



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



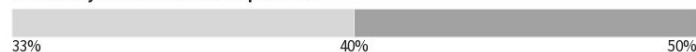
**Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures**



**Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures**



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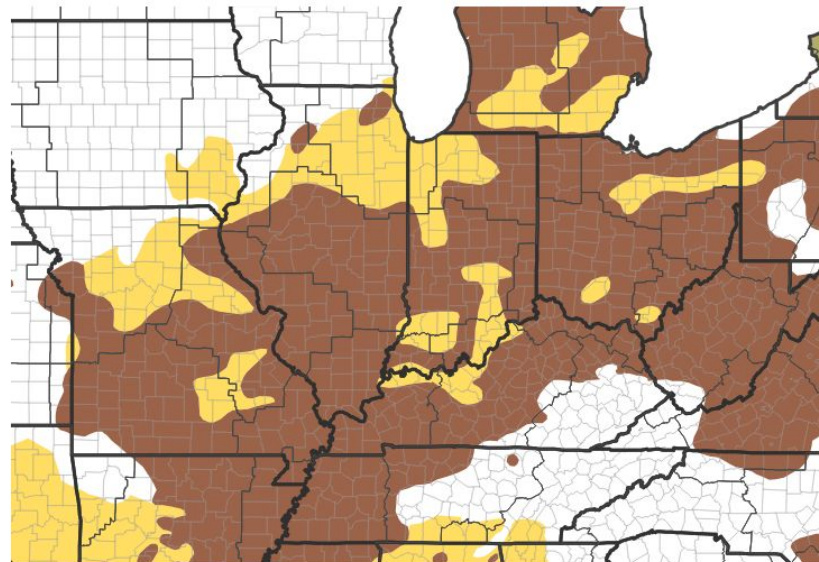


# Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to develop/persist across the entire state through the end of December

**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 30, 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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