



Drought Information Statement for Central Indiana

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- D3 (Extreme Drought) now also in northern parts of central Indiana for the first time since 2012
 - Minor improvements in pockets of southern Indiana due to local rainfall of 2 to 4 inches
 - Conditions expected to worsen with no rainfall expected in the next week



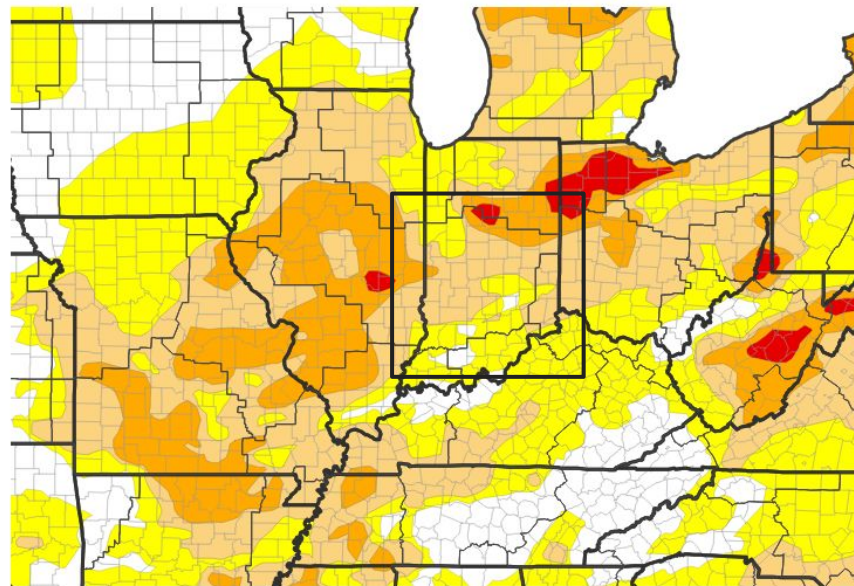


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Carroll, Howard
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Clinton, Delaware, Madison, Parke, Randolph, Tipton, Vermillion
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Boone, Brown, Clay, Decatur, Fountain, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Owen, Putnam, Rush, Sullivan, Tippecanoe, Vigo
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Bartholomew, Daviess, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Shelby, Warren

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

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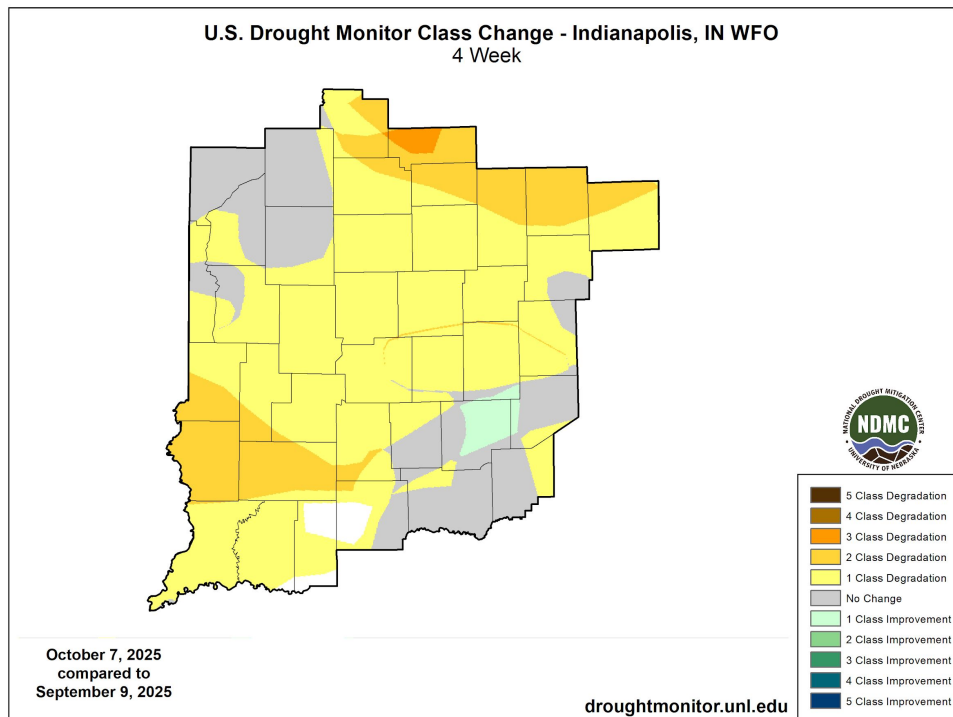
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change
 - Two class degradation over northeastern central Indiana (with a pocket of 3 class degradation over Howard county) as well as part of southwestern Indiana
 - One class degradation over the majority of central Indiana
 - One class improvement over mainly Bartholomew county
 - No change over northwest and southeast central Indiana

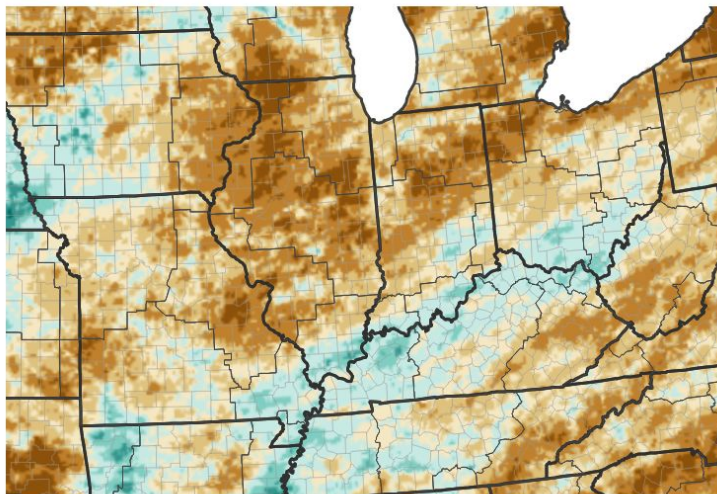




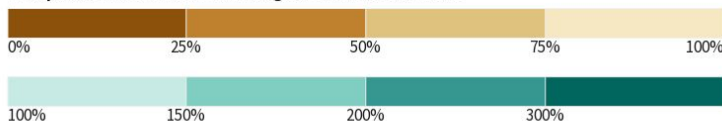
Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation for the majority of the area
- Spots in northeast and north central Indiana less than 25% of normal
- 100 to 200% of normal along the Ohio River and over parts of southeastern central Indiana

30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



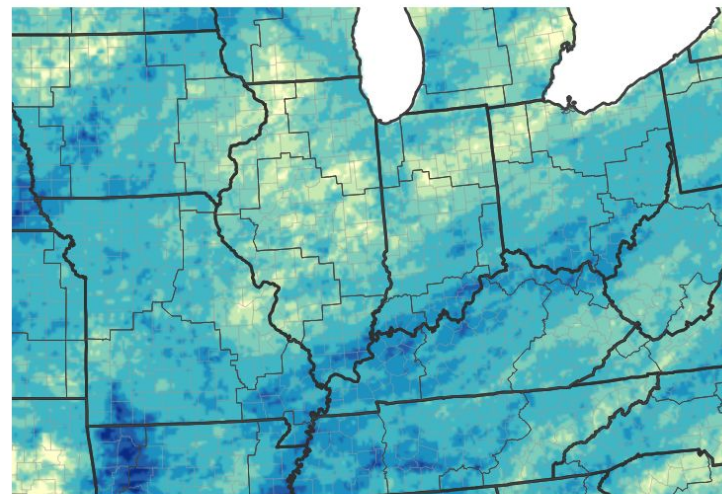
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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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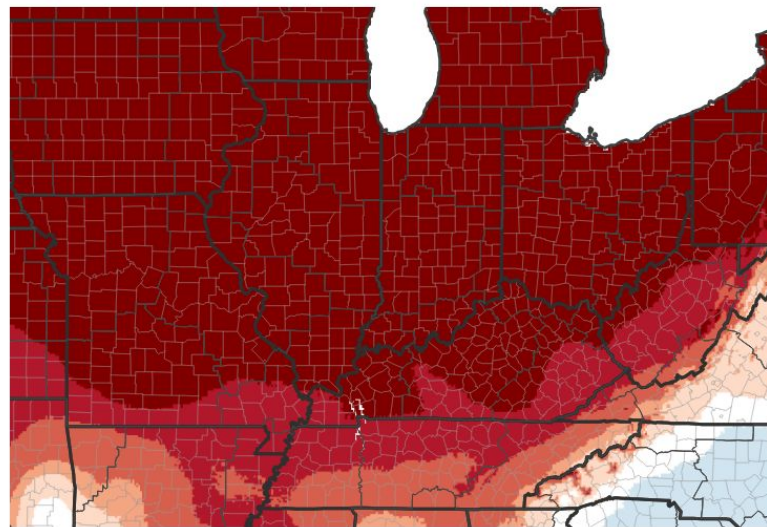




Temperature

- The 7 day temperature anomaly for max temperatures is over 8 degrees above normal for the entire state

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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

- Below to much below normal streamflow over some basins (USGS)
- Low levels in ponds and streams, some completely dry (County Extension)

Agricultural Impacts

- Unharvested crops stressed, lower yields (CMOR)
- Cracked hard ground, dusty crop fields (County Extension)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Several county burn bans (IDHS)
- Field fire concerns (CMOR, County Extension)

Other Impacts

- Plants, shrubs, trees discolored and losing leaves (CMOR)
- Lawns dormant or patchy and brown (County Extension)

Mitigation Actions

- None reported

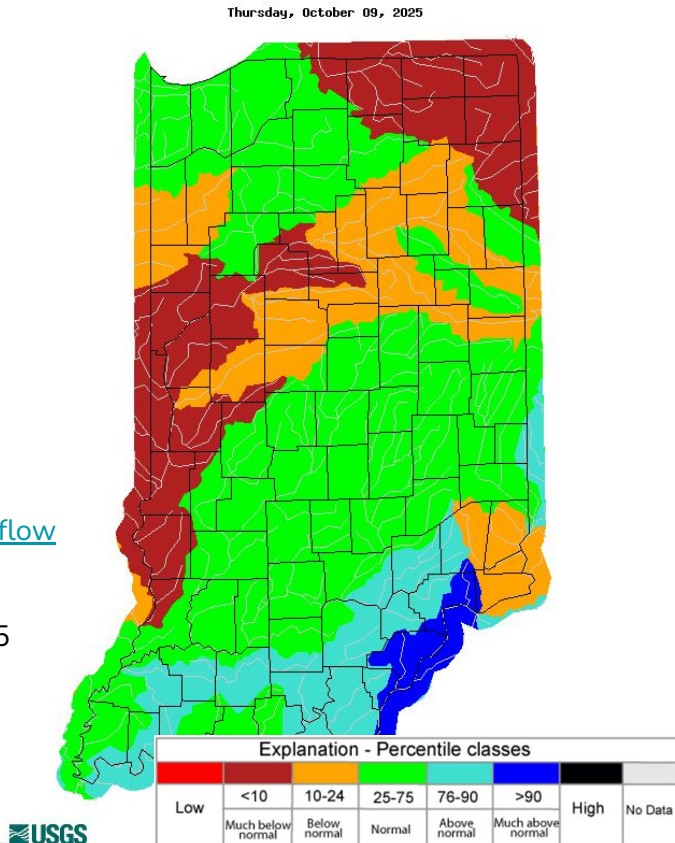




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Below to much below normal streamflow across the Wabash, Wildcat, Mississinewa and upper to middle White basins
- Near Normal streamflow in the lower White, Eel, and East Fork White basins
- Above normal streamflow in most basins along the Ohio River

Image Caption:
[USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map](#) for Indiana valid October 9, 2025

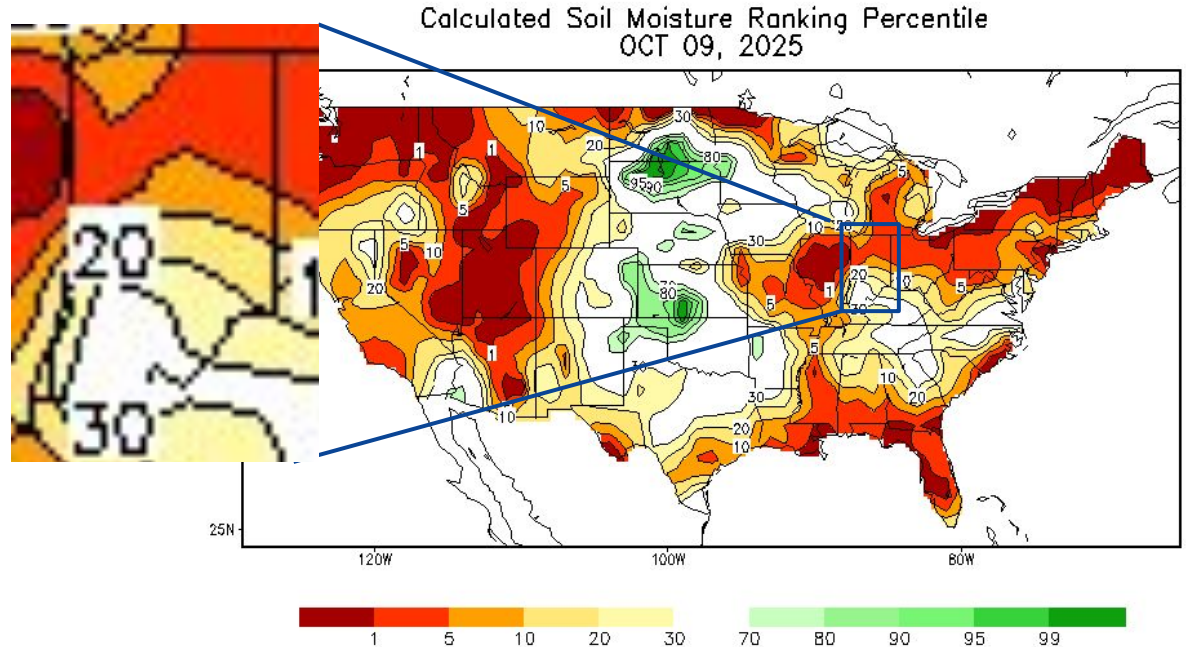




Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is less than the 5th percentile across much of northern Indiana, and below the 30th percentile across all but southwestern Indiana
- Unharvested crops stressed
- Lower yields from harvest
- Cracked hard ground, 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 across several counties
- Increasing field and brush fire concerns

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

County Burn Ban Status Legend


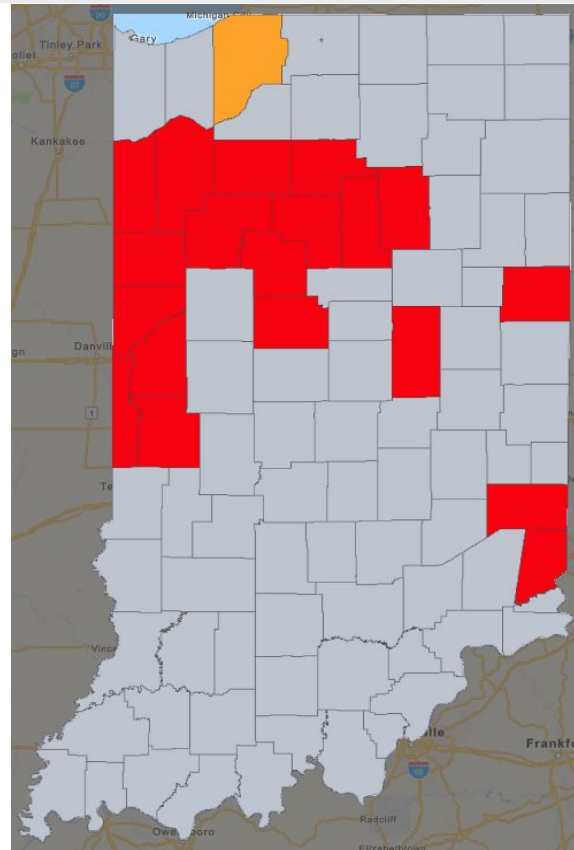
-  Countywide Burn Ban
-  Local Burn Ban
-  No Burn Ban Reported

Image Caption: County Burn Ban Status Map from Indiana Department of Homeland Security valid October 10, 2025



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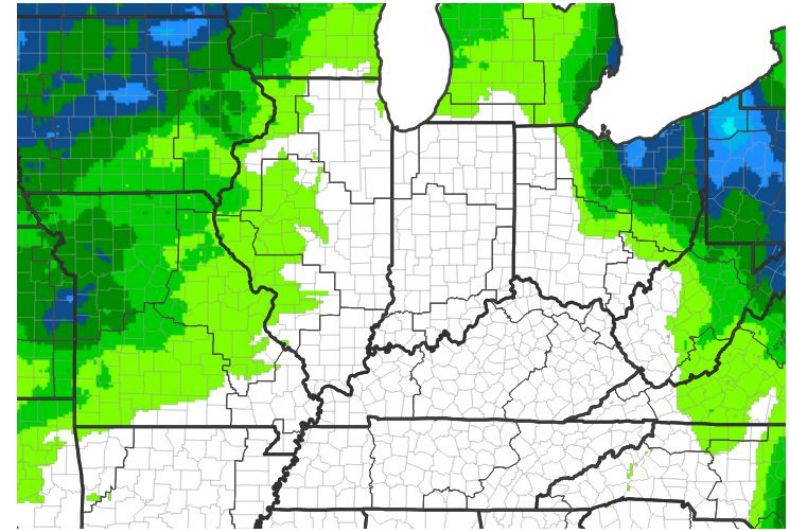
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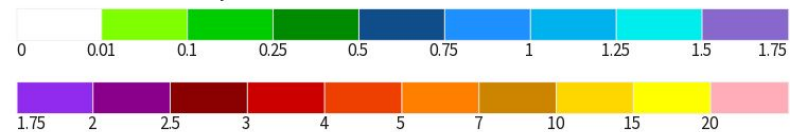
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- There is a small chance for rain over the next 24 hours, but overall no measurable precipitation is expected for the next seven days

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 9, 2025–October 16, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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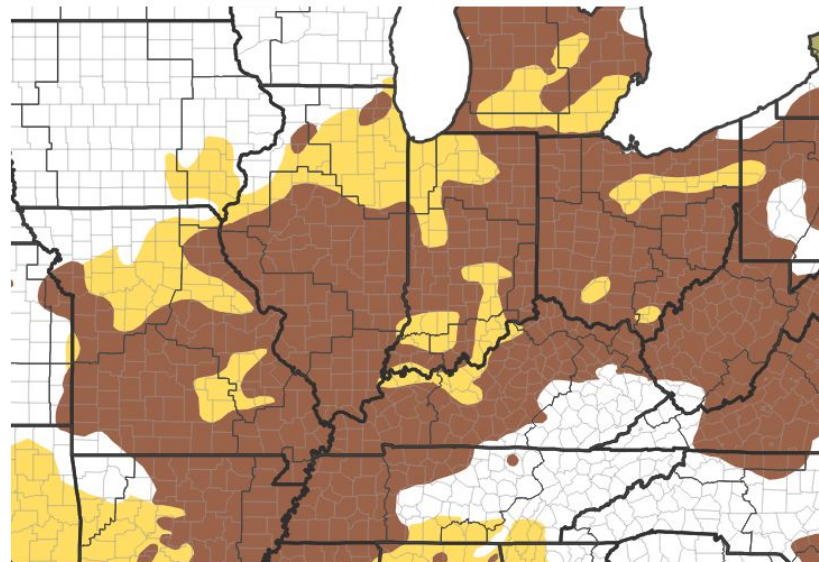


Drought Outlook

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

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

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 9, 2025–January 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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