



Drought Information Statement for Central Indiana

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- 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.

- D3 (Extreme Drought) continues in northern parts of central Indiana
- Improvements over much of southern Indiana
- Impactful rainfall coming this weekend



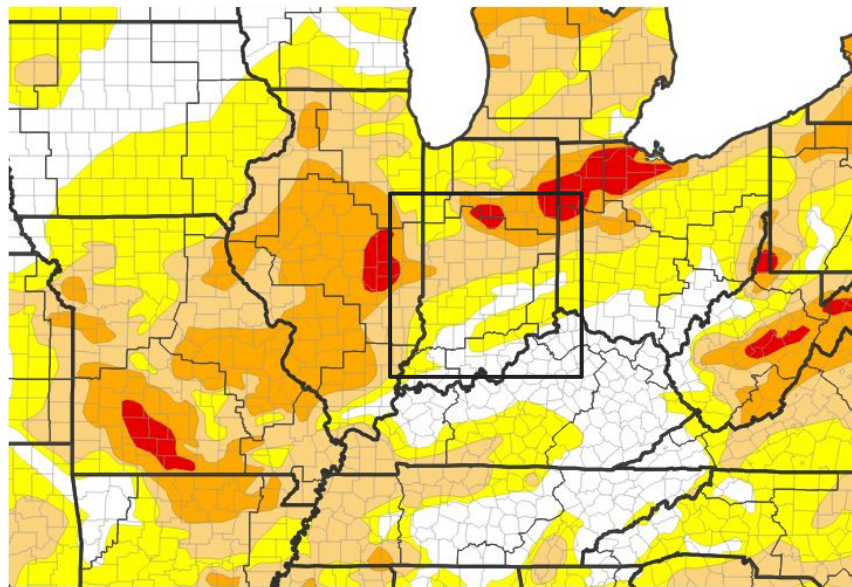


U.S. Drought Monitor

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, Clay, Fountain, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Marion, Montgomery, Putnam, Tippecanoe, Vigo
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Bartholomew, Brown, Daviess, Decatur, Greene, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Rush, Shelby, Sullivan, Warren

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

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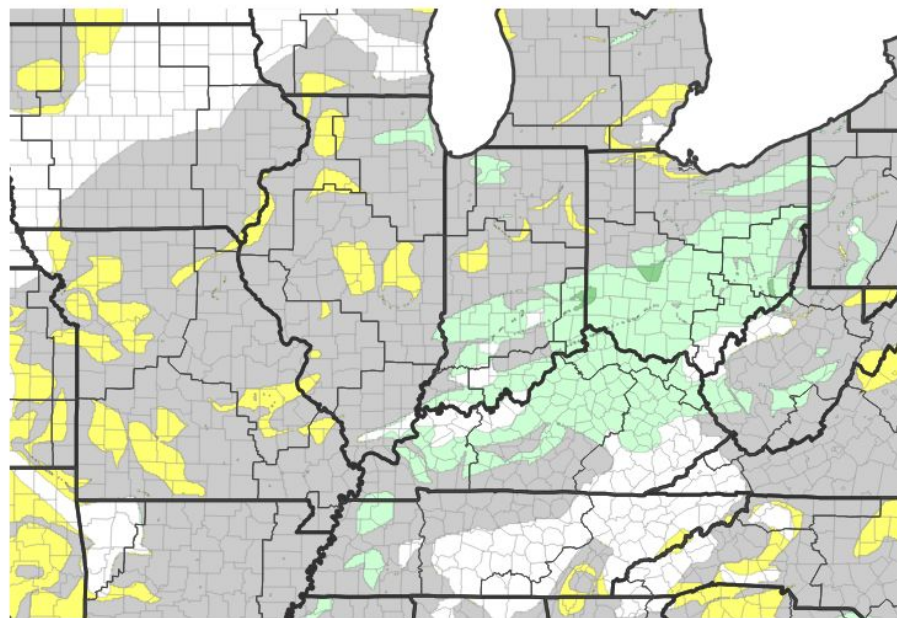


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

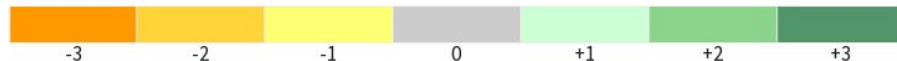
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for central Indiana

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change
 - Pocket of one class degradation over Montgomery and parts of surrounding counties
 - One class improvement over much of southern central Indiana
 - No change over most of the northern half of central Indiana

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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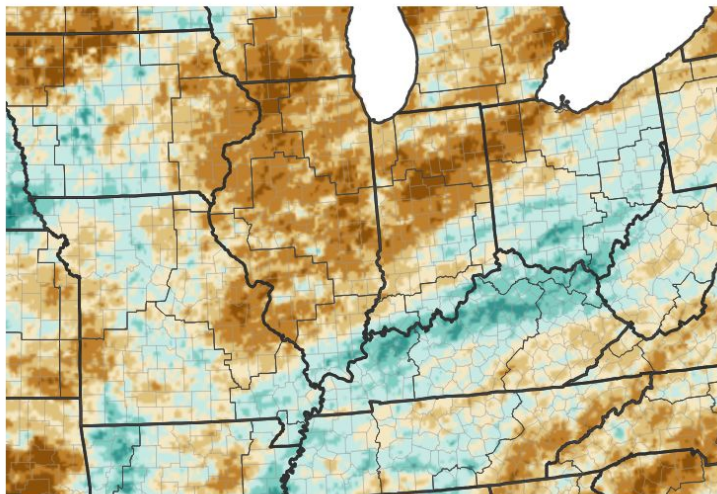




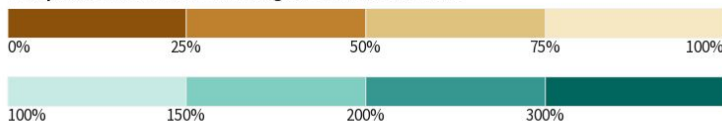
Precipitation

- 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



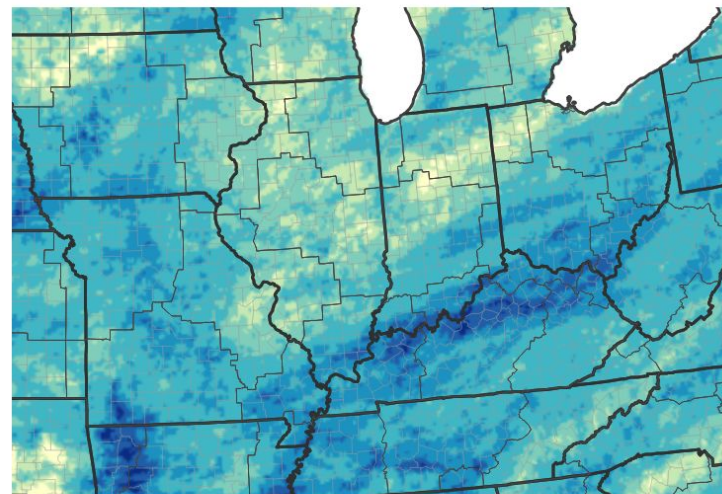
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



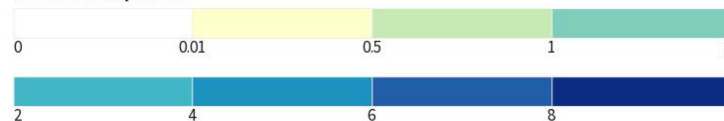
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NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



Inches of Precipitation



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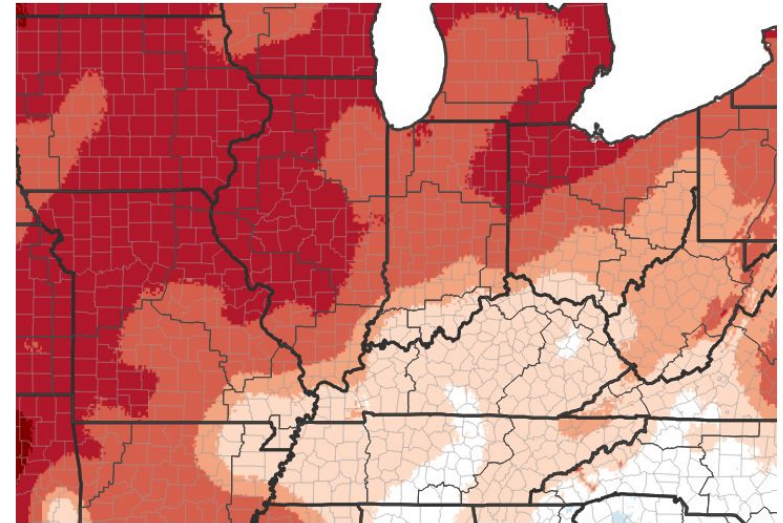




Temperature

- The 7 day temperature anomaly for max temperatures is
 - 6 to 8 degrees above normal over northeast Indiana
 - 4 to 6 degrees above normal over the majority of northern and central Indiana
 - 3 to 4 degrees above normal over southern central Indiana
 - 1 to 3 degrees above normal along 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

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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

- Supplemental hay sought for livestock due to dry pastures (County Extension)
- Cracked hard ground, dusty crop fields (County Extension)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Several county burn bans (IDHS)

Other Impacts

- Lawns dormant or patchy and brown (County Extension)

Mitigation Actions

- None reported

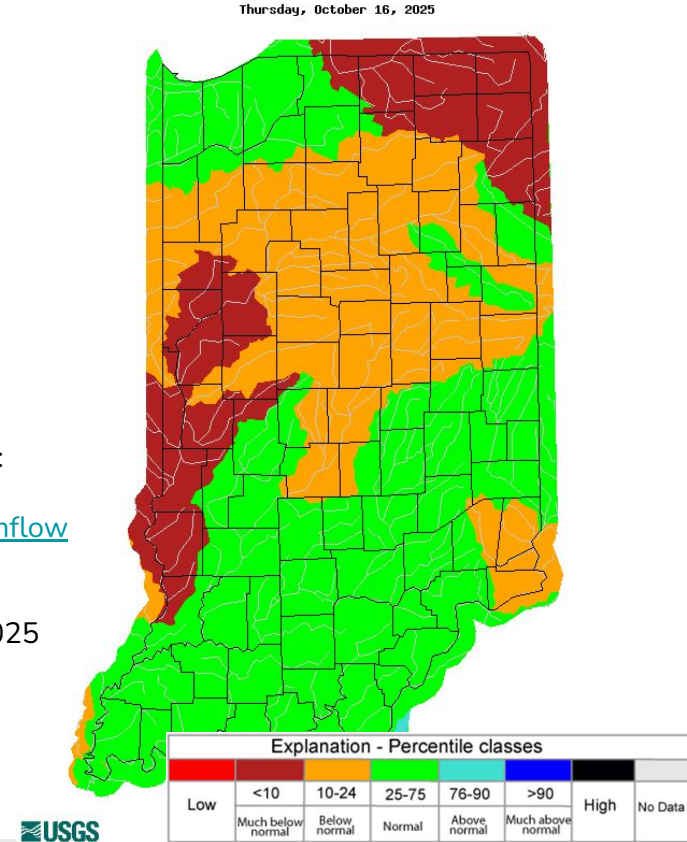




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- 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, East Fork White basins, and those along the Ohio River

Image Caption:
[USGS 7 day](#)
[average streamflow](#)
[HUC map](#) for
Indiana valid
October 16, 2025



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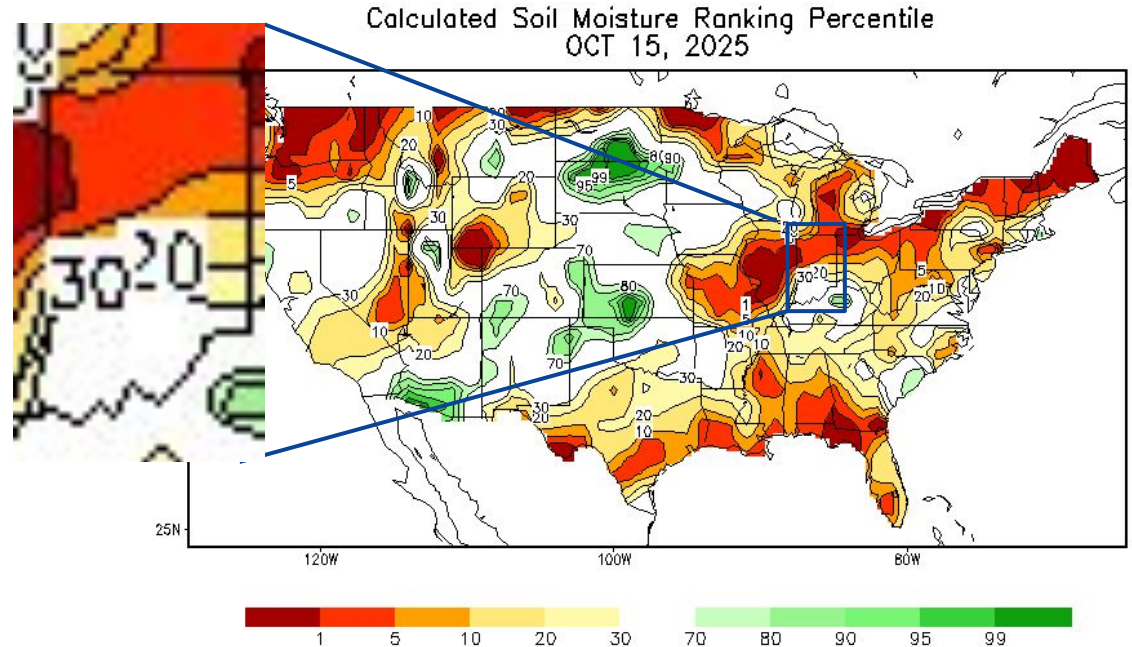
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Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is less than the 5th percentile across much of northern Indiana, and below the 30th percentile across all but southern Indiana
- Cracked hard ground, dusty crop fields
- Reports of supplemental hay sought for livestock due to dry pastures

[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

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

County Burn Ban Status Legend

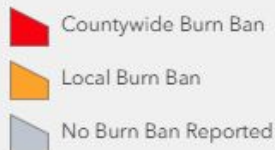
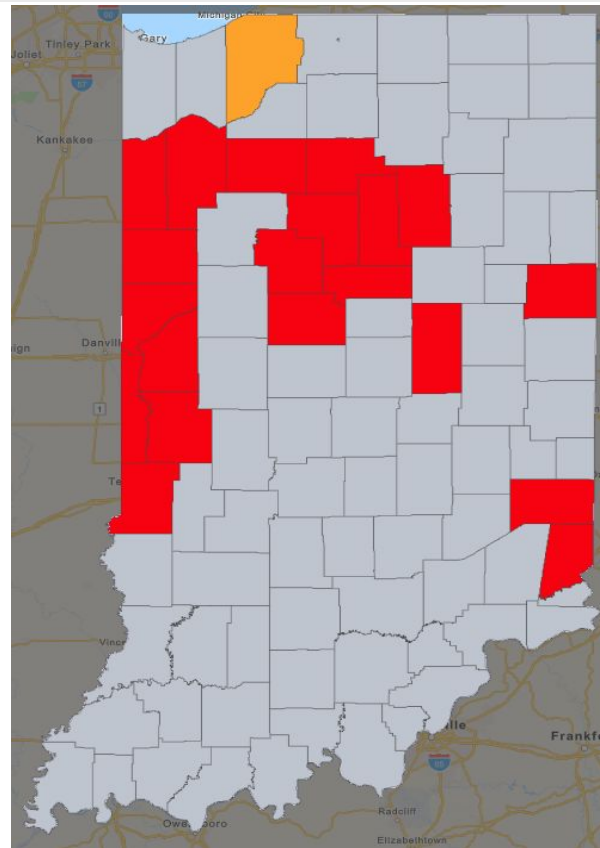


Image Caption: County Burn Ban Status Map from Indiana Department of Homeland Security valid October 17, 2025

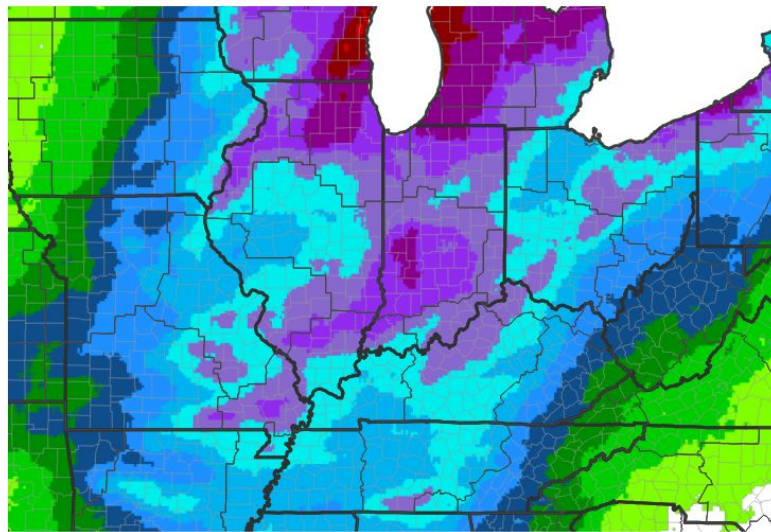




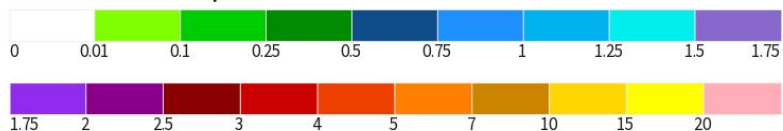
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Impactful rain is expected over the weekend. Some locations may see over 2 inches of storm total rainfall...however...
- Amounts greater than one inch may be less widespread than this QPF map indicates

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 16, 2025–October 23, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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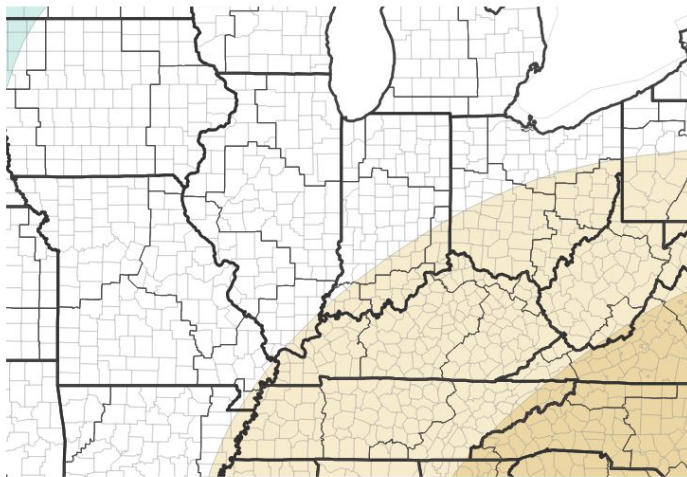


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- One month outlooks for November show near normal precipitation and temperatures expected across most of the state, with a lean toward drier than normal precipitation across southeastern Indiana

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for November 1, 2025–November 30, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



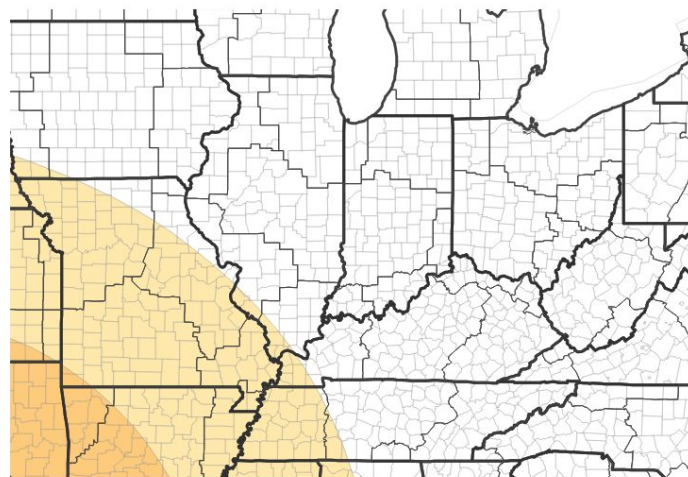
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2025–November 30, 2025



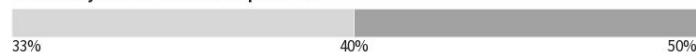
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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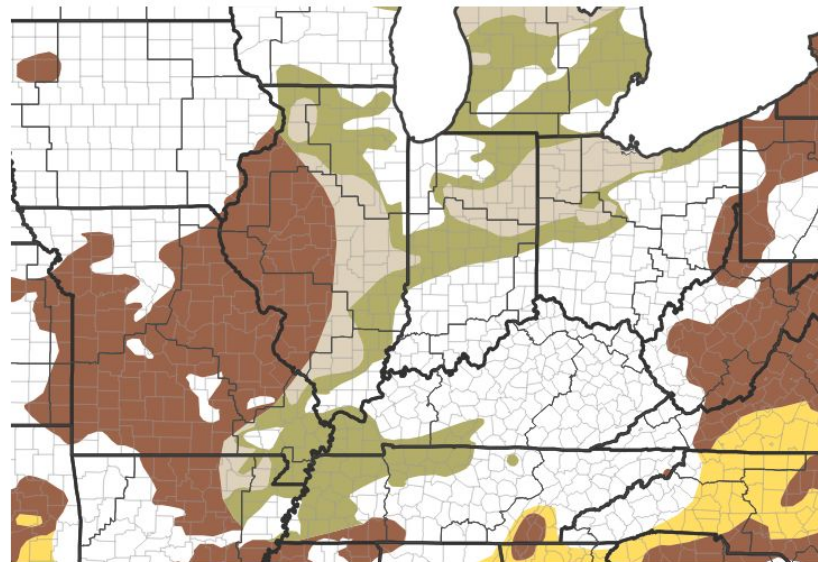


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to improve or end across the entire state by the end of January

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 16, 2025–January 31, 2026



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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