



# 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.

- Moderate Drought (D1) or worse covers much of the state north of I-70
- Severe (D2) and Extreme (D3) Drought continue over north central and northeast Indiana
- Near normal conditions continue over southern Indiana and the lakeshore

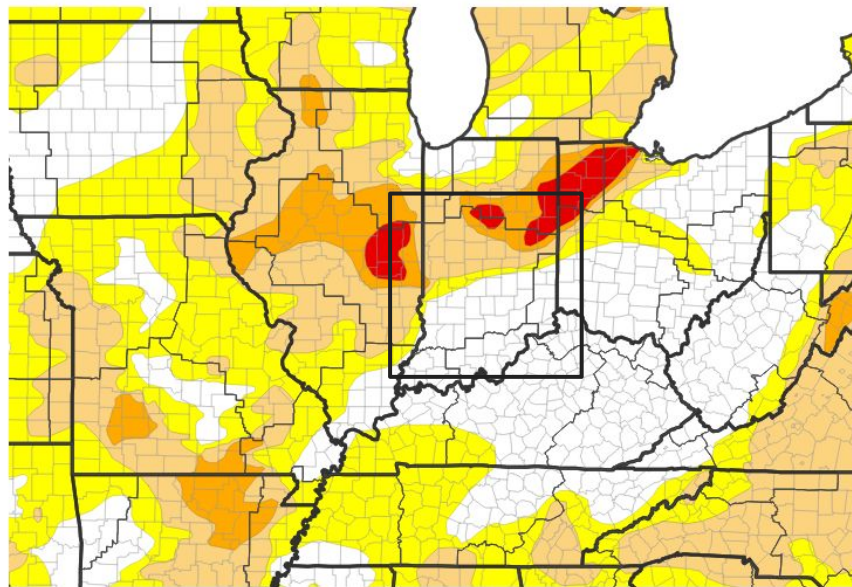


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Carroll, Delaware, Howard, Randolph
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Clinton, Madison, Tipton, Vigo
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Boone, Fountain, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Marion, Montgomery, Parke, Putnam, Tippecanoe, Vermillion, Warren
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Clay, Morgan, Rush, Sullivan

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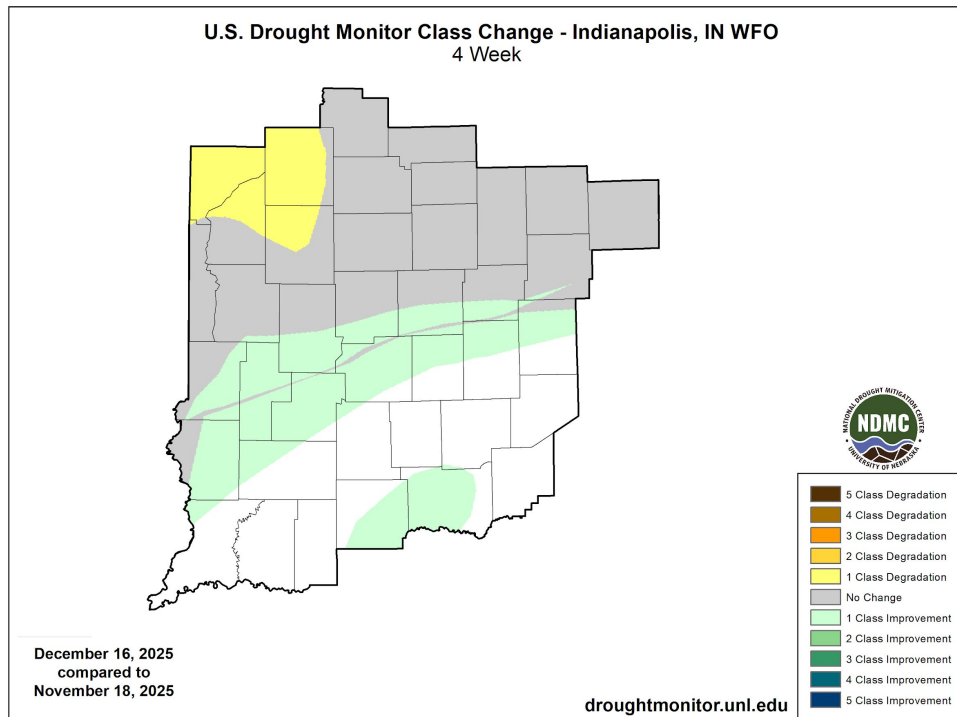




# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change
  - One class degradation over northwestern central Indiana
  - Generally one class improvement along I-70 corridor
  - Steady-state elsewhere

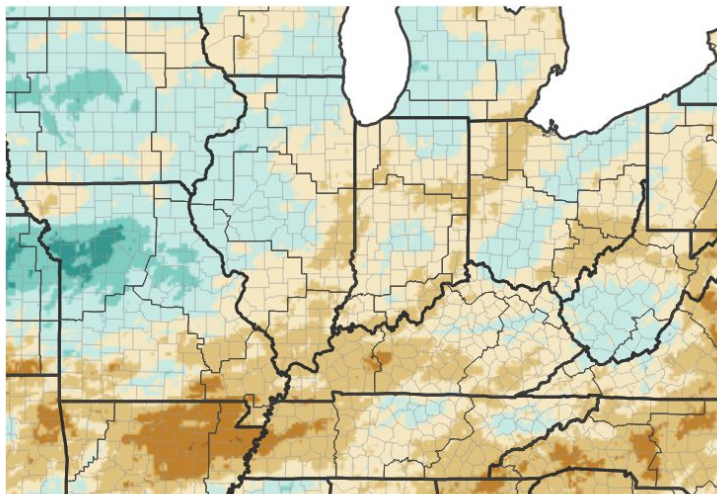




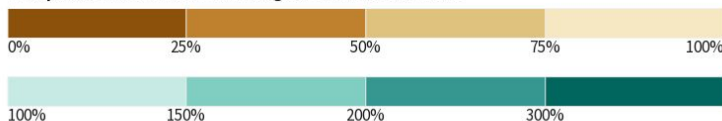
# Precipitation

- Generally near normal precipitation over Indiana for the last 30 days, with most of the state 75% to 150% of normal and a couple small strips of 50 to 75% of normal

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



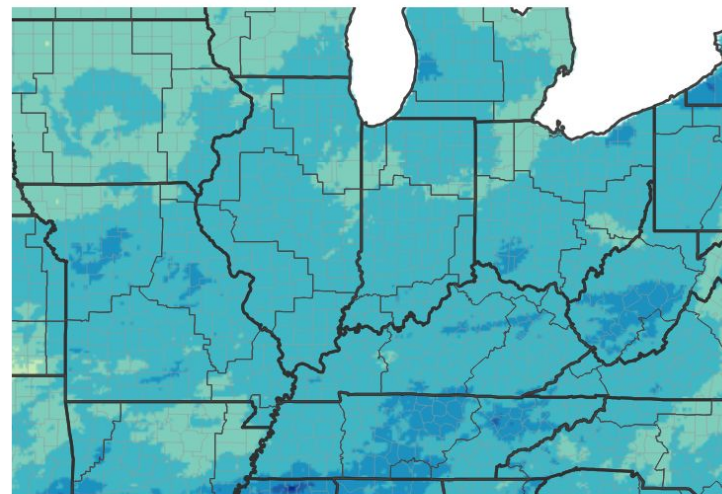
**Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions**



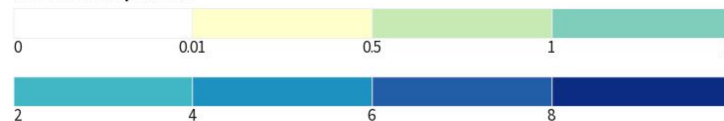
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**NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)**



**Inches of Precipitation**



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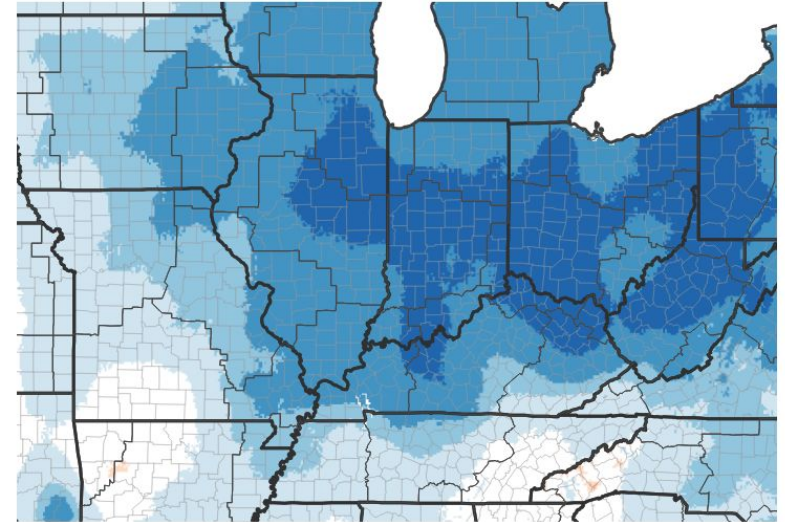




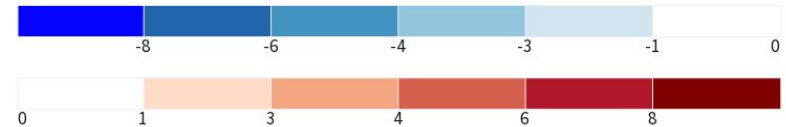
# Temperature

- The 30 day temperature anomaly for max temperatures is
  - 4 to 8 degrees below normal

**30-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 parts of northern, northeastern and eastern Indiana (USGS)

## Agricultural Impacts

- Dry soils are in place across northern Indiana

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- None reported

## Other Impacts

- None reported

## Mitigation Actions

- None reported

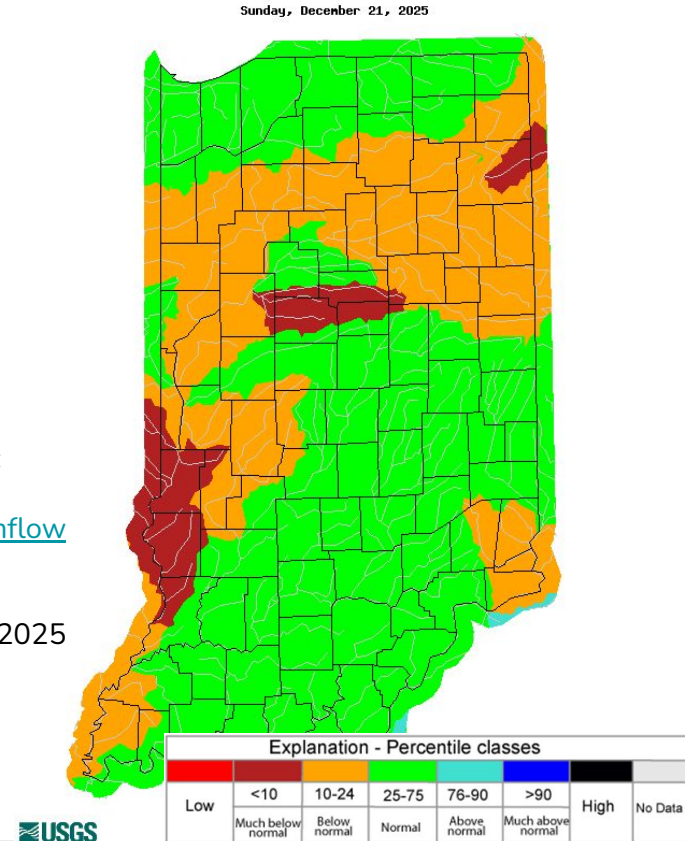




# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Near Normal streamflow in much of the White and East Fork White, along the Ohio River, as well as the basins along Lake Michigan
- Below to much below normal streamflow across the Maumee, the Wabash, and some of their tributaries

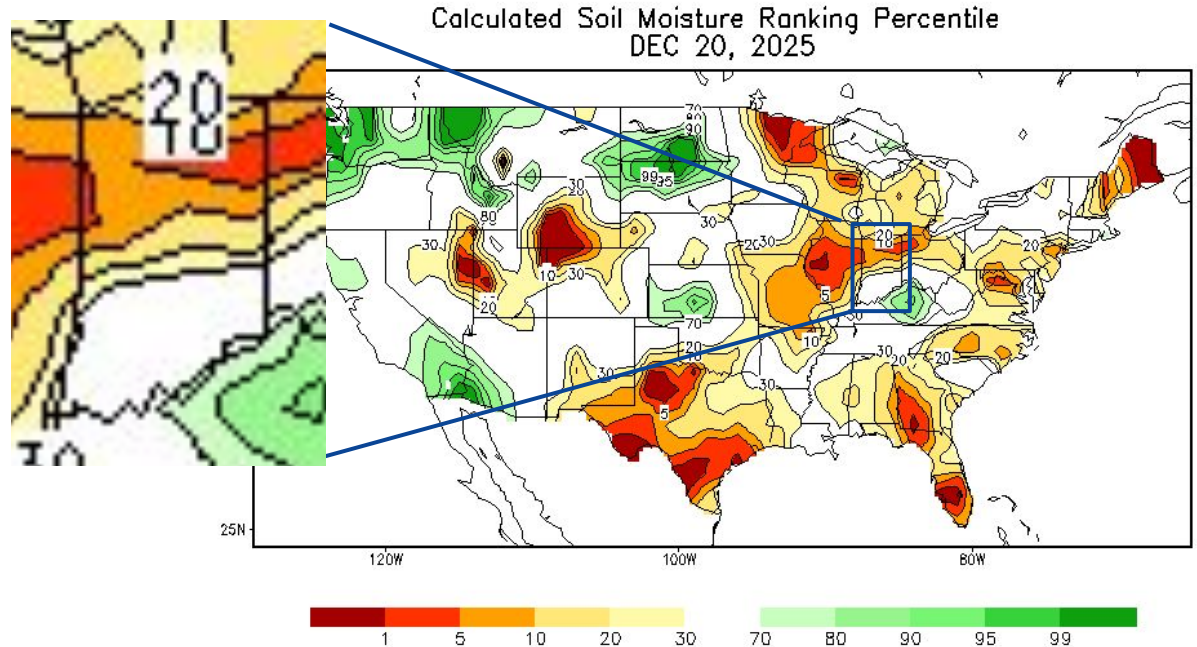
Image Caption:  
[USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map](#) for Indiana valid December 21, 2025





# Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is less than the 10th percentile across much of northern Indiana, with an embedded area below the 5th percentile
- Soil moisture is near normal from south of I-70 to the Ohio River



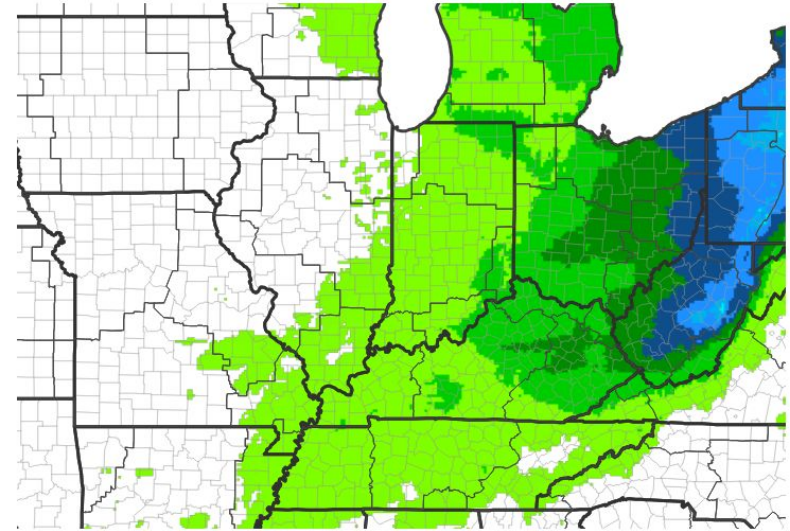




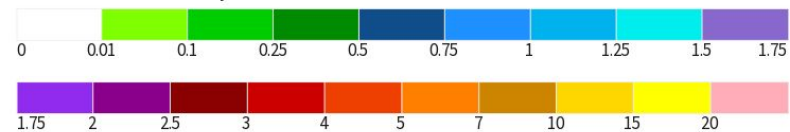
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Precipitation amounts for the next seven days are less than a quarter inch across the entire state, and for most areas actually less than a tenth of an inch

**7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for December 21, 2025–December 28, 2025**



**Predicted Inches of Precipitation**



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

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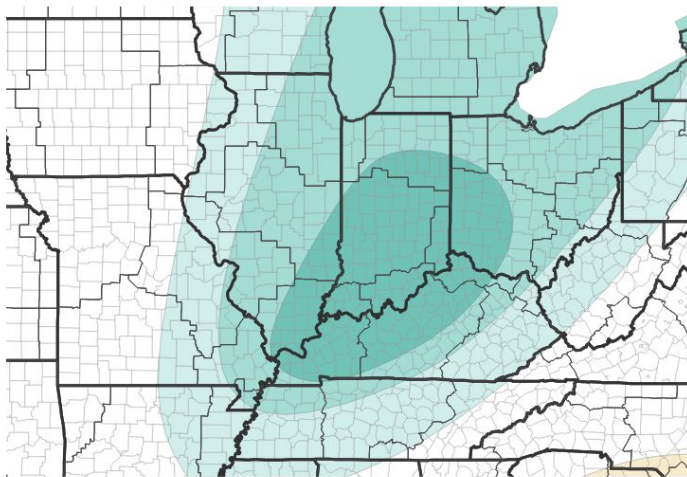


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- One month outlooks for January indicate above normal precipitation is likely for the month, with no discernible signal for temperature

**Monthly Precipitation Outlook for January 1, 2026–January 31, 2026**



**Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation**



**Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation**



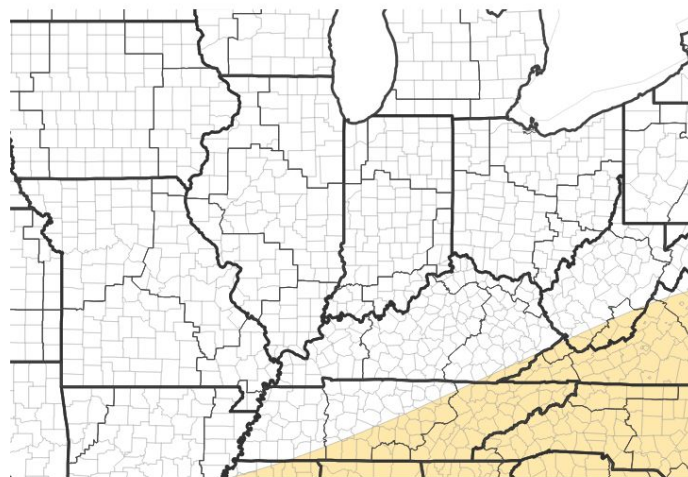
**Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation**



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**Monthly Temperature Outlook for January 1, 2026–January 31, 2026**



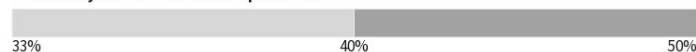
**Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures**



**Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures**



**Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures**



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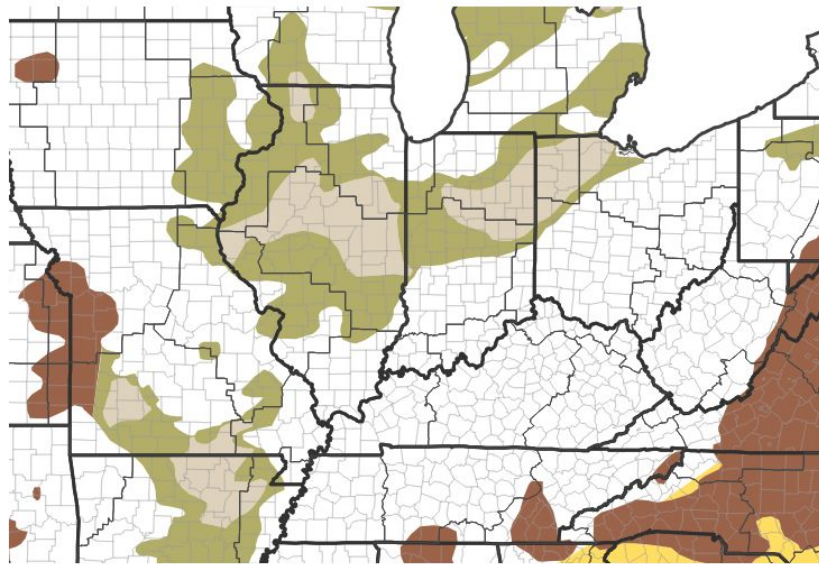


# Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to improve/end for Indiana by the end of March

**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for December 18, 2025–March 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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