



Drought Information Statement for Northern IN, Southern MI, Northwest OH

Valid January 13, 2026

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- This product will be updated in February 2026.
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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/iwx/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- The area of Extreme Drought (level 3) has expanded across central Indiana
 - Drought conditions have improved over southern Michigan
 - Severe to Extreme Drought (levels 2 and 3 of 4) persists along and south of US 24
 - Drought impacts are less pronounced in winter, but deficits remain problematic

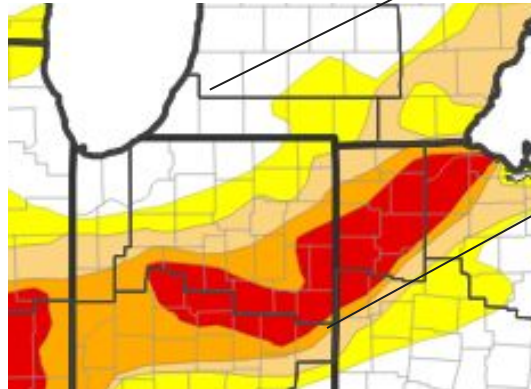




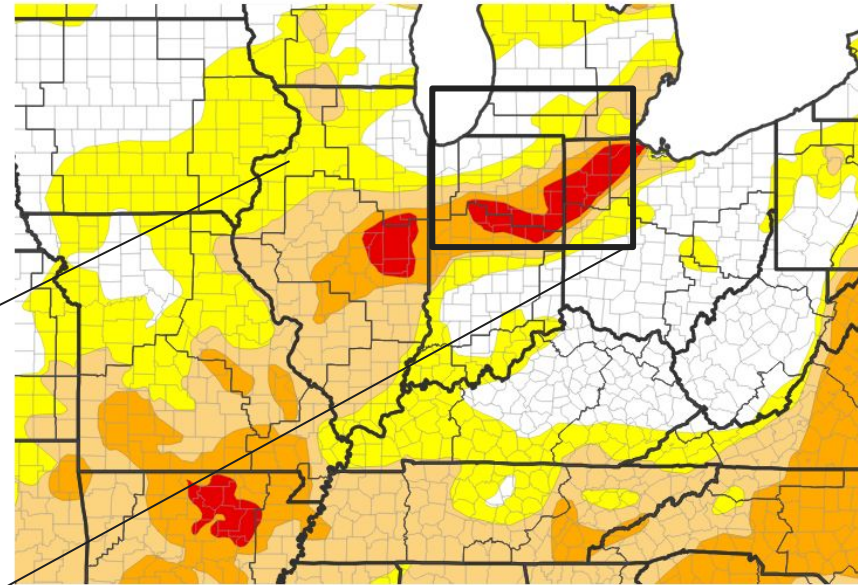
U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for northern Indiana, southern Michigan, and northwest Ohio

- Drought Intensity and Extent:
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)** and **D2 (Severe Drought)**: All Indiana and Ohio counties along and south of US 24
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Southeast Lower Michigan and northeast Indiana through central Indiana
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of northern Indiana and southeast Lower Michigan



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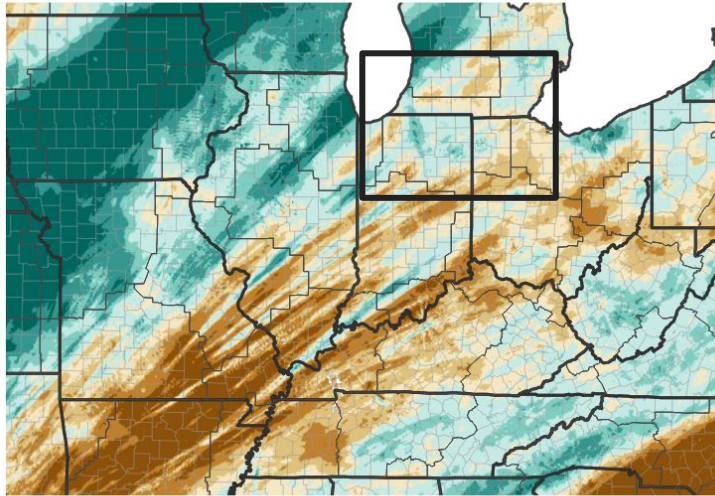




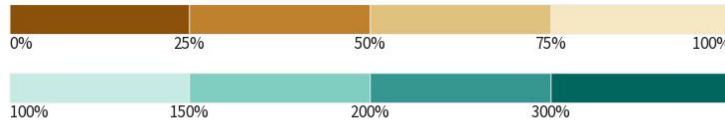
Precipitation

- In the past 7 days, precipitation has been confined to lake effect and a few clipper systems. Thus, above-normal precipitation has generally been confined to the lake.
- 30-day deficits persist over northwest Ohio

7-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



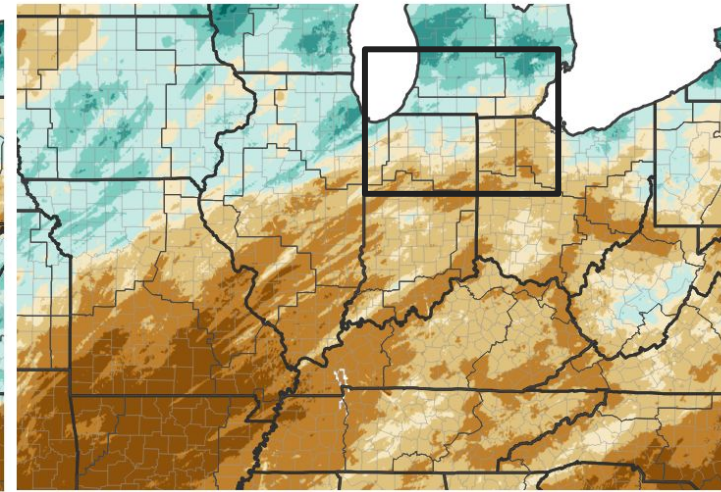
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



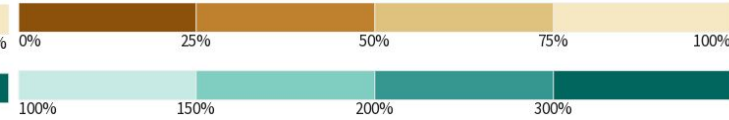
Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows (unless frozen), continue to be well below normal according to USGS data

Agricultural Impacts

- No known impacts at this time.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- No known impacts at this time.

Other Impacts

- No known impacts at this time.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows are reading less than 10% of normal (red) in portions of the Wabash and Maumee River basins.

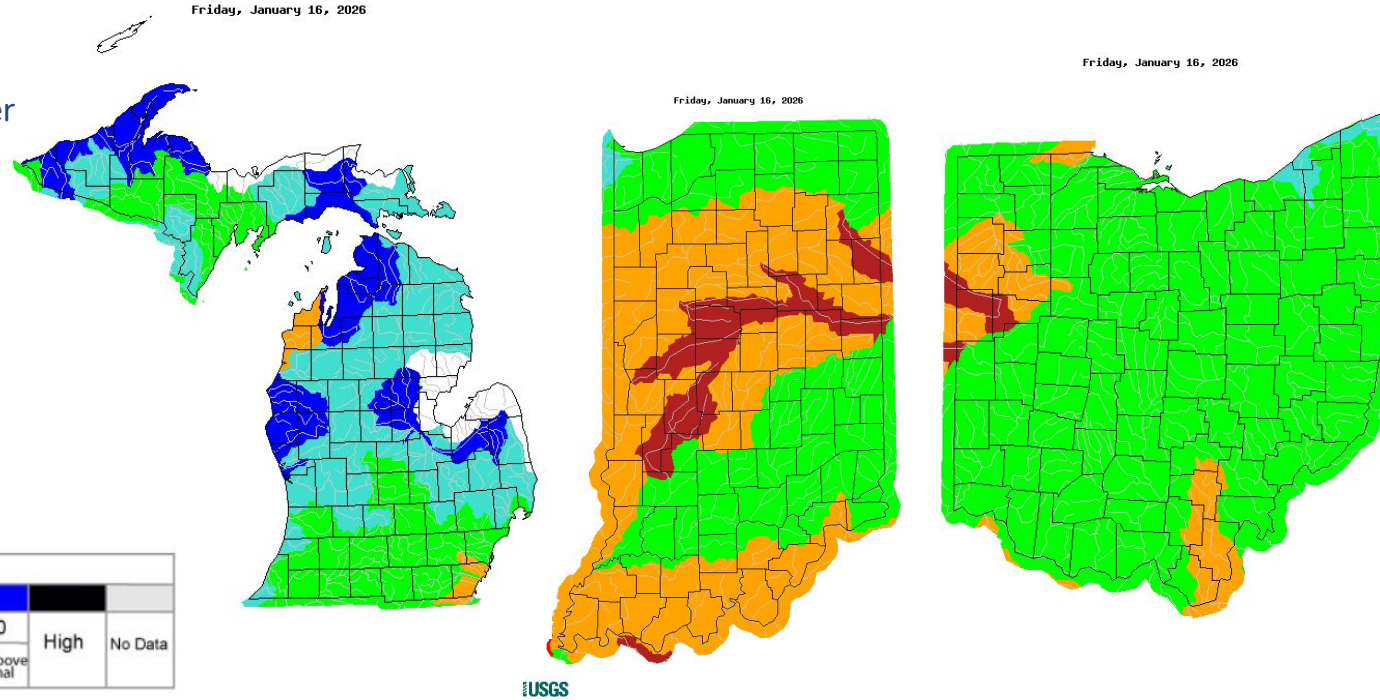


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid January 16

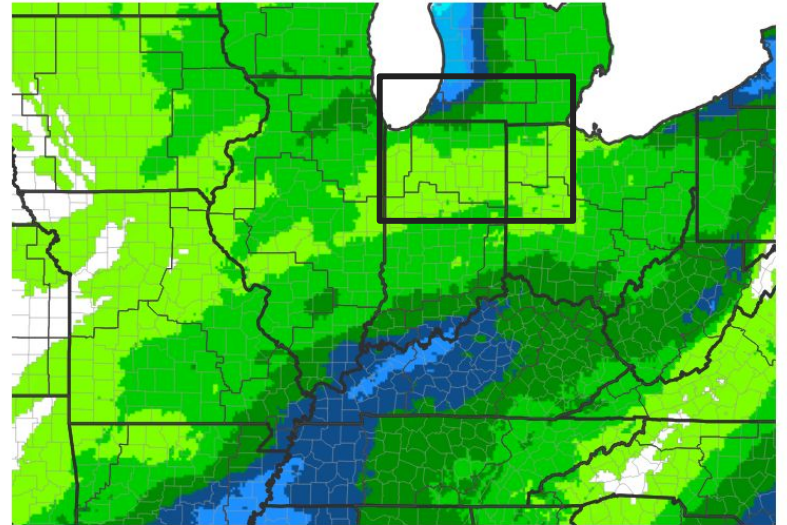




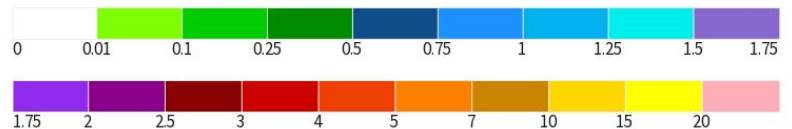
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Precipitation chances will be confined to lake effect snow and clipper systems
- Clipper systems tend to move quickly, resulting in minimal precipitation amounts

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for January 17, 2026–January 24, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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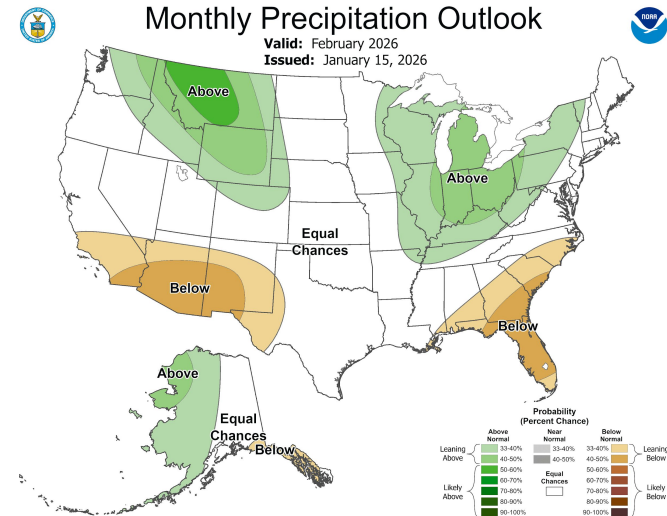
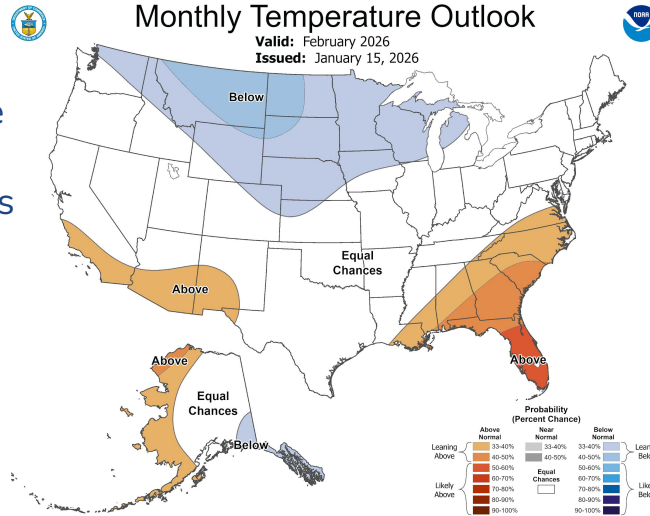




Long-Range Outlooks

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- Above normal precipitation is favored for February
- Precipitation could fall as either rain or snow
- For temperatures, there are equal chance for above or below normal temperatures



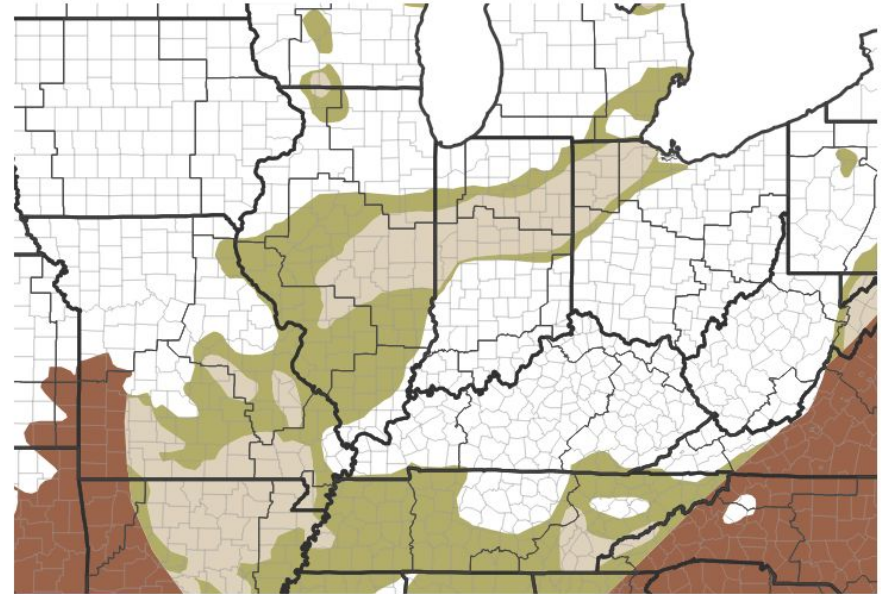


Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are anticipated to improve, per the Climate Prediction Center

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 15, 2026–April 30, 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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