



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

Valid March 3, 2026

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- This product will be updated in April 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
 - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
 - 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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- Extreme drought (level 3 of 4) persists from northwest OH through the US 24 corridor in Indiana
 - Moderate to severe drought (level 1 and 2, respectively) remain through much of northern and central Indiana
 - An active weather pattern to begin March may gradually ease drought conditions



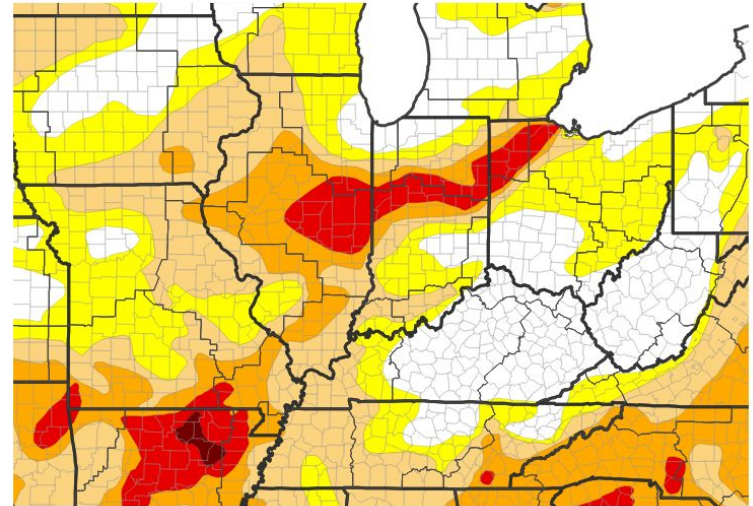


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Northern IN, Southern MI, Northwest OH

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Central Indiana through northwest Ohio
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Central Indiana through northwest Ohio
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Williams county Ohio through Pulaski county Indiana
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** South central Michigan through Starke county Indiana

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

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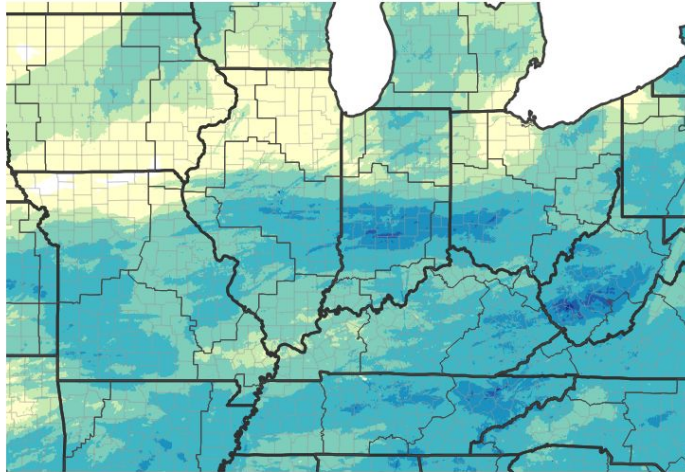




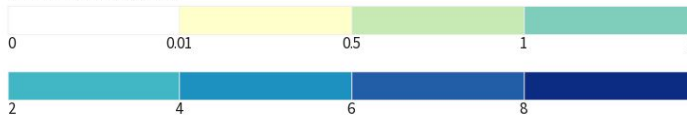
Precipitation

- Precipitation over the past 30 days has generally been below normal in northern Indiana, northwest Ohio and southern Michigan
- Additionally, at Fort Wayne, precipitation from Dec 1 through Feb 28 ranked as the 8th driest on record

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

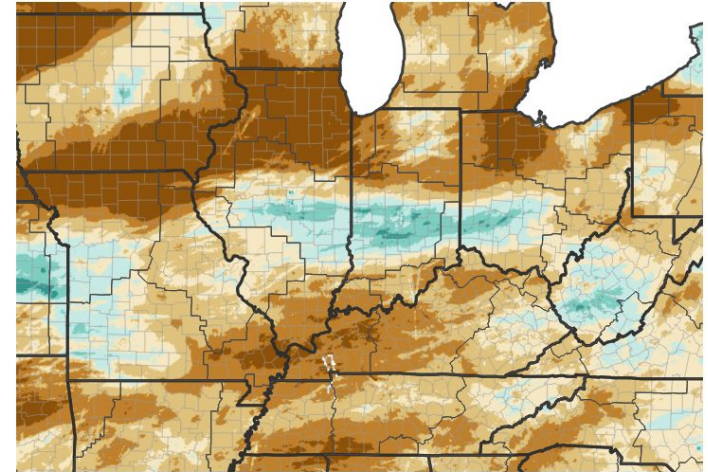


Inches of Precipitation

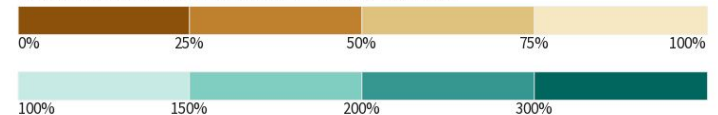


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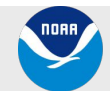
30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Stream flows across the area remain well below normal according to the [USGS water dashboard](#).

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

- None reported

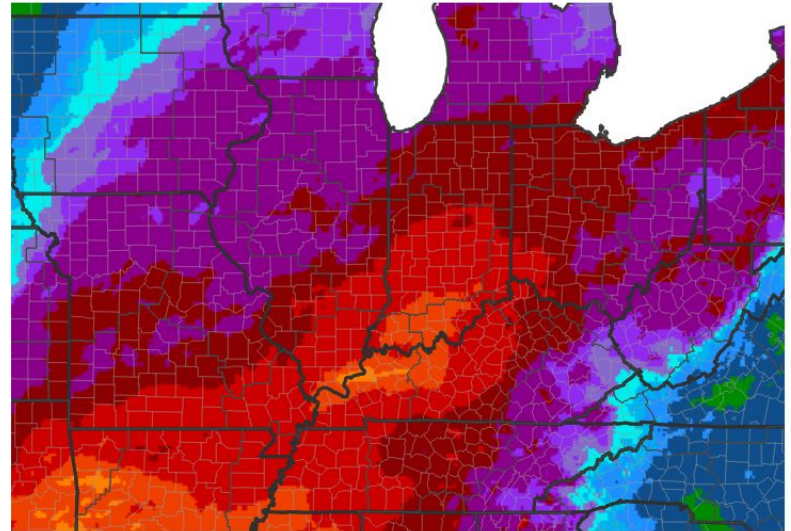




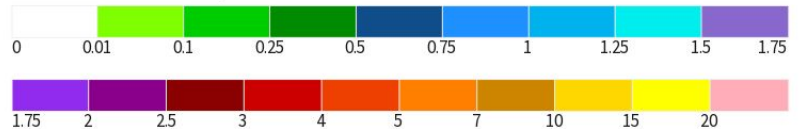
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- An active weather pattern continues for our area
- Up to 2.5” of rain is possible over the next 7 days
- Some of this rain falls Thursday night through Saturday morning (3/5-3/7) while additional rain falls near Wednesday, March 11

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for March 5, 2026–March 12, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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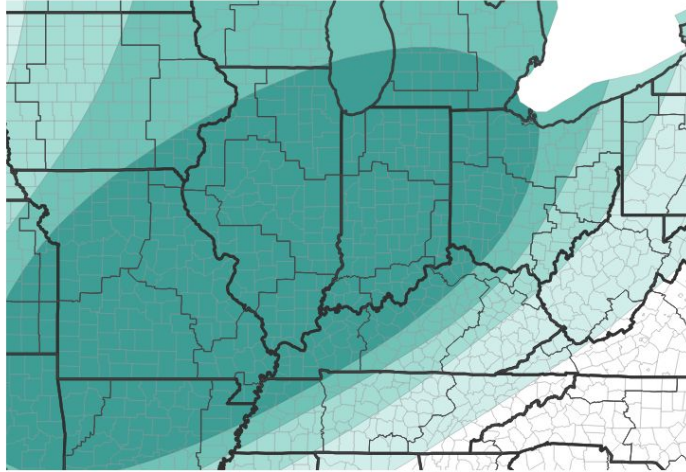


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Issued on Feb 28, the outlook for March favors above-normal precipitation and above-normal temperatures. This can help ease ongoing drought conditions.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for March 1, 2026–March 31, 2026



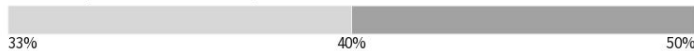
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



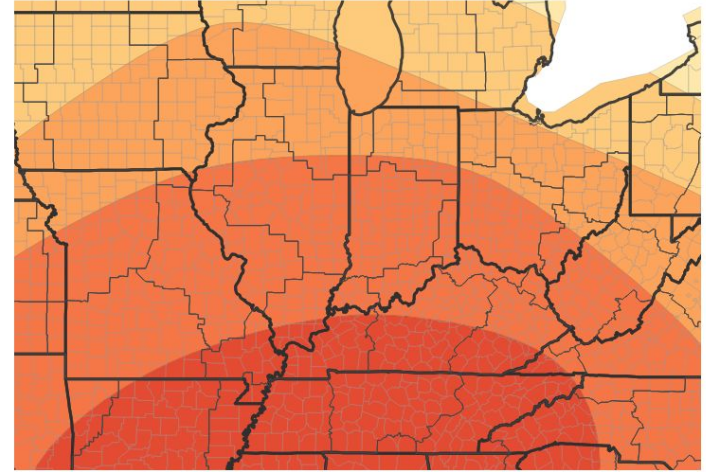
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for March 1, 2026–March 31, 2026



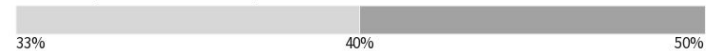
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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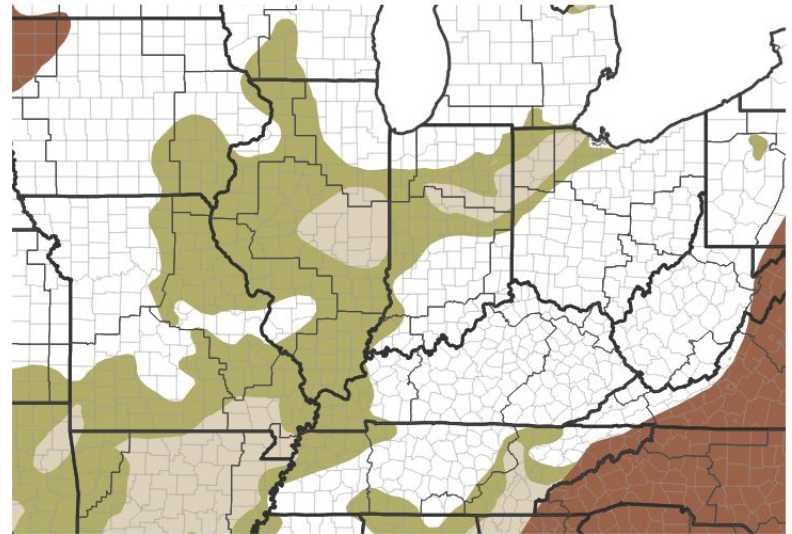


Drought Outlook

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- According to the Climate Prediction Center, drought conditions are favored to end or improve during the Spring
- 2025 was the driest year on record at Fort Wayne (record through 1897), and year to date precipitation is already 2.5” below normal

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for February 28, 2026–May 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](#)

