Drought Information Statement for Northern IN, Southern MI, Northwest OH Valid March 19, 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.

- For some counties in northern Indiana and northwest Ohio. there is a tight gradient in drought conditions, especially along the US 30 and US 24 corridors
  - Extreme drought (level 3 of 4) persists in northwest OH and north-central Indiana mainly along and south of US 24
  - There was some improvement in drought from Extreme to Severe (level 3 to level 2) in Grant and Blackford counties in Indiana
- An active weather pattern in April may gradually ease drought conditions

U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for Northern IN, Southern MI, Northwest OH

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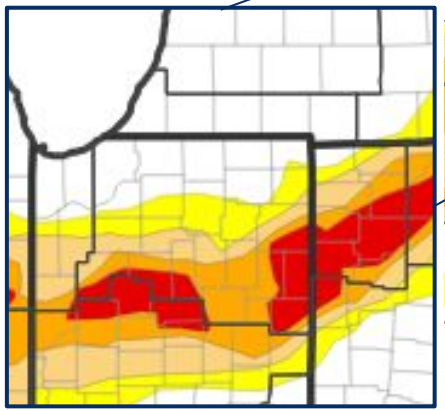
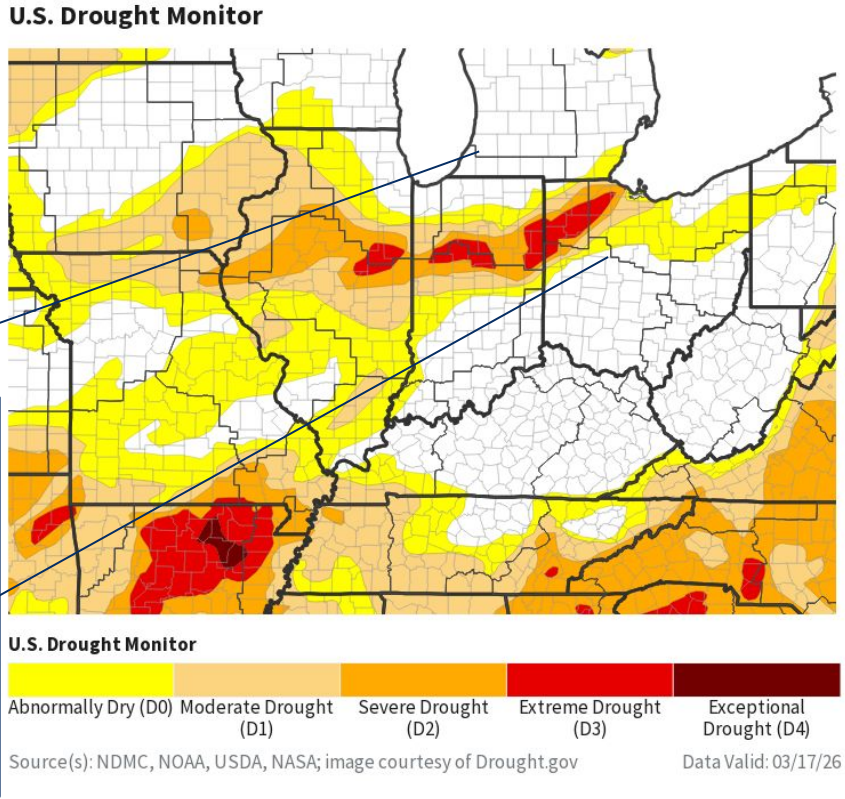
- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)** and **D2 (Severe Drought):** Portions of north-central Indiana and northwest Ohio
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Williams County in Ohio through White County in Indiana
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Mainly along the US 30 corridor in Indiana

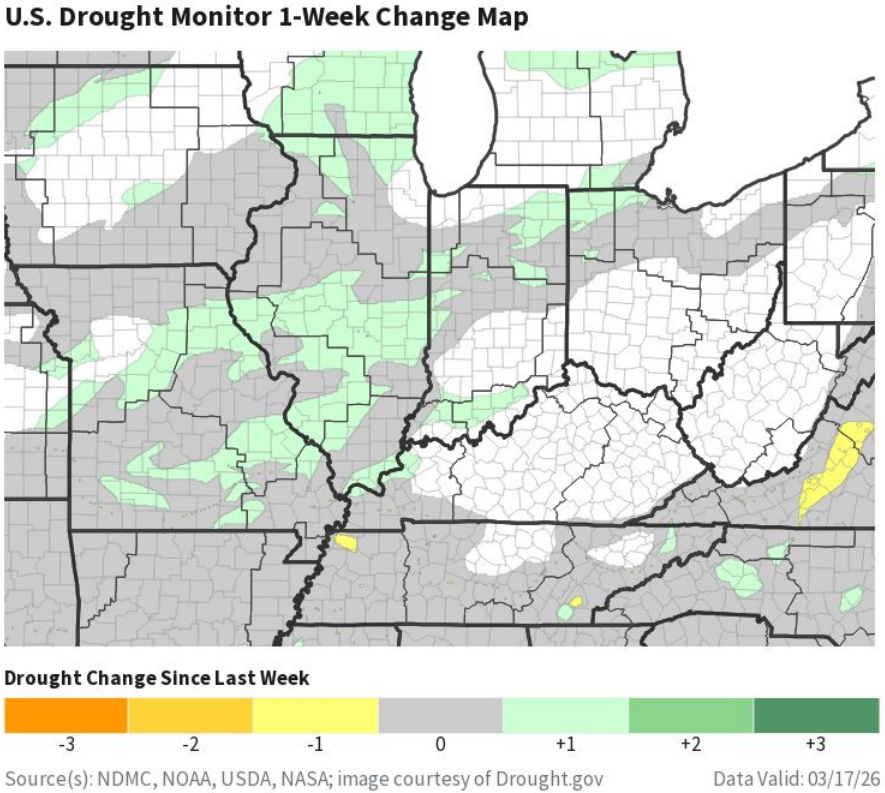




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for Northern IN, Southern MI, Northwest OH

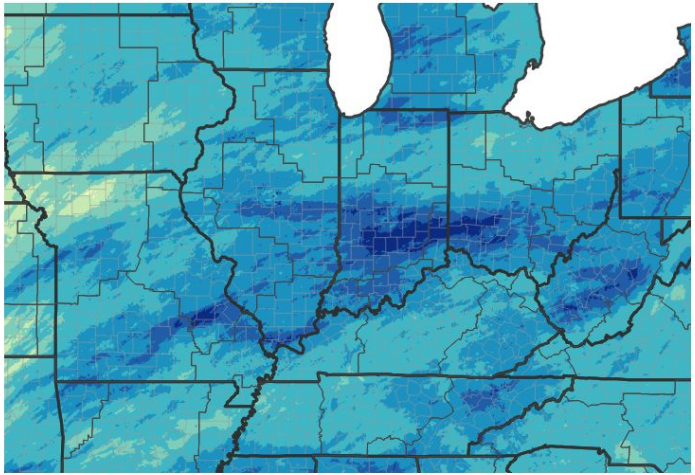
- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought has improved in northeast Indiana and far northwest Ohio
  - There have also been some improvements in portions of Grant, Blackford, Huntington, and Wabash counties in Indiana as well



Precipitation

- Precipitation over the past 30 days has generally been above normal in northern Indiana, northwest Ohio and southern Michigan
- The only exception would be in northwest Ohio, where precipitation was slightly below normal in the past 30 days (between 75% to 100% of normal)

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation

0 0.01 0.5 1 2

2 4 6 8

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

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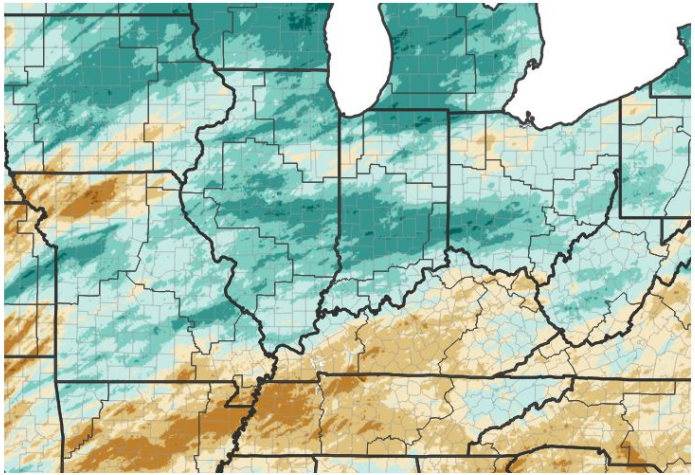
30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

100% 150% 200% 300%

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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

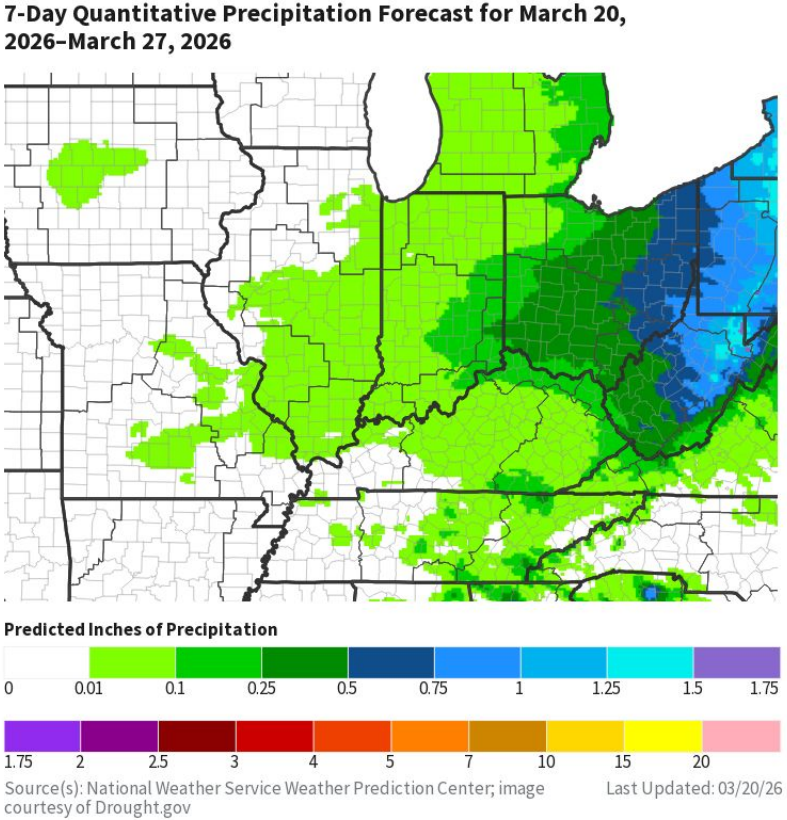
- As of early February 2026, Delphos, OH residents were being urged to conserve water due to the Delphos-Gillmor Reservoir dropping to less than 50% capacity. See the press release here. As of March 19, 2026, Delphos remains in Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4).

Mitigation Actions

- None reported

Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- A mainly dry weather pattern is expected to persist over the next 7 days.
- Showers and storms are expected to move through with a cold front on Sunday. Up to 0.25” of rain is possible along and south of US 24.

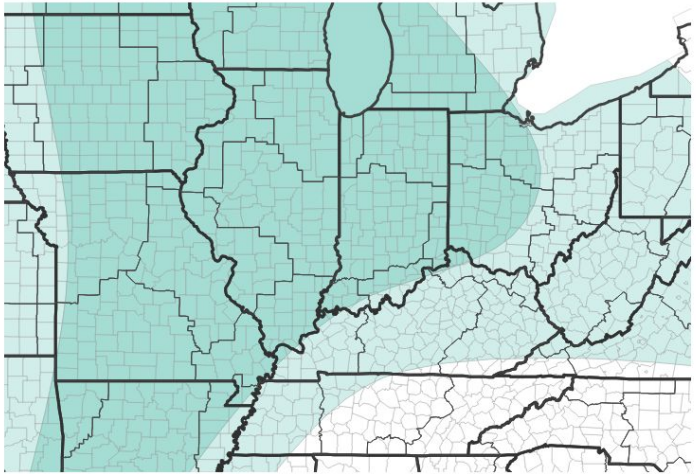


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the CPC homepage

- Issued on March 19th, the outlooks for April favors above-normal precipitation (40-50% probabilities) and above-normal temperatures (33-40% probabilities). This may help ease ongoing drought conditions.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for April 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



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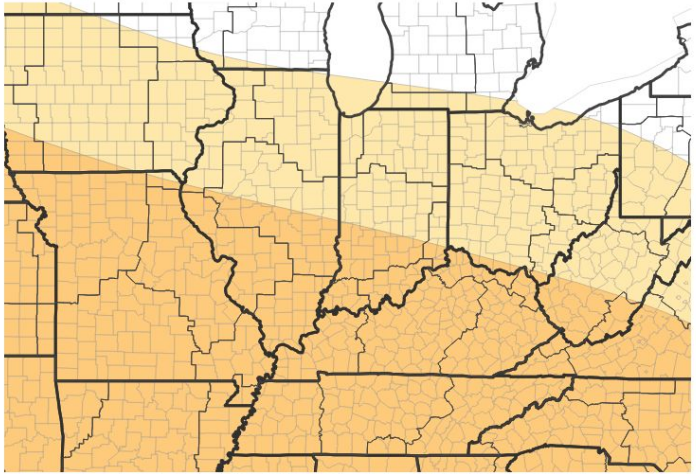

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Drought Outlook

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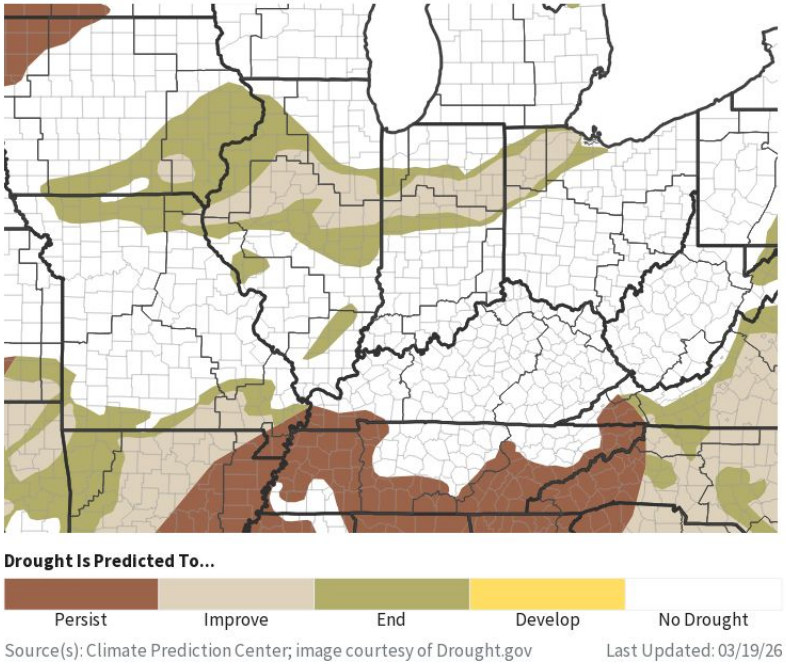
- According to the Climate Prediction Center, drought conditions are favored to end or improve during the Spring into early Summer.
- 2025 was the driest year on record at Fort Wayne (record through 1897) with a deficit of over 15 inches of precipitation. Year to date, precipitation is already 2.5 inches below normal, so it may take awhile to overcome this deficit.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 19, 2026–June 30, 2026



Links to the latest:
Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook