

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

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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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- The biggest change to the drought monitor this week is that Extreme Drought (D3) has been eliminated across northern Indiana! All counties in north-central Indiana are now in Moderate (D1) or Severe Drought (D2).
 - Extreme Drought (D3) continues in northwest Ohio.
 - An active weather pattern in April may gradually ease drought conditions.

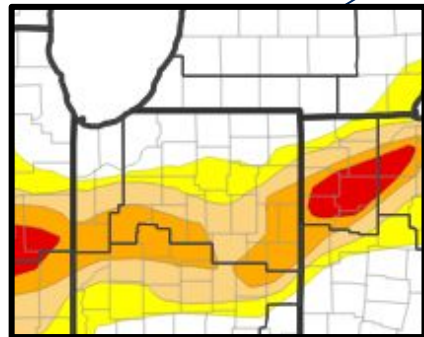




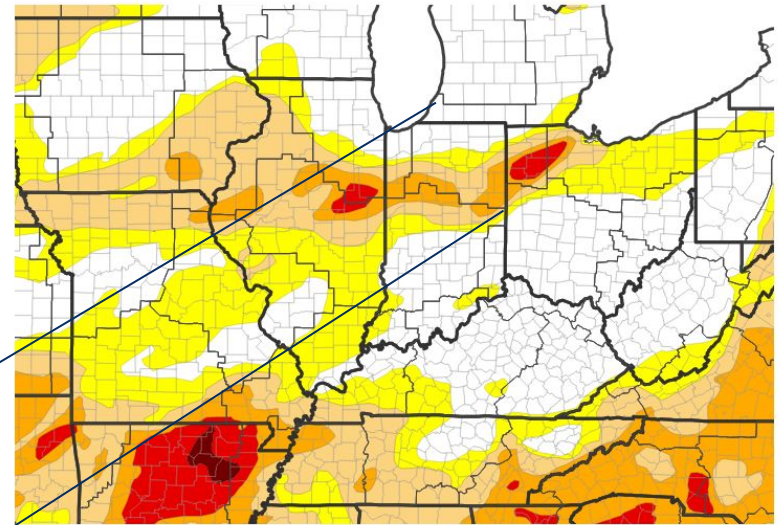
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- For some counties in northwest Ohio, there is a sharp gradient in drought conditions, especially along the US 24 corridor
- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: portions of Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Allen counties in Ohio
 - **D2 (Severe Drought) and D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Portions of north-central Indiana and northwest Ohio
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Mainly along the US 30 corridor in Indiana



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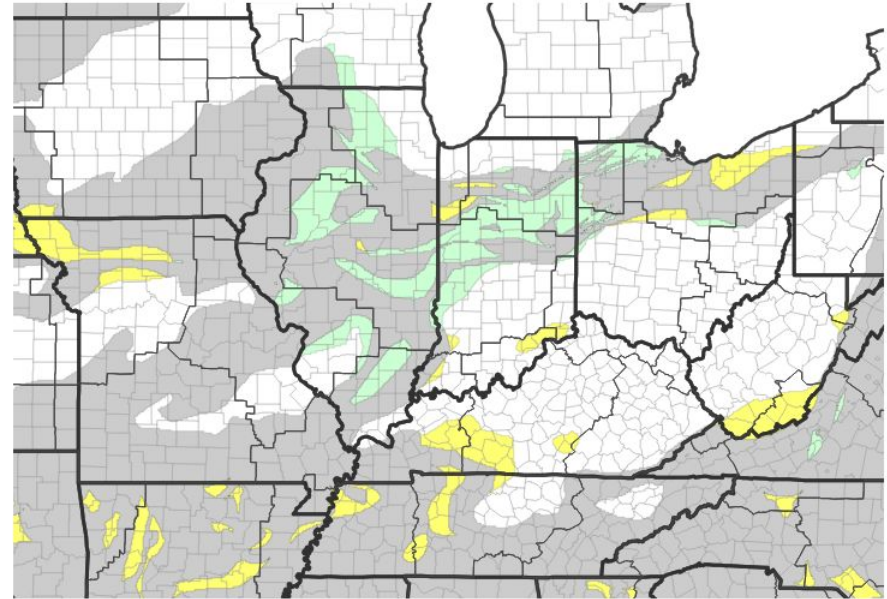


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

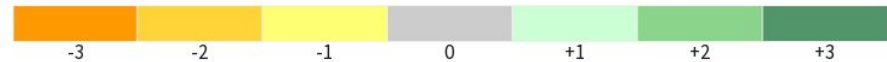
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Northern IN, Southern MI, Northwest OH

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Counties in northwest Ohio near Toledo and much of north-central Indiana saw drought improve this past week

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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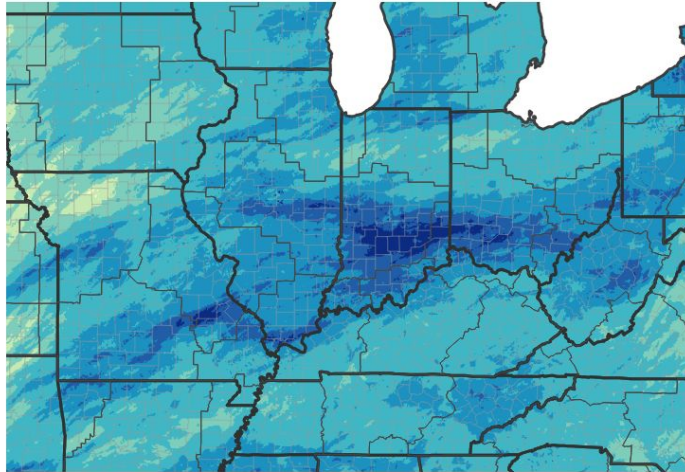




Precipitation

- Precipitation over the past 30 days has generally been above normal along and north I-80/I-90.
- South of I-80/I-90, precipitation was generally near normal to slightly below (75-100% of normal).

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



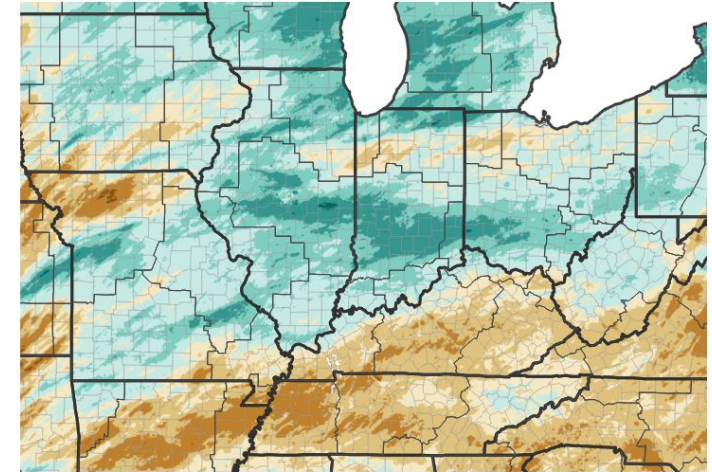
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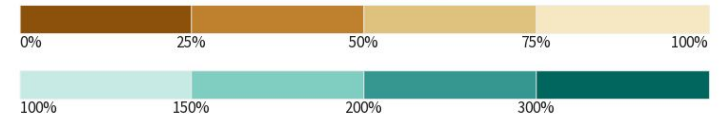
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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

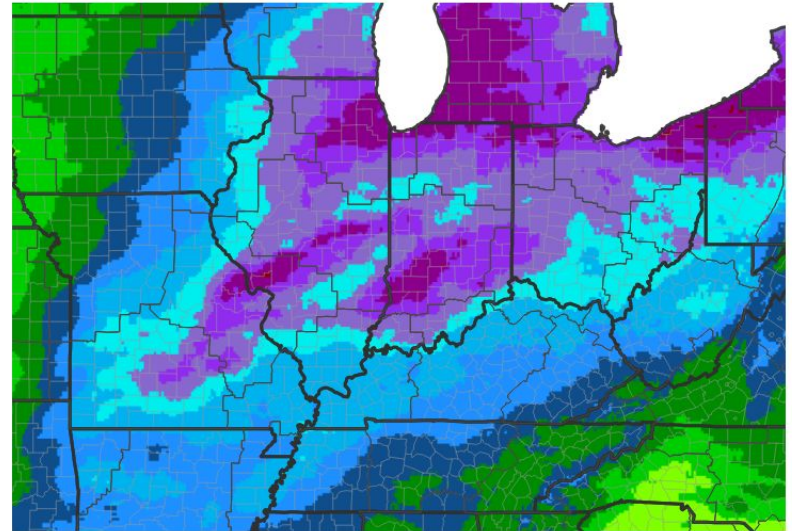




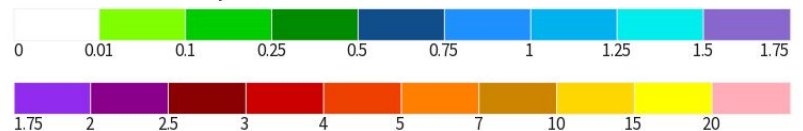
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- An active weather pattern is expected to persist over the next 7 days to end March and begin April.
- Multiple chances for rain and storms are ahead, especially around the middle of next week (March 31st/April 1st).
- Up to 2" of rain will be possible in the next 7 days across our forecast area.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for March 27, 2026–April 3, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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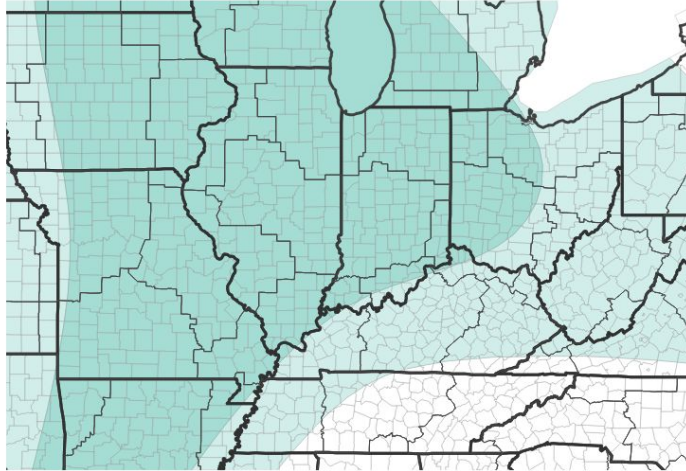


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Issued on 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



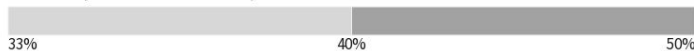
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



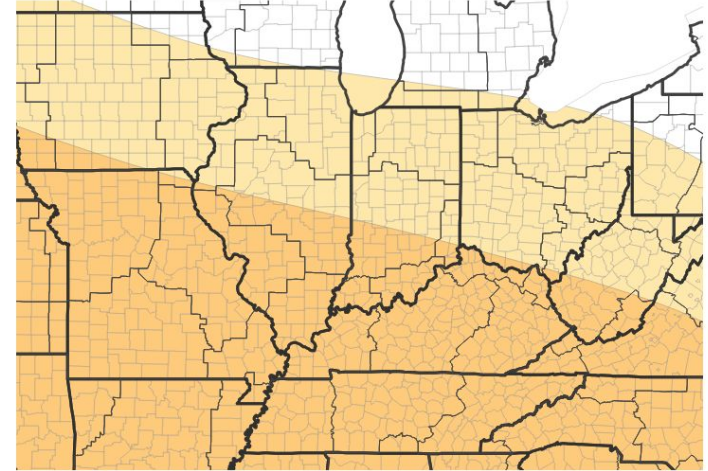
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



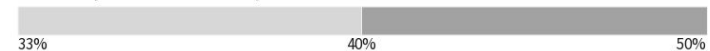
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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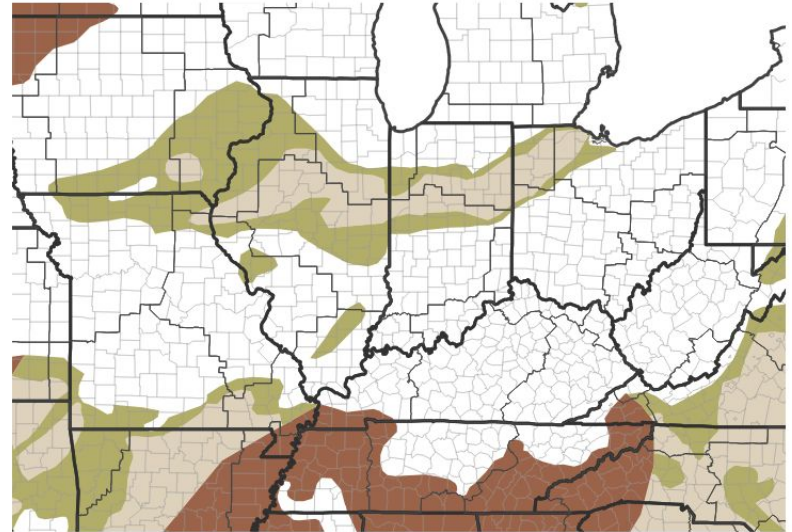


Drought Outlook

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- According to the Climate Prediction Center, drought conditions are favored to end or improve during the Spring 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 about 2 inches below normal.

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

