Drought Information Statement for Northern IN, Southern MI, Northwest OH Valid April 7, 2026

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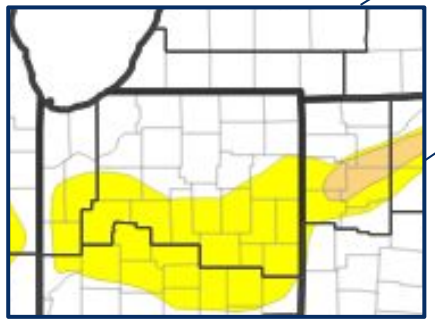
- This product will be updated in May 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/iwx/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
- Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates for regional drought status updates.

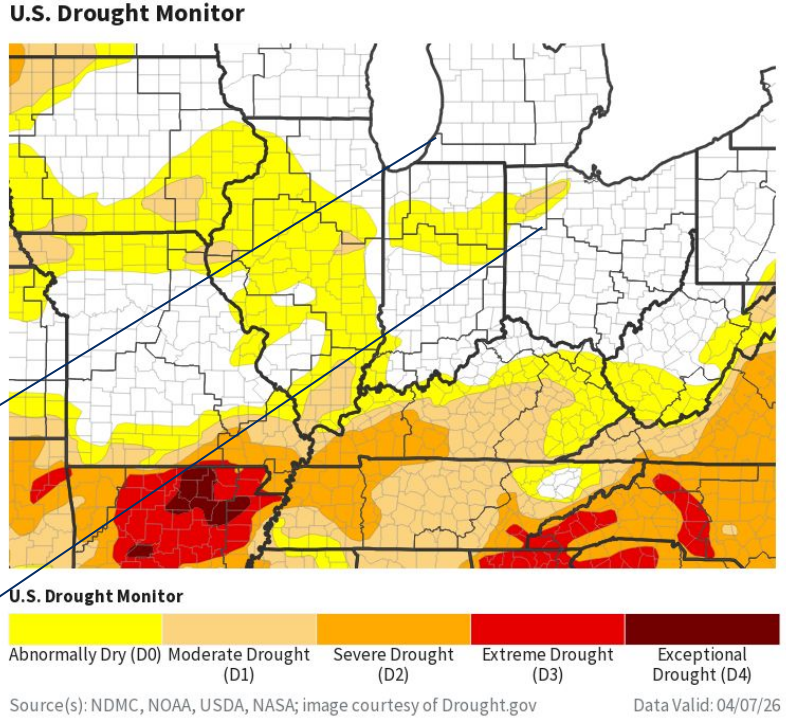
- Major improvements have been made this week to the drought monitor.
  - All of our Indiana counties are drought free!
  - Moderate Drought (D1) remains in a portion of northwest Ohio.
- An active weather pattern in April will likely help to improve any remaining areas of drought conditions.

U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Portions of Van Wert, Putnam, Paulding, and Henry counties in northwest Ohio
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Mainly along and south of the US 30 corridor in Indiana and Ohio

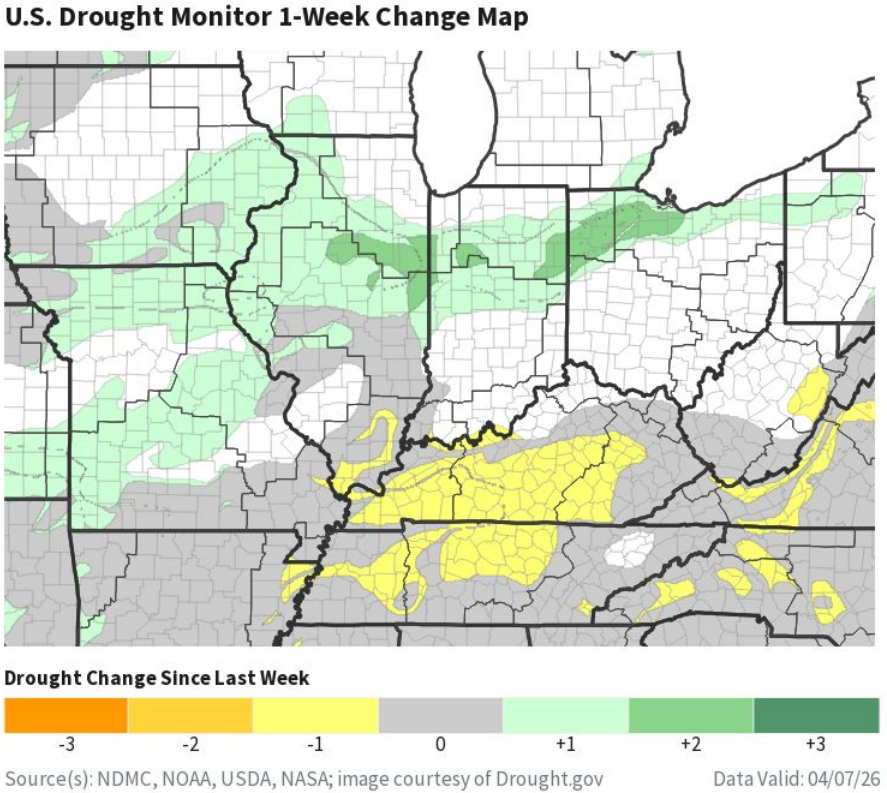




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

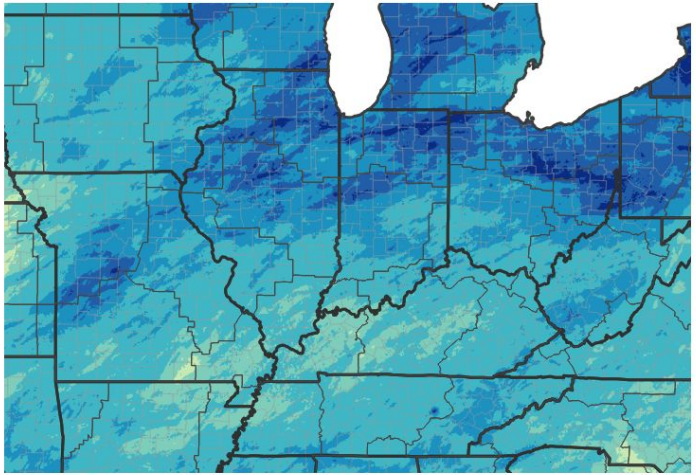
- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Sounties along and south of US 30 saw major improvements in drought classification this past week.
  - Several counties in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio saw a 2 category improvement in the past week!



Precipitation

- Precipitation over the past 30 days has been well above normal area-wide.
- Many locations have had 4-8” of rain in the past 30 days.

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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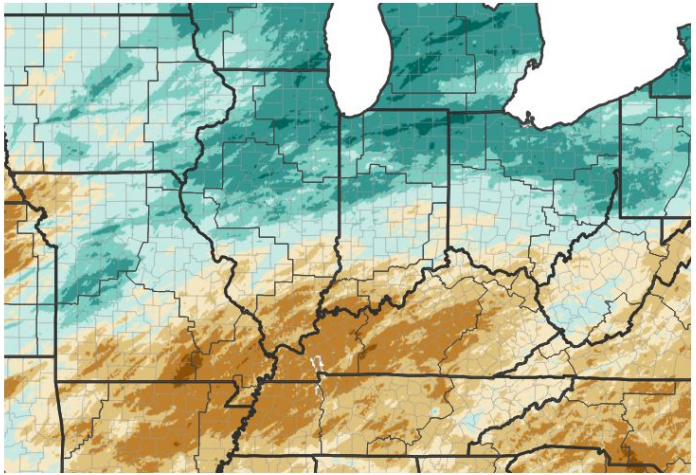
30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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

- There are no known impacts at this time

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

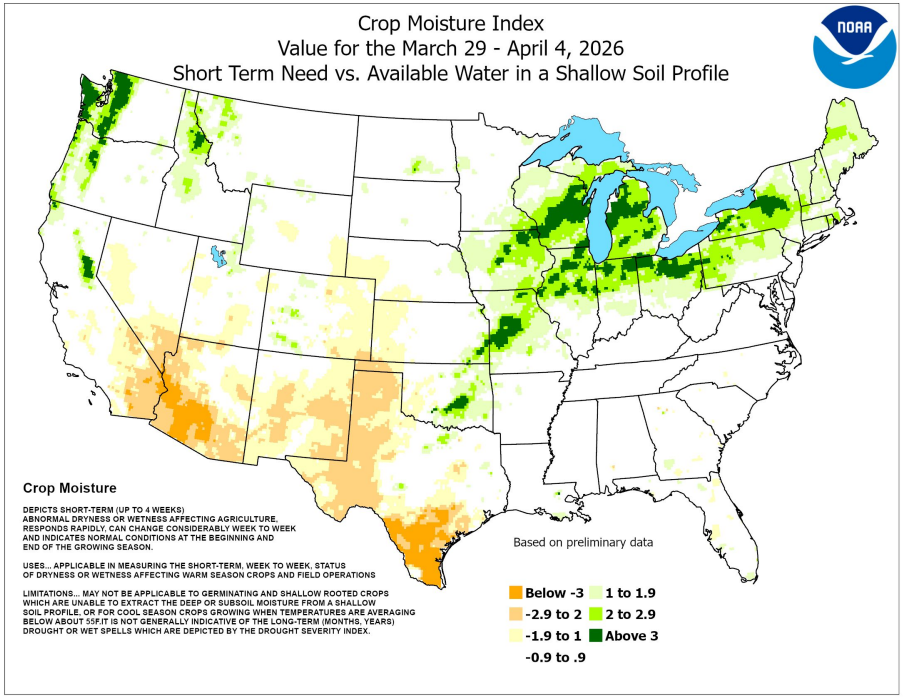
- There are no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

- None reported

Agricultural Impacts

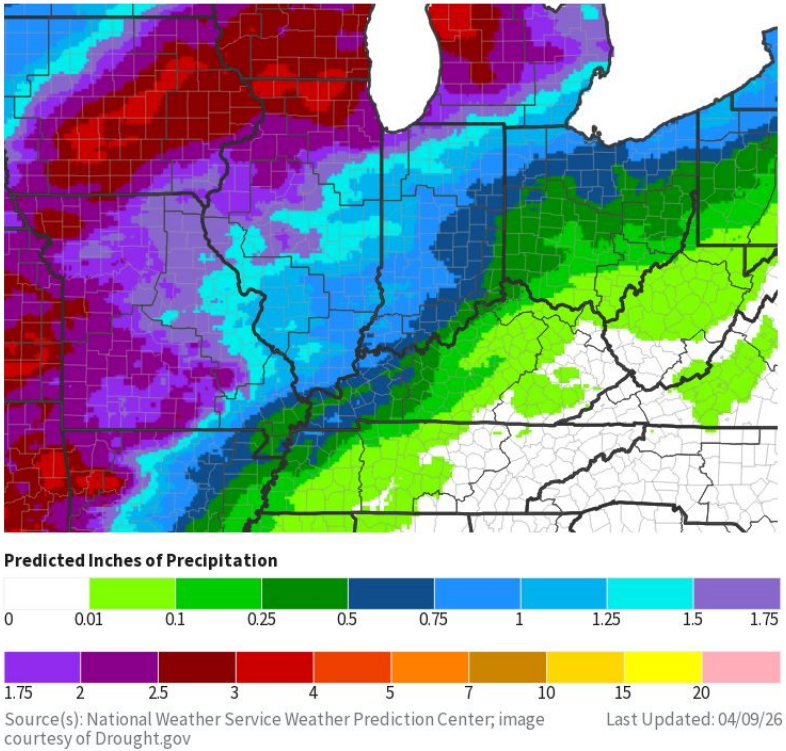
- Well above normal rainfall has helped to replenish soil moisture across much of northern Indiana, northwest Ohio, and southern Lower Michigan



Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- An active weather pattern is expected to persist over the next 7 days in mid April.
- Multiple chances for rain and storms are ahead, especially around the middle of next week (April 13-15)
- 1-2” of rain will be possible in the next 7 days across our forecast area. The highest amounts will occur in far northwest Indiana and southwest Lower Michigan.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for April 9, 2026–April 16, 2026

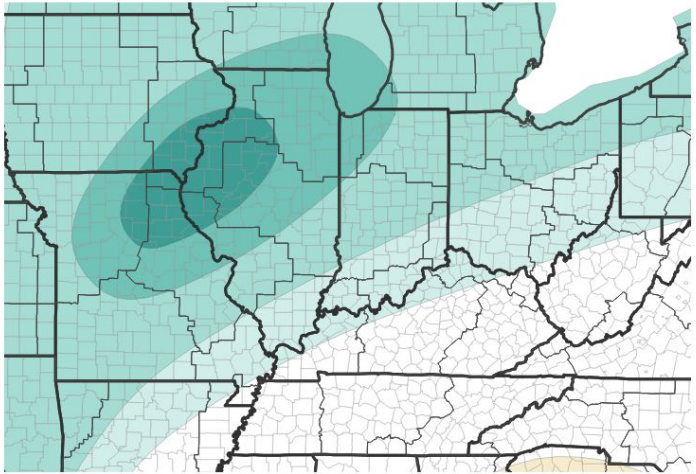


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Issued on March 31st, the outlooks for April favors above-normal precipitation (40-60% probabilities) and above-normal temperatures (33-40% probabilities).

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



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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

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Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation

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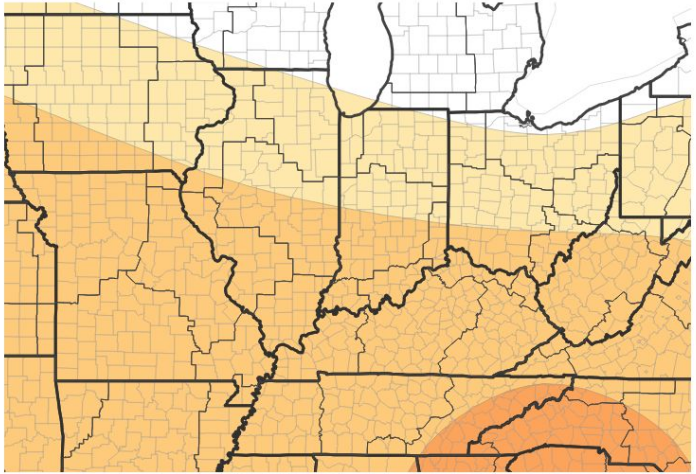
Monthly Temperature Outlook for April 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



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Drought Outlook

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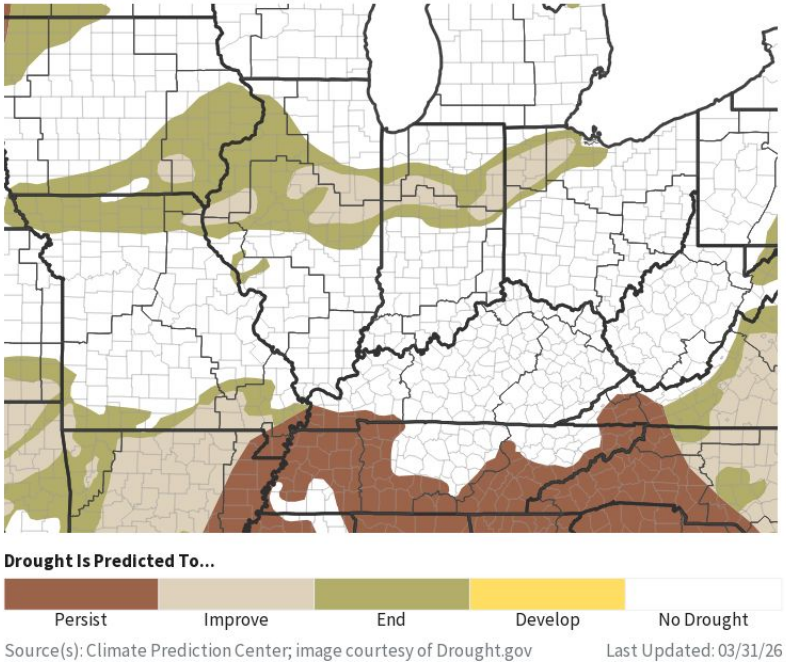
- According to the Climate Prediction Center, drought conditions are favored to end or improve during the Spring into early Summer.
- Since March 1st, precipitation is about 2 to 5 inches above normal.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 31, 2026–June 30, 2026



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