

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

Valid April 21, 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.
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- Major drought improvement continues; there are currently no areas of drought in northern Indiana, southern Michigan, and northwest Ohio
 - Two small areas of “abnormally dry” conditions linger
 - There is a slight lean toward below-normal precipitation to begin May, which can allow flood concerns to diminish

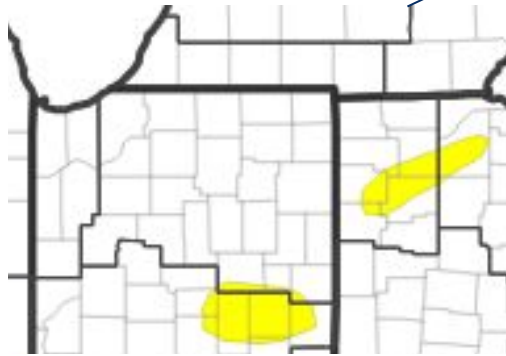




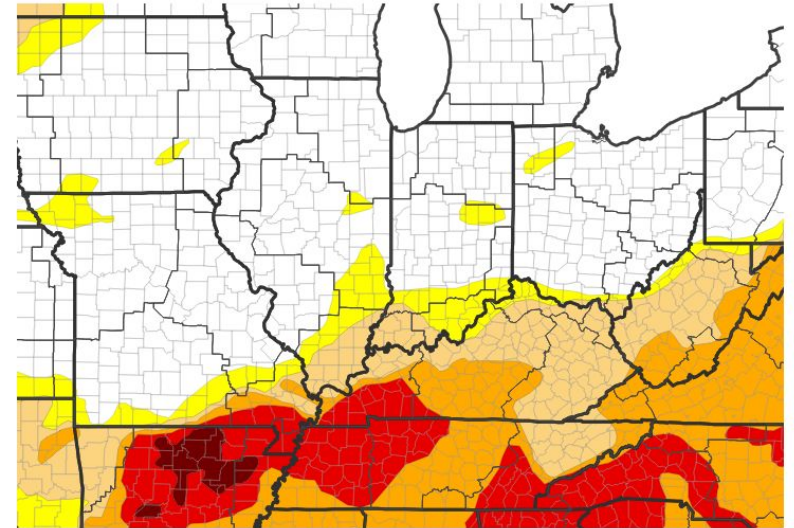
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):**
 - In Indiana: Far southern Grant, Blackford and southwest Jay counties.
 - In northwest Ohio: Portions of Van Wert, Defiance, Putnam, and Henry counties.



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

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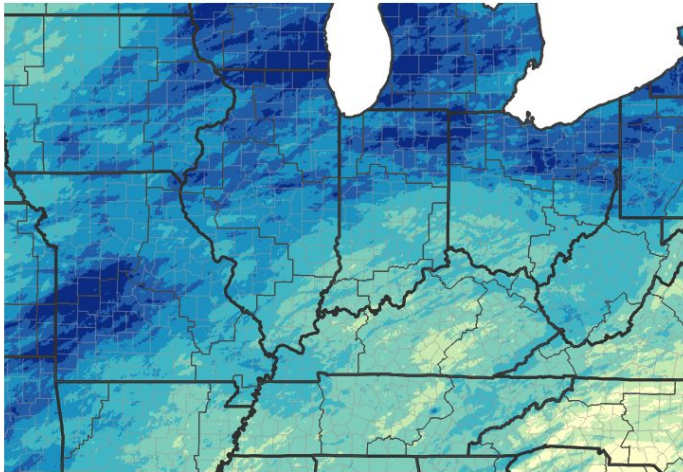




Precipitation

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

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

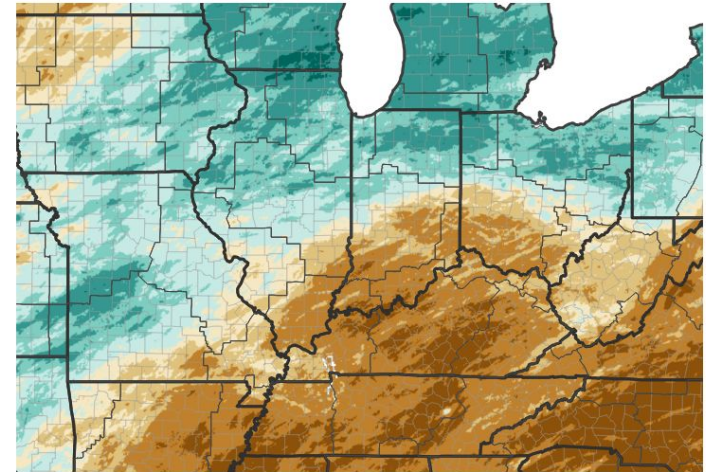


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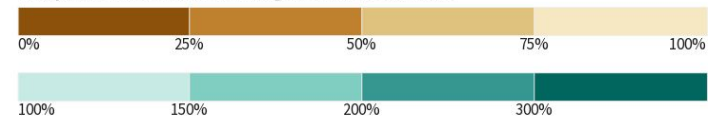


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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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

- 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

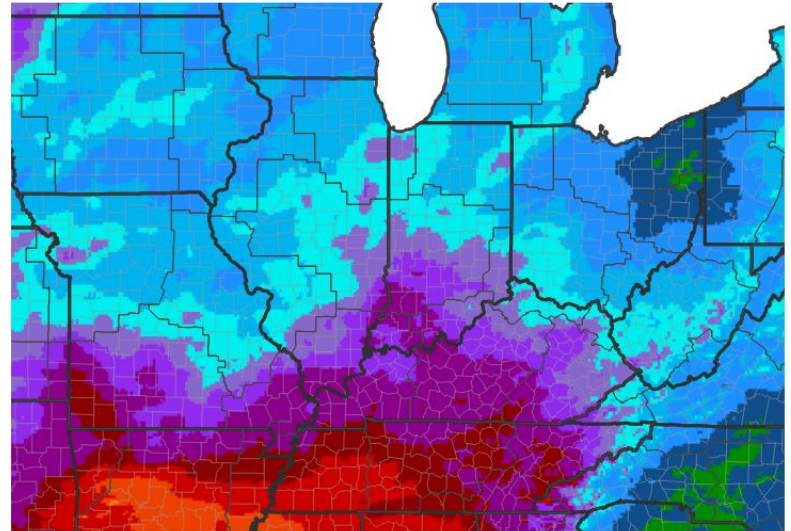




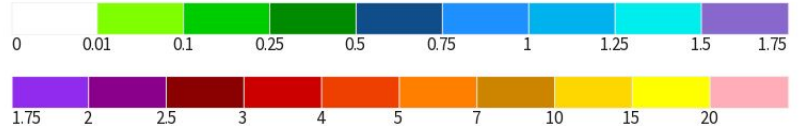
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- About 1 to 1.25 inches of rain is forecast over the next 7 days
- A majority of this rainfall is expected Monday (April 27) and Wednesday (April 29)
- A period of drier and cooler weather is expected thereafter

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for April 24, 2026–May 1, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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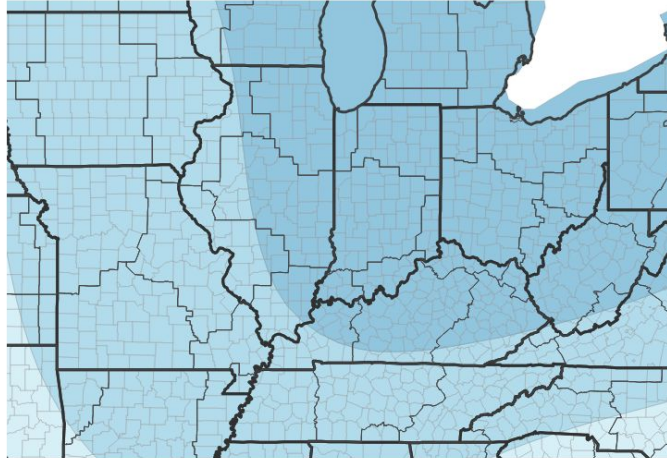


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- There is increasing confidence on a period of cooler and drier weather to begin May

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for May 1, 2026–May 7, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

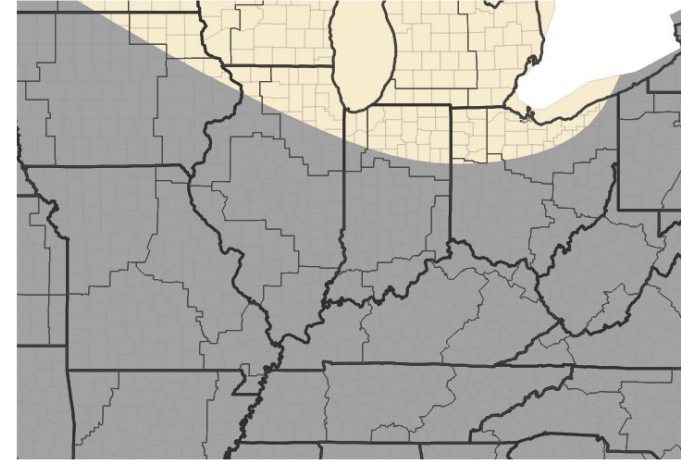


■ Near-Normal Conditions

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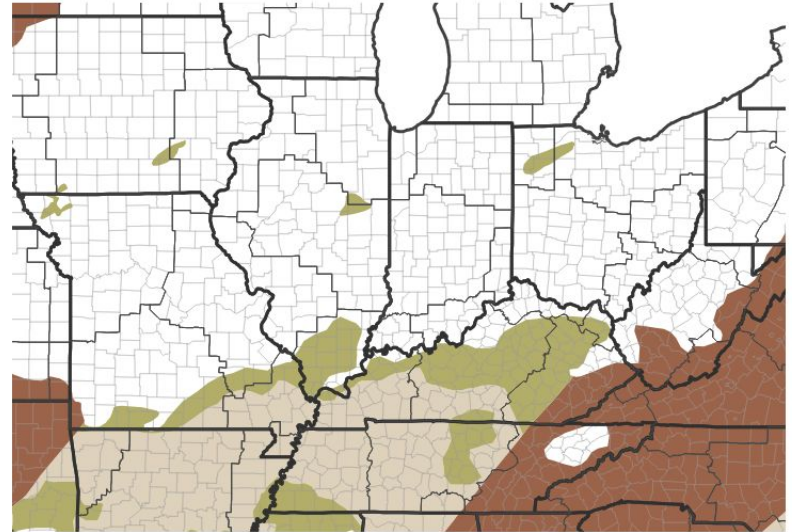


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- According to the Climate Prediction Center, current abnormally dry conditions are favored to end for the remainder of the Spring
- Since March 1st, precipitation is about 2 to 5 inches above normal.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for April 16, 2026–July 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](#)

