



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

Valid September 23, 2025

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 - 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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- Drought conditions have worsened, with many counties now within a Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)
 - There is a pocket of Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4) along the Henry and Putnam County line
 - A small area of “no drought” continues in far northwest Indiana
 - Little to no rain is expected through October 2

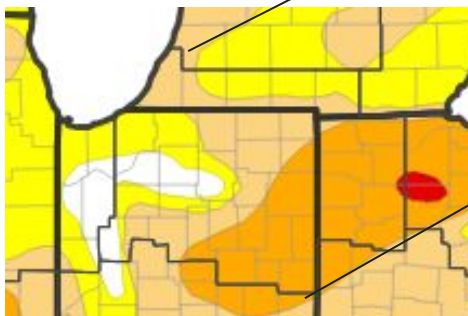




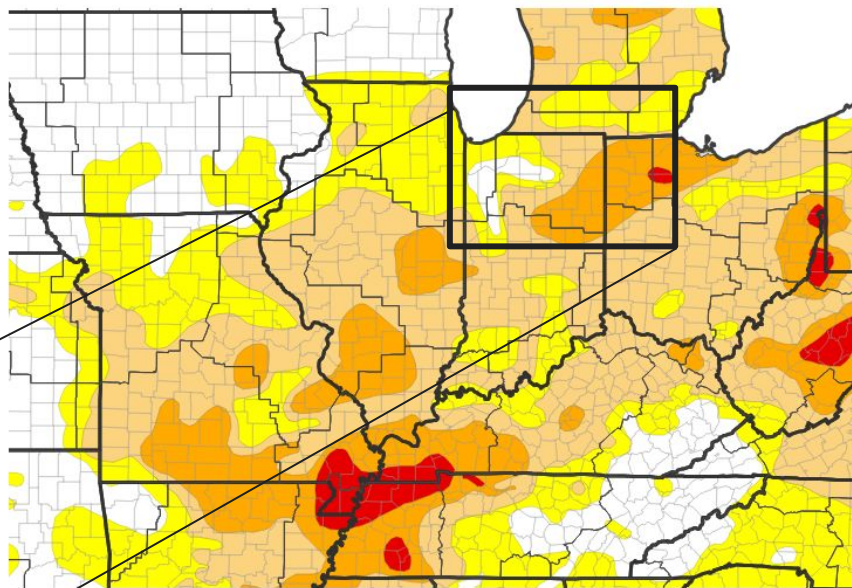
U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for northern Indiana, southern Michigan, and northwest Ohio

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** In northwest Ohio along the Henry and Putnam County line
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Many Indiana counties along I-69, as well as all of northwest Ohio
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):**
 - A narrow portion of far southern Michigan
 - Many counties in the eastern half of northern Indiana
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry):** A small portion of counties in northwest Indiana



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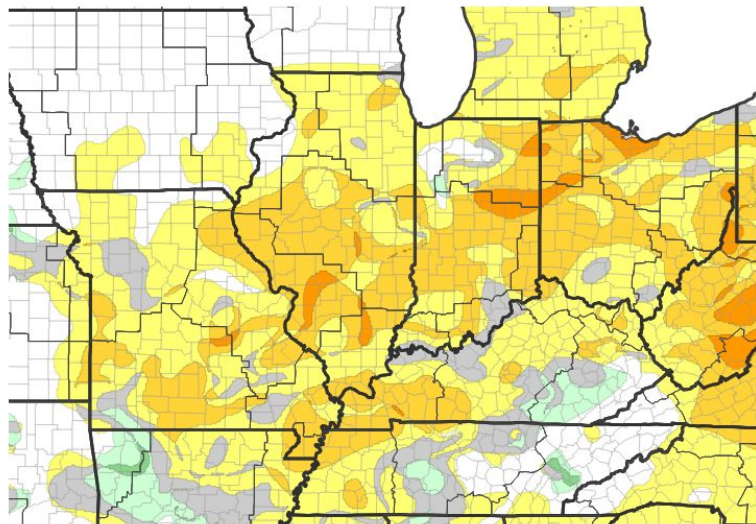


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for northern Indiana, southern Michigan, and northwest Ohio

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Drought conditions have worsened by 1 to 3 categories in parts of Ohio and Indiana
 - Conditions have worsened by 1 category in northwest Indiana, with a small area of no drought where rain has been adequate

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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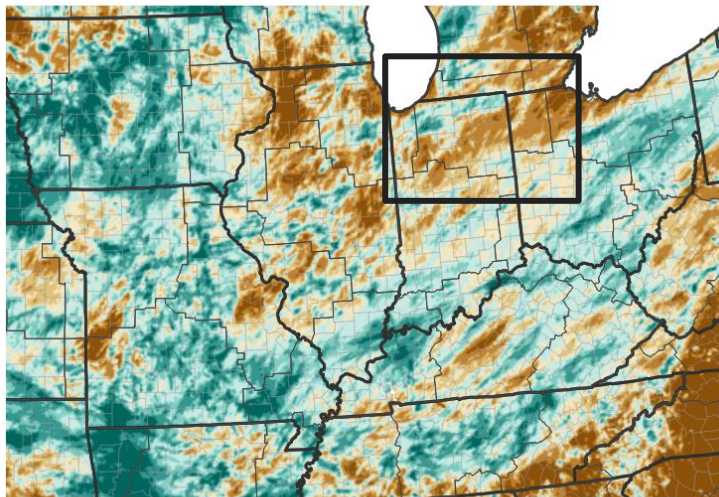
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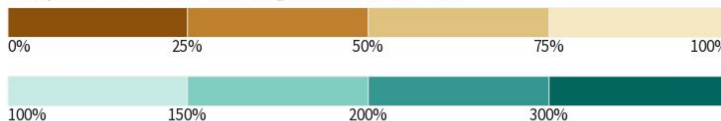
Precipitation

- Isolated areas of beneficial rain occurred on the 21st and 23rd, with totals as great as 2-4 inches
- Northwest Indiana continues to see adequate rainfall
- For a majority of the area, 30-day rainfall has been only 25-50% of normal or less

7-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



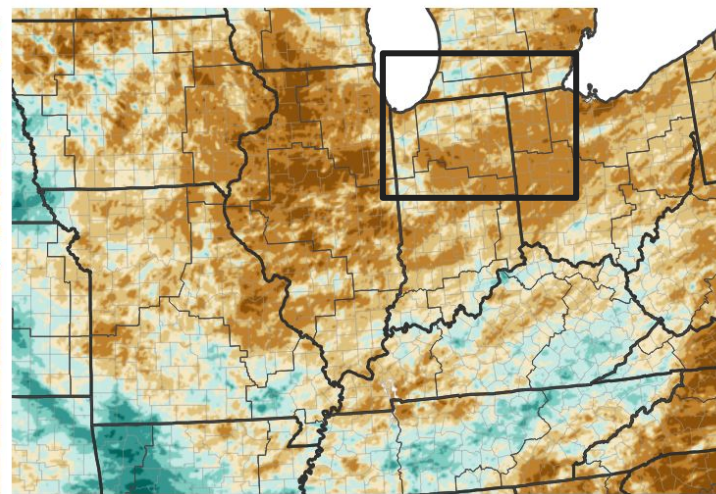
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



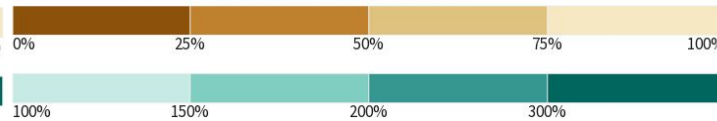
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- 28-day streamflows, according to USGS data, are in their 10th percentile or lower at some locations
- Pond levels are low and creeks have stopped flowing according to [CoCoRaHS Condition Monitoring](#) reports

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Burn bans are in effect for a few Indiana counties, according to the [Indiana Department of Homeland Security](#).

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

- None reported





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows are much below normal (red), reading less than 10% of normal, in far northern Indiana and southern Michigan
- Streamflows are below normal, (orange), reading only 10% to 24% of normal in northwest Ohio

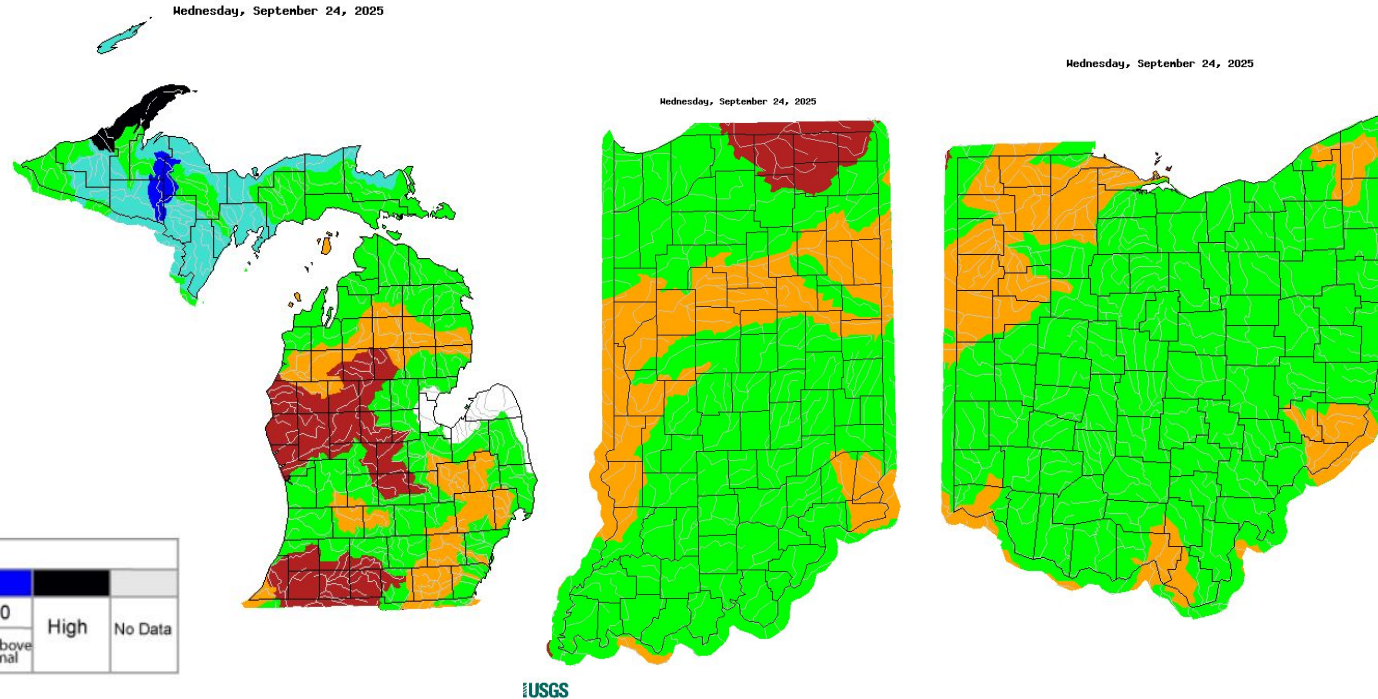


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid April 9, 2025





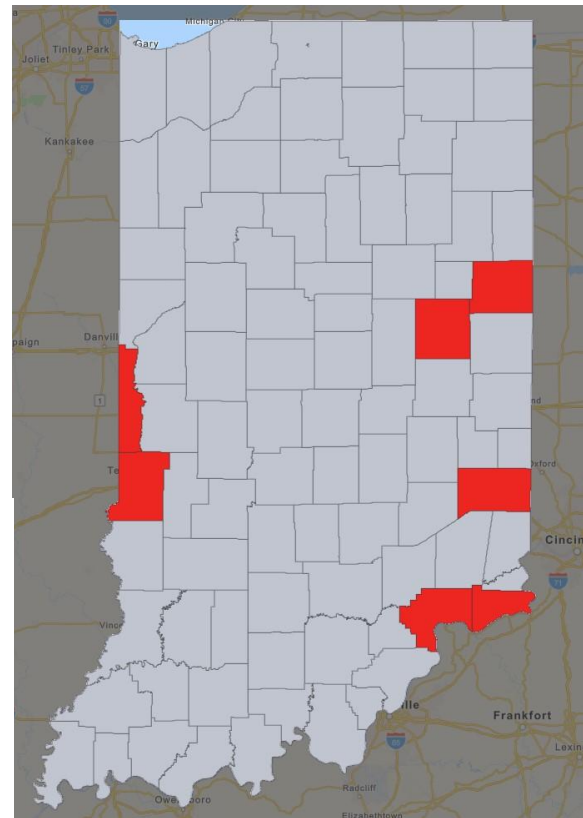
Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- Map on the right is as of 2 PM EDT 9/25. See the [latest map at here](#). Burn bans are in effect for the counties highlighted in red.
- Ohio and Michigan residents can contact local officials regarding any possible local restrictions.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security

-  County Burn Ban In Effect
-  Local Area Burn Ban In Effect
-  Previous Ban Lifted
-  No Current Report



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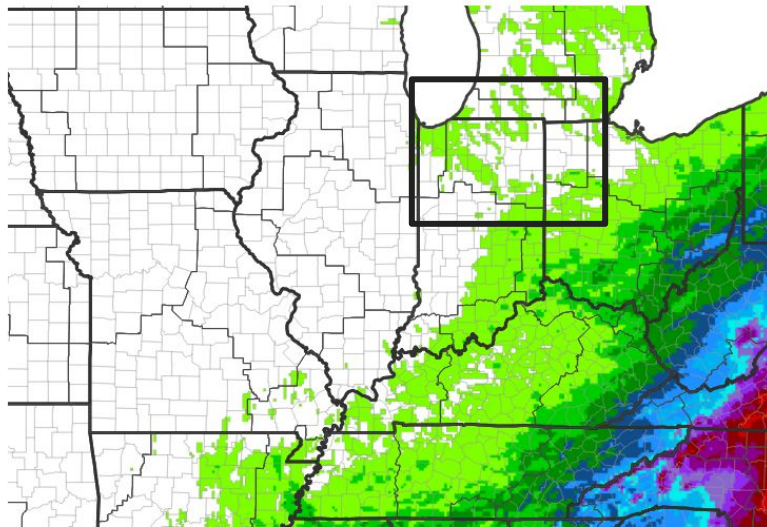
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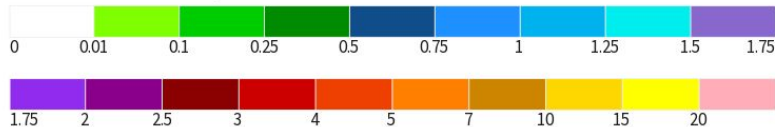
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- 7-day precipitation will be sparse, measuring less than 0.10"
- A strong ridge of high pressure will move in over the weekend and linger into the start of October
- This ridge and blocking pattern looks to break down next weekend (October 4 and 5). Worsening drought conditions are possible until then.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 25, 2025–October 2, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Long-Range Outlooks

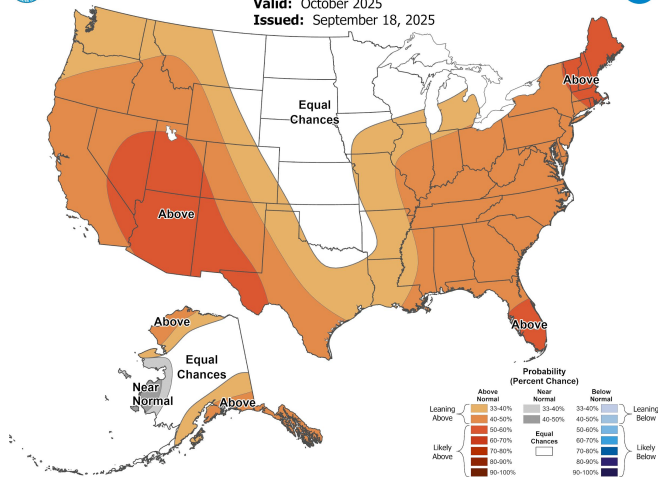
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- **Above normal** temperatures are favored for October based on model guidance and historical trends
- Released on 9/18 there are no clear signals to nudge the precipitation forecast above or below normal; thus, **equal chances** is the outlook
- Note that October is typically one of our driest months of the year



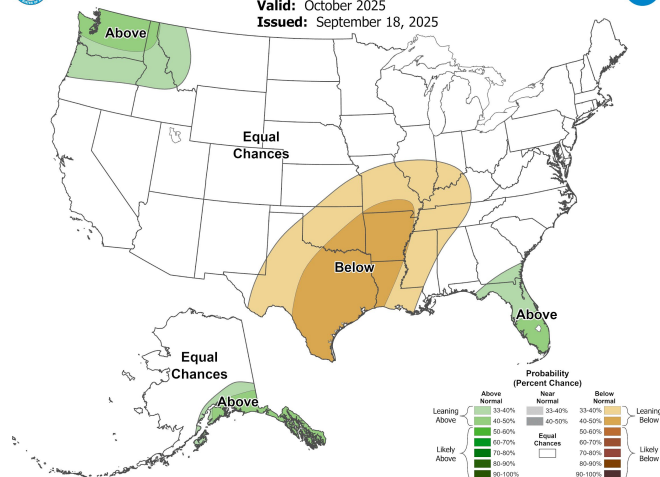
Monthly Temperature Outlook

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Monthly Precipitation Outlook

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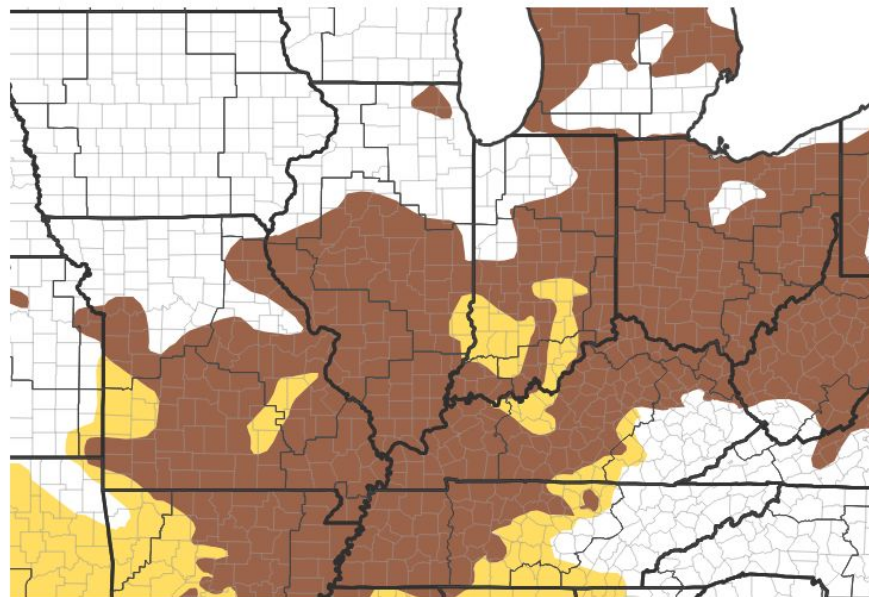


Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are anticipated to persist, according to the Climate Prediction Center
- Precipitation departures:
 - As of this writing, Fort Wayne is nearly 10.5" below normal year to date, and is short only 1.50" for September
 - South Bend is short about 4" year to date, and is about 1.50" below normal for September
- Note that September, October, and November are typically drier months for our area. Normal monthly precipitation is about 3" per month, compared to 4-4.5" in June, July, and August

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 18, 2025–December 31, 2025



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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