



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

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- This product will be updated on or after October 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 are largely unchanged since last week's update:
 - Small expansion of Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4) into Wells County, IN
 - Drought conditions improved near the La Porte and Starke County, IN borders
 - Rain, heavy at times, is expected Saturday through Sunday morning. Rain totals in excess of 1" are possible.

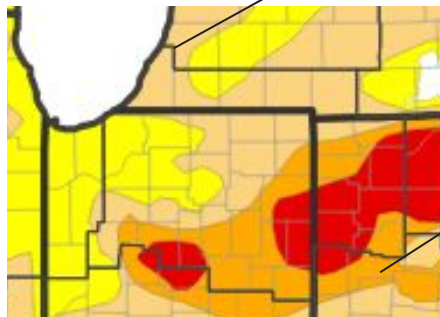




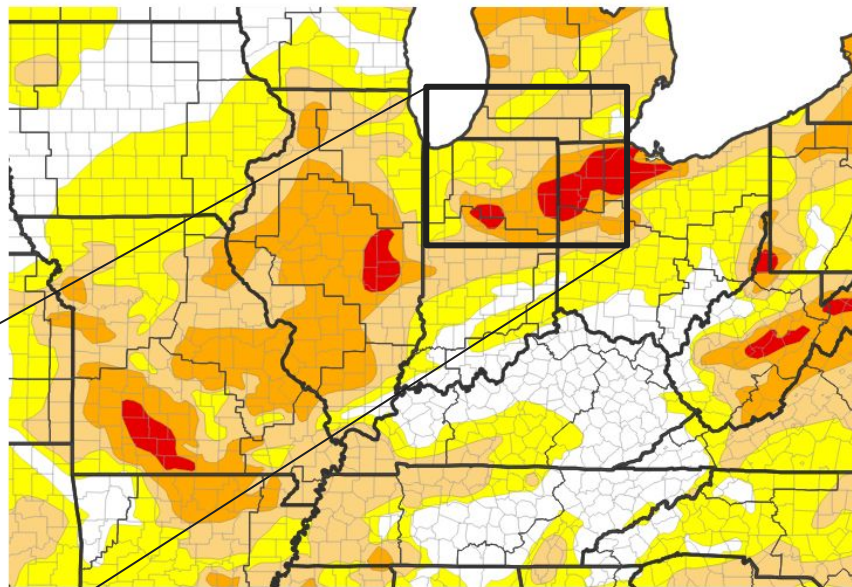
U.S. Drought Monitor

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 US 24 and in parts of Allen, Adams, Miami, Wells, and Cass counties in Indiana
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Many Indiana and Ohio counties along and south of US 24
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Southern Lower Michigan, northern Indiana north of US 24, and far northwest Ohio
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry):** Mainly in far northwest Indiana



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

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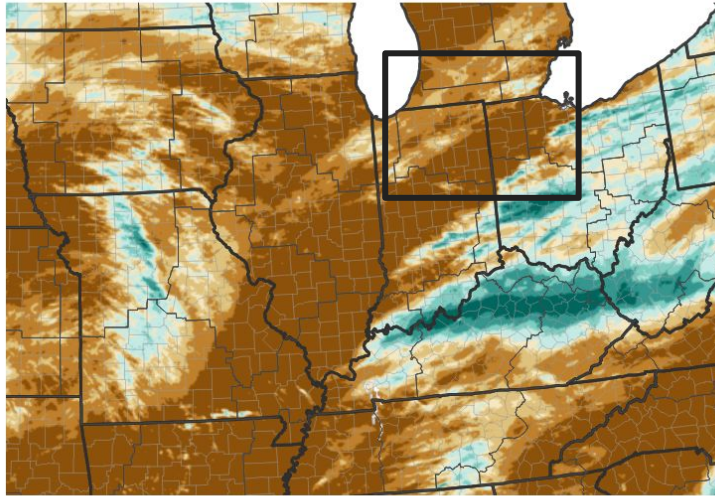




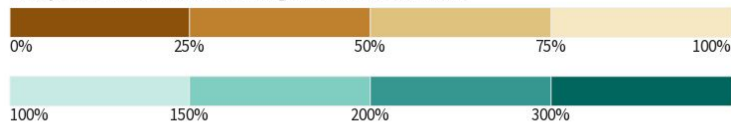
Precipitation

- The past 7 to 30 days has remained very dry with precipitation well below normal
- Rain, less than 0.10", fell earlier this week along and north of US 30

7-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



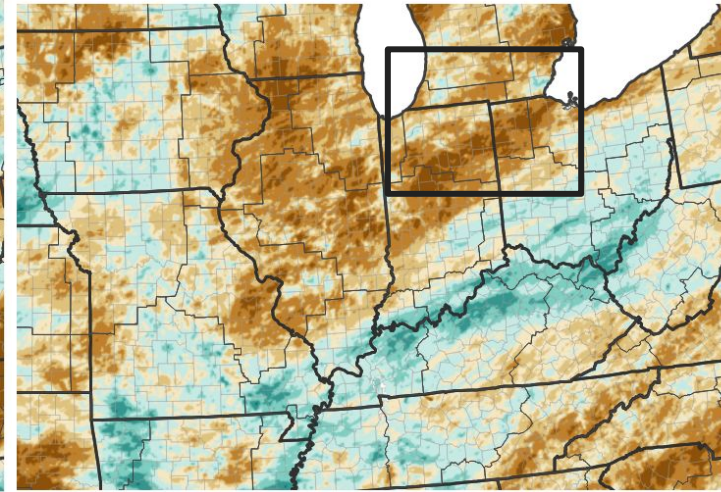
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



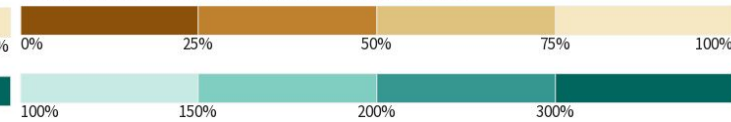
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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

- 28-day streamflows, according to USGS data, are in the 10th to 25th percentile or less.
- Little to no growth of turf grasses, river and stream levels are very low or have stopped flowing according to [CoCoRaHS Condition Monitoring](#) reports.
- [CoCoRaHS Condition Monitoring](#) report of dry, powdery soil at a depth of 3' near Delphos, OH

Agricultural Impacts

- Moisture in soybean crops is between 8-11% and in corn is between 13-21%, per the State Climate Office of Ohio.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Burn bans are in effect for some Indiana Counties ([Indiana Department of Homeland Security](#).)

Other Impacts

- No known impacts at this time.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows are reading less than 10% of normal (red)
- Streamflows are reading 10-24% of normal (orange)

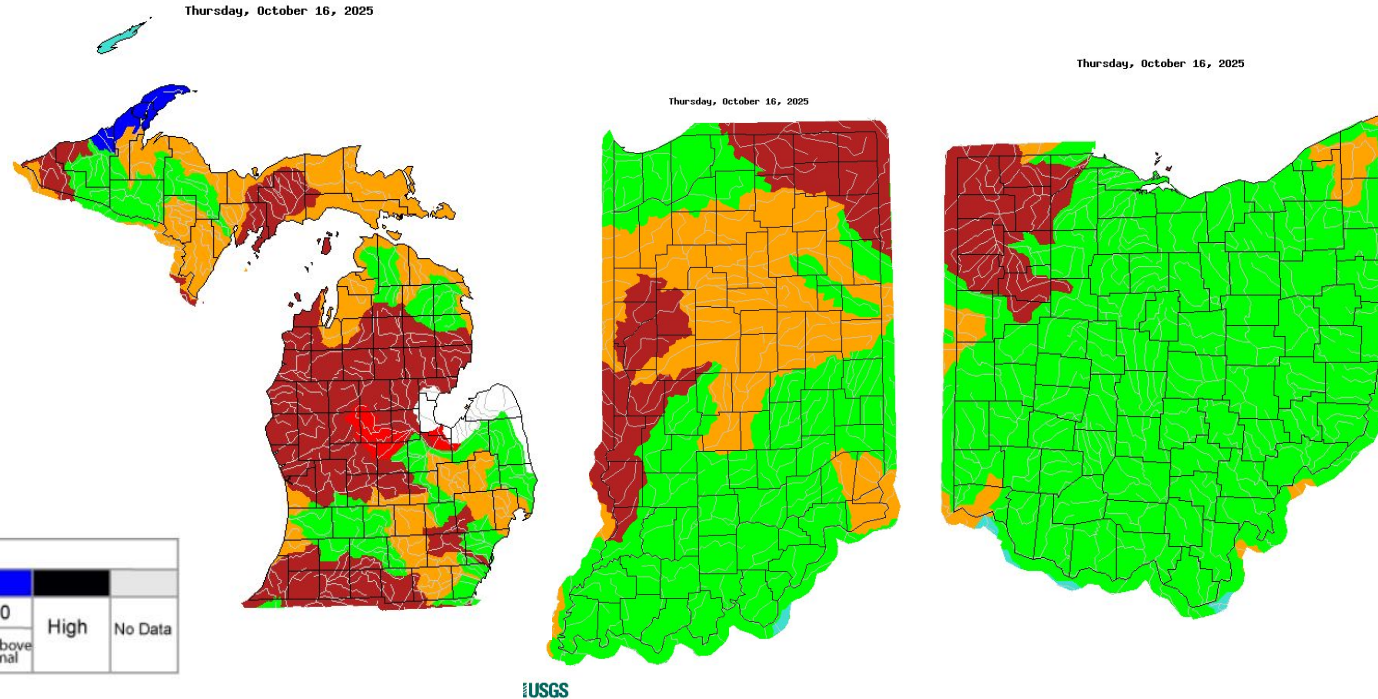


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid October 16

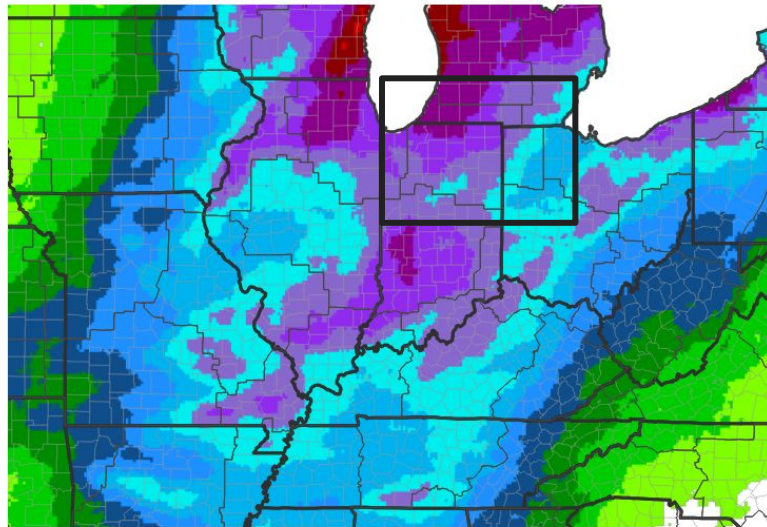




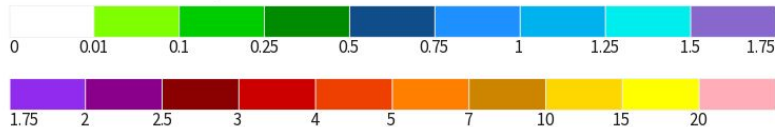
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Beneficial rain is expected this weekend
- Some areas could see as much as 2" of rain, but most locations will see about 1"; less in northwest Ohio
- Additional rain is anticipated early-to-mid next week

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 16, 2025–October 23, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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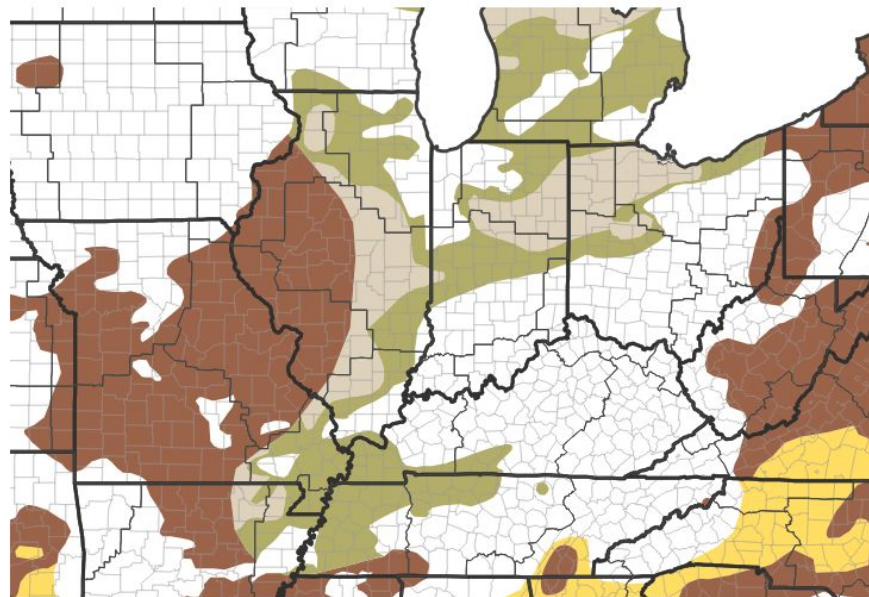


Drought Outlook

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

- Drought conditions are anticipated to improve this fall, according to the Climate Prediction Center
- Precipitation departures:
 - Fort Wayne is 3.5" below normal since September 1 and is over 12" below normal for the year.
 - South Bend is about 3" below normal since September 1 and is about 6" below normal for the year.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 16, 2025–January 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](#)



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