



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

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- Drought conditions improved in pockets of northwest Indiana and southwest Michigan. Elsewhere, drought conditions are largely unchanged since last week's update:
 - Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4) to Moderate Drought (level 2 of 4) continues in northwest Ohio, portions of Indiana, and southern Michigan
 - Primarily dry in the coming 7 days. Additional rain by the middle of next week.

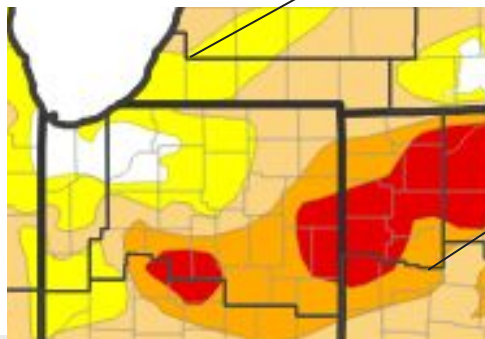




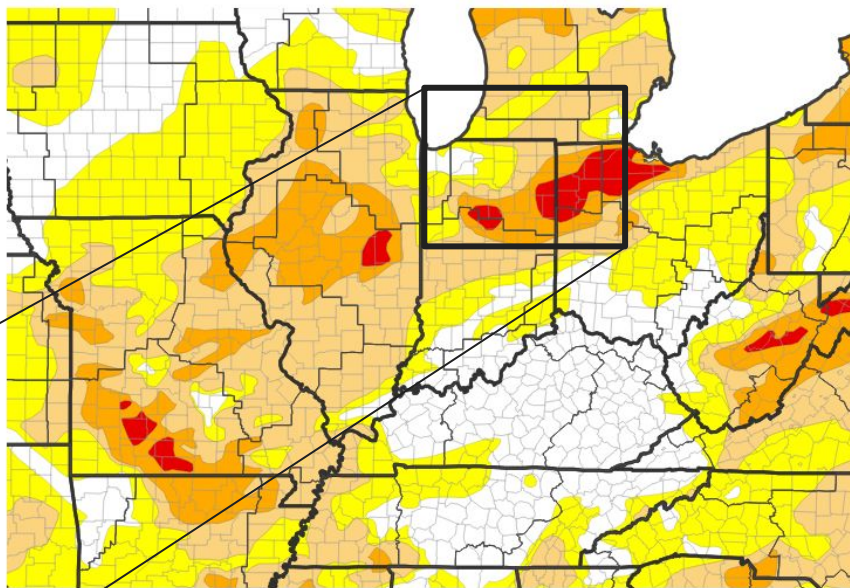
U.S. Drought Monitor

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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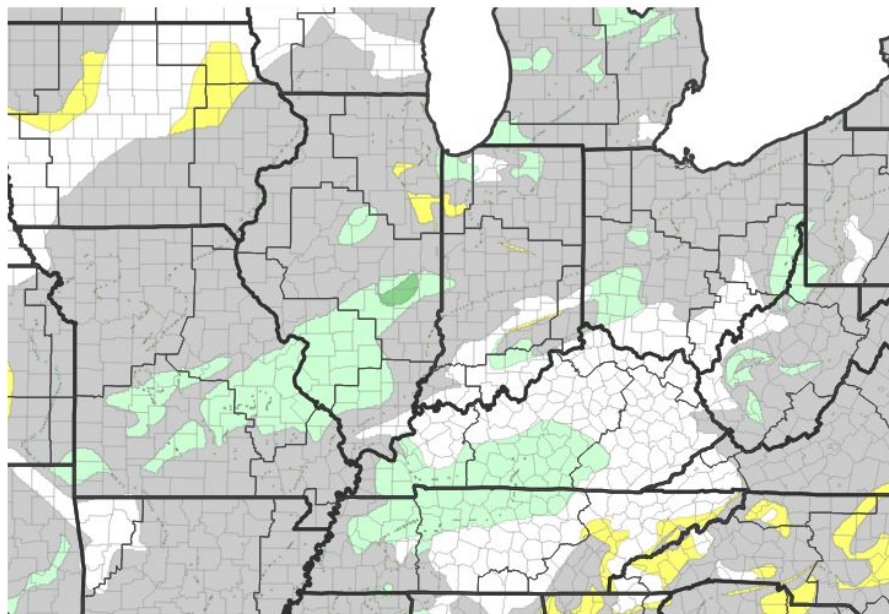


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

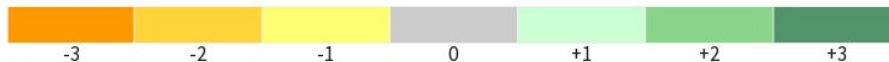
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for northern Indiana, southern Michigan, and northwest Ohio

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Drought conditions improved in small portions of northwest Indiana and far southwest Michigan

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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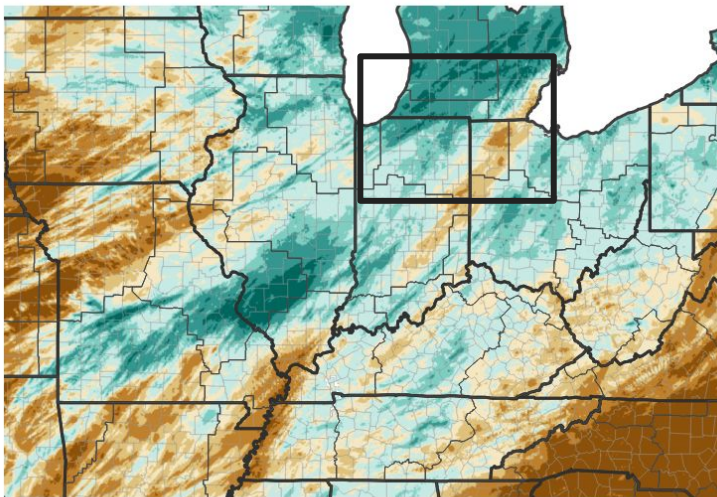




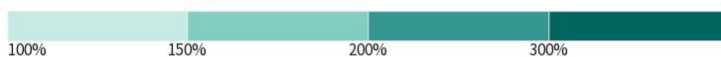
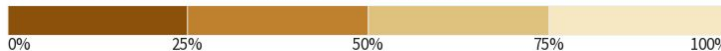
Precipitation

- Last weekend, 1 to 3 inches of rain fell over Michiana. Totals were less than 1 inch along the IN-OH border, as reflected by the drier than normal 7-day precipitation departure.
- 30-day rainfall exceeded normal in northwest IN and southwest MI

7-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



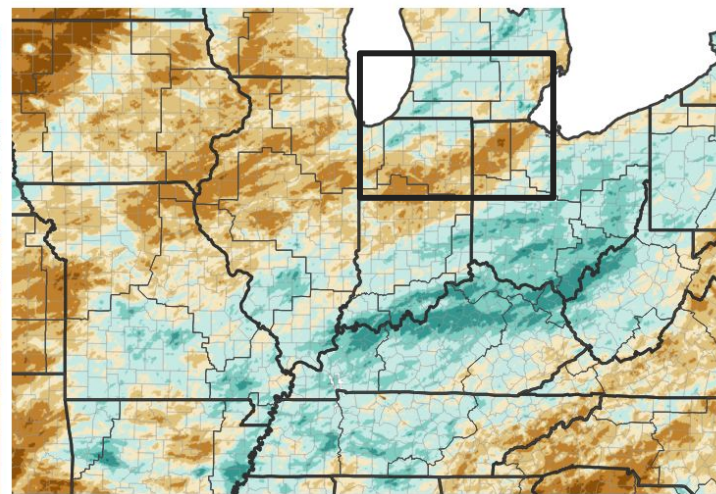
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



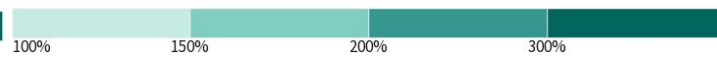
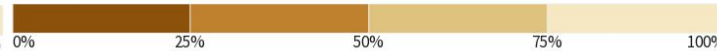
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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- 28-day streamflows, according to USGS data, continue to be below normal.

Agricultural Impacts

- No known impacts at this time.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Burn bans are in effect for a few Indiana Counties ([Indiana Department of Homeland Security](#).)
- Prior to rainfall last weekend, there were reports of field fires in Paulding County (Ohio State University Department of Extension)

Other Impacts

- No known impacts at this time.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Recent rain has allowed streamflows to recover somewhat, but many still remain below normal
- Streamflows are reading less than 10% of normal (red)
- Streamflows are reading 10-24% of normal (orange)

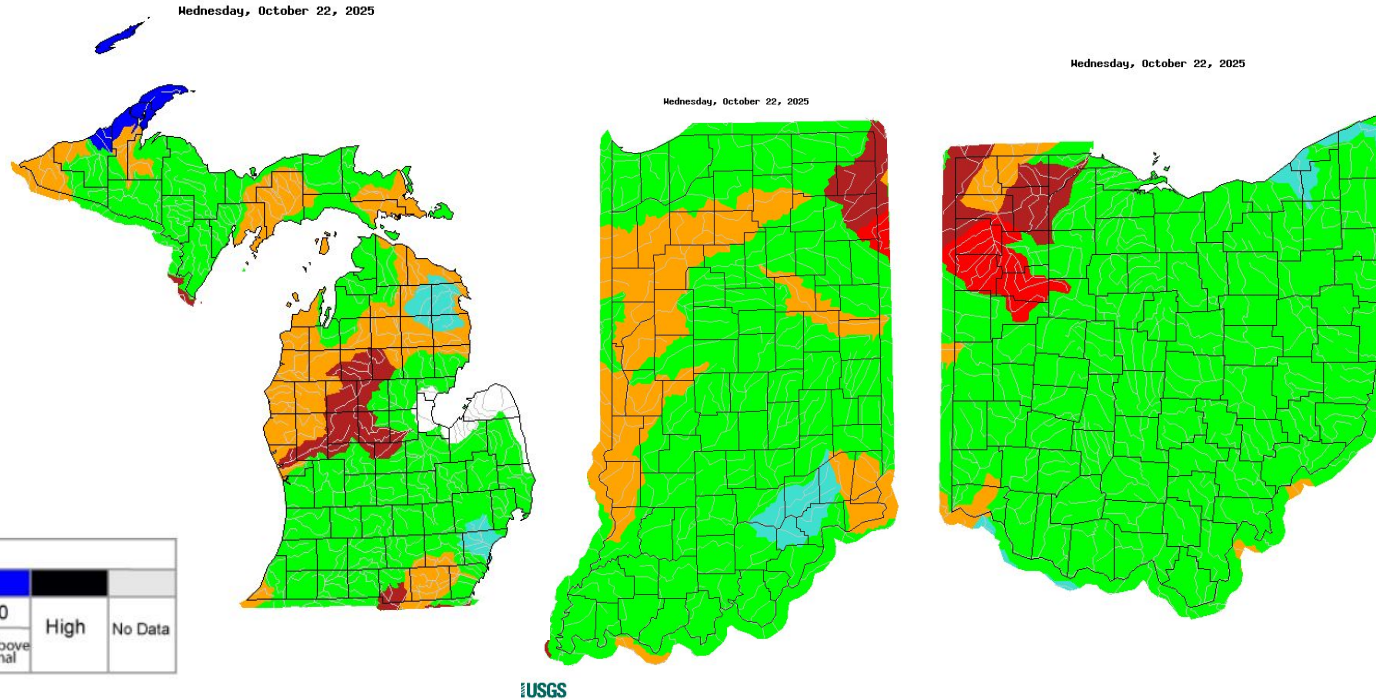


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid October 22

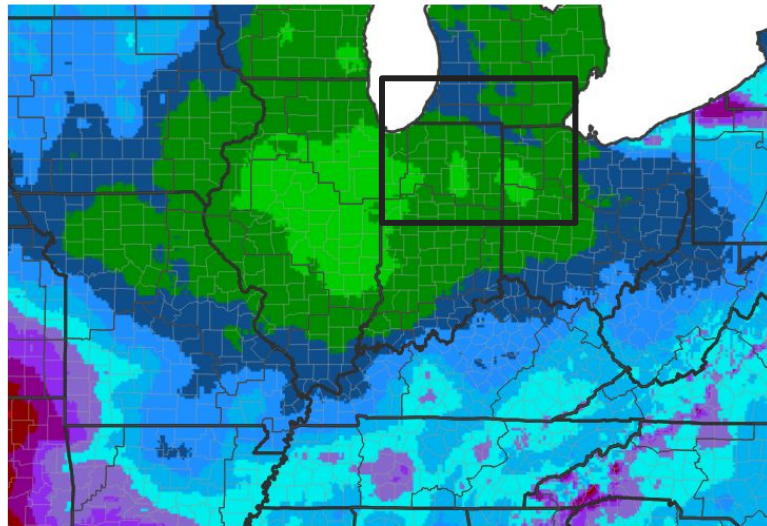




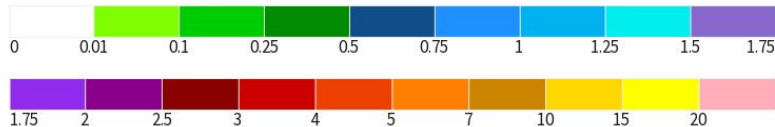
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Primarily dry in the coming 7 days; Additional rain by the middle of next week (week of 10/26).
- Cool temperatures going forward will help soil moisture recover

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 23, 2025–October 30, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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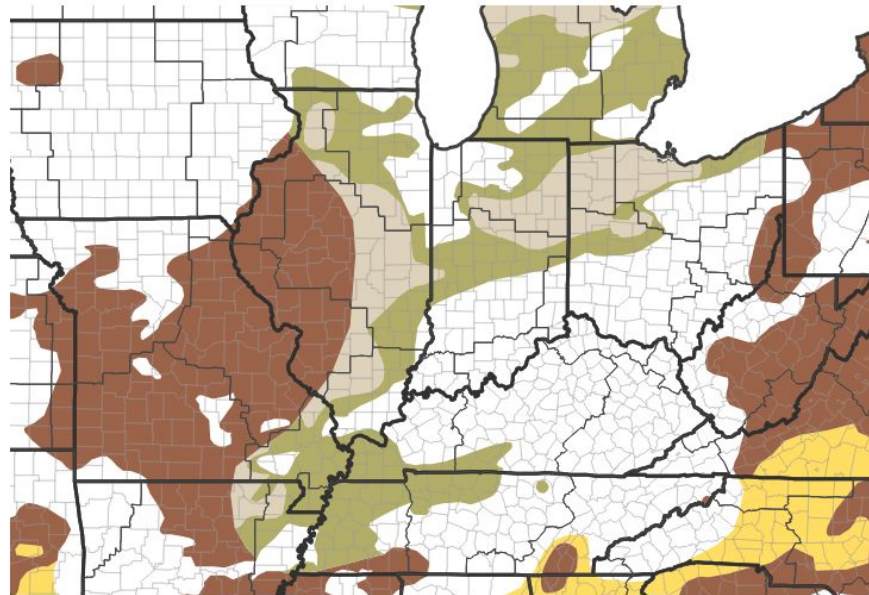


Drought Outlook

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

- Drought conditions are anticipated to improve this fall and winter, 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 1.5" below normal since September 1 (note: this is a big improvement since last week) and is about 4" 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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