



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

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- Severe to Extreme Drought (levels 2 and 3 of 4) persists along and south of US 24.
 - Extreme Drought has expanded into portions of Blackford and Jay counties in Indiana and Defiance, Putnam, and Allen counties in Ohio within the past week.
 - Drought conditions improved in southwest Lower Michigan due to scattered lake effect rain showers last week that amounted to 0.50" to 2" of rain.
 - Primarily dry in the next 7 days with exception of some scattered showers downwind of Lake Michigan Friday and Saturday.

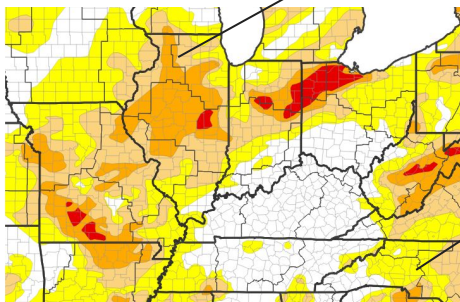




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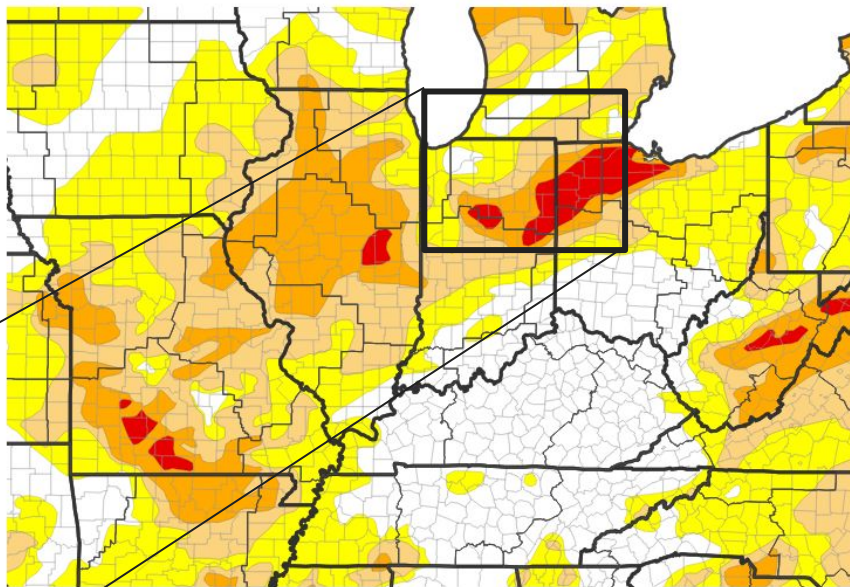
Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for northern Indiana, southern Michigan, and northwest Ohio

- Drought Intensity and Extent:
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)** and **D2 (Severe Drought)**: All Indiana and Ohio counties along and south of US 24
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Southern Lower Michigan and north-central Indiana
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Mainly in far northwest Indiana and southwest Lower Michigan



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

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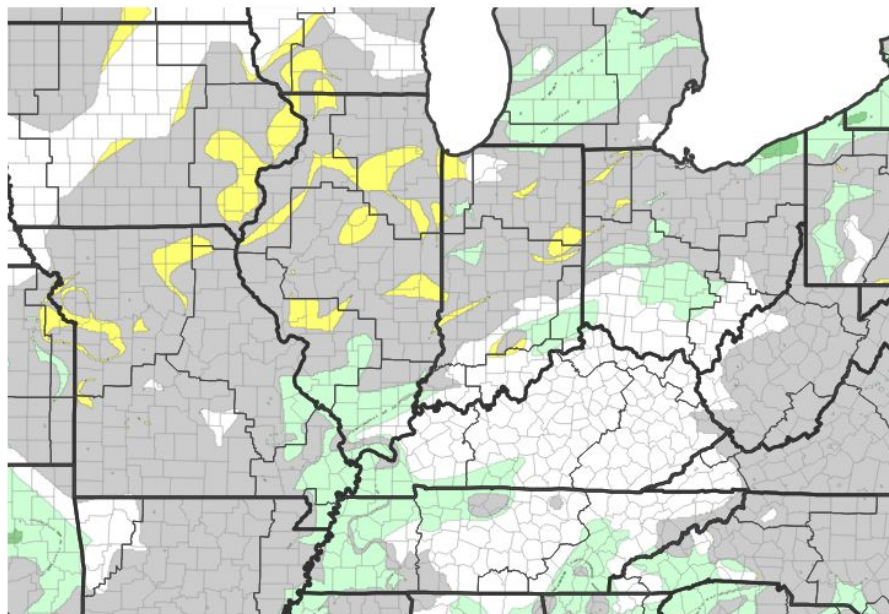


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

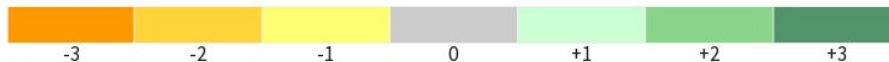
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for northern Indiana, southern Michigan, and northwest Ohio

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Drought conditions improved across southwest Lower Michigan
 - Drought worsened in some locations along and south of US 24

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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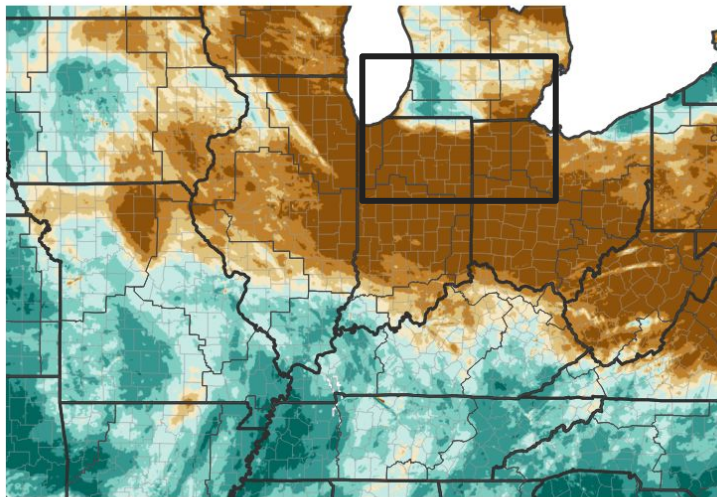




Precipitation

- In the past 7 days, there has been little to no rainfall across northern Indiana and northwest Ohio.
- North of US 6, lake effect showers brought up to 2" of rain in some spots!
- 30-day rainfall exceeded normal in southern Lower Michigan but was noticeably below normal across northern Indiana and northwest Ohio

7-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



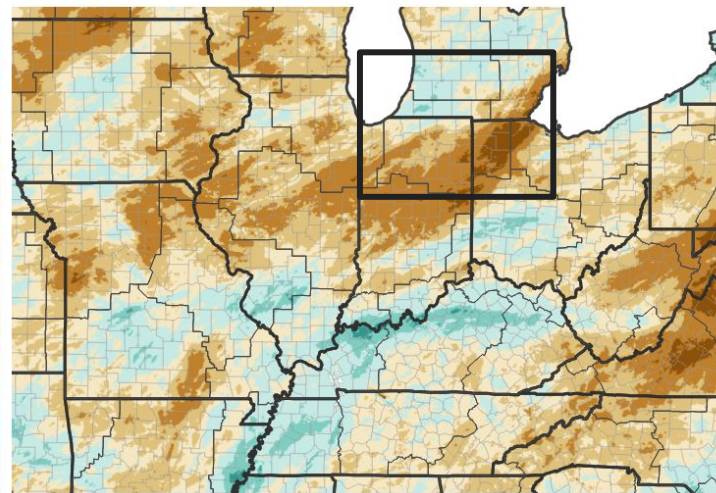
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



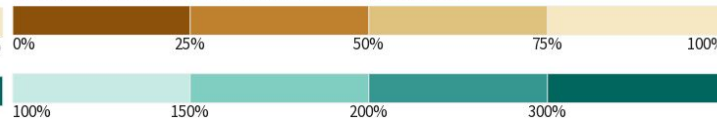
Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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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 northern 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

- Top soils are extremely dry and there is a lack of groundwater. Depending on how much water can be put back into the ground over the winter (via snowmelt), fall drought may have impacts on next year's spring planting, especially along and south of US 24 where the worst drought is.

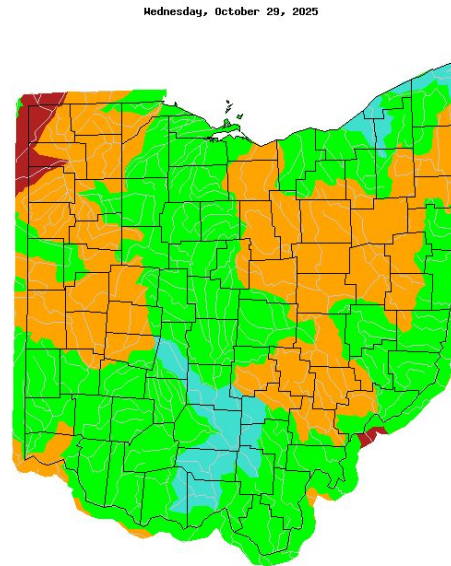
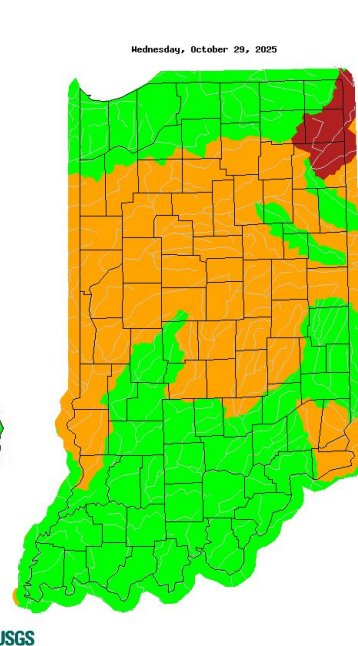
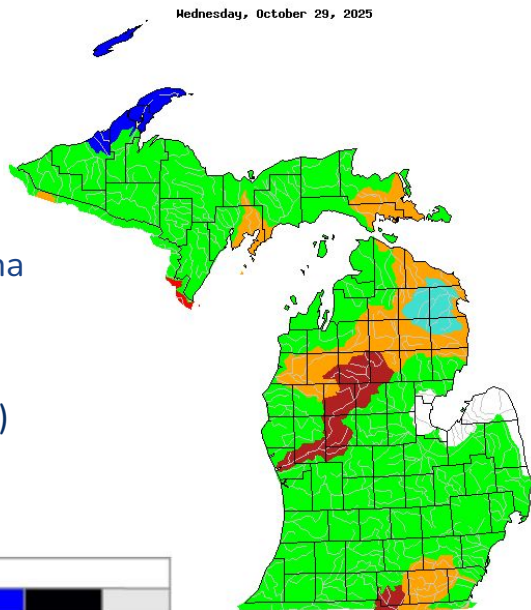




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Recent rain has allowed streamflows to recover somewhat, but many still remain below normal
- Streamflows are reading less than 10% of normal (red) in far northeast Indiana and far northwest Ohio
- Streamflows are reading 10-24% of normal (orange) in northwest Ohio and north-central Indiana

Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		



USGS

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





Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture continues to deteriorate, especially along the US 24 corridor in Indiana and Ohio.

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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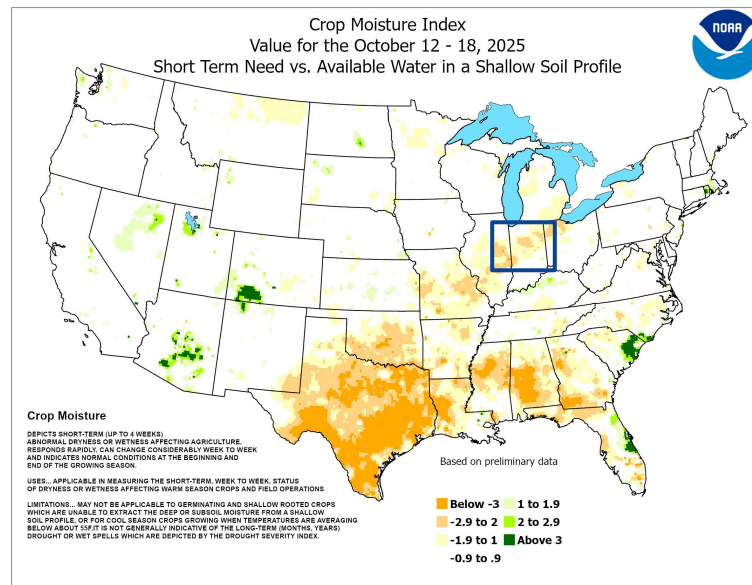
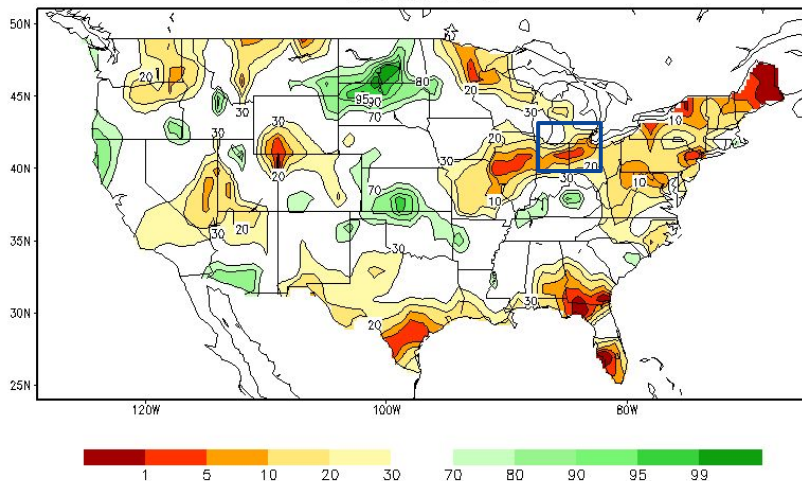


Image Captions:

Left: CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#) valid October 8, 2025

Above: [Crop Moisture Index by Division](#). Weekly value for period ending October 4, 2025



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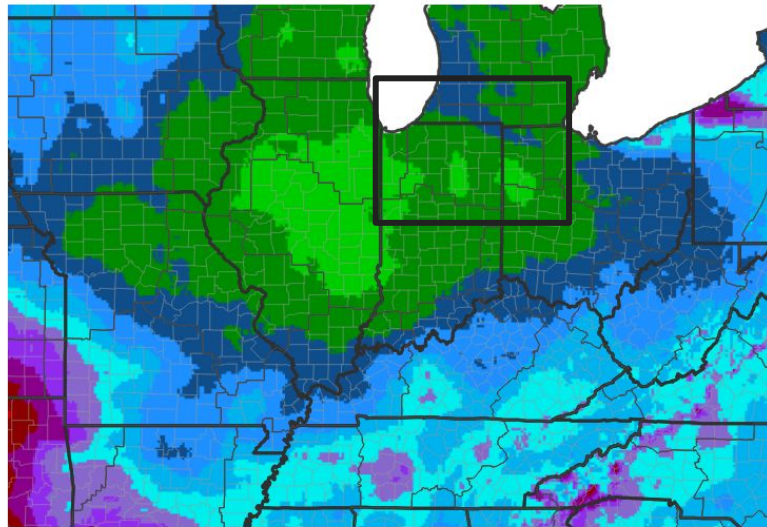
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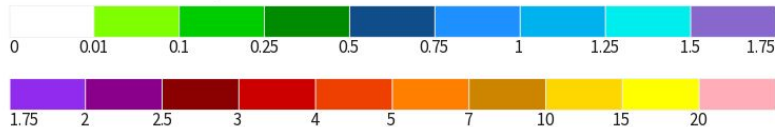
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Scattered lake effect rain showers are possible downwind of Lake Michigan Friday and Saturday. Rainfall amounts will be between 0.10" and 0.25" for most of the area (could be higher closer to the lake).
- Mainly dry from Sunday through next week.

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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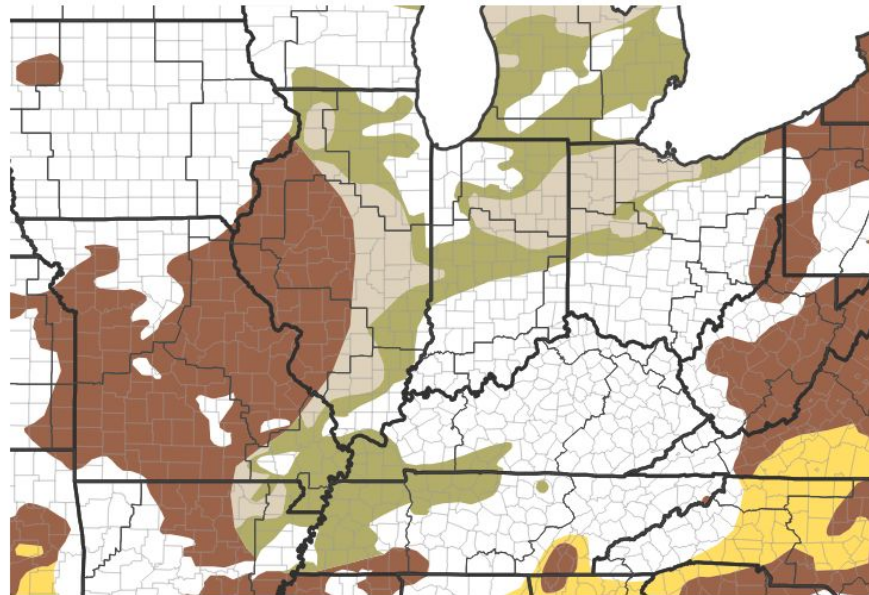


Drought Outlook

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

- Drought conditions are anticipated to improve this fall and winter, per the Climate Prediction Center
- Precipitation departures:
 - Rain totals vary widely across a span of 100 miles for the month of October. South Bend has had 3.25" and Fort Wayne has had 0.77" as of October 30th.
 - Fort Wayne is over 13" below normal for the year while South Bend is only 4" below normal.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 16, 2025–January 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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