



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

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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/iwx/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- The Drought Monitor remains largely unchanged from last week; Severe to Extreme Drought (levels 2 and 3 of 4) persists along and south of US 24.
 - Several opportunities for rain exist this week, but no widespread or significant rainfall is expected. Rainfall amounts through Thanksgiving should be less than 1".
 - Fort Wayne is experiencing its driest year on record with a precipitation deficit of ~14" for the year-to-date.

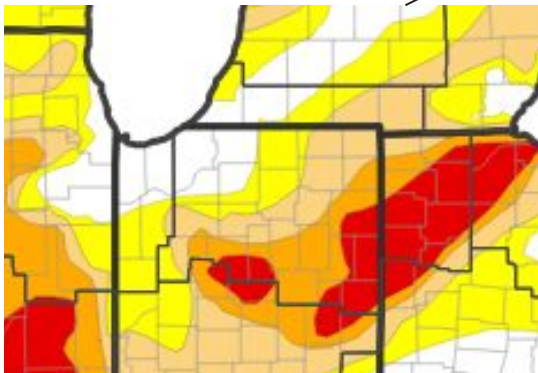




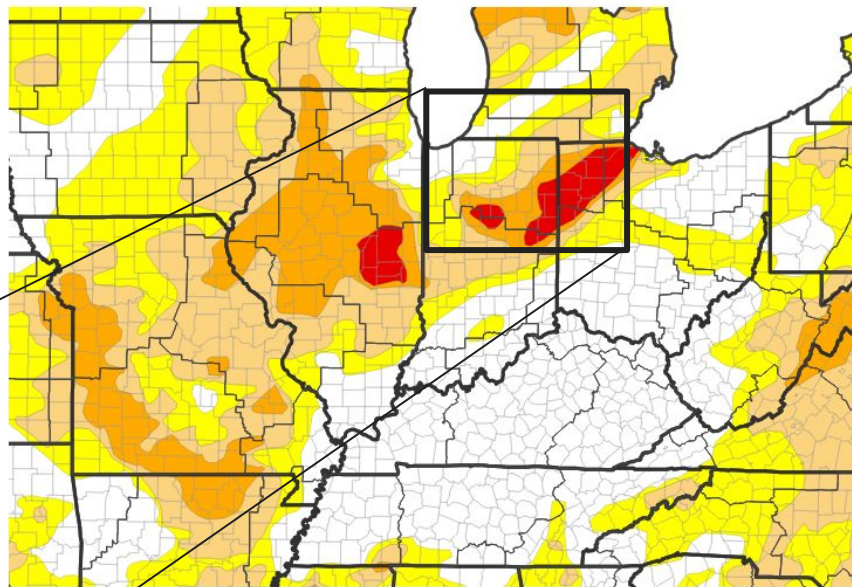
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent:
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)** 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)**: Portions of north-central Indiana and far southern Lower Michigan



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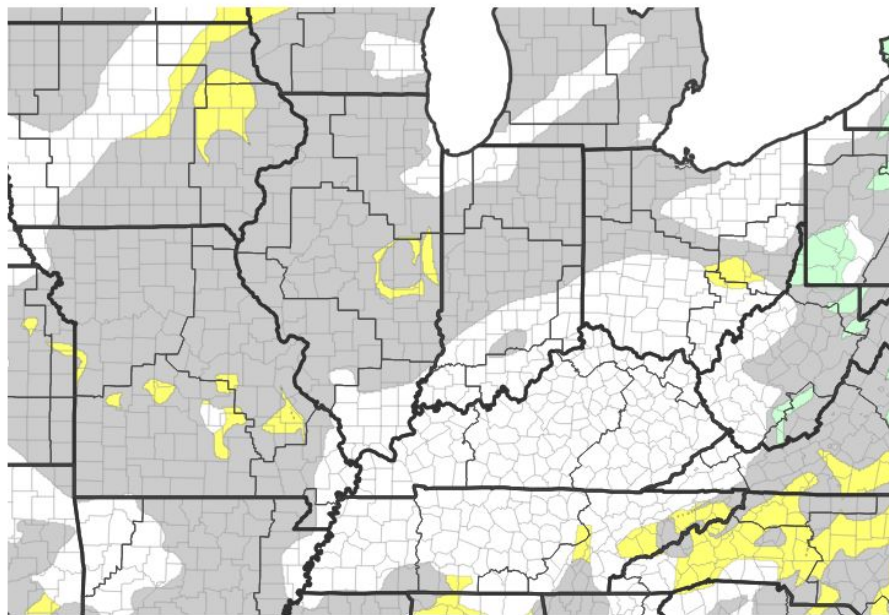


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

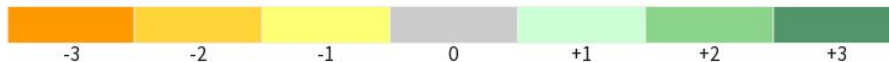
Link to the latest [1-week change map](#) for northern Indiana, southern Michigan, and northwest Ohio

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - No changes occurred this week. Drought persists across much of the area.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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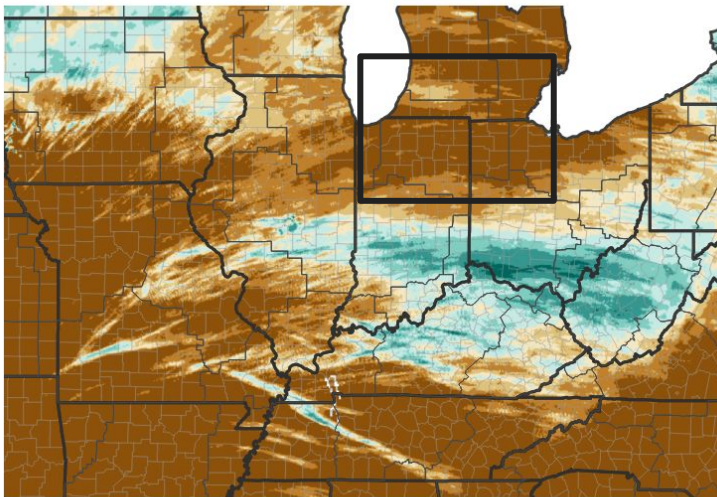




Precipitation

- In the past 7 days, precipitation has been notably absent. A majority of the area only saw up to 25% of normal precipitation.
- The US 24 corridor continues to see 30-day deficits with only 25-50% of normal precipitation.

7-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



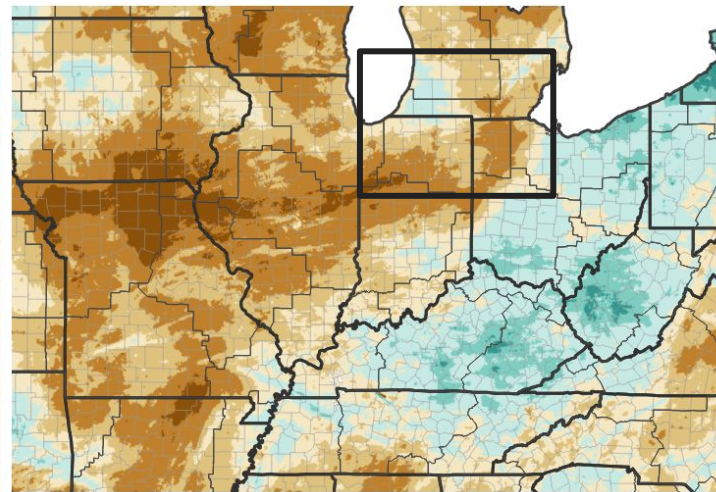
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



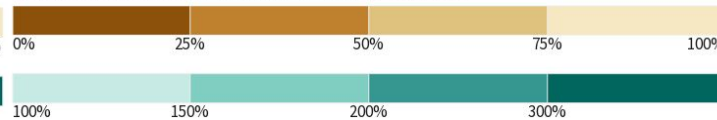
Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System;
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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows, according to USGS data, continue to be well below normal.

Agricultural Impacts

- No known impacts at this time.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- In northern Indiana, all previous Indiana burn bans have been lifted ([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) in the Upper Wabash and Maumee River basins.
- Streamflows are reading 10-24% of normal (orange) in northwest Ohio, northeast Indiana, and southern Michigan.

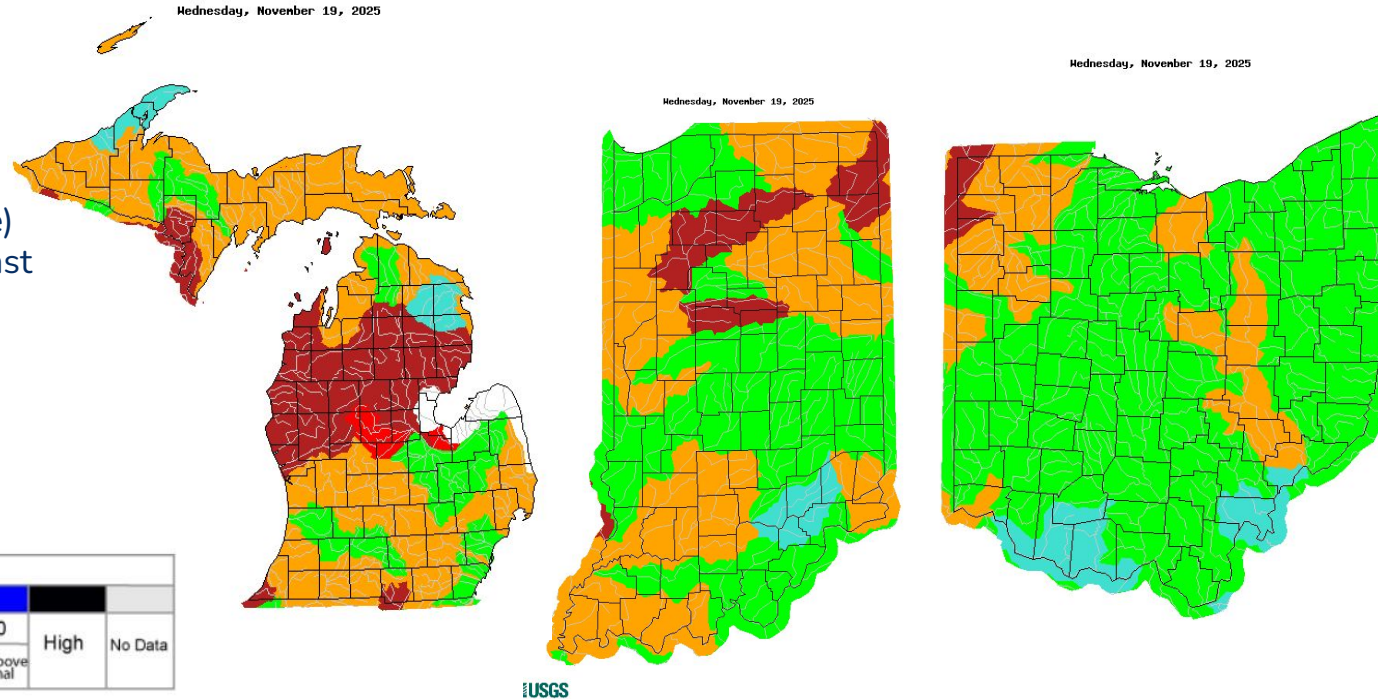


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid November 12

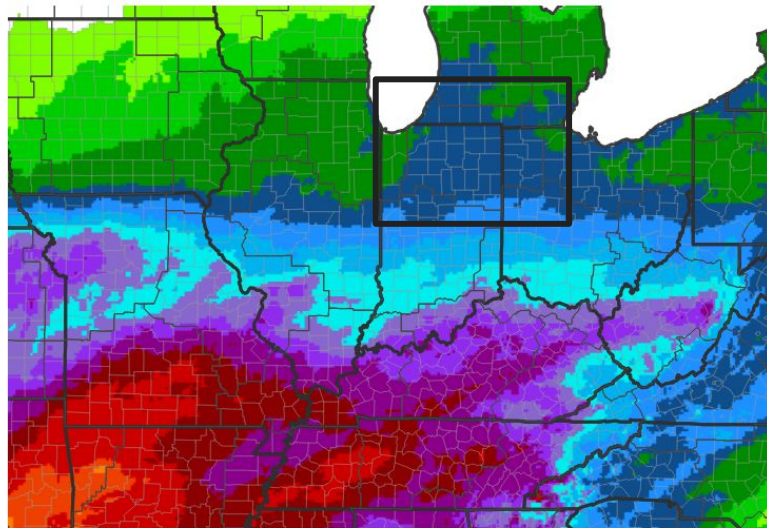




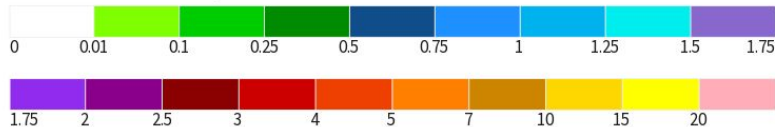
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Two systems passing through, one Friday and another Monday/Tuesday, will bring light rain to the area.
- Through Thanksgiving, rainfall will only amount to 0.50-0.75" at most, which is not enough to offset the ongoing drought.
- Higher precipitation amounts are anticipated in the Ohio River and mid-Mississippi River valleys.
- An active pattern, with additional chances for rain and snow, is possible going into early December.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for November 20, 2025–November 27, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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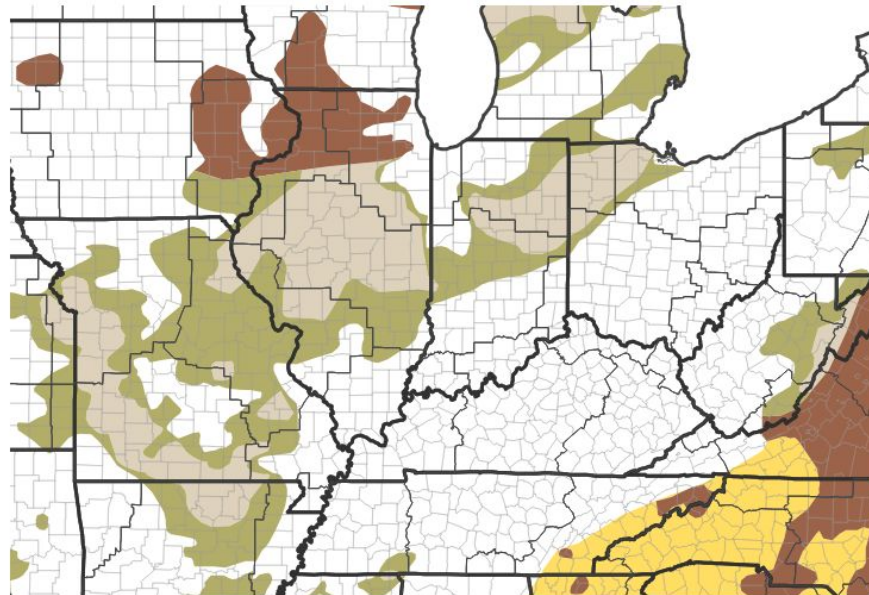


Drought Outlook

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:
 - Year-to-date, Fort Wayne is experiencing the driest year on record (records began in 1897) with a deficit of over 14" for the year.
 - Through 11/19, Fort Wayne has had 21.87" of precipitation for the year. The driest year on record is 1962 with 24.40", so Fort Wayne will need 2.54" of precipitation or more to not be the driest year on record.
 - South Bend is also in a precipitation deficit, but it is not as notable as Fort Wayne. Through 11/19, they are ~5" below normal for the year.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for November 20, 2025–February 28, 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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