



Drought Information Statement for Southern Indiana and Central Kentucky

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- Extreme Drought (D3) remains in central KY (Casey Co.) and far eastern KY
 - Severe Drought (D2) remains in portions of southern and eastern Kentucky
 - Moderate Drought (D1) remains over south central KY
 - Abnormally Dry (D0) stretches across central KY



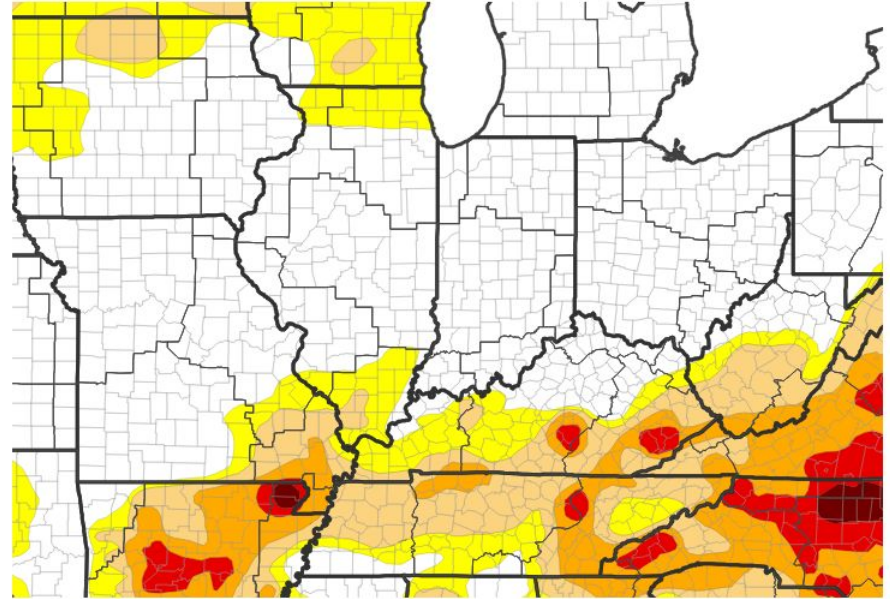


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Southern Indiana and Central Kentucky

- **NOTE: The data cutoff for Drought Monitor is each Tuesday at 8 a.m. EDT.**
- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** A few locations across central and southeast KY
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Portions of southern and eastern Kentucky
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Continues across southern KY
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Stretches across central KY

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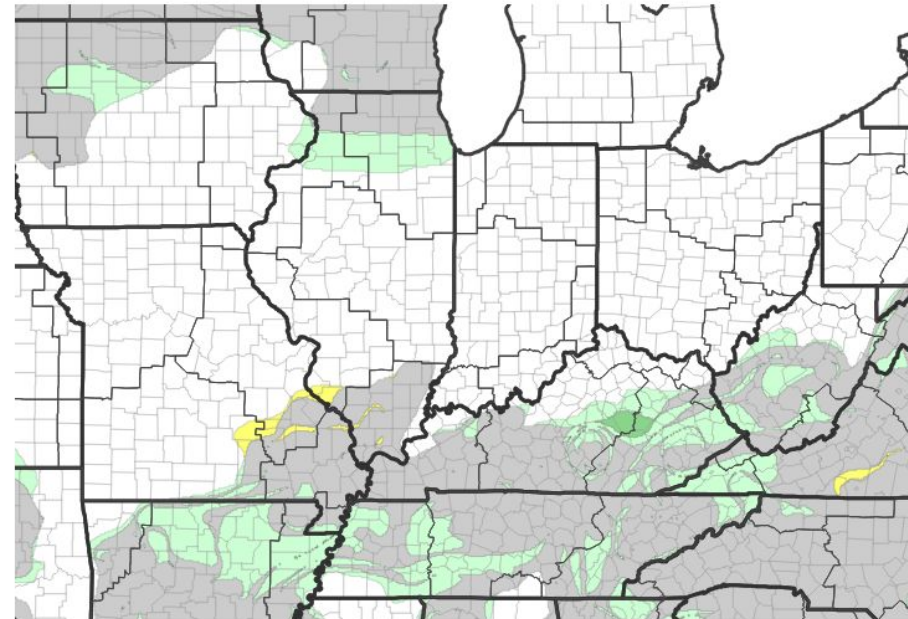


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

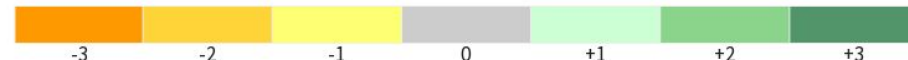
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Southern Indiana and Central Kentucky

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change
 - No change across most of Kentucky
 - One class improvement over portions of central and eastern Kentucky
 - Two class improvement over a portion of east central Kentucky

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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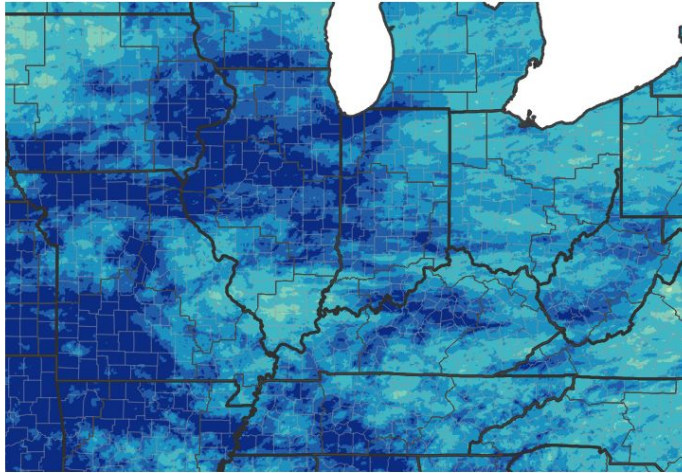




Precipitation

- Over the past 30 days, most of the region received approximately 2 to 8+ inches of rain, with portions of southern Indiana and central Kentucky receiving the highest amounts.
- Most of central Kentucky and south central Indiana experienced above normal precipitation.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

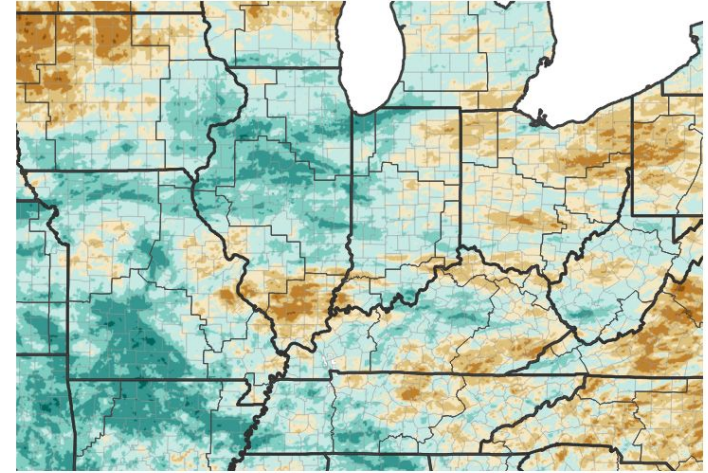


Inches of Precipitation

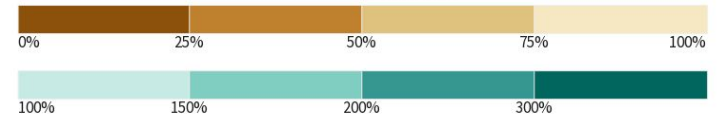


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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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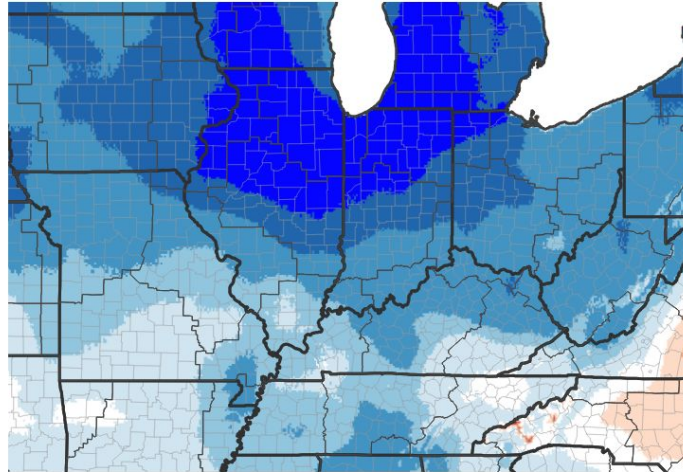




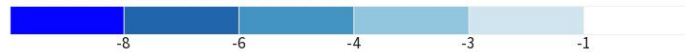
Temperature

- Over the past 7 days, temperatures across southern Indiana and central Kentucky were approximately 1 to 6 degrees below normal.
- 30-Day temperatures were mostly normal to around 1 to 2 degrees below normal.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



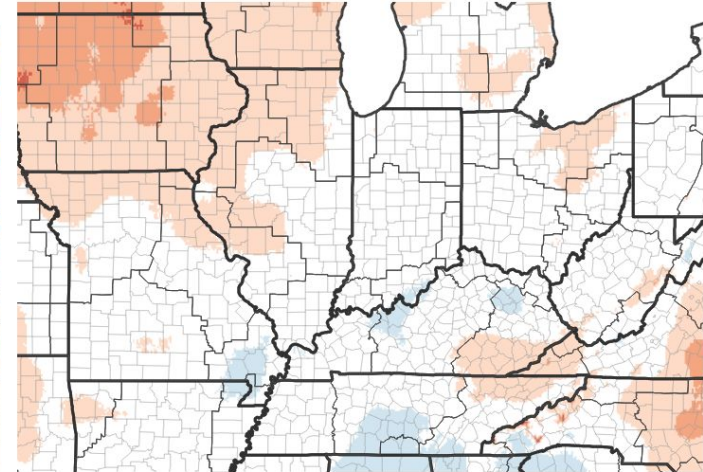
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



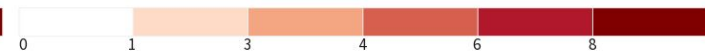
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Summary of Impacts

Sources: University of Kentucky Agriculture Department and Kentucky Division of Water

Hydrologic Impacts

- Precipitation during the past month to month and a half has improved streamflows across the state. However, streamflows in the upper Green and upper Kentucky Rivers remain below normal.
- While most reservoirs have returned to normal pool, several small water supply reservoirs remain low for this time of year. The city of Liberty has begun mandatory conservation due to low levels in Lake Liberty.

Agricultural Impacts

- The US Crop Report shows 19% of topsoil and 26% of subsoil in Kentucky rated as short to very short, an improvement of 6% for topsoil and 5% for subsoil.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There is no wildfire activity or impacts over central Kentucky or southern Indiana at this time (National Interagency Fire Center).

Other Impacts

- As of 6/23, the state averaged 1.84" of precipitation over the past week, 0.58" above normal. Since June 1st, the state has averaged 3.72", 0.1" above normal. (MRCC)





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

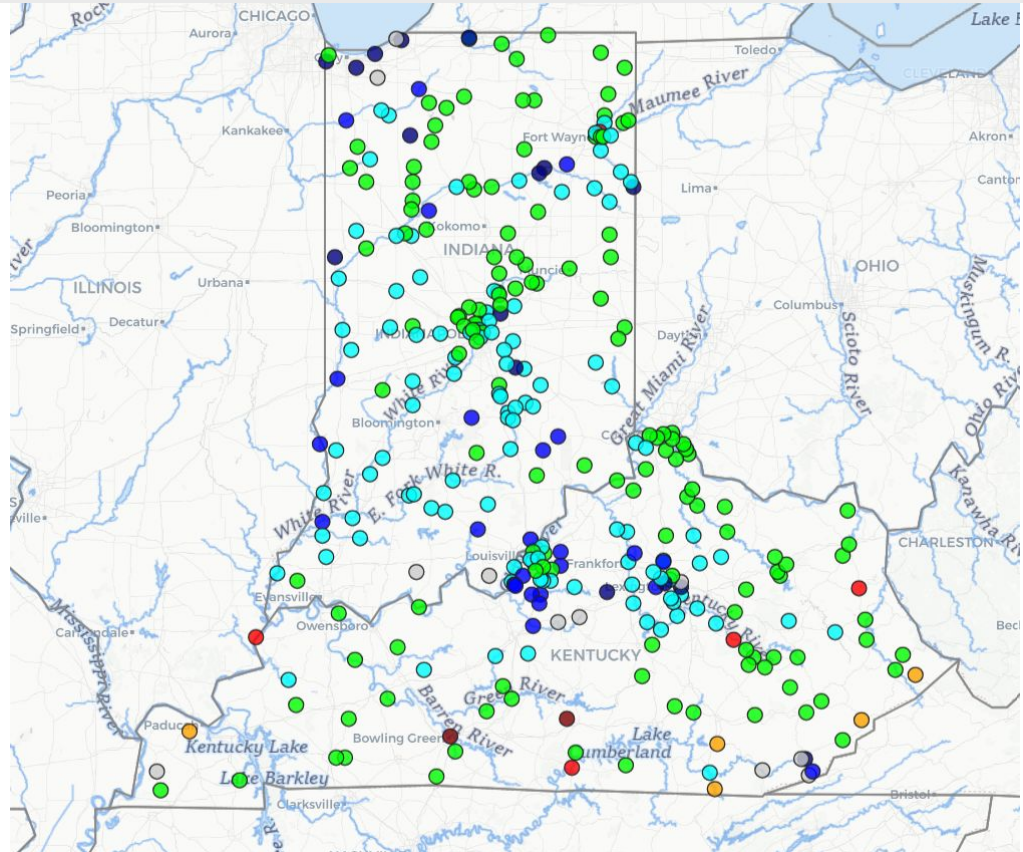
7 Day Average Streamflow

- Many streams are experiencing normal to much above normal flow across central Kentucky and southern Indiana.
- A few locations in the Barren and Cumberland River Basins have below normal flow.

Current 7-Day Average Streamflow Category

Valid: May 8, 2026 — May 14, 2026

- All-time low for this day
- Much below normal
- Below normal
- Normal
- Above normal
- Much above normal
- All-time high for this day
- Not Ranked
- No Data

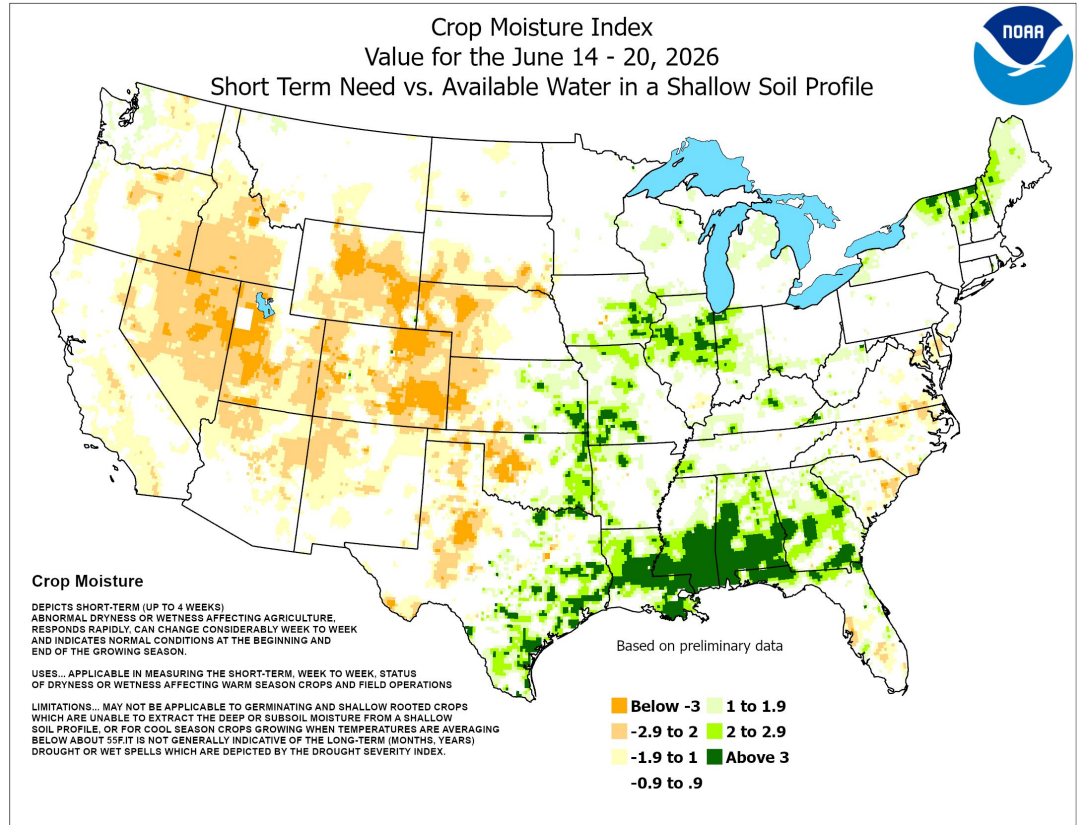




Agricultural Impacts

Source: National Crop Bulletin

- The US Crop Report shows 19 percent of topsoil is short to very short for Kentucky.
- The US Crop Report shows 3 percent of topsoil is short to very short for Indiana.
- The Crop Moisture Index is 0 to above 3 and in overall good condition for southern Indiana and central Kentucky.
- Recent wet conditions have resulted in some water supply improvements, however, shortages still remain in several small water supply reservoirs.

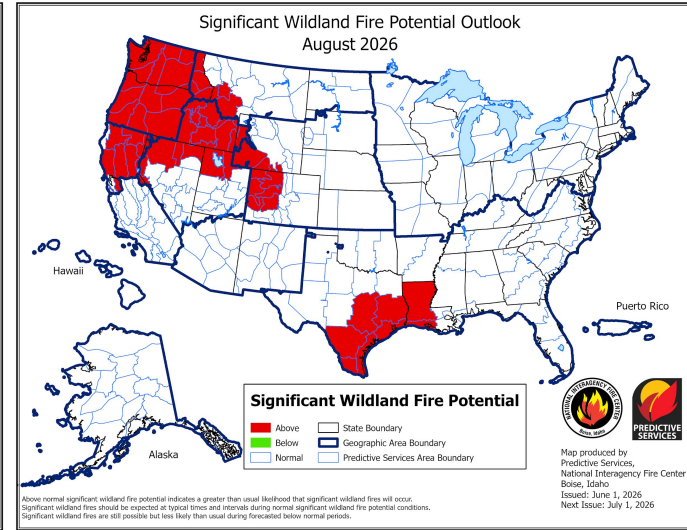
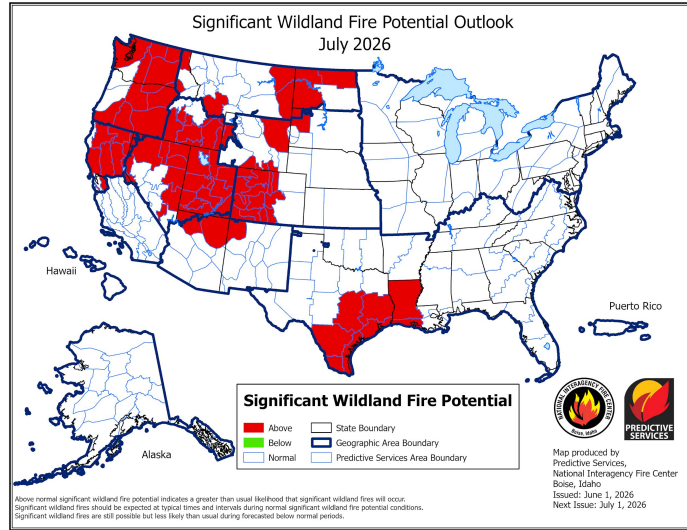




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- As of now, no significant wildfire potential exists through August.
- There are currently no burn bans reported for any counties in Indiana or Kentucky as of 6/26/2026.

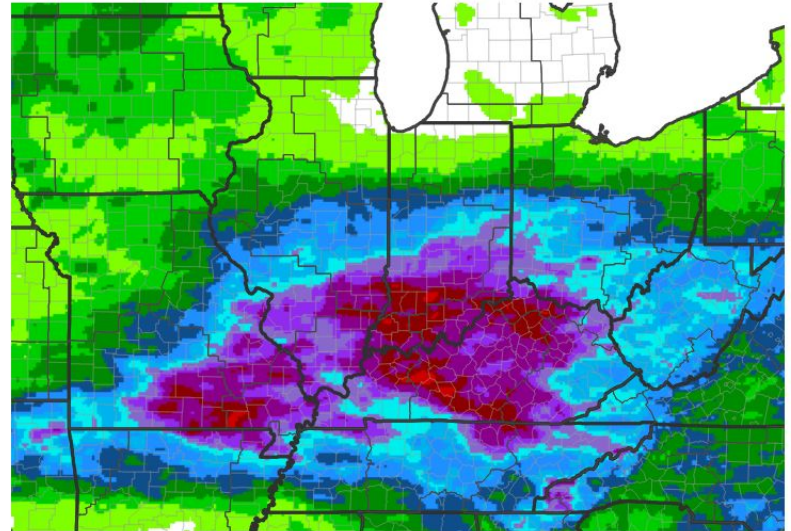




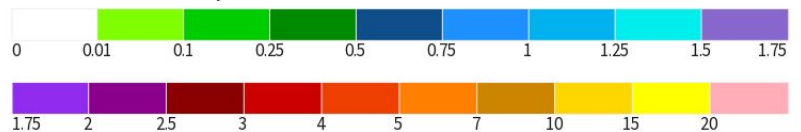
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Rounds of showers and thunderstorms will continue through Sunday Night. As of now, expect 1.5 to 3+ inches of rain through the weekend. Locally higher amounts possible.
- A pattern change will bring dry and hot conditions starting Monday through much of next week.
- Small chances of precipitation may arrive for the second half of the week.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for June 26, 2026–July 3, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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8-14 Day Significant Hazards Outlook

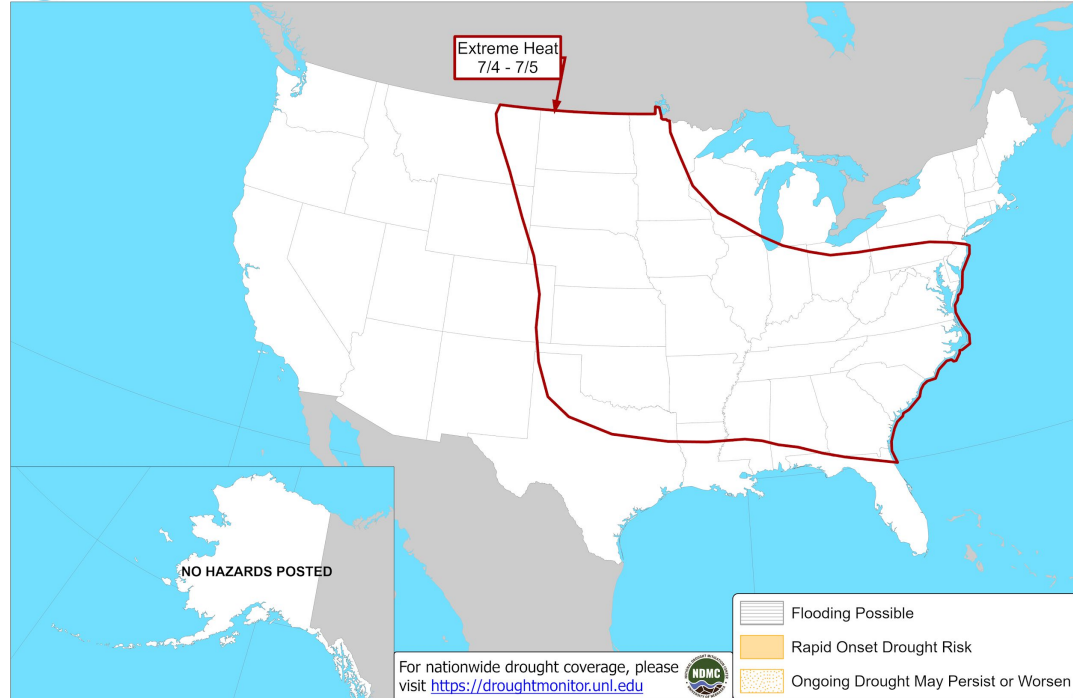
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- Extreme Heat will be possible 7/4-7/5 over much of central and eastern U.S.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

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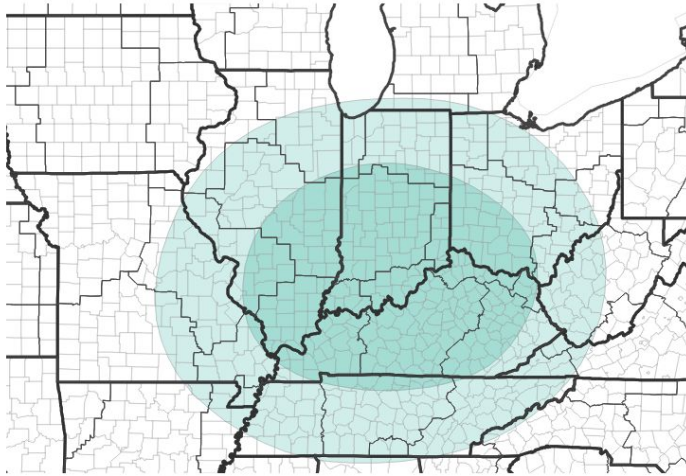


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- There is a 40 to 50 percent chance of seeing above-normal precipitation throughout the month of July.
- There are roughly equal chances of normal temperatures across southern Indiana and central KY throughout the month of July.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



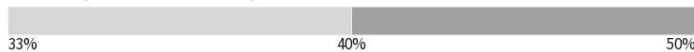
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



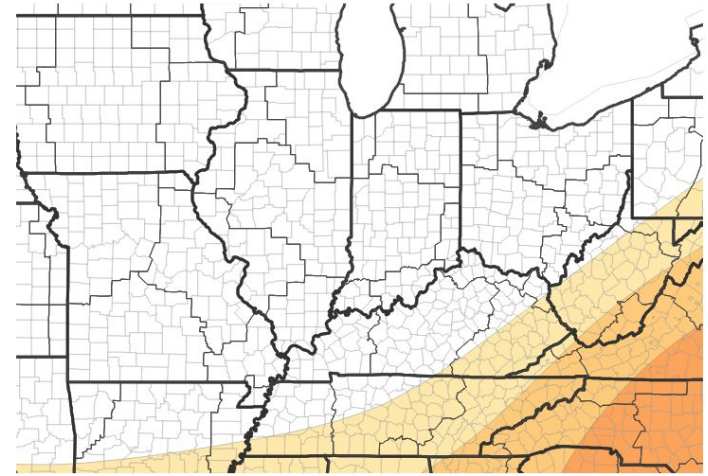
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



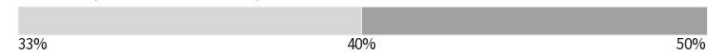
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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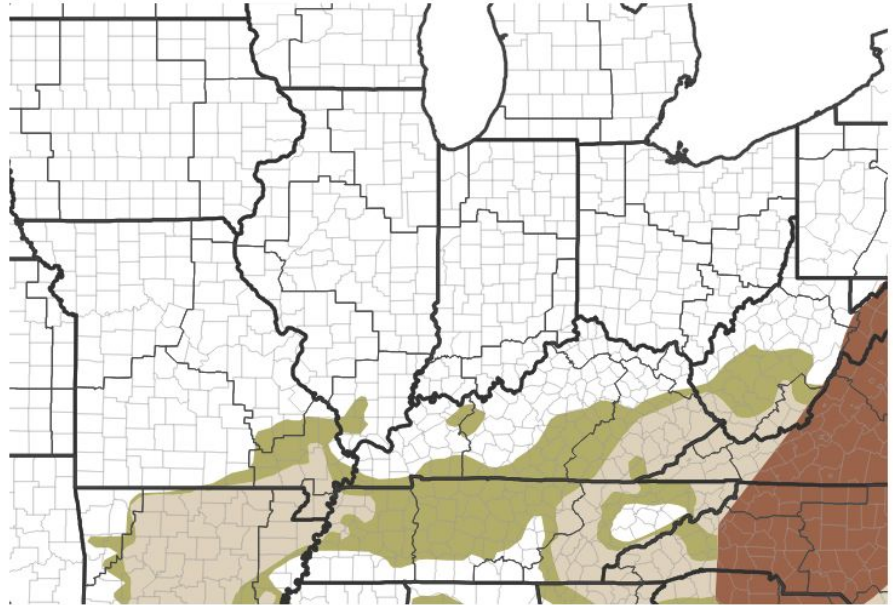


Drought Outlook

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- With another weekend of beneficial rainfall forecasted, improvements in drought status are possible initially.
- A dry, hot pattern for the upcoming week may result in status quo or worsening drought conditions over the next few weeks.
- The Seasonal Drought Outlook (July-Sep) calls for improving or ending drought conditions across much of KY.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 18, 2026–September 30, 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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