



Drought Information Statement for Northeast Illinois and Northwest Indiana

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- No updates are currently scheduled.
 - Current statements: drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
 - Previous local statements: www.weather.gov/lot/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
 - Regional Updates: www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/?dews_region=54&state=All
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- Drought conditions have generally improved across the area.

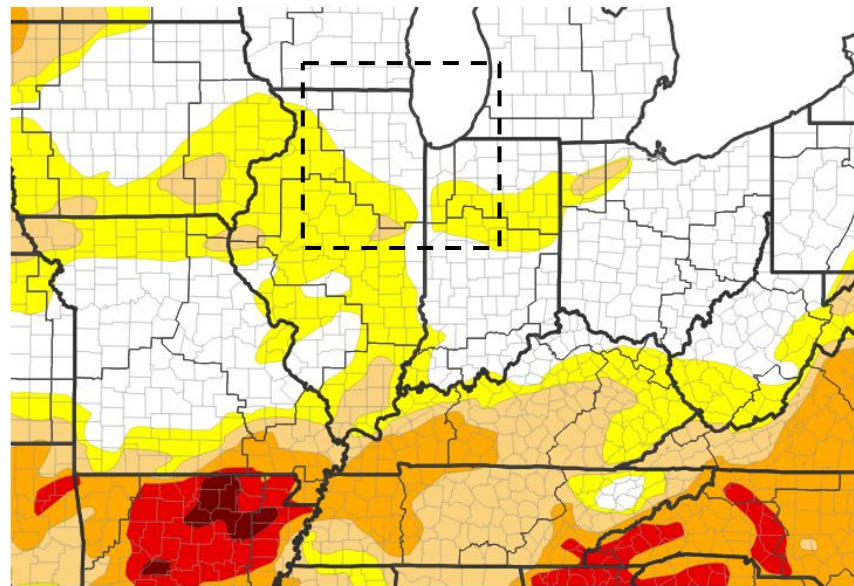


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: In Illinois: Portions of Ford County.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: In Illinois: Portions of Ogle, Lee, La Salle, Livingston, Ford, Iroquois counties. In Indiana: Portions of Newton, Jasper, Benton counties.

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

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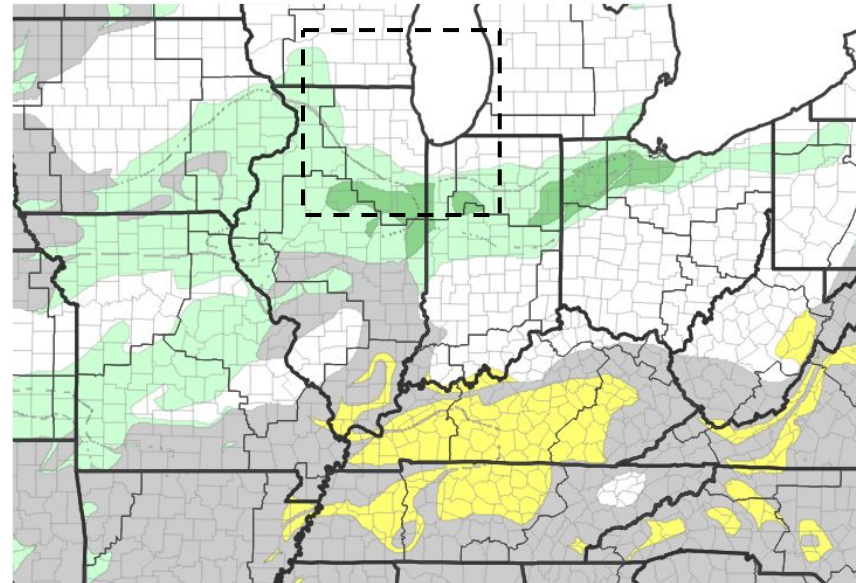


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

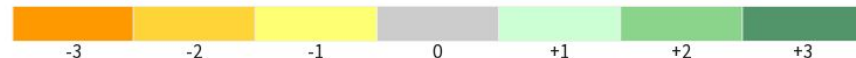
Link to the latest [drought changes map](#)

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - 2-category improvement in portions of central and east central Illinois, including most of Livingston, Ford, Iroquois counties.
 - 1-category improvement elsewhere in northwestern and central Illinois. Also 1-category improvement in west central Indiana.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



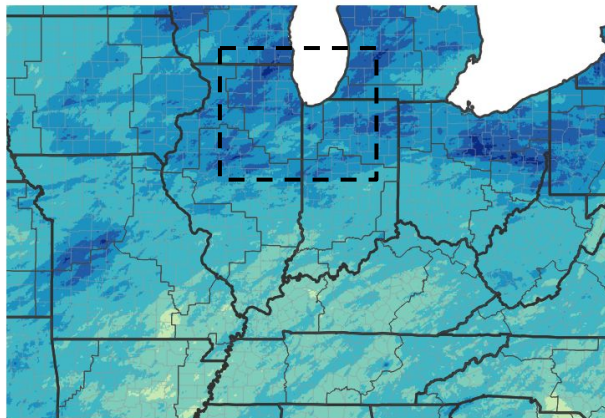


Precipitation

Link to [latest temperature and precipitation maps from MRCC](#)

- 30-day precipitation has been above average across the area.
- The most anomalously above average precipitation generally occurred in portions of north central and northeastern Illinois.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



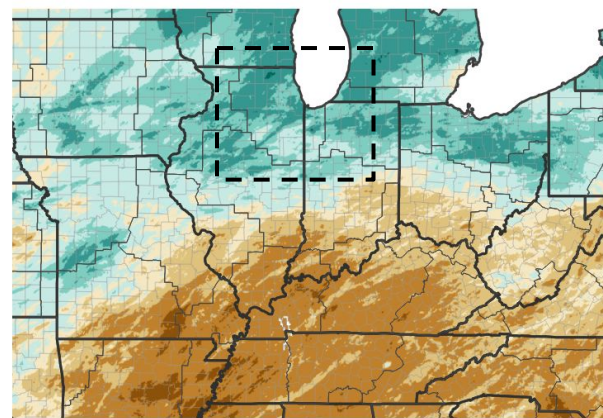
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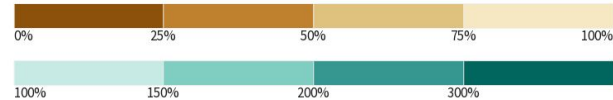
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

View or submit a [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Almost all rivers across northern Illinois are near average to above average. A few rivers in central and east central Illinois and northwestern Indiana are below average.
Soil moisture sensors across northeastern Illinois indicate generally near average levels, but recent trends are falling to just below average.
A few groundwater sensors across northeastern Illinois indicate water table levels below average.

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known burn bans in effect across the NWS Chicago forecast area.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

- None reported.

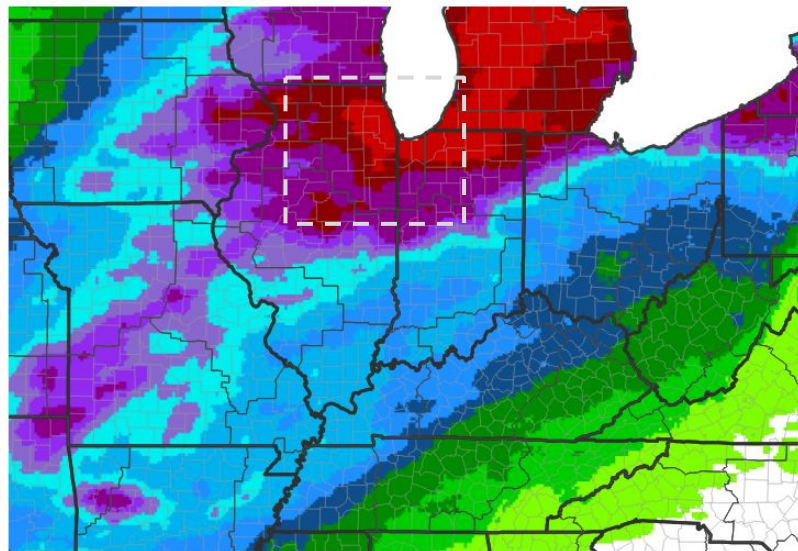




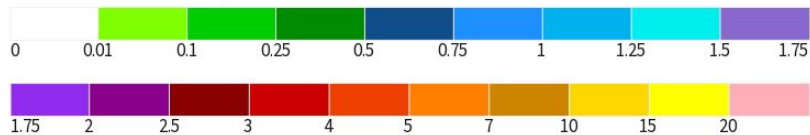
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Multiple periods of rainfall is forecasted across the area over the next 7 days.
- Some areas may see rainfall totals of 2-4 inches.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for April 13, 2026–April 20, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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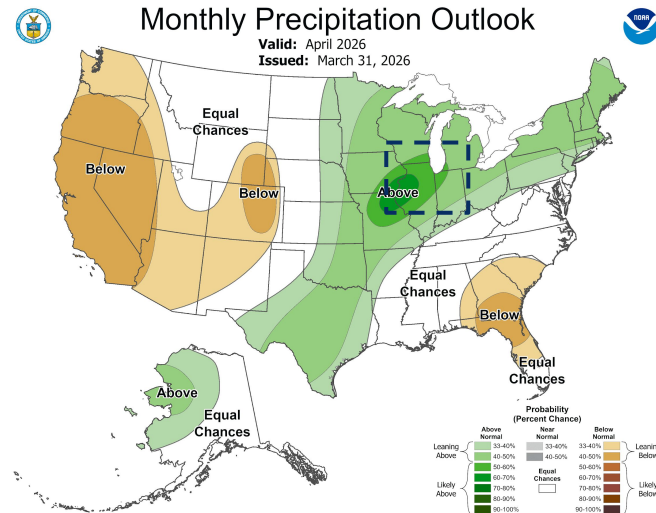
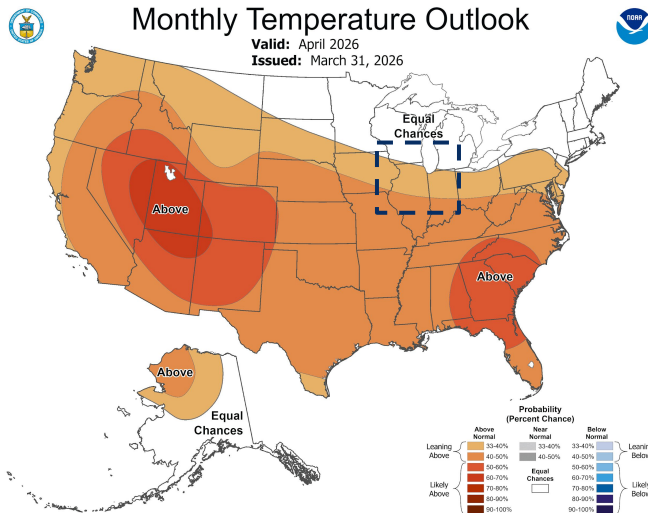
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Long-Range Outlooks

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- Above average precipitation is favored for the month of April across the area.
- Above average temperatures are slightly favored.



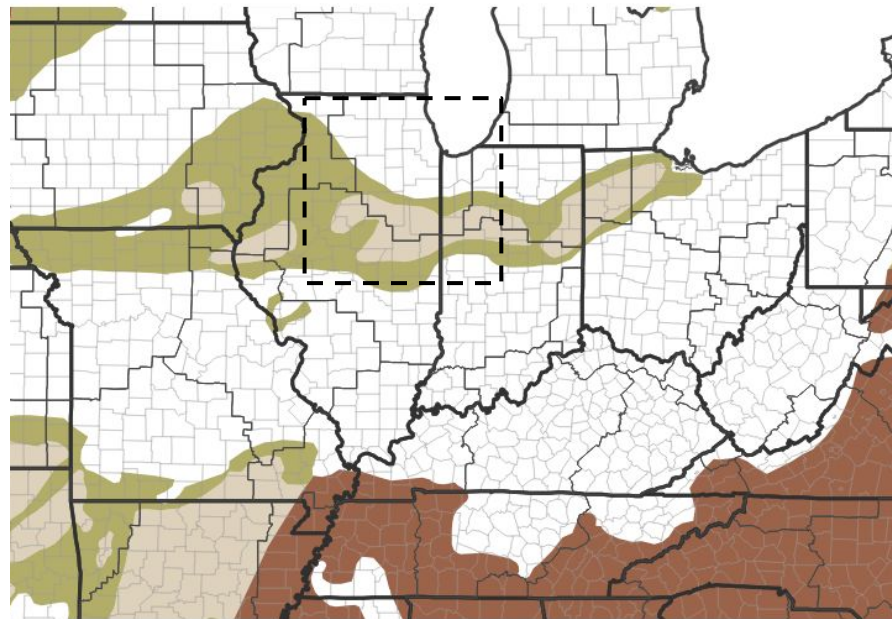


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- The monthly drought outlook from the Climate Prediction Center indicates that drought is likely to improve across Illinois and Indiana.

1-Month Drought Outlook for April 1, 2026–April 30, 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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