



Drought Information Statement for Northeast Illinois and Northwest Indiana

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- No updates to this product are currently scheduled unless drought conditions worsen significantly
 - Current statements: drought.gov/drought-information-statements
 - Previous local statements: www.weather.gov/lot/DroughtInformationStatement
 - Regional Updates: www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/?dews_region=54&state=All
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- Drought conditions are worsening and expanding across Illinois.
 - Severe drought conditions have developed in central Illinois and moderate drought conditions have expanded across much of northern Illinois.



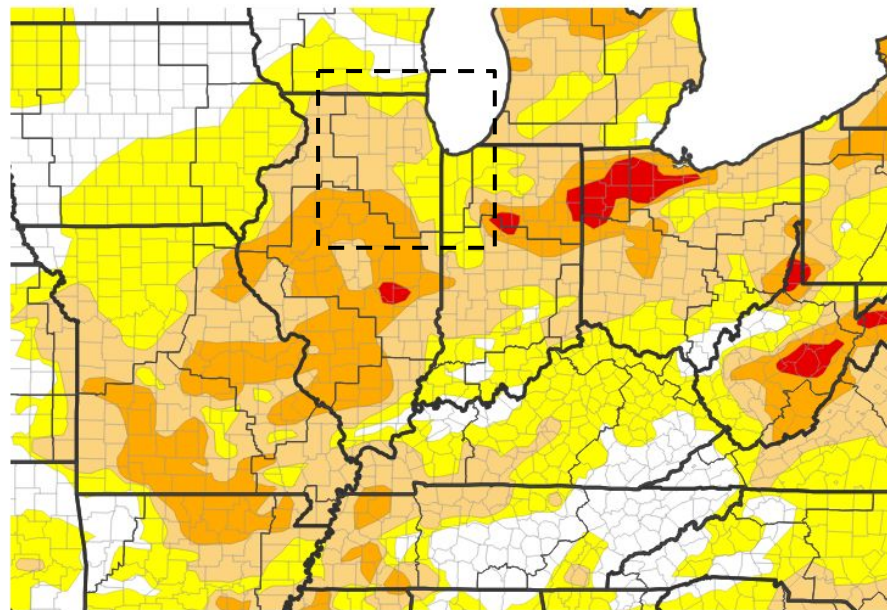


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of Ford, Iroquois, LaSalle, and Livingston counties in IL
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: At least portions of all remaining northern IL counties, and a portion of Jasper County, IN
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: All remaining areas of northern Illinois and northwestern Indiana

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

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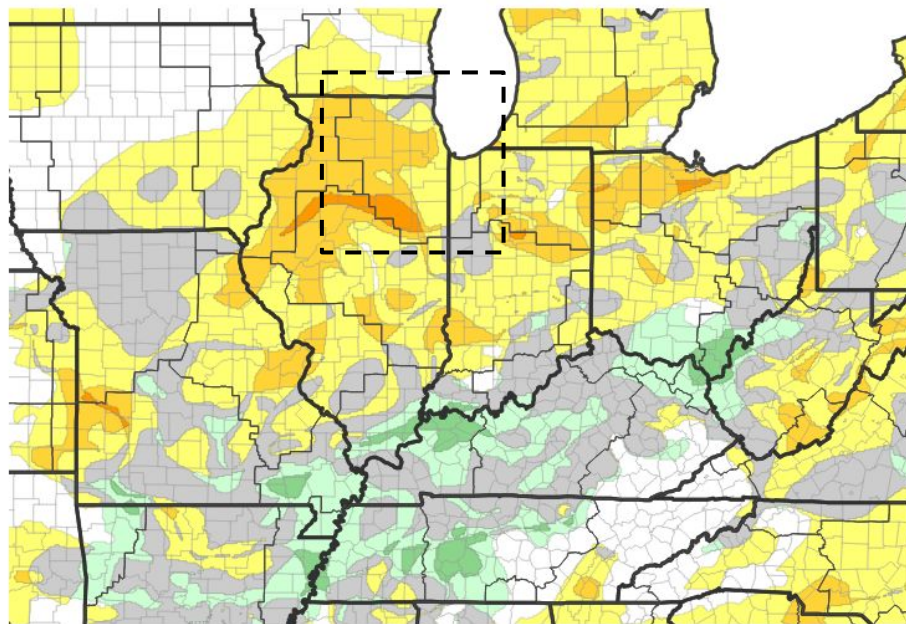


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

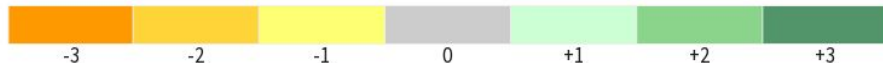
Link to the [latest 4-week change map](#) for the lower Midwest

- Four Week Drought Monitor Change
 - All areas of northern Illinois and northwestern Indiana saw worsening drought conditions over the past four weeks.
 - Portions of central Illinois saw a change from no drought or abnormally dry conditions to severe drought conditions.

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Change



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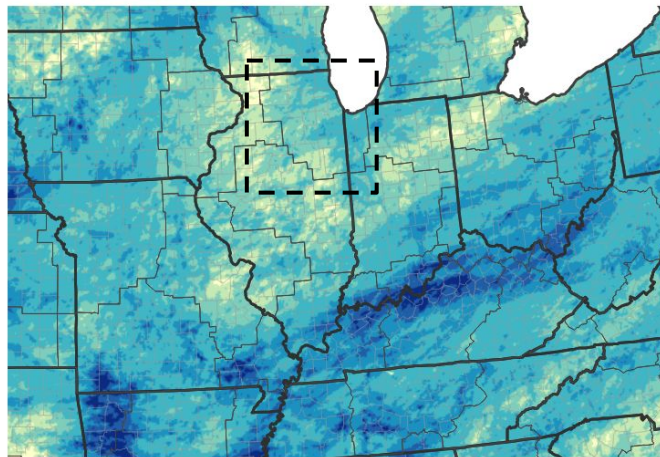




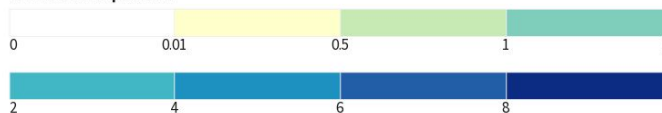
Precipitation

- 30-day precipitation was below average to much below average in most areas of northern Illinois and northwestern Indiana.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



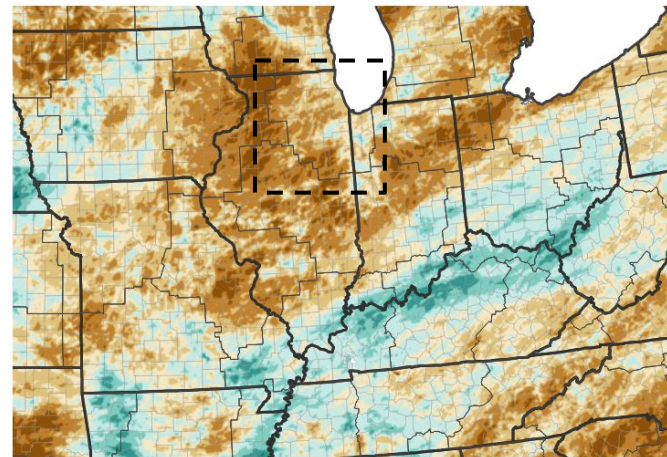
Inches of Precipitation



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

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Below to much below average streamflow on area rivers, creeks, and streams.
- Low water levels on some creeks and ponds.

Agricultural Impacts

- Below average crop yields and poor pasture conditions in and near central Illinois.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Harvesting amid the dry conditions sparked a number of crop fires recently, burning some hundreds of acres in area around parts of central and northern Illinois.
- Burn bans are in effect for select counties in Illinois and northwestern [Indiana](#).

Other Impacts

- There are no other known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

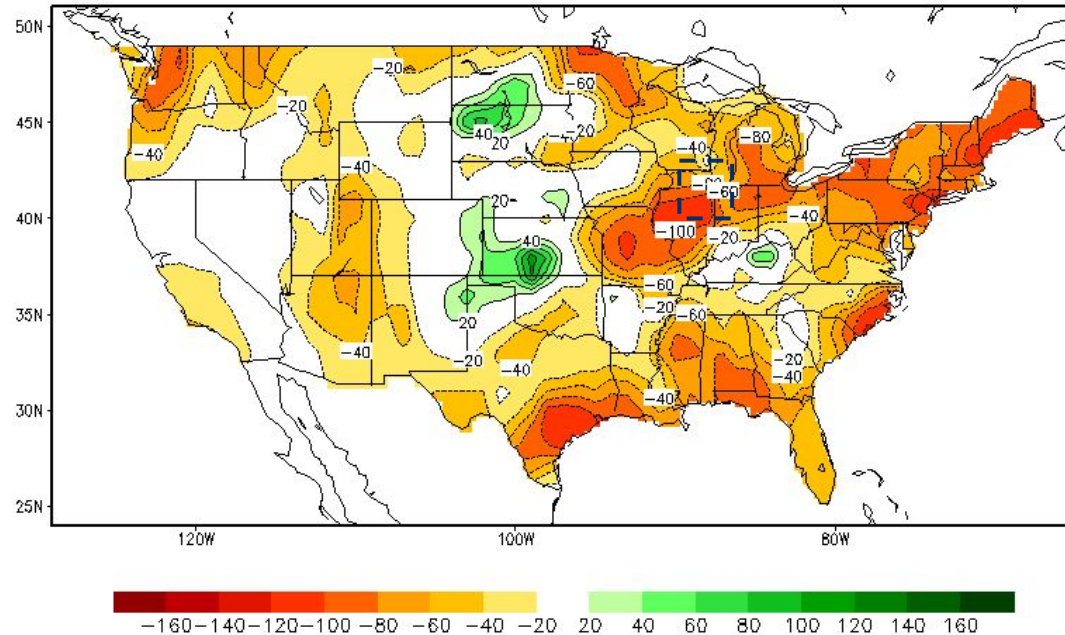




Agricultural Impacts

- Below average crop yields and poor pasture conditions in and near central Illinois.
- Dormant or browning lawns.
- Dry, cracked soil.
- Early fall leaf drop from trees.

Calculated Soil Moisture Anomaly (mm)
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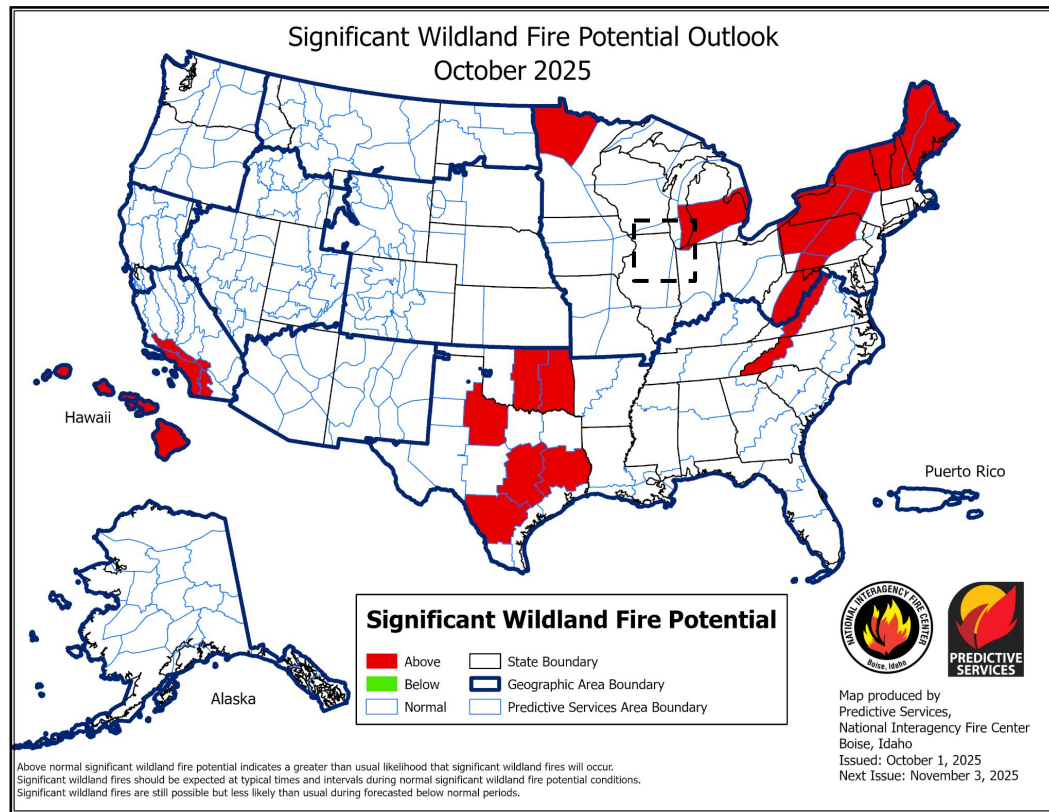


Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Fire spread risk is elevated, but no significant wildfire risk at this time for northern Illinois and northwestern Indiana.
- Burn bans are in effect in Ford, Iroquois, and a number of other counties around central Illinois, as well as Newton, Jasper, and Benton counties in Indiana.
- Open burning is discouraged in other areas.

Latest Indiana Burn Ban map available [here](#).



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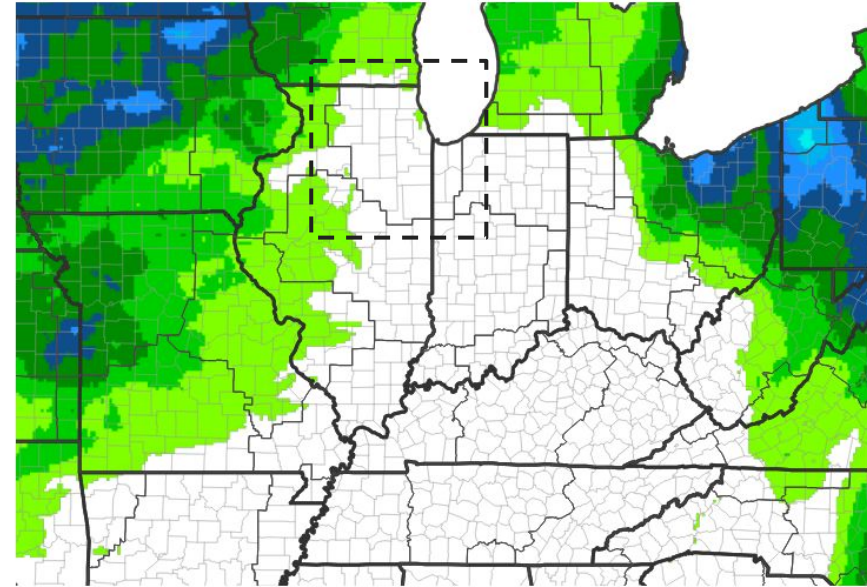
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Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Little to no rain is expected around the local area for at least the next week.
- Any rain that does fall over the next seven days is expected to be isolated and mainly light, and thus will likely not lead to an improvement in drought conditions.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 9, 2025–October 16, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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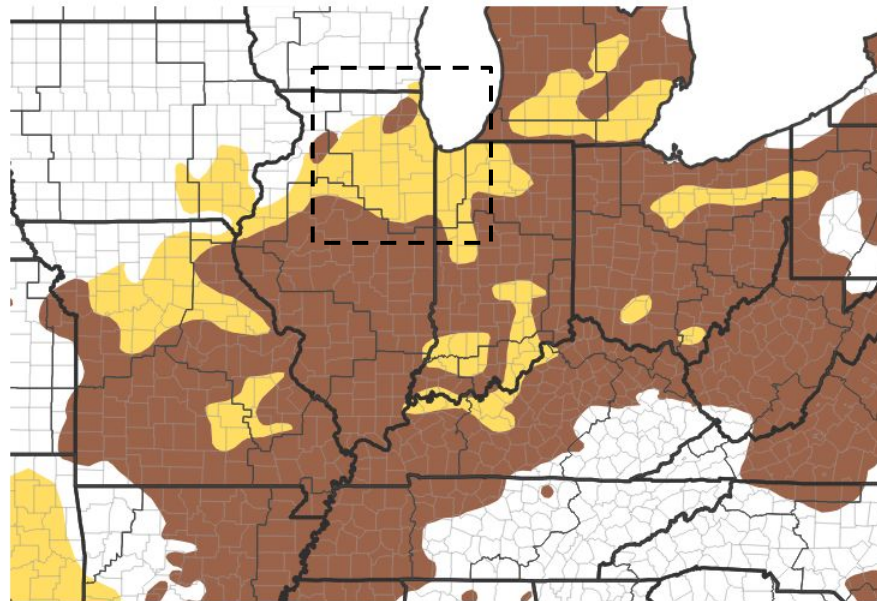


Drought Outlook

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

- Drought conditions are anticipated to persist and possibly worsen/expand further through the end of the month.

1-Month Drought Outlook for November 1, 2025–November 30, 2025



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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