



Drought Information Statement for Eastern Ohio, Northern West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania Valid October 30, 2025

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- This product will be updated November 13, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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- Continued improvement in drought conditions due to recent rainfall.
 - Extreme Drought (D3) conditions remain for a portion of eastern Tucker county.



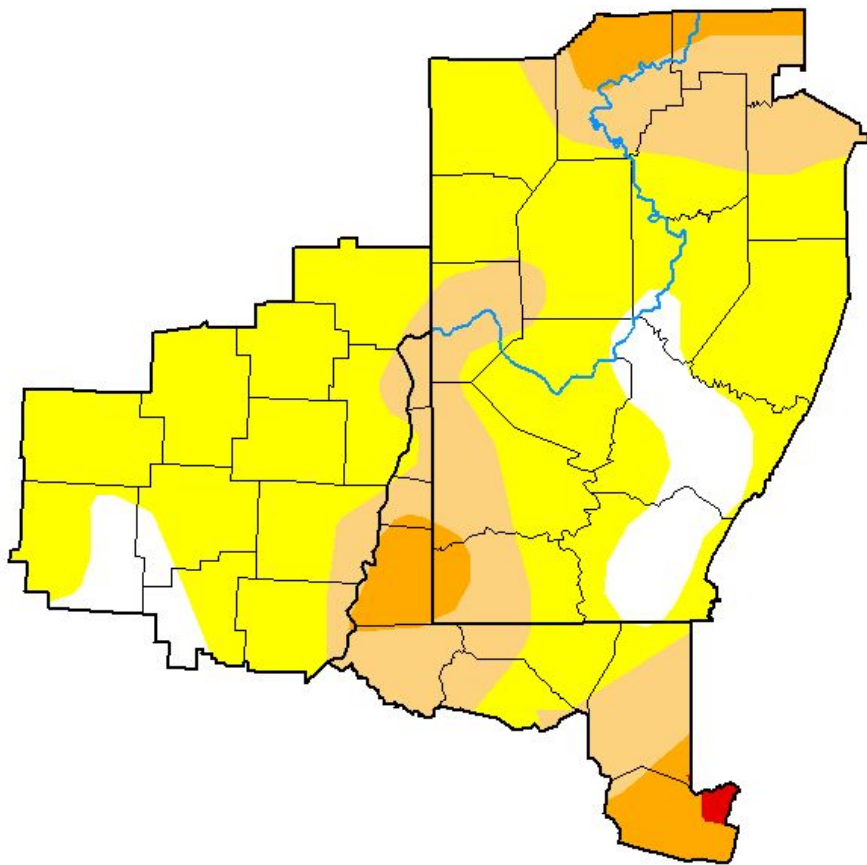


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of eastern Tucker.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Ohio, Marshall, Tucker and Preston in WV; Belmont, Washington, Greene, Venango, and Forest in PA.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Portions of eastern OH along the Ohio River, western PA west of I-79 and north of highway 422.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Most of eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

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	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.59	90.41	30.01	7.35	0.27	0.00
Last Week 10-21-2025	9.52	90.48	40.74	7.21	0.27	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-29-2025	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-07-2025	52.42	47.58	27.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	0.54	99.46	64.11	15.49	3.53	0.00
One Year Ago 10-29-2024	11.43	88.57	69.73	56.20	29.48	10.30

Intensity:
None D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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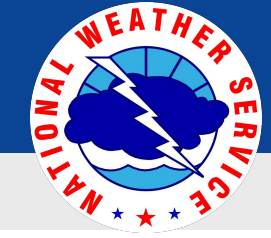


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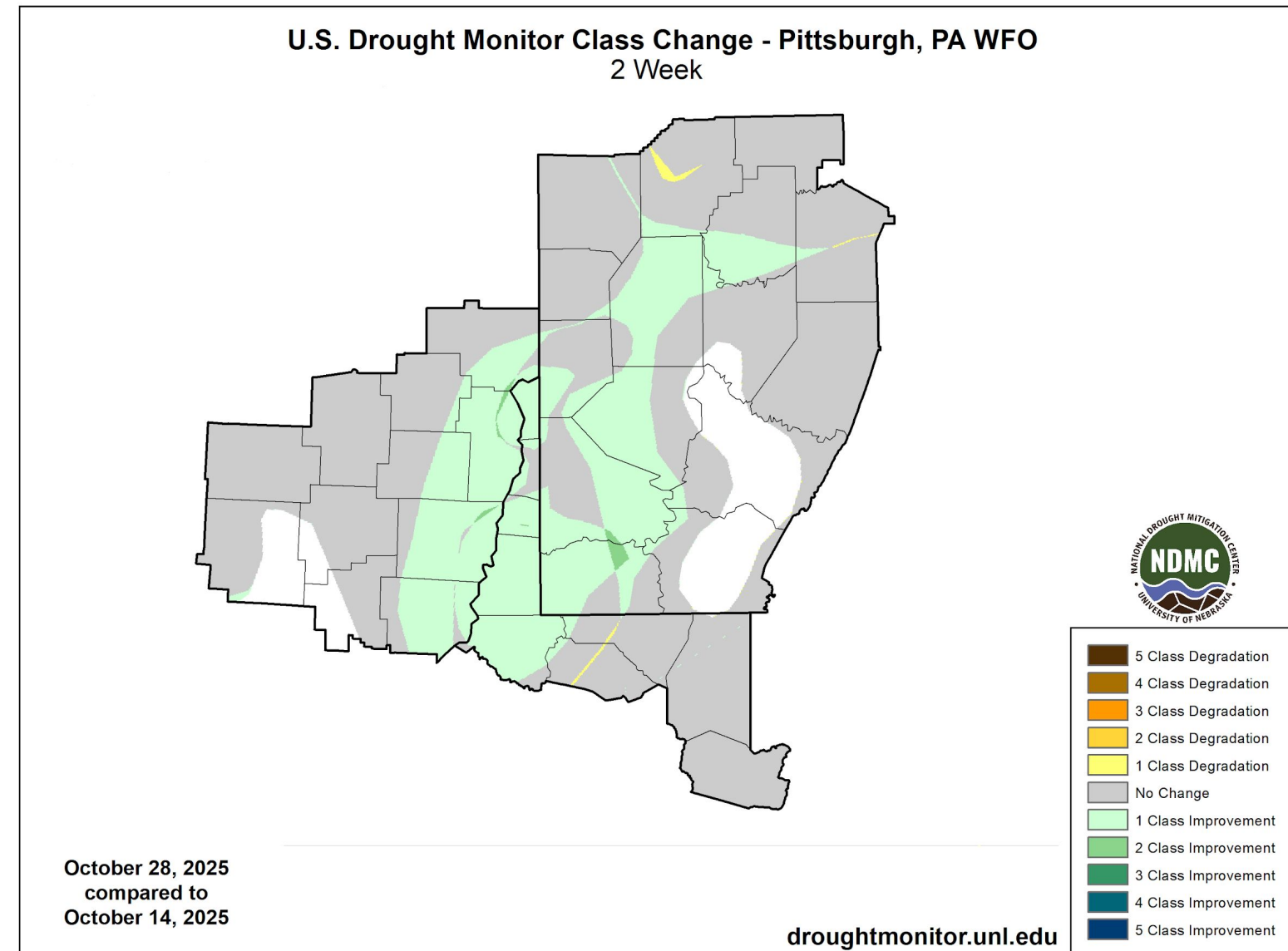
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [2-week change map](#) for eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania

- Two Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Worsened:** None
 - **No Change:** areas designated as D0 remained status quo.
 - **Drought Improved:** across eastern Ohio, the northern WV panhandle, and western PA along I-79.

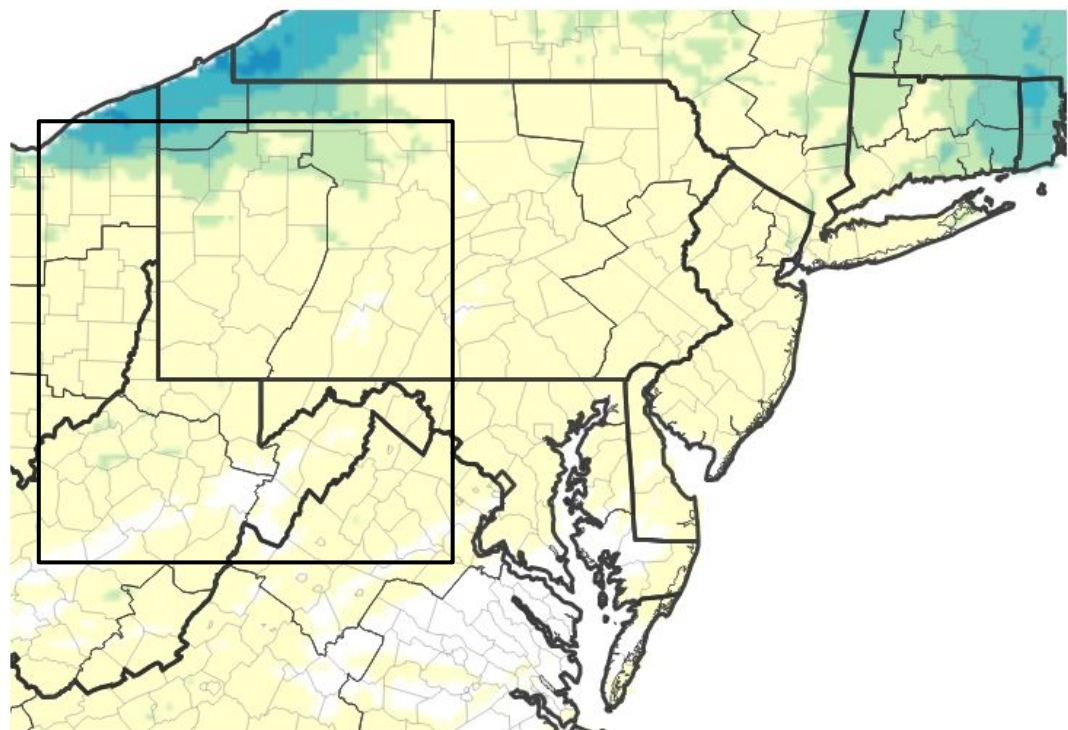




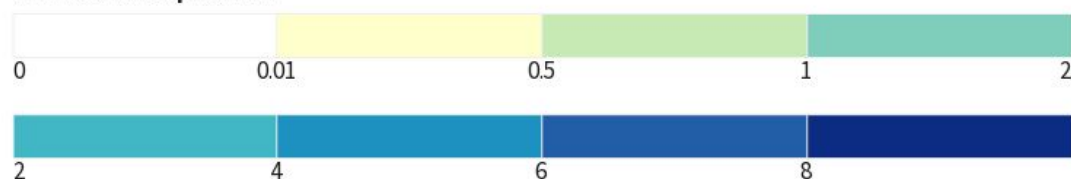
Precipitation

- Only light precipitation fell over areas north of I-80 in the last 7 days, which kept most of the area at 25% of normal or less.
- Still for the last 30 days (graphic not shown), precipitation is still running at 75% of normal

NWPS 7-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



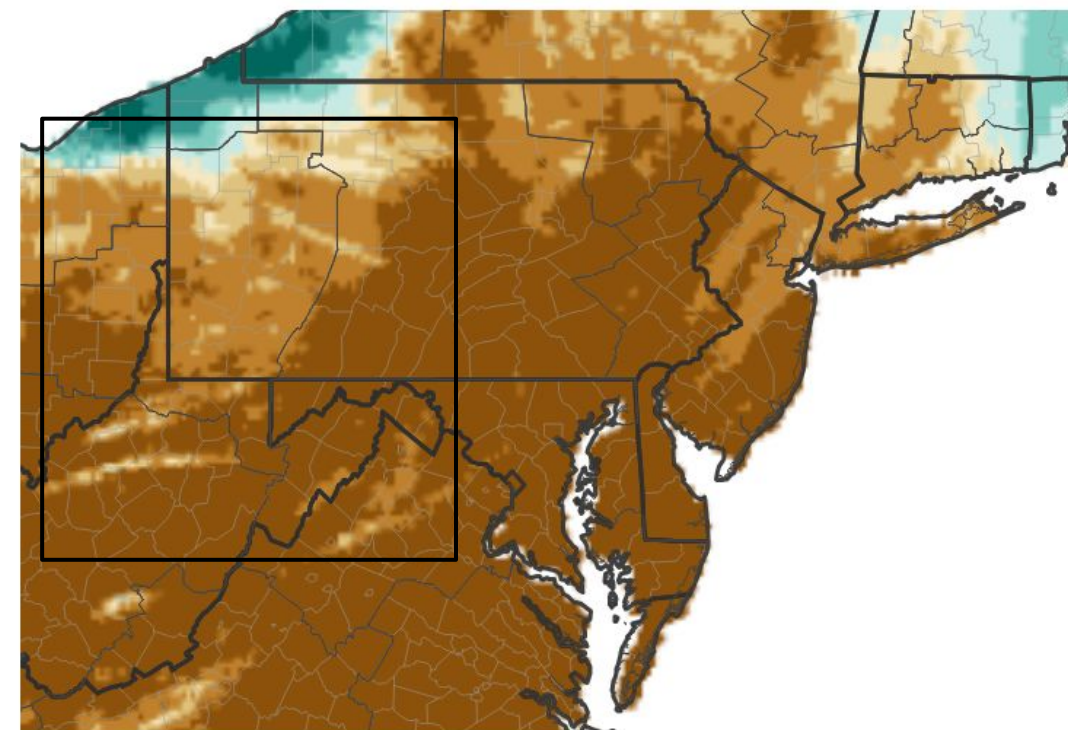
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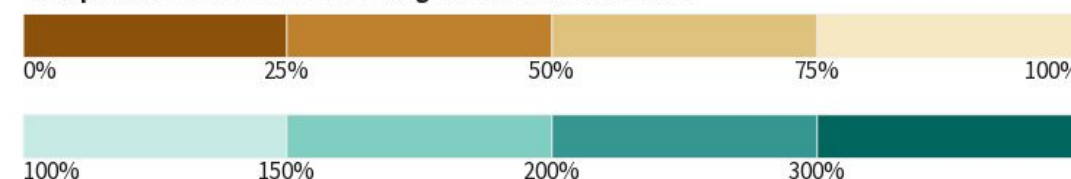
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Data Valid: 10/27/25

7-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows running near normal except in the Youghiogheny and Cheat basins.
- Soil moisture near or slightly below average across the entire region.
- Some private wells are low.

Agricultural Impacts

- Some impacts continue:
 - Grasslands affected, feeding hay to cattle sooner. Some farmers unable to get a second cut of hay and need to rely on purchasing.
 - Farmers hauling water for livestock as wells/ponds have dried up.
 - Some selling of livestock reported.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire Risk is above normal.

Mitigation Actions

- A few PA townships reporting voluntary water restrictions.
- A Drought Watch has been issued by the PA DEP and Drought Task Force for several counties in PA. Water conservation is encouraged.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows are running below average for portions of the Cheat and Youghiogheny basin.
- Some of the local reservoirs have responded as a result of the rain but others continue to gradually fall.
- No impacts to navigation noted locally.

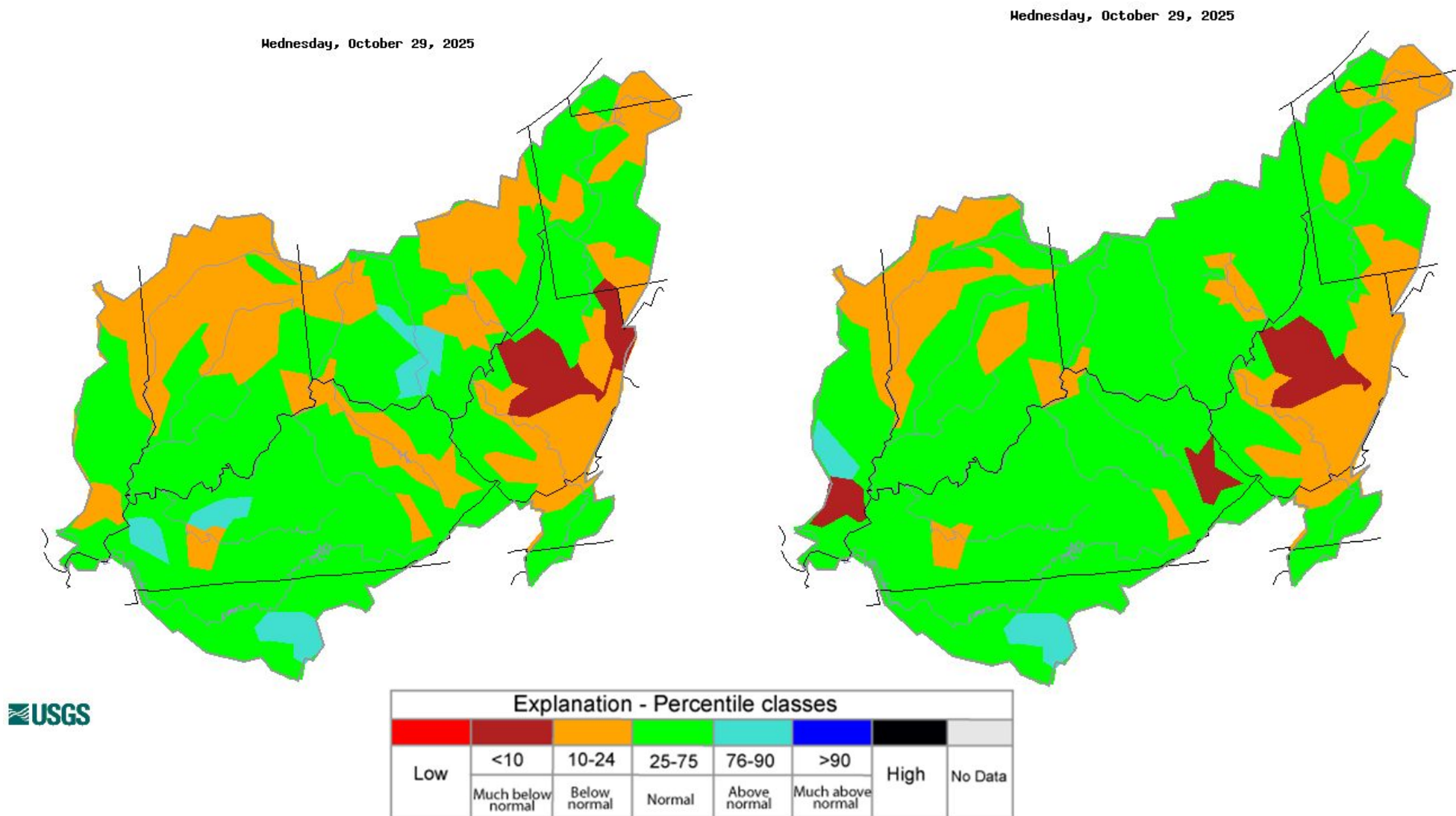
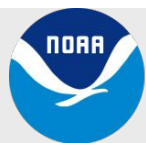


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow (left) and USGS 14 day average streamflow (right) HUC map valid 10/30/2025

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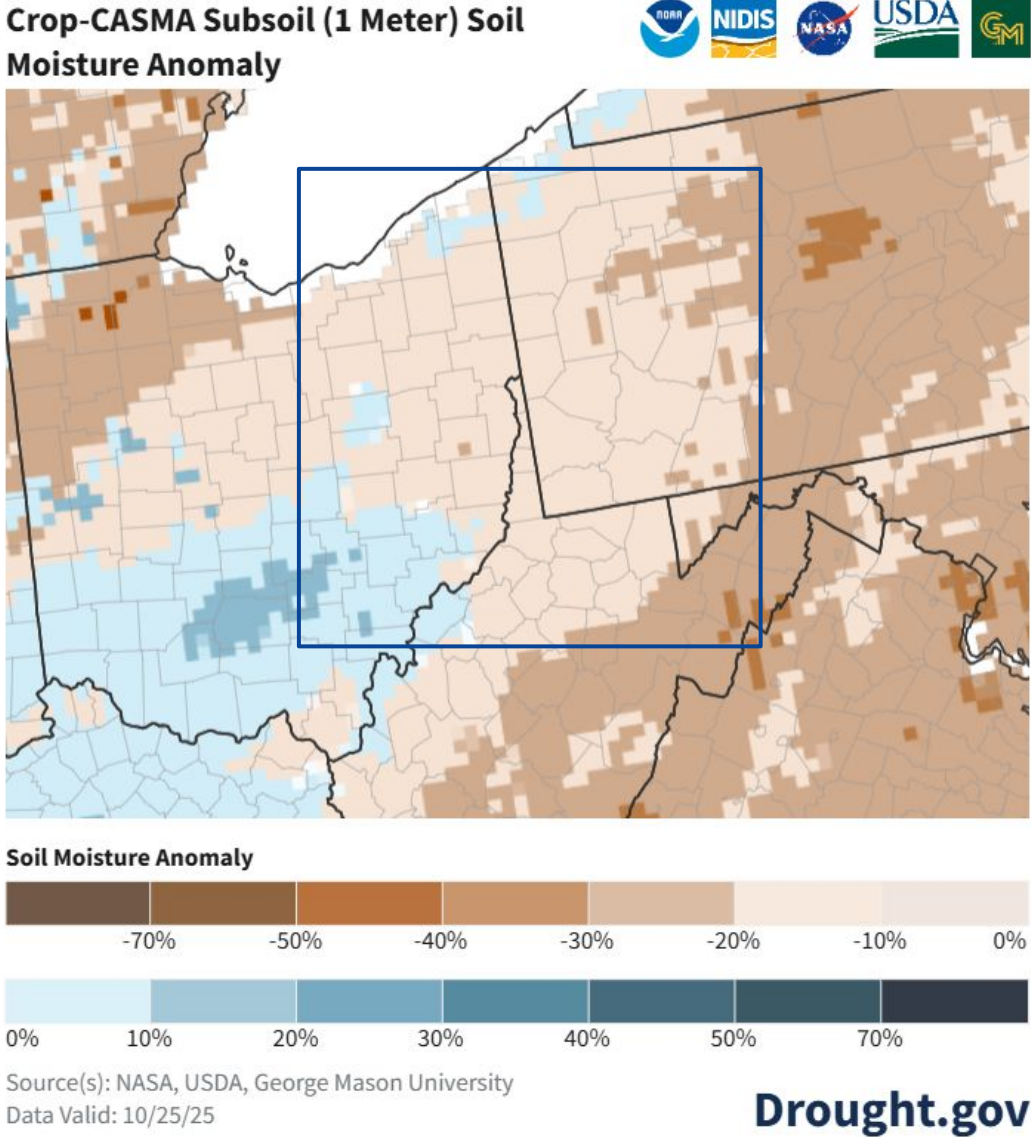
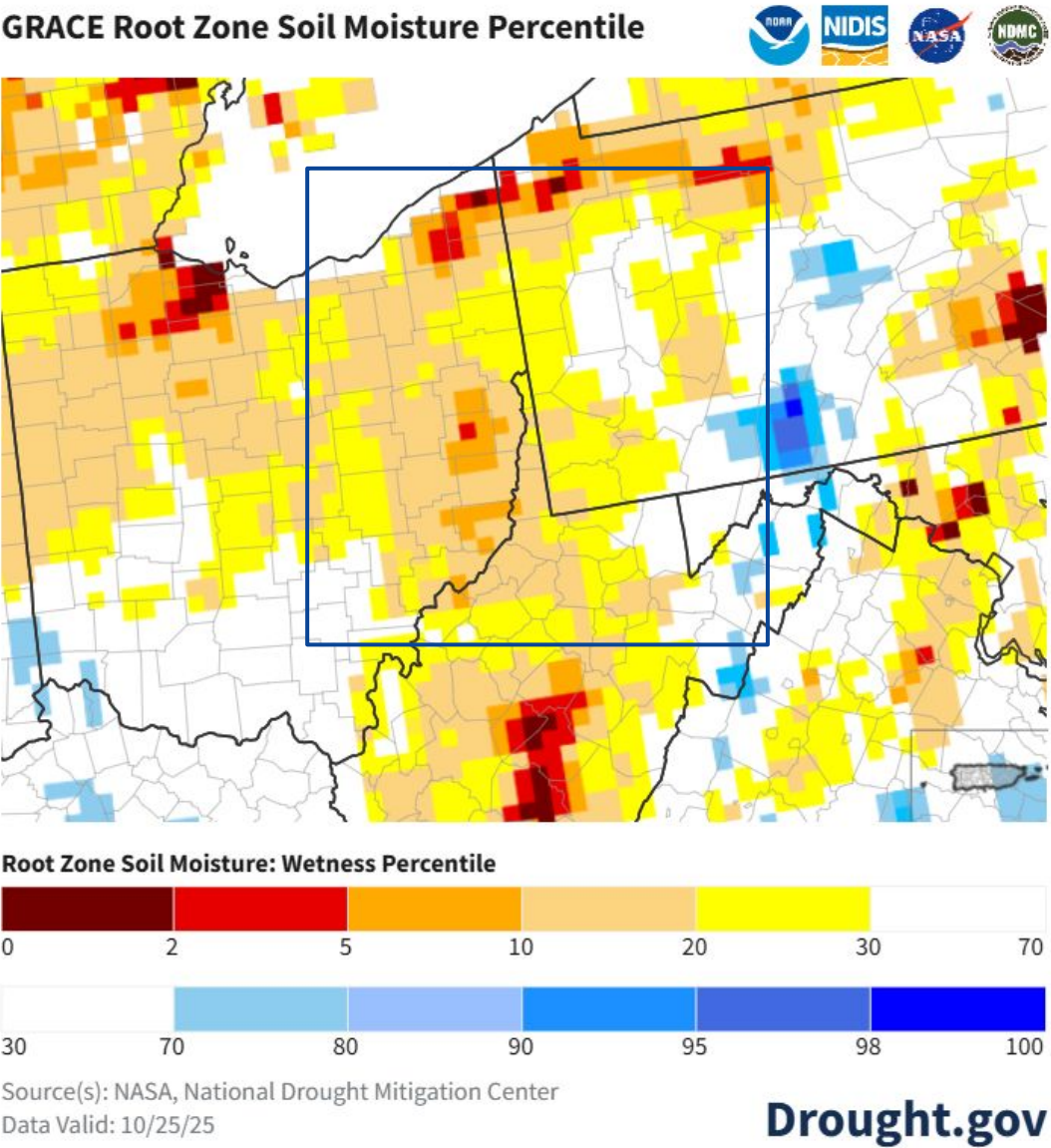
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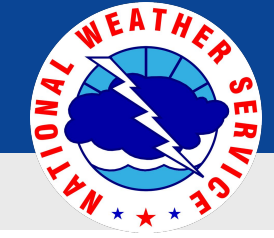
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Agricultural Impacts

- There remain some pockets of drier soils across the upper Ohio valley but some improvement is noted in eastern OH and northern WV.
- There continue to remain impacts, such as supplemental feeding and hauling of water.

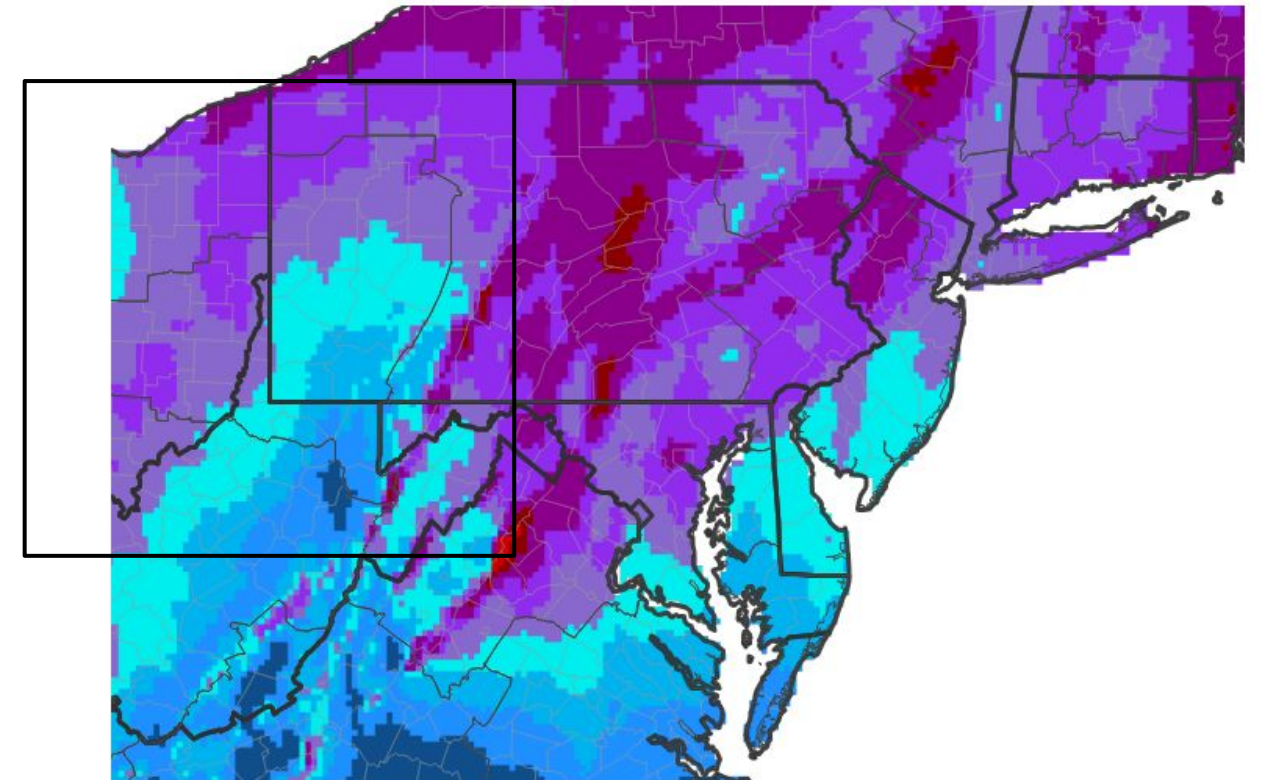




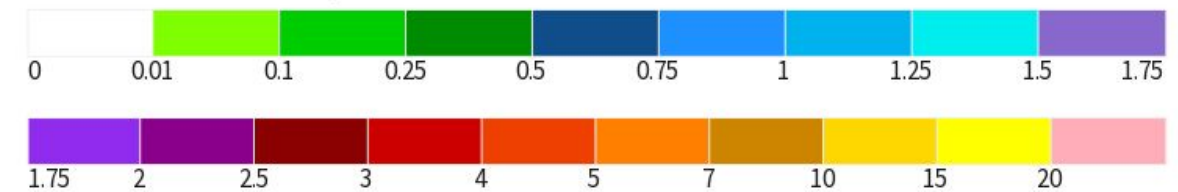
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Rain chances continue through the next week.
- This should help to gradually improve conditions over some of the region.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 29,
2025–November 5, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image
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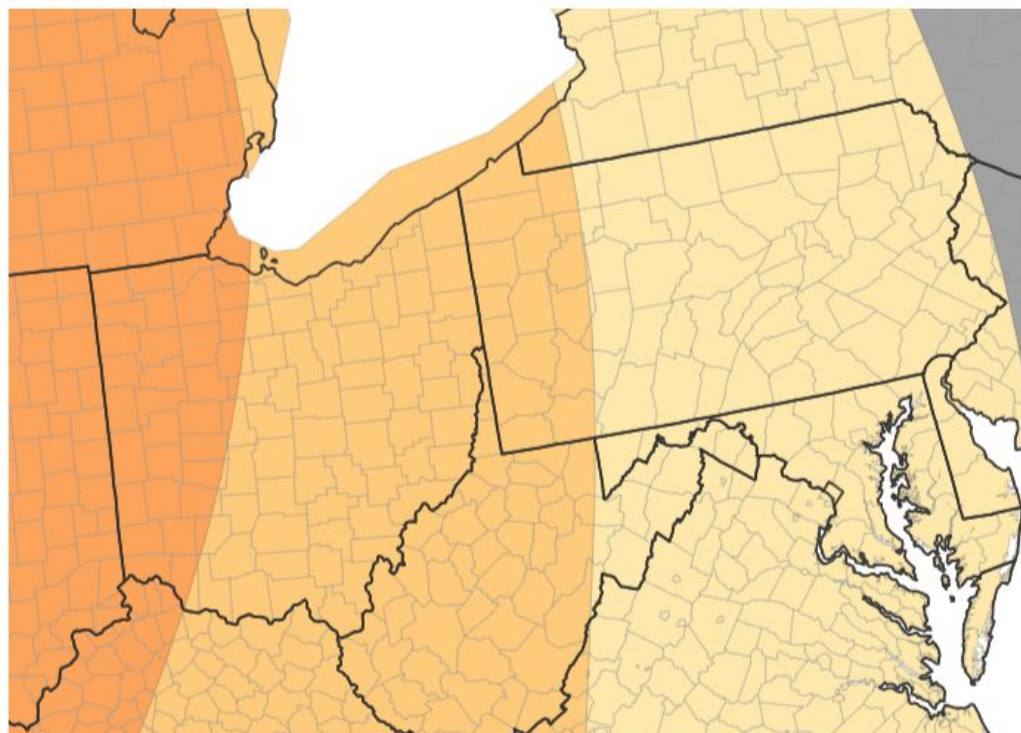


Long-Range Outlooks

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- Warm temperatures and near average precipitation is expected through the next 8-14 days.

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for November 6-12, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

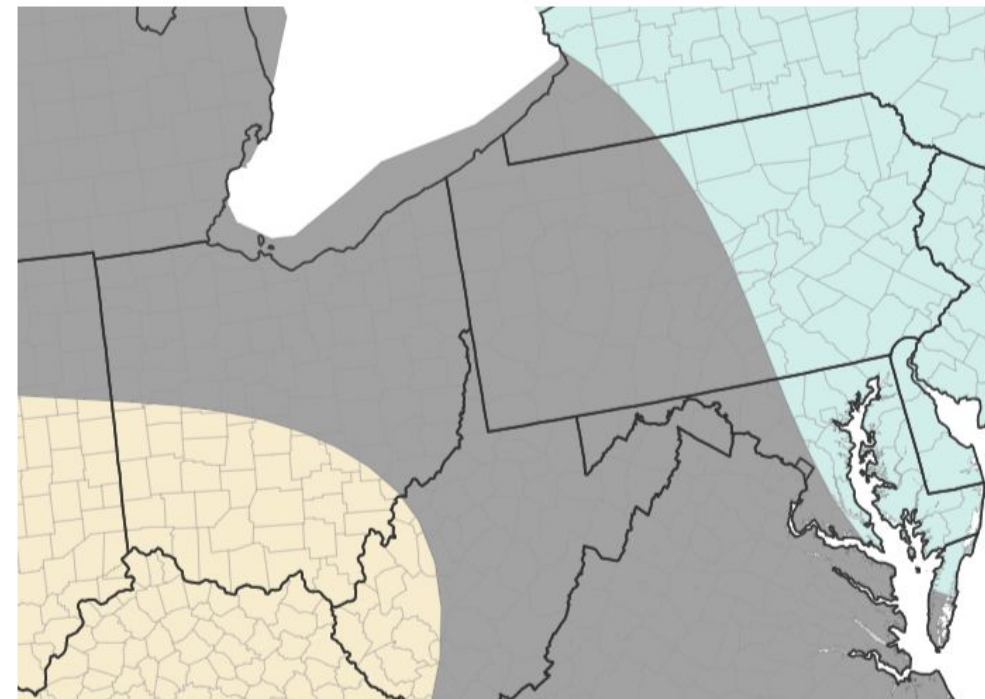


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8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for November 6-12, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



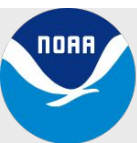
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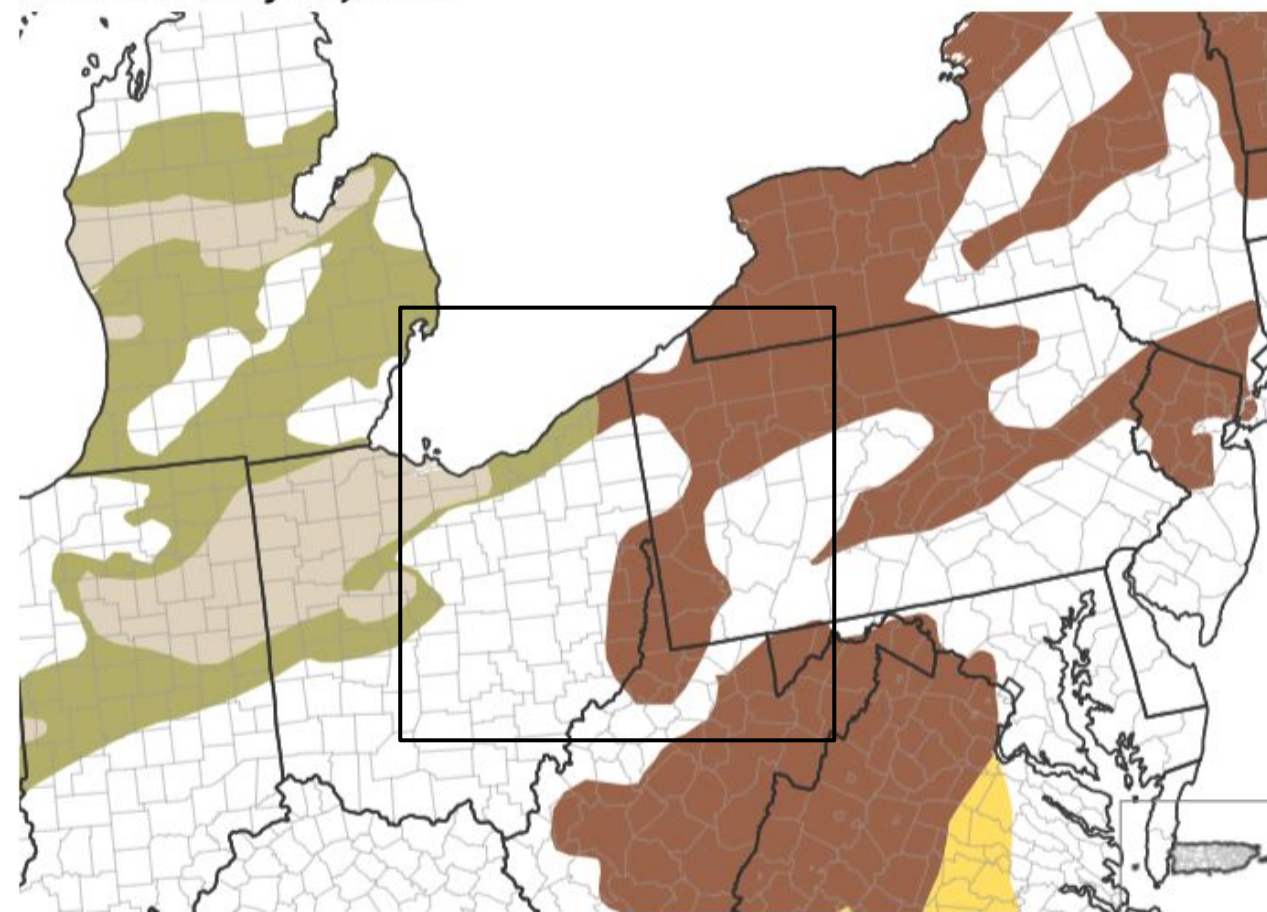


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- Drought could persist or slightly improve for some of the hardest hit areas in northern WV, eastern OH, and western PA.

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



Drought Is Predicted To...



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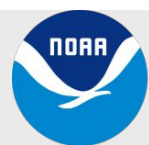
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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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