



Drought Information Statement

for southeast Ohio, northeast Kentucky, southwest Virginia, and much of West Virginia

Valid October 30, 2025

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- This product will be updated by Friday November 7, 2025
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/RLX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.

- No change in drought conditions this week





Current Drought Conditions

Latest Drought Monitor

Main Takeaways

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None
- **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: No change
- **D2 (Severe Drought)**: No change
- **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: No change
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: No change

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October 28, 2025

(Released Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.03	61.97	36.18	22.49	3.72	0.00
Last Week 10-21-2025	36.71	63.29	36.22	22.49	3.72	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	90.22	9.78	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	16.98	83.02	44.93	25.20	7.46	0.00
One Year Ago 10-28-2024	5.42	94.58	80.19	64.56	44.30	12.11

Intensity

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

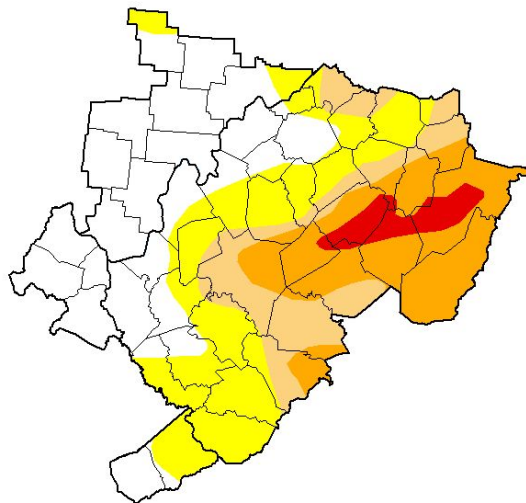
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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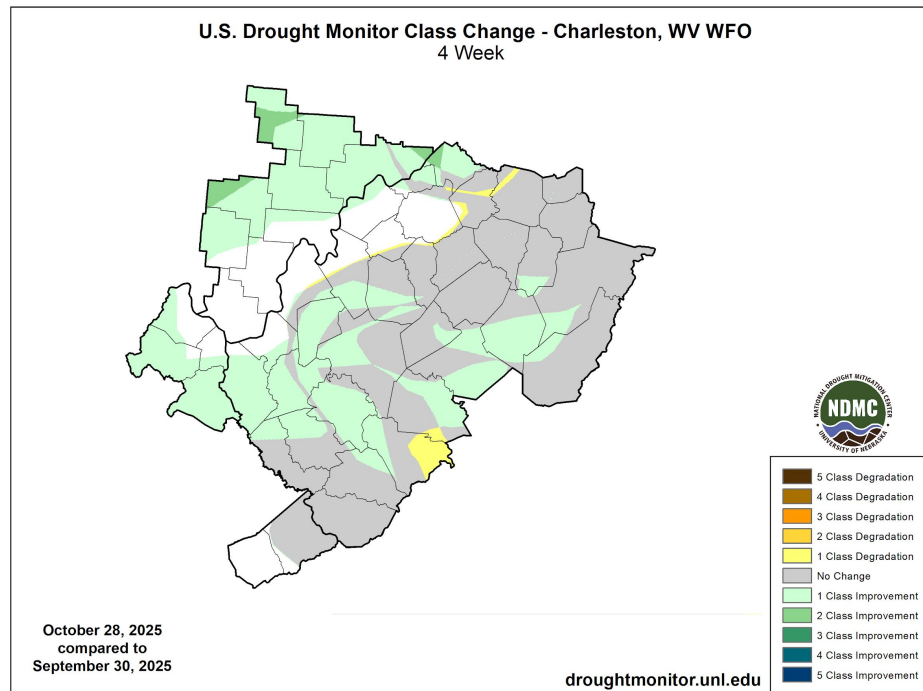
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Current Drought Conditions

Latest Drought Monitor 4-Week Change

- **Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change**
 - **Drought Worsened:** Southeast Raleigh County
 - **No Change:** Ohio River vicinity
 - **Drought Improved:** northeast KY, southeast OH, south central WV



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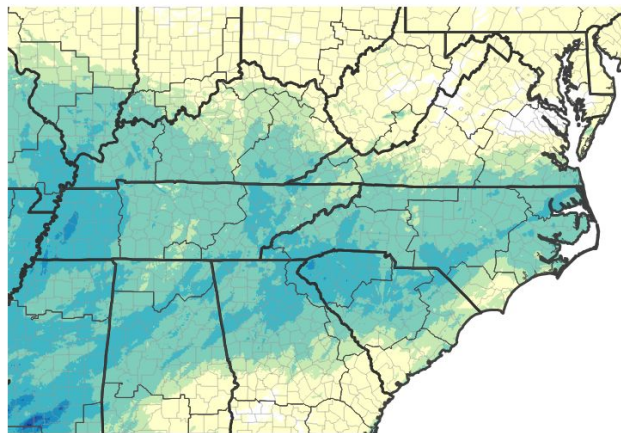
Observed Precipitation

Latest 7-Day Rainfall and 30-Day Percent of Normal Rainfall

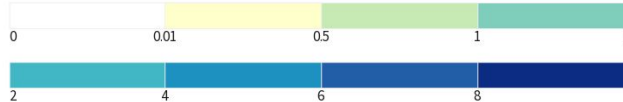
Main Takeaways

- Generally less than a tenth of an inch observed
- Below normal in the 30 day for much of the area

7-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



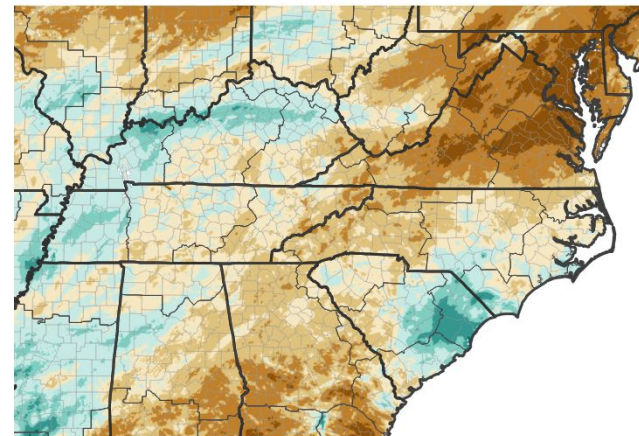
Inches of Precipitation



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

- 7-day average streamflow anomalies lowest across Little Kanawha ([USGS](#))
- Groundwater monitoring wells continue slow decline, especially in the D2/D3 areas ([USGS](#))

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture remains low across the mountains ([NIDIS](#))
- Supplemental hay feeding and hauling of water reported amongst livestock producers ([Drought Impact Reporter](#), [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports](#))

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire danger generally low

Mitigation Actions

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





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

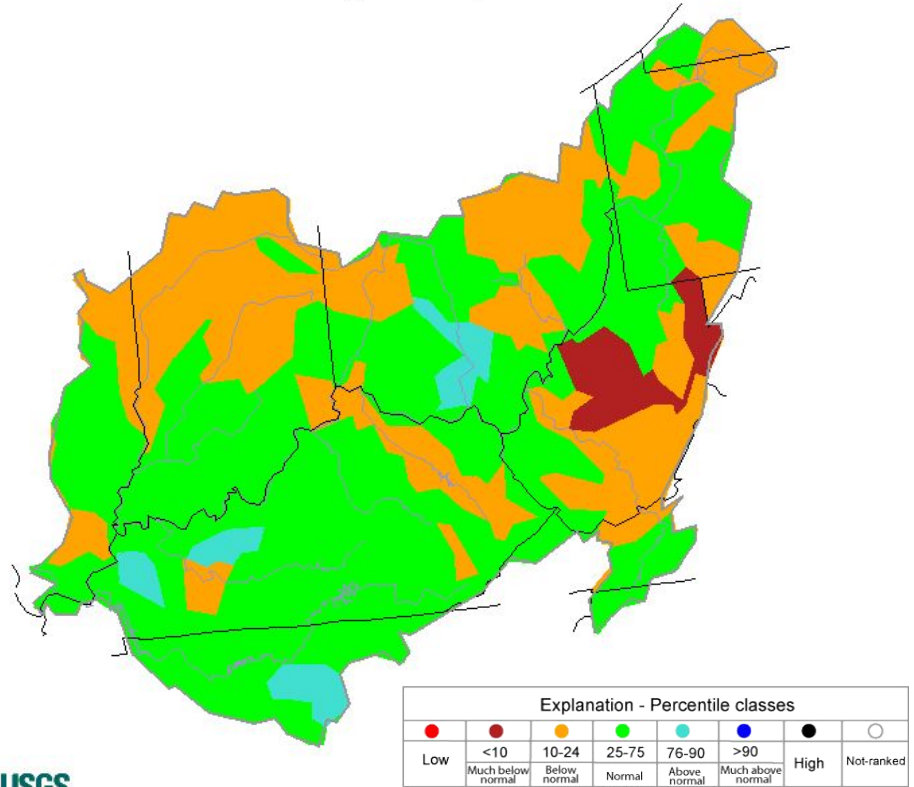
Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Main Takeaways

- Streamflows decreasing across some basins, especially the Little Kanawha
- Groundwater wells continue to slowly decline compared to October normals
- Reservoirs are drawing down to winter pool

Impacts

- Hauling of water reported from livestock producers





Agricultural Impacts

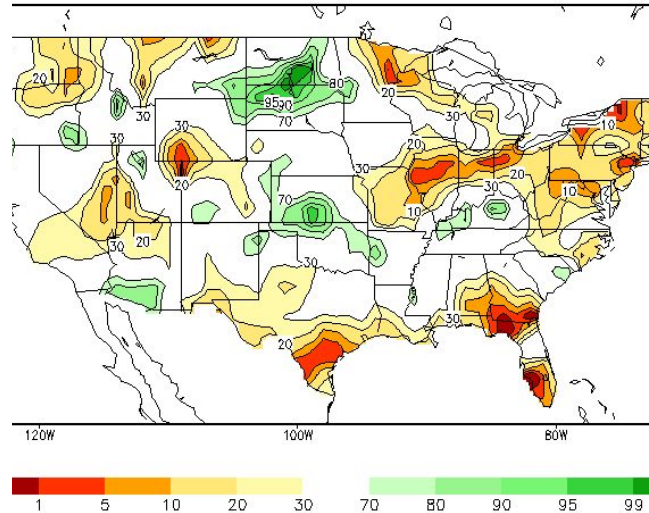
Main Takeaways

- Soil moisture remains low in the mountains
- Reports of irrigation wells drying up in the mountains

Impacts

- Hay shortage remains with supplemental feeding needed for livestock producers
- Many reports of hauling of water for livestock

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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Fire Hazard Impacts

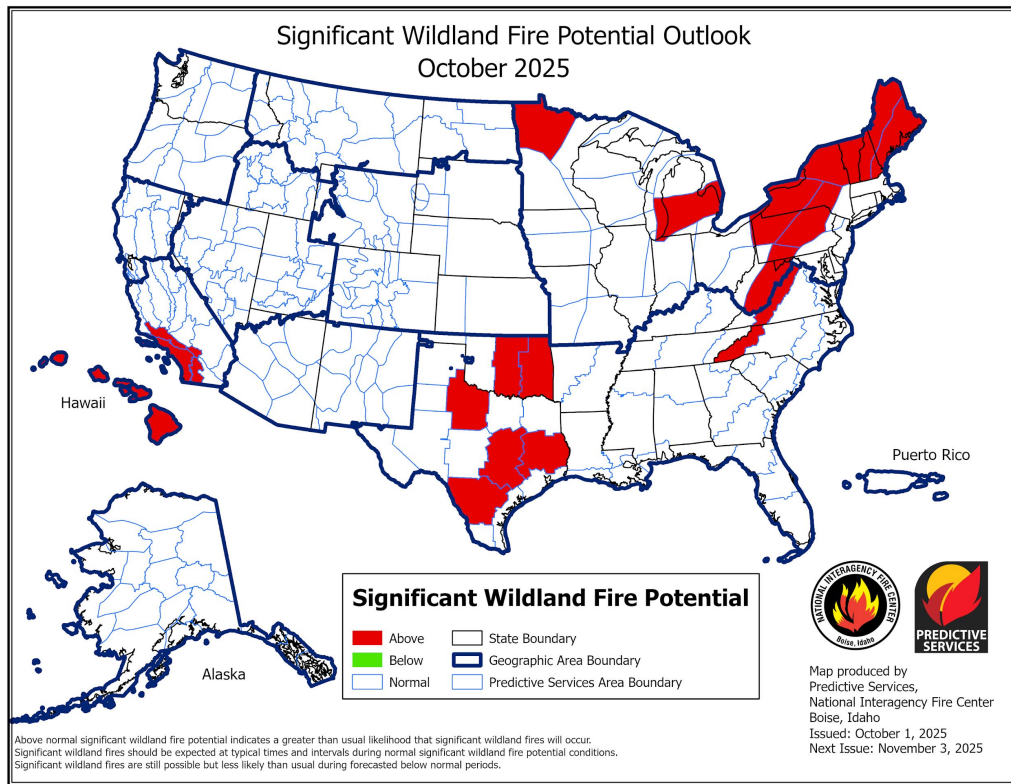
Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

Main Takeaways

- Significant wildfire outlook is above normal for October for WV mountains

Impacts

- Extreme drought conditions across the mountains may lead to increased brush fire activity over the next several weeks
- Danger will be maximized during afternoons which are warm with low relative humidity and wind



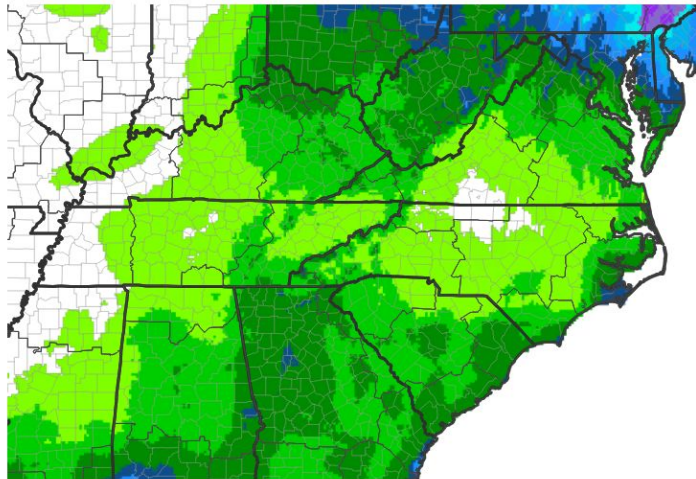


7 Day Precipitation Forecast

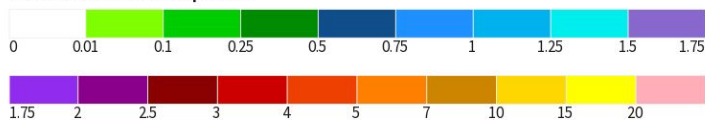
Next 7 days:

- Low pressure system tracks north of the area through tonight
 - Event total rain amounts will wind up being 1-2 inches many
- High pressure through Saturday
- Weak system slated for Sunday/Monday with light showers followed by high pressure mid week

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 30, 2025–November 6, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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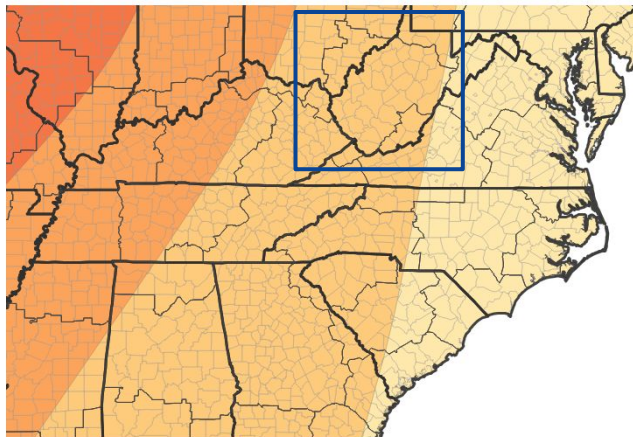
8-14 Day Outlook

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

Main Takeaways

- Above normal temperatures favored with a tilt to drier than normal

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



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

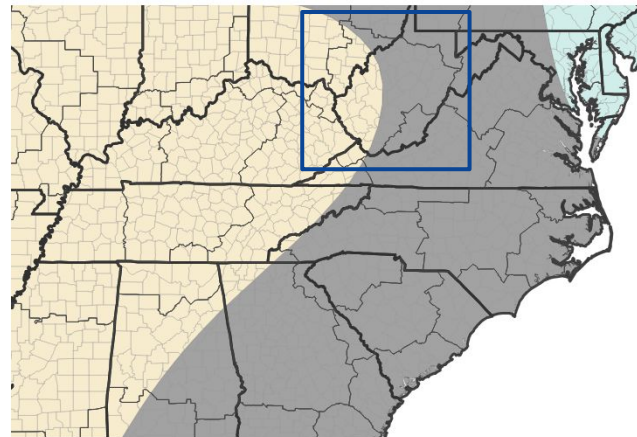


■ Near-Normal Conditions

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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



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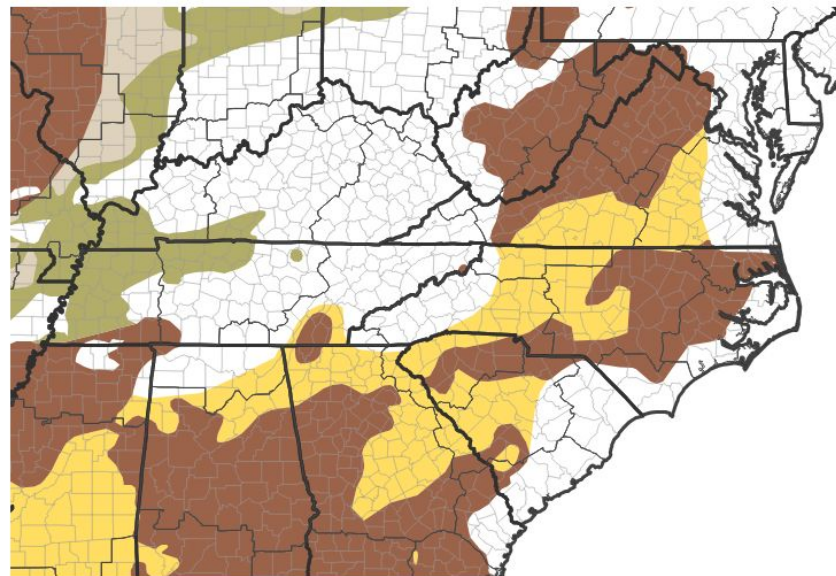
Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook

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

Main Takeaways

- Favors drought lingering across most areas into winter

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



Drought Is Predicted To...



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