



Drought Information Statement for Central and Southeast Illinois

Valid November 13, 2025

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- The next update will be Thursday, November 20th, if conditions persist or worsen.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ilx/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

Key Messages:

- Despite minor recent rain and snow, drought has persisted over the past week.
- Rain is likely in the upcoming week, but amounts will likely be under a half inch, too little to significantly remedy drought conditions.





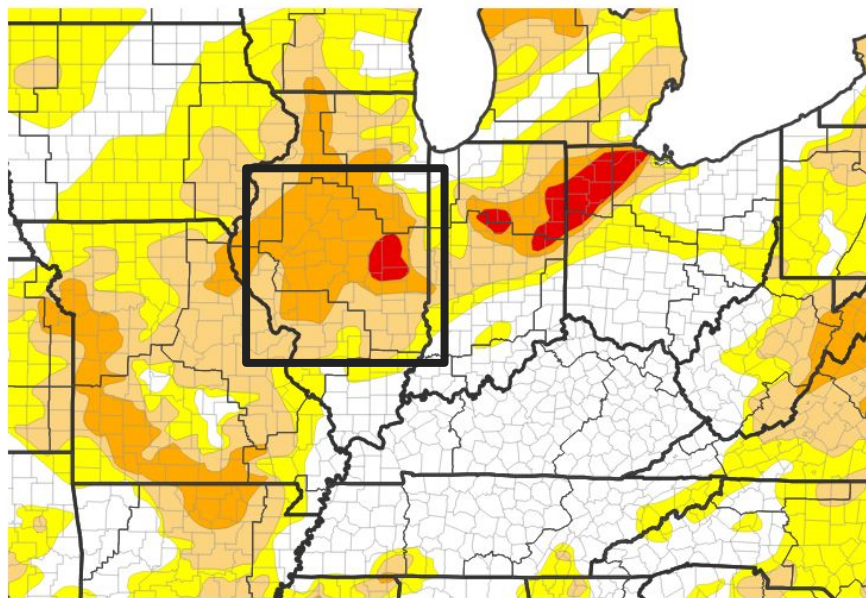
U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for central and southeast Illinois

- **Drought Intensity and Extent:**

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** N/A
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Portions of east-central Illinois over Piatt, Douglas, Champaign, and extreme southeast McLean counties.
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Most of central Illinois near and north of I-72, except Vermilion county. Also including Moultrie, Coles, and Edgar Counties.
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Most of Vermilion County, and most counties south of a Shelby county to Clark county line.
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Small area in southeast Illinois near Wabash river in Lawrence and southeast Crawford counties as well as in a sliver of eastern Vermilion county.

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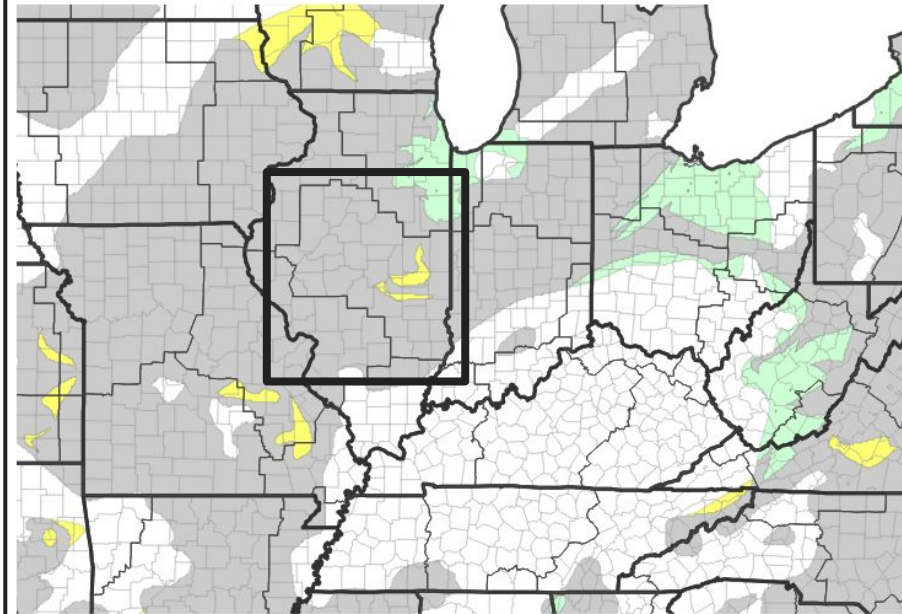


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

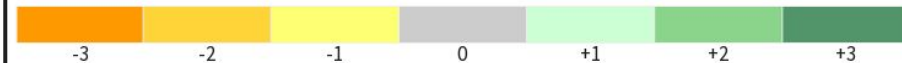
Link to the latest [1-week change map](#) for central and southeast Illinois

- **One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.**
 - Drought Worsened:
 - Portions of Piatt, Champaign, Macon, Moultrie, Douglas, Shelby, and Coles Counties
 - Drought Improved:
 - N/A
 - No Change:
 - Most of central and southeastern IL

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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Recent Precipitation

Last 7 days and 30 days

- Precipitation in the past 7-days was split between slightly above normal from Fulton to McLean Counties northward, and below normal to the south.
- Below normal precipitation was observed over nearly all of central and southeast Illinois in the past 30 days.

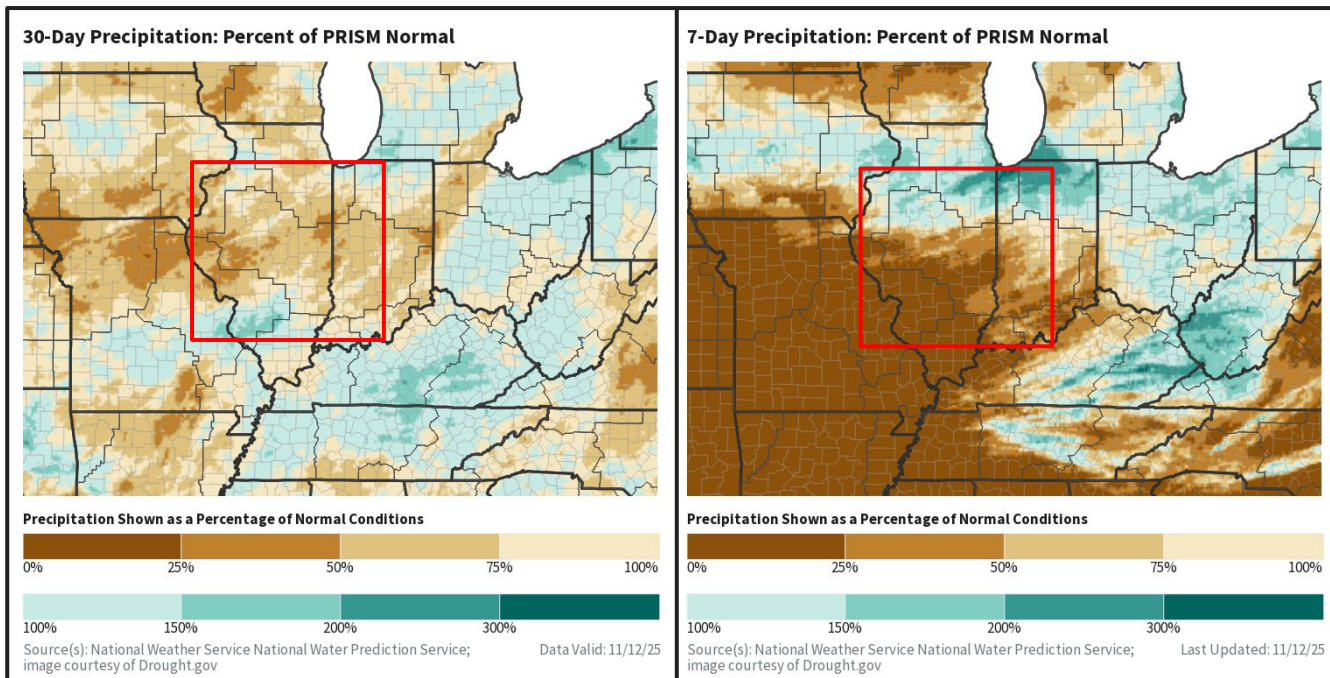


Image Caption: Total precipitation as a percentage of normal, as of November 11th. Left image is a 30 day average, right image the last 7 days. Images from [Drought.gov](https://drought.gov).



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflow on most Rivers is below normal, and some smaller creeks are near zero flow.
- Lake levels: Lake Decatur around 3 feet below seasonal normals, Lake Shelbyville about 2.2 feet below, Lake Springfield 0.6 feet below normal. Smaller lakes and ponds are low.

Agricultural Impacts

- Poor pasture conditions providing very little or no feed for livestock. Supplemental feed required.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There is a field fire risk as farmers run hot equipment through dry fields during any remaining harvest activities.

Other Impacts

- Extremely poor to record low water table and deep soil moisture conditions

Mitigation Actions

- Stage 1 Water Rationing is being imposed in the city of Decatur.

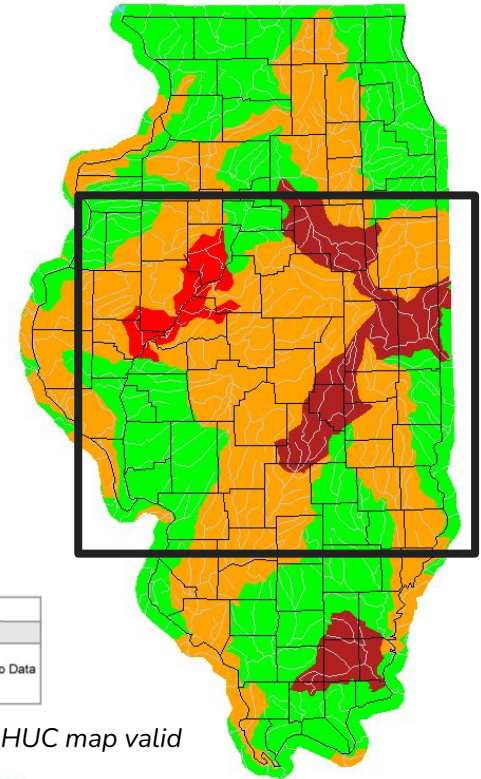




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Most streamflows are below normal, however the most significant streamflow impacts are on portions of the Illinois, Vermilion, and Kaskaskia Rivers.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid November 12, 2025.



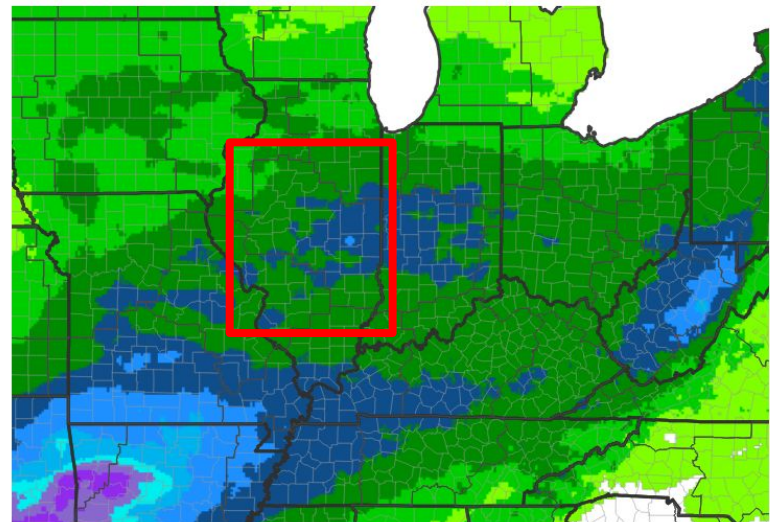


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

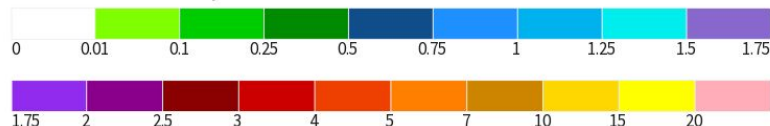
- Rainfall over the next 7 days is expected to be around a half inch or less over most of central and southeast IL. While this may be enough to stop drought conditions from worsening, this will likely not be enough to remedy drought conditions.

Image Caption: Expected rainfall over the next 7 days, valid through 7 PM Thursday, Nov 20. Check weather.gov/ilx for updated forecasts.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for November 13, 2025–November 20, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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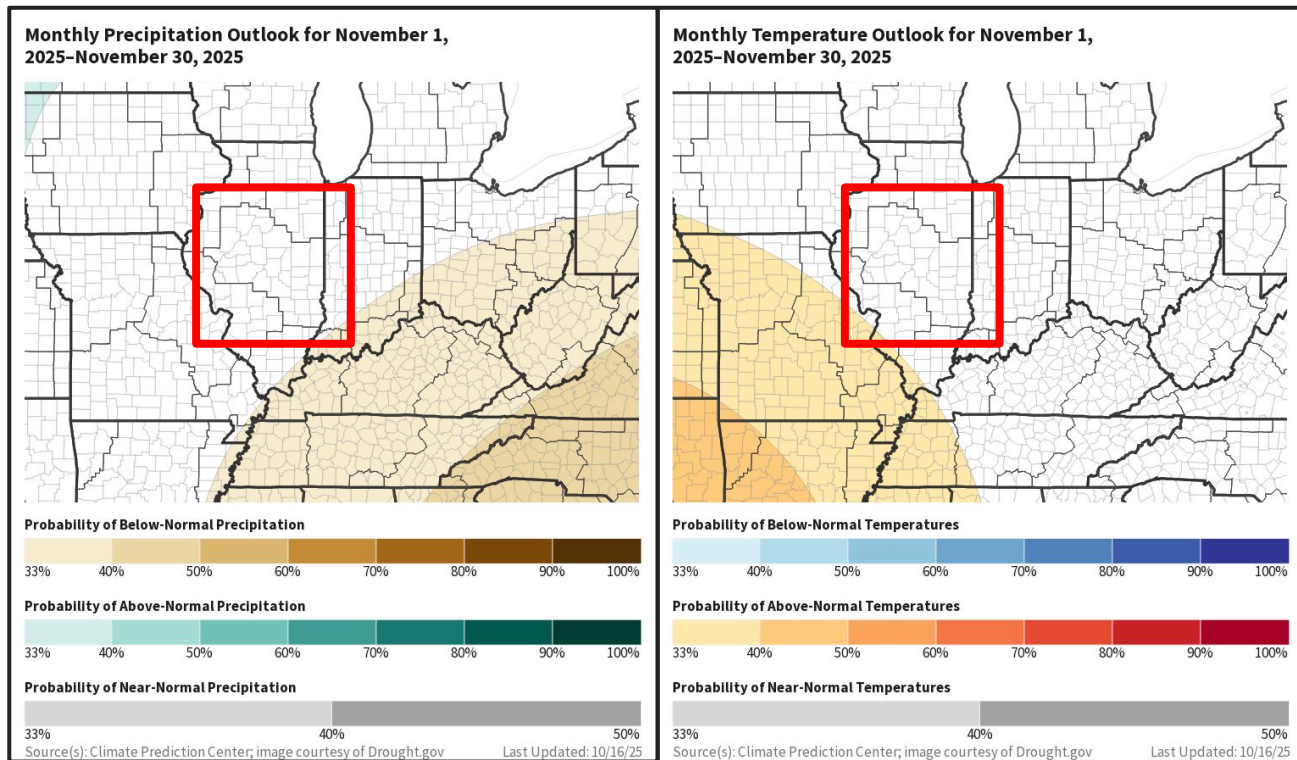
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Long Range Outlooks

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

- The precipitation outlook for November has roughly equal chances for above and below normal precipitation.
- The November temperature outlook depicts approximately equal chances for above and below normal temperatures, on average throughout the month.



Monthly outlook (issued 18th of the month)





Drought Outlook

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- While the drought is forecast to persist this month, there are some signs of improvement in portions of central & eastern IL by the end of January.

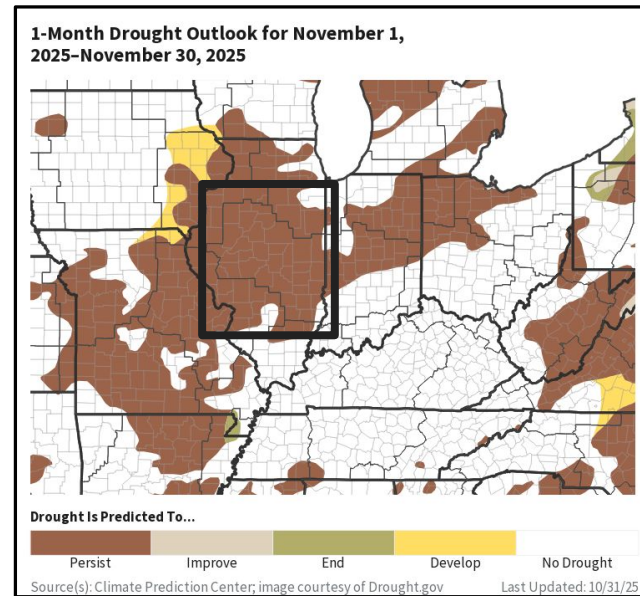
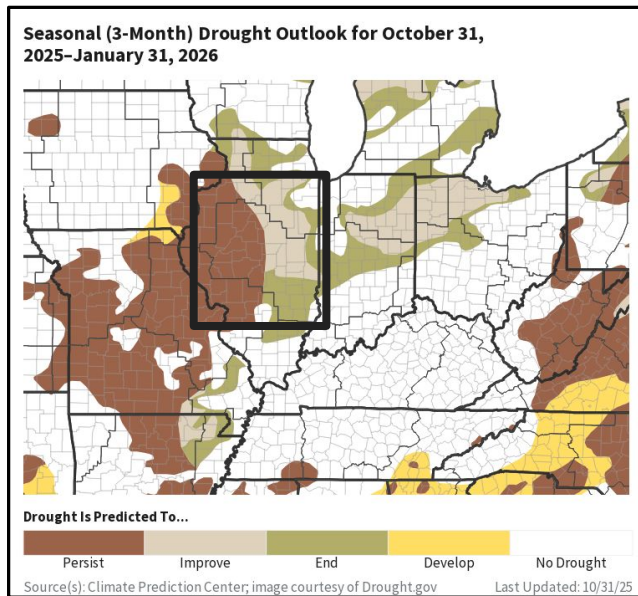


Image Caption:

(Right) Climate Prediction Center 1-Month Drought Outlook for November released Oct 31 and (Left) Seasonal Drought Outlook released Oct 31, valid through January 31, 2026

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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