



Severe Thunderstorms Monday

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Main Threat Monday Evening into Monday Night Generally West of IN-15

Key Messages

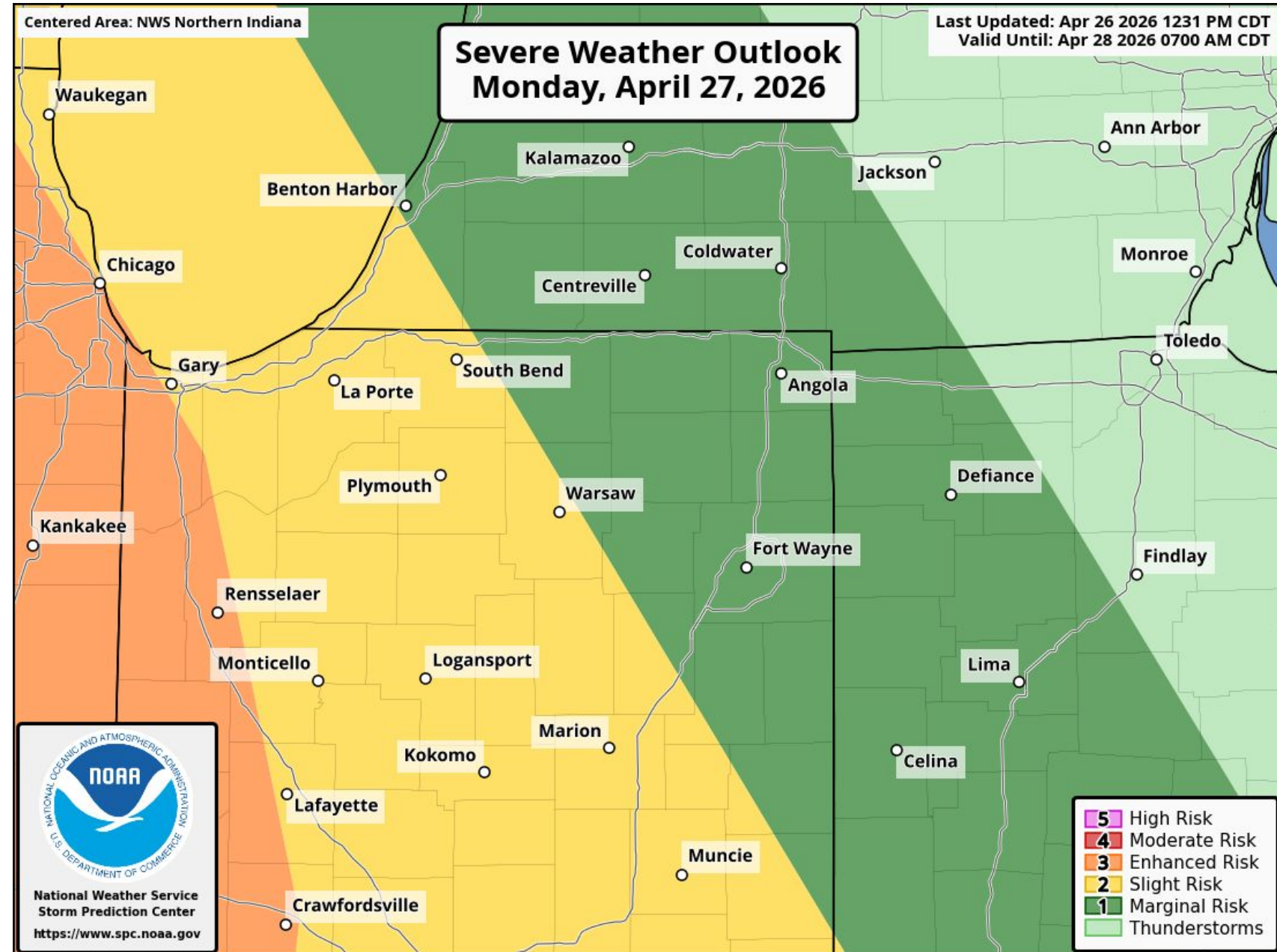
- Two rounds of storms are possible Monday:
 - ◆ 12-7PM EDT (unlikely to be severe)
 - ◆ 8PM-2AM EDT (main severe threat but depends on how round 1 evolves)
- Damaging winds, heavy rain, and embedded tornadoes will be the main hazards within round 2.
- The greatest risk is west of IN-15. Storms are expected to steadily weaken as they move east of IN-15 after midnight EDT.
- Overall confidence is medium.

Important Updates

- Potentially earlier start with first round of scattered showers and storms
- Have added a slide addressing heavy rain

Next Scheduled Briefing

- Monday morning





Severe Thunderstorm Potential

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Threat and Confidence Levels

Overview

Damaging winds, heavy rain/flooding, and tornadoes pose the greatest risk.

Actions



Be weather aware and ready to act. Have multiple ways to receive warning information!

Severe Threats



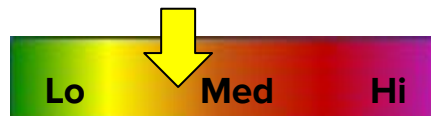
Tornado



Hail



Wind



Flooding



Severe Weather



Thunderstorms will occur but they could remain sub-severe (especially east of IN-15) depending on round 1. Given uncertainty with instability and likely storm mode not being so conducive, have retained our low severe hail chances.

Location



The severe risk steadily drops further east, especially east of I-69 in OH/MI, but the exact dividing lines could still fluctuate.

Timing



There is still some uncertainty on exact timing, especially with round 1.

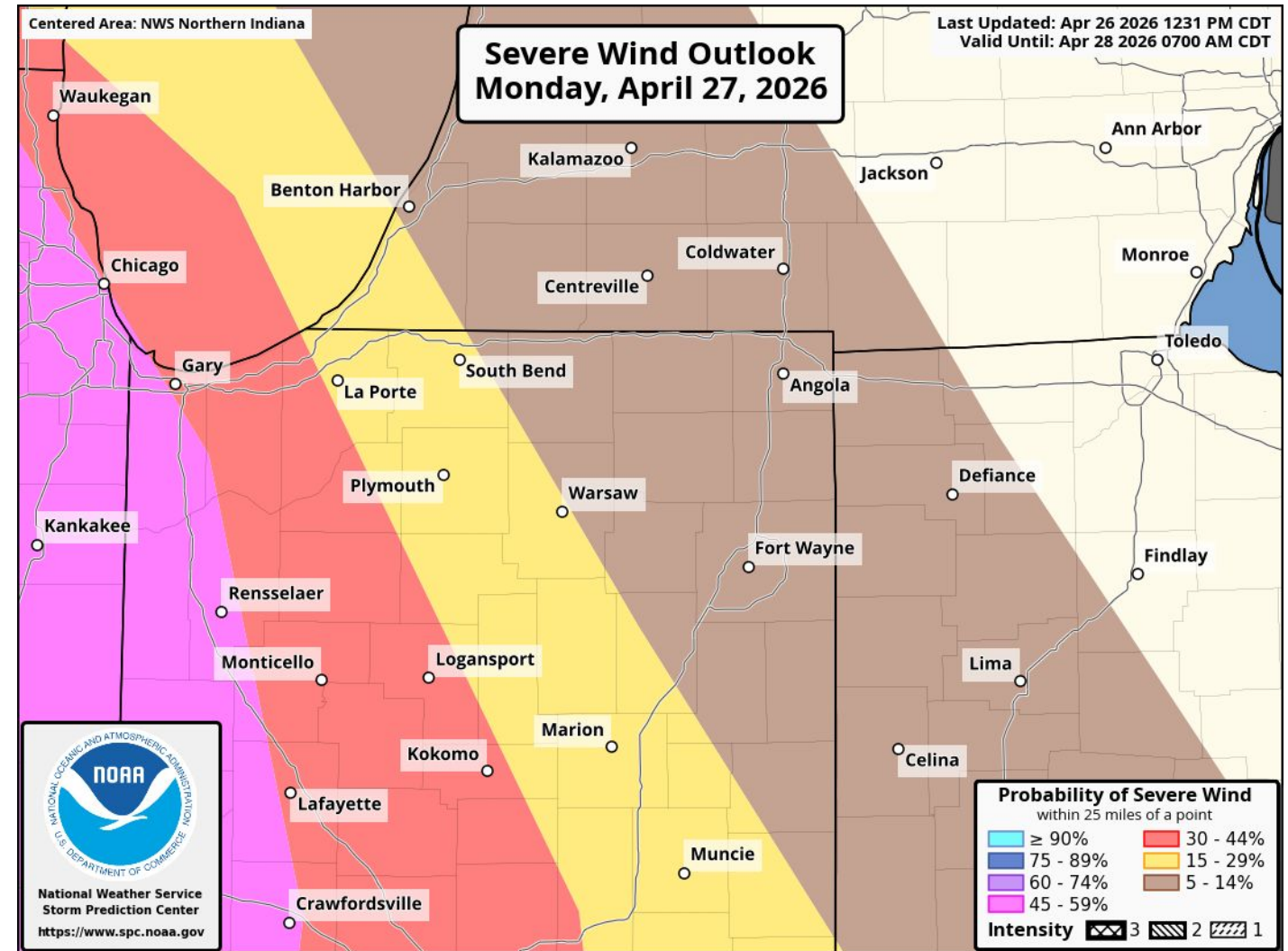
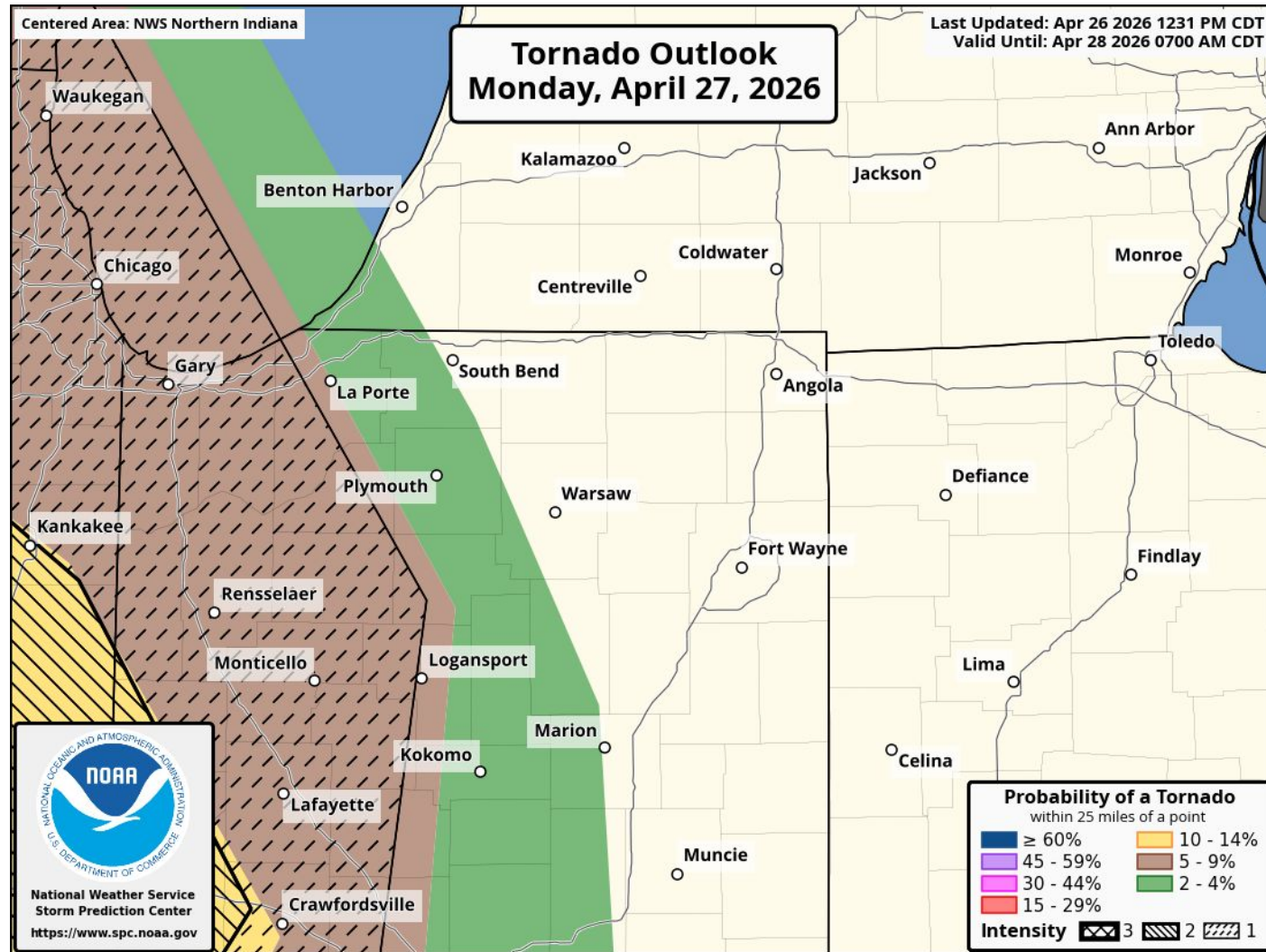




Severe Weather Hazards

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The main threats will be damaging wind gusts and embedded tornadoes Monday evening/night



- The main tornado risk is west of IN-15. Significant tornadoes (EF2+) are possible southwest of our area in IL and west-central Indiana (yellow area with solid lines).
- The chances of severe straight-line winds are 30-50% west of IN-15, but the intensity of those gusts is not expected to exceed the typical 60-70mph (no hatching in the outlook).

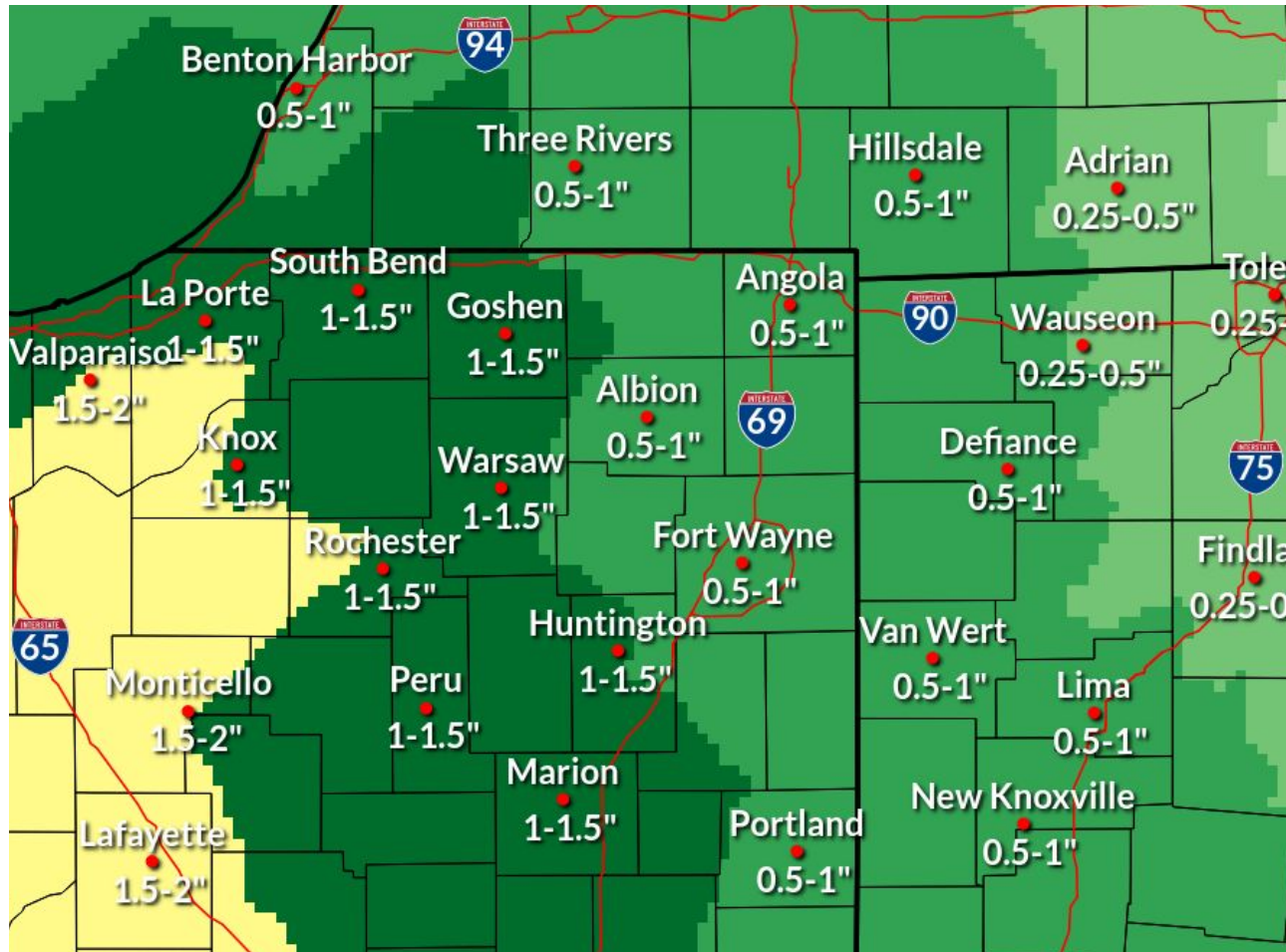


Heavy Rain Analysis

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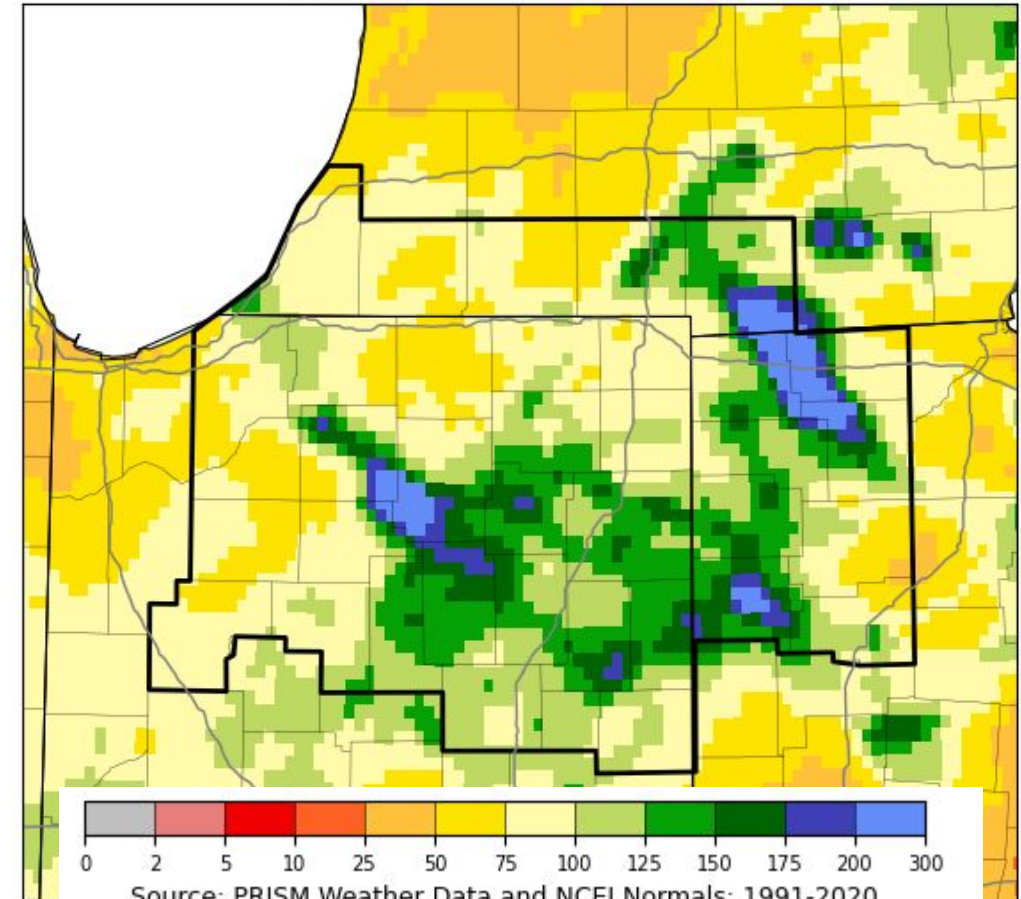
Flood Threat is Uncertain for Monday/Monday Night

Forecast Rainfall Later Monday Through Monday Night



Accumulated Precipitation: Percent of 1991-2020 Normals

April 18, 2026 to April 25, 2026



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Strong thunderstorms appear most possible west of I-69 on Monday, which is opposite of where the heaviest rain has fallen over the last 7 days (above right). An additional 0.5"-1.75" of rain is forecast (heaviest west), but locally higher amounts could occur where storms repeat or slow down. Rises on area rivers could still occur. See information at water.noaa.gov

SLIGHT RISK

Scattered severe storms possible.

Short-lived and not widespread -- isolated intense storms possible.

Plan ahead if you have outdoor plans and have a way to get NWS warnings.

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