

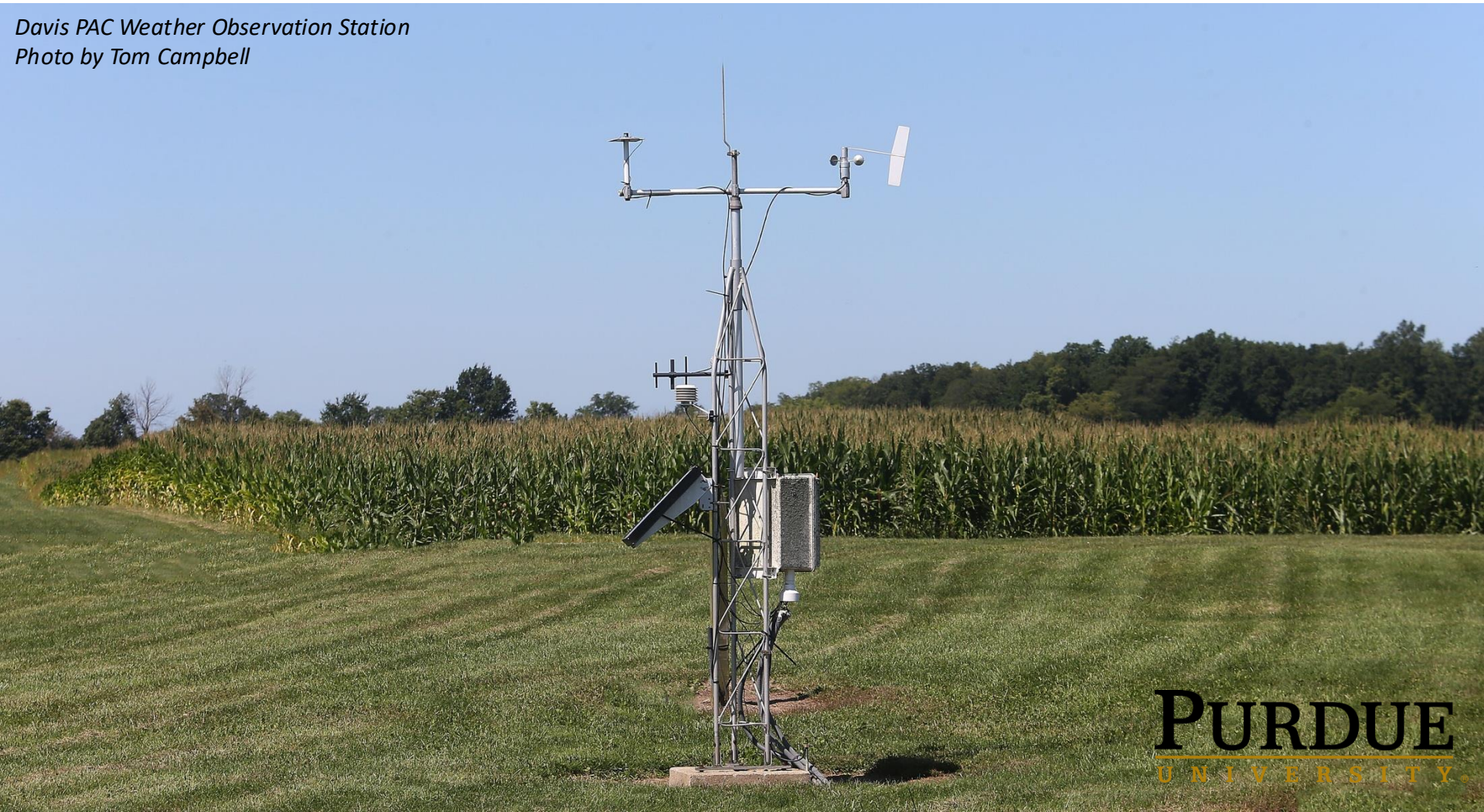


# Drought Monitoring in Indiana



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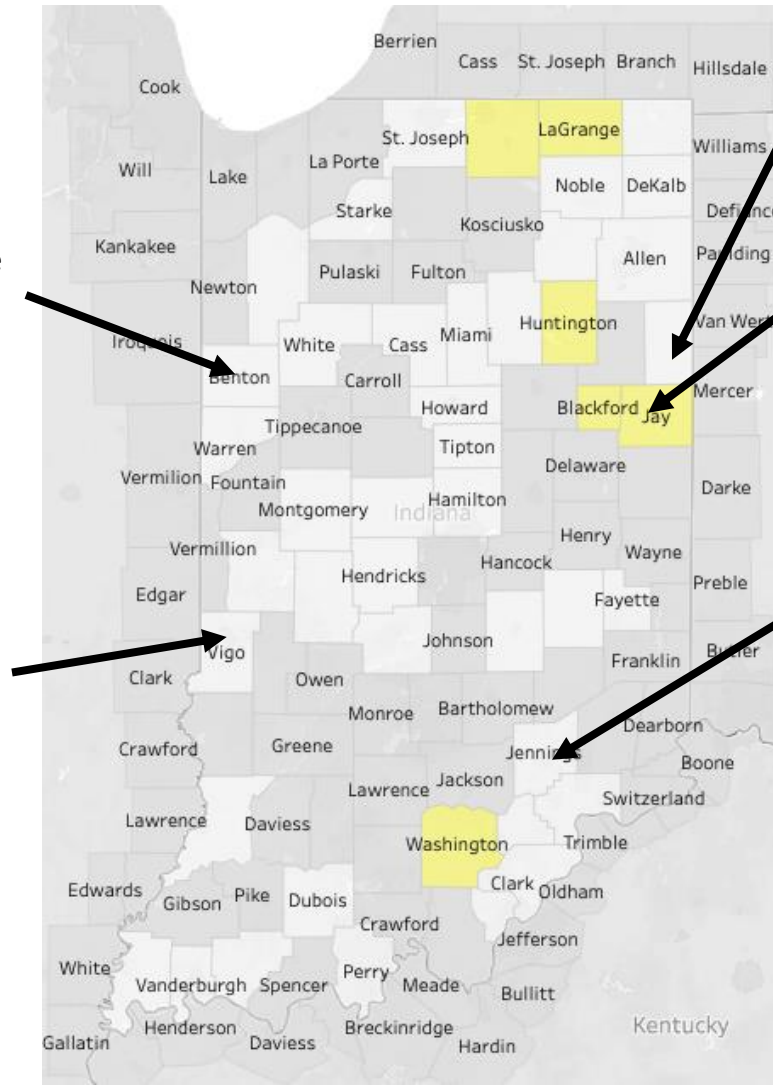
*Davis PAC Weather Observation Station  
Photo by Tom Campbell*



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**Benton (8/2):** Areas in many soybean fields where it is evident there is more soil moisture than the plants want. Nodulation has been hindered. Lawns needing to be mowed 2x/wk.

**Vigo (8/5):** Steady rain all week has filled creeks and reservoirs. Pastures are green and healthy



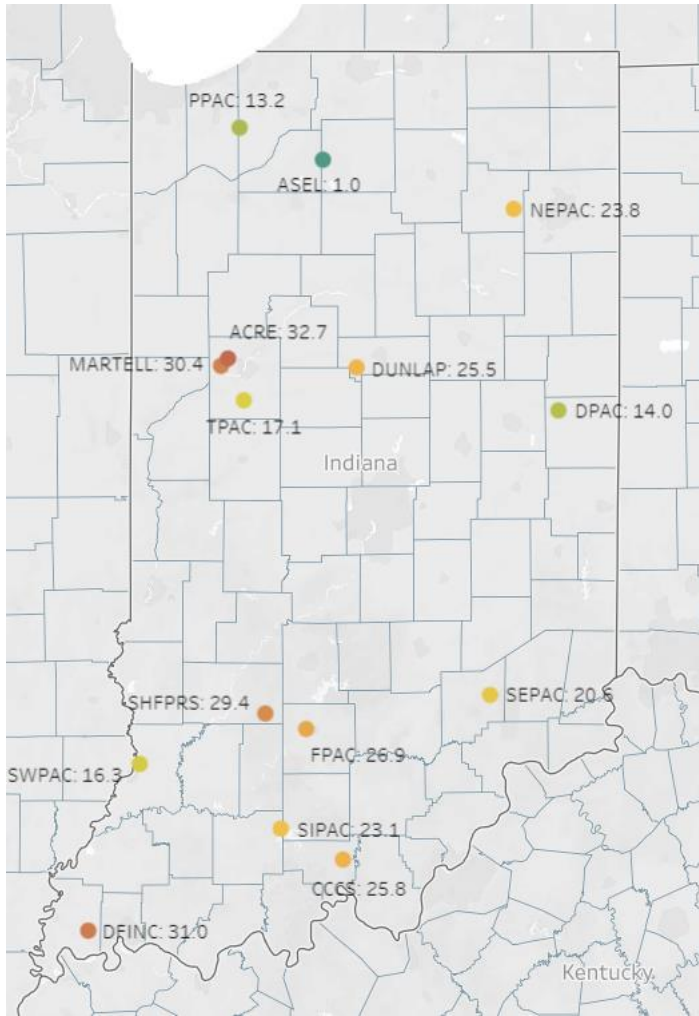
**ADAMS (8/4):** Was leaning toward D1 or D2, but then got 2-3" of rain that just dumped. Totally changed drought status. Tho, so dry, water soaked in completely!

**Jay (8/5):** Lawns and pastures are brown.

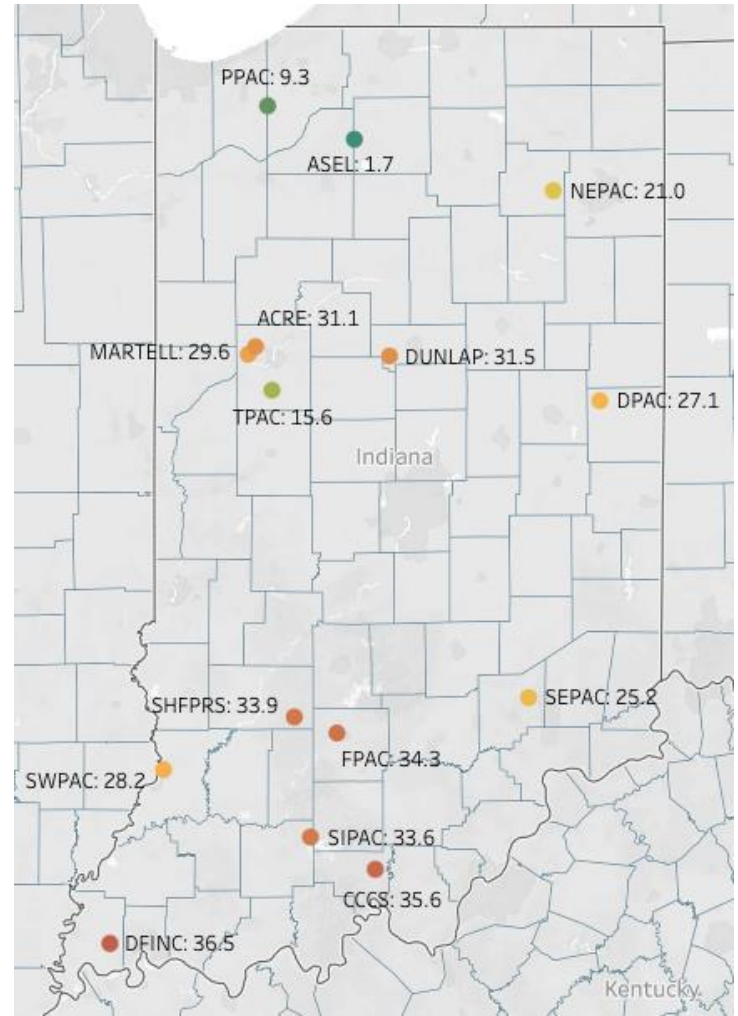
**Jennings (8/5):** Standing water is starting to dry up

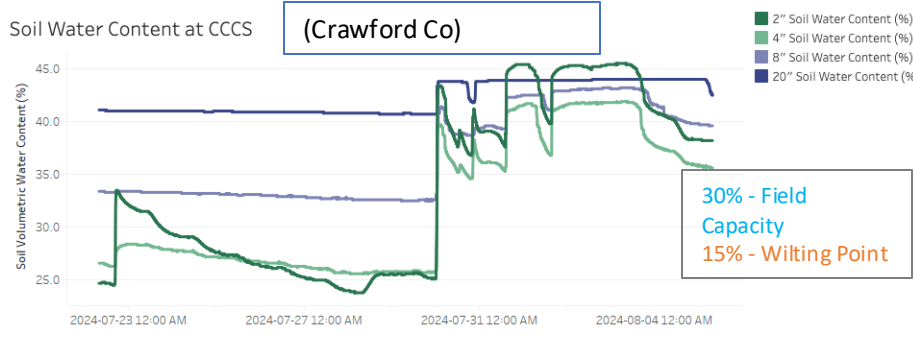
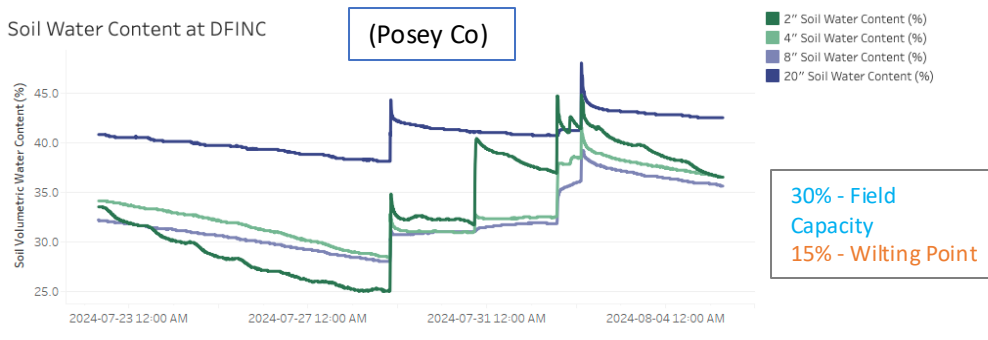
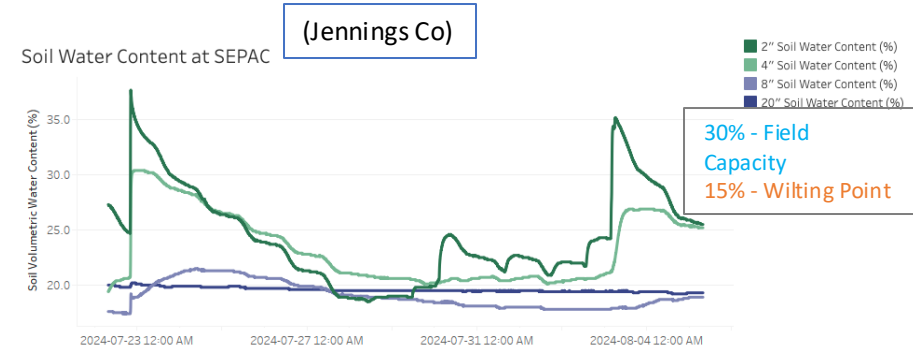
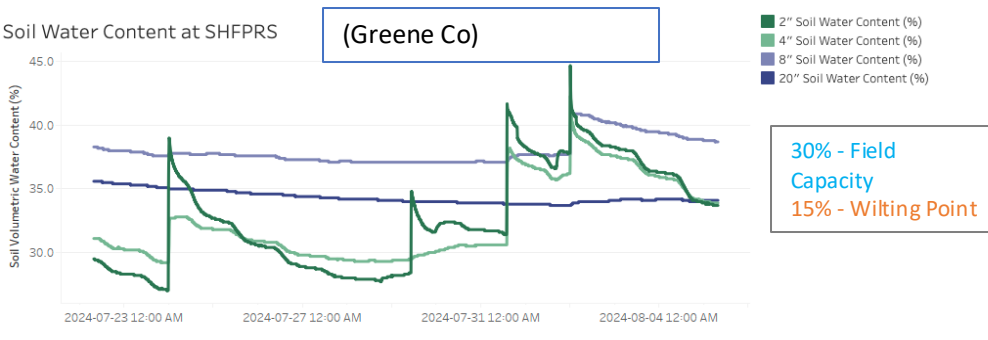
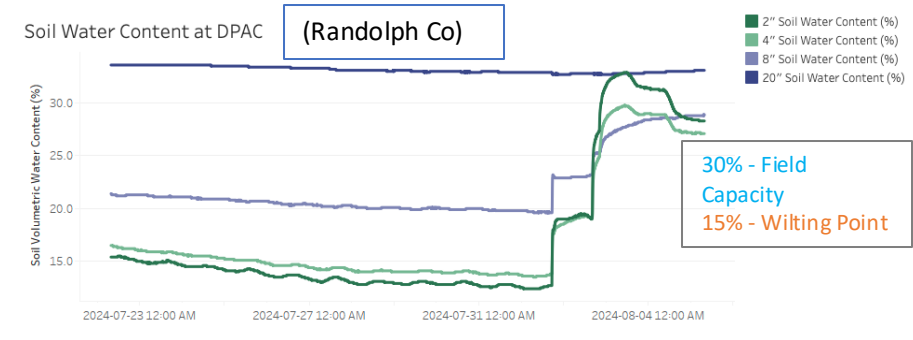
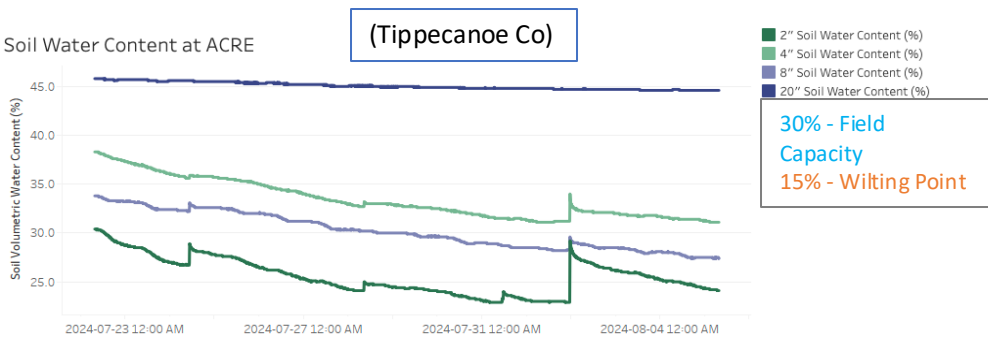
**Clark (8/5):** Plant life growing rapidly and lawns needed 2 mowings last week. Seasonal creeks have some standing water (not flowing) and ponds have gained some volume

4-inch soil moisture % July 29



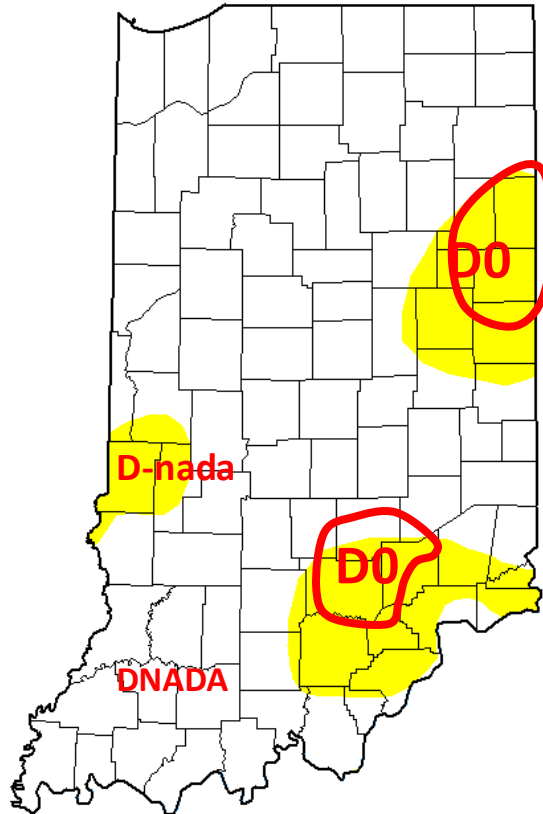
4-inch soil moisture % Aug 5





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## U.S. Drought Monitor Indiana



~~July 30, 2024~~

(Released Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.08	17.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-23-2024	88.81	11.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-30-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	10.70	89.30	81.12	12.88	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	1.38	98.62	85.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-01-2023	46.31	53.69	19.37	0.00	0.00	0.00

### 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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### Recommendations for 8/6/2024

- Lots of rain through most of state.
- Western D-0 area can be removed
- Eastern and southeastern D0 areas should be reduced in size due
- Ground reports at county level suggest conditions have been improving in most places
- Soil moisture data supports improvements in E and SE locations
- Lots of rain along Ohio River has pulled the SE D0 area northward to eliminate those river counties.