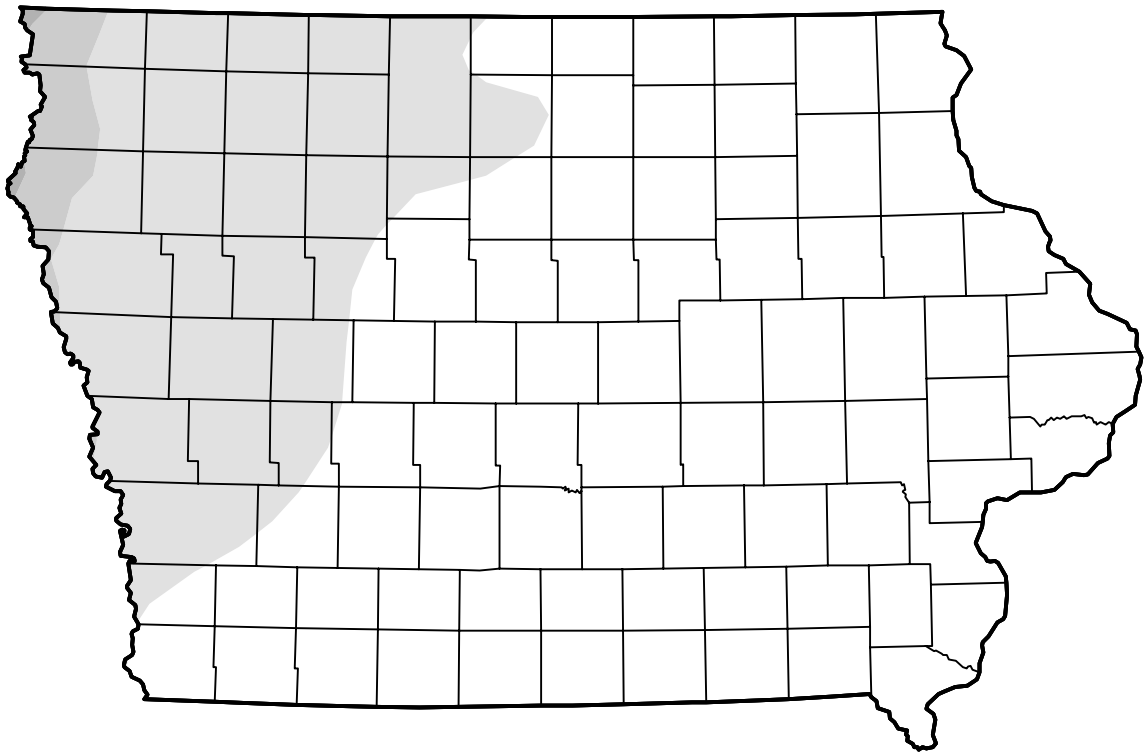
U.S. Drought Monitor

Iowa



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	72.30	27.70	2.32	0.10	0.00	0.00
Last Week *05-05-2026*	89.21	10.79	2.06	0.10	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *02-10-2026*	42.44	57.56	1.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	40.38	59.62	6.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	69.85	30.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *05-13-2025*	39.31	60.69	7.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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