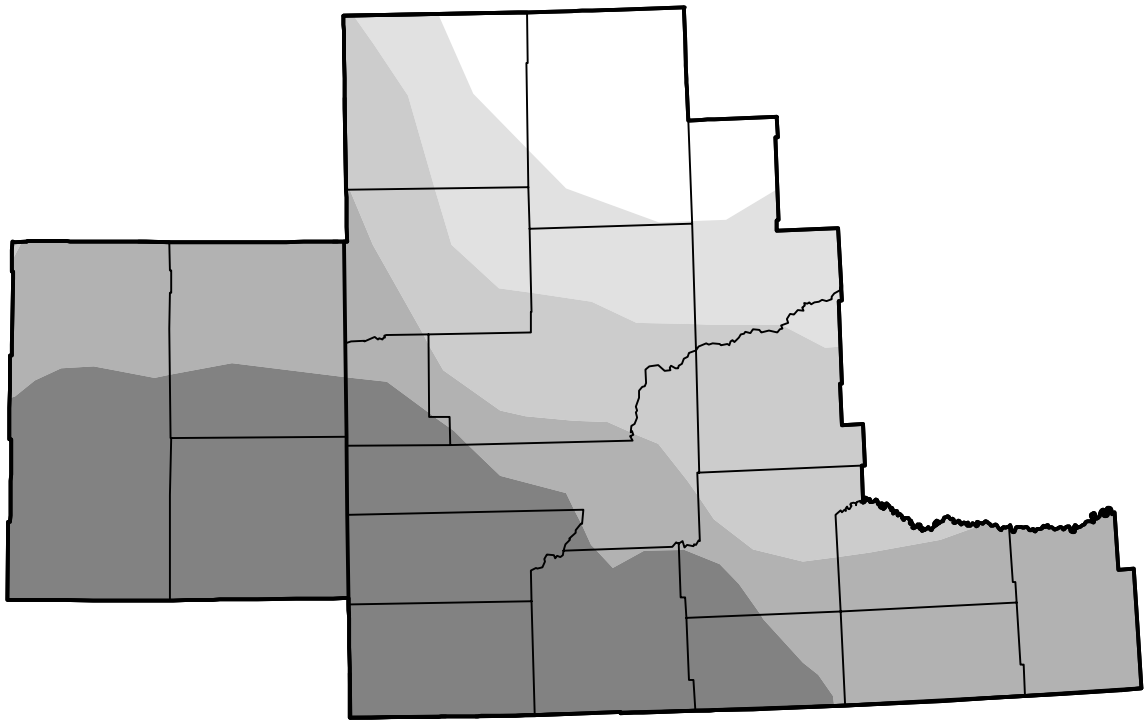
U.S. Drought Monitor

Rapid City, SD WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.21	11.33	17.63	27.18	34.65	0.00
Last Week *05-19-2026*	11.36	12.21	16.82	27.20	32.41	0.00
3 Months Ago *02-24-2026*	27.26	21.52	46.28	4.94	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	68.05	31.91	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	76.17	23.80	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *05-27-2025*	9.63	55.44	25.84	9.06	0.03	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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