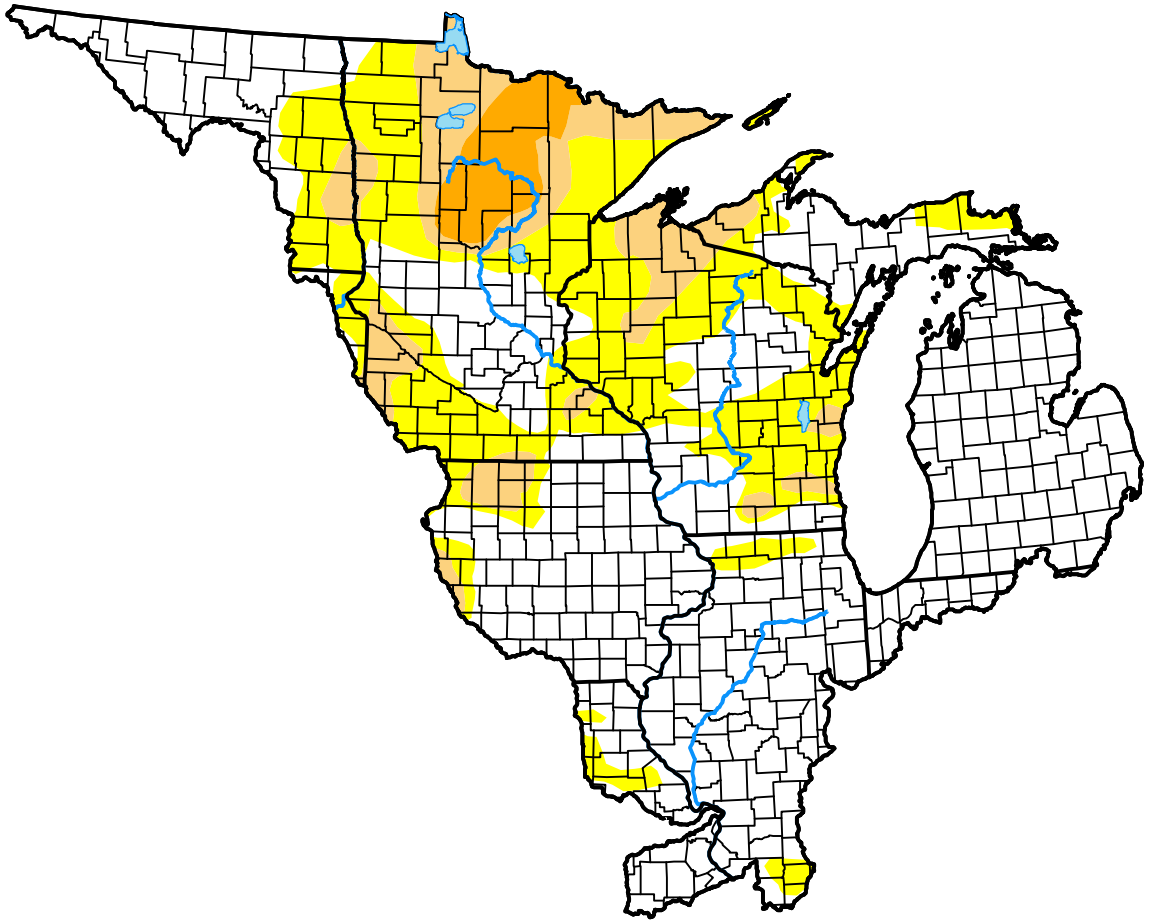
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.51	39.49	13.72	3.35	0.00	0.00
Last Week *07-07-2026*	64.89	35.11	8.88	2.91	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *04-14-2026*	76.97	23.03	7.54	0.34	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	31.60	68.40	35.99	6.20	0.48	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	53.32	46.68	20.23	5.96	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *07-15-2025*	71.60	28.40	7.62	0.57	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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