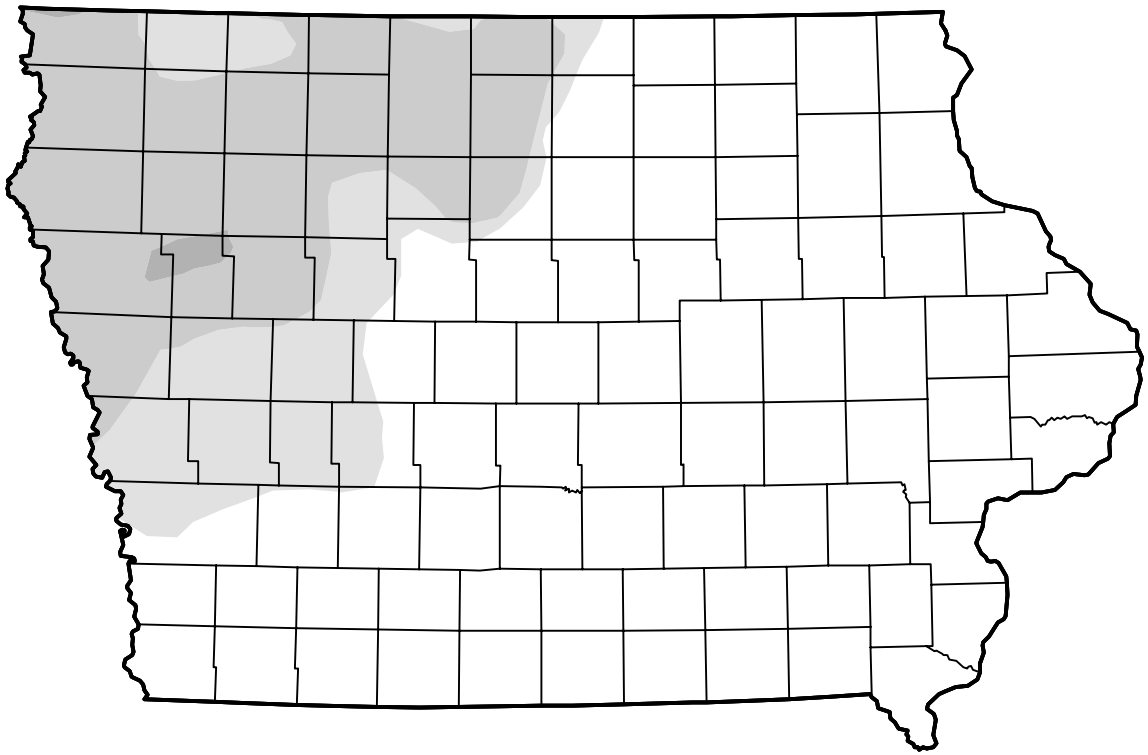
U.S. Drought Monitor

Iowa



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	69.52	30.48	19.64	0.46	0.00	0.00
Last Week *08-11-2026*	63.46	36.54	24.51	2.67	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *05-19-2026*	75.14	24.86	2.30	0.10	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 *08-19-2025*	100.00	0.00	0.00	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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