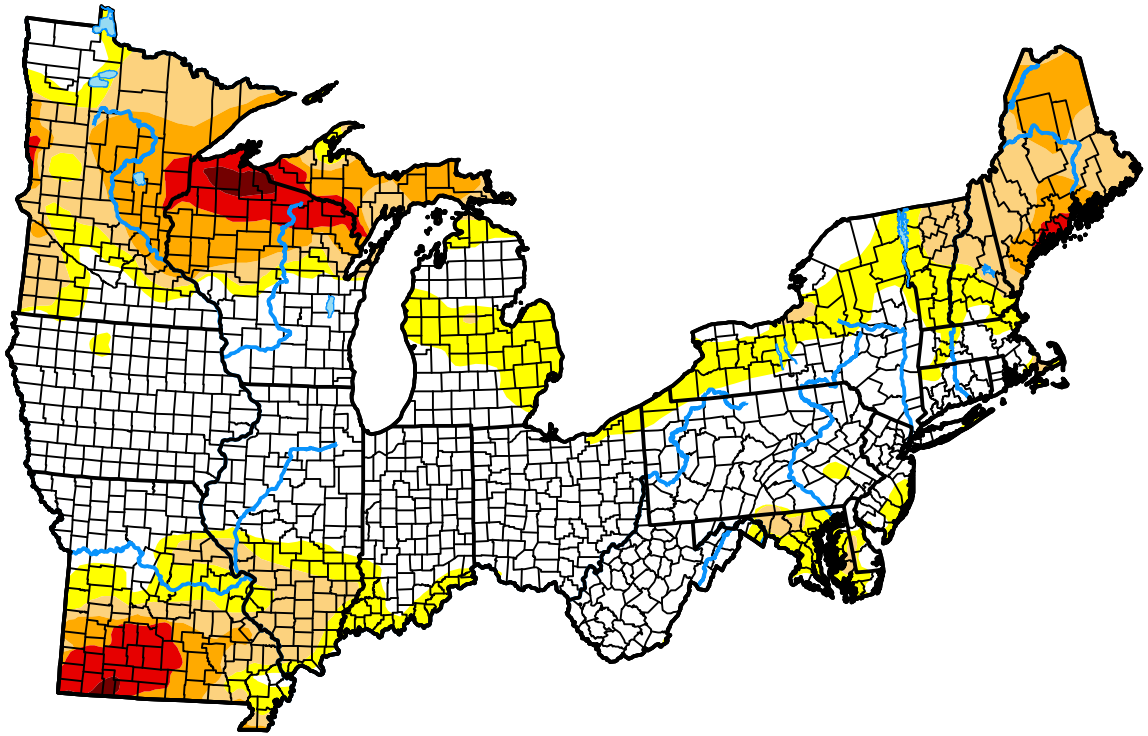
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub



## October 13, 2026

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 54.31 | 17.22 | 14.15 | 9.85 | 3.96 | 0.51 |
| **Last Week** *10-06-2026* | 57.25 | 16.11 | 13.90 | 8.70 | 3.66 | 0.39 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-14-2026* | 67.31 | 18.30 | 9.73 | 4.23 | 0.43 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-06-2026* | 25.79 | 32.37 | 29.40 | 10.91 | 1.52 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-30-2025* | 27.16 | 33.20 | 24.52 | 12.81 | 2.32 | 0.00 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-14-2025* | 18.64 | 34.38 | 25.55 | 16.16 | 5.27 | 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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