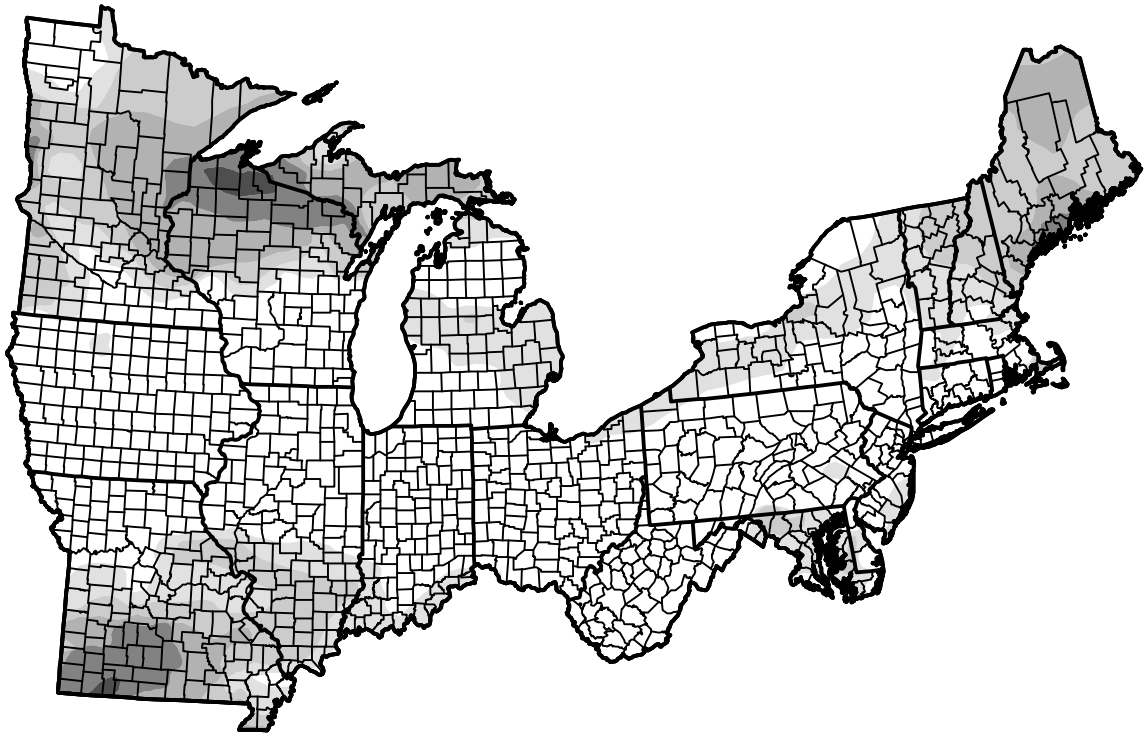
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.31	45.69	28.47	14.32	4.47	0.51
Last Week *10-06-2026*	57.25	42.75	26.65	12.75	4.05	0.39
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	67.31	32.69	14.39	4.66	0.43	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	25.79	74.21	41.84	12.43	1.52	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	27.16	72.84	39.64	15.13	2.32	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	18.64	81.36	46.98	21.43	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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