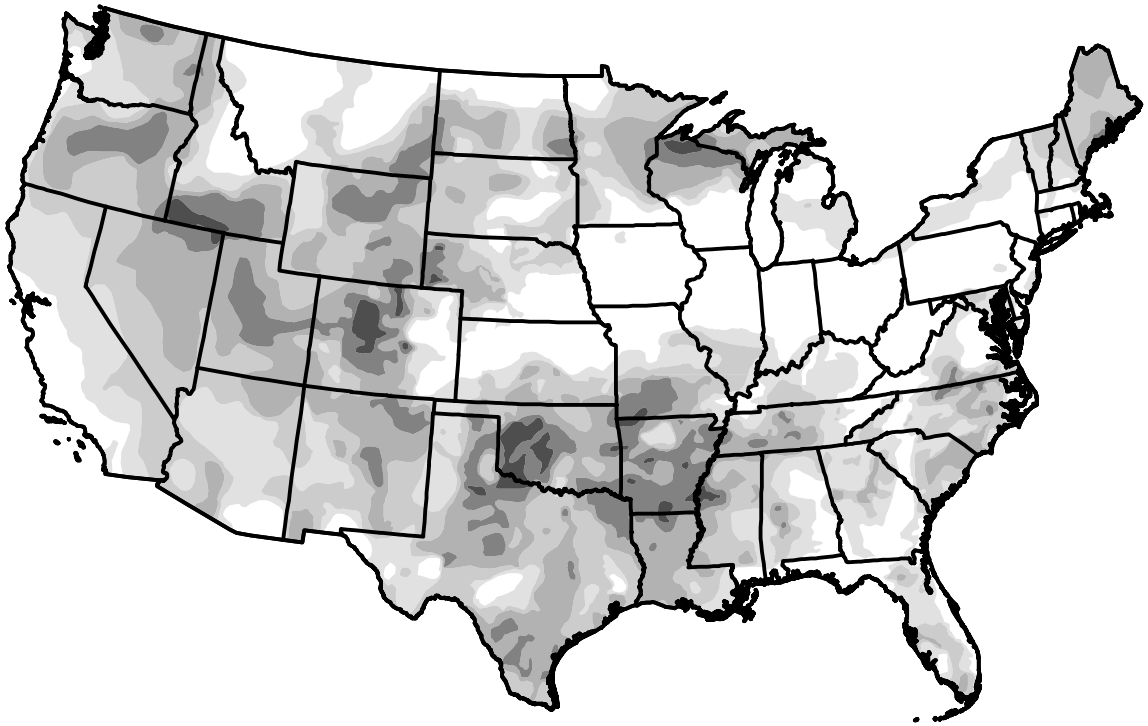
U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	25.46	20.81	23.40	20.54	8.49	1.30
Last Week *10-06-2026*	24.17	20.62	23.76	21.58	8.72	1.15
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	34.28	19.25	17.37	18.39	9.73	0.98
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	29.74	25.44	29.12	13.79	1.85	0.05
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	30.21	26.80	19.65	17.77	5.26	0.30
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	25.96	28.44	22.66	17.53	5.23	0.19

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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