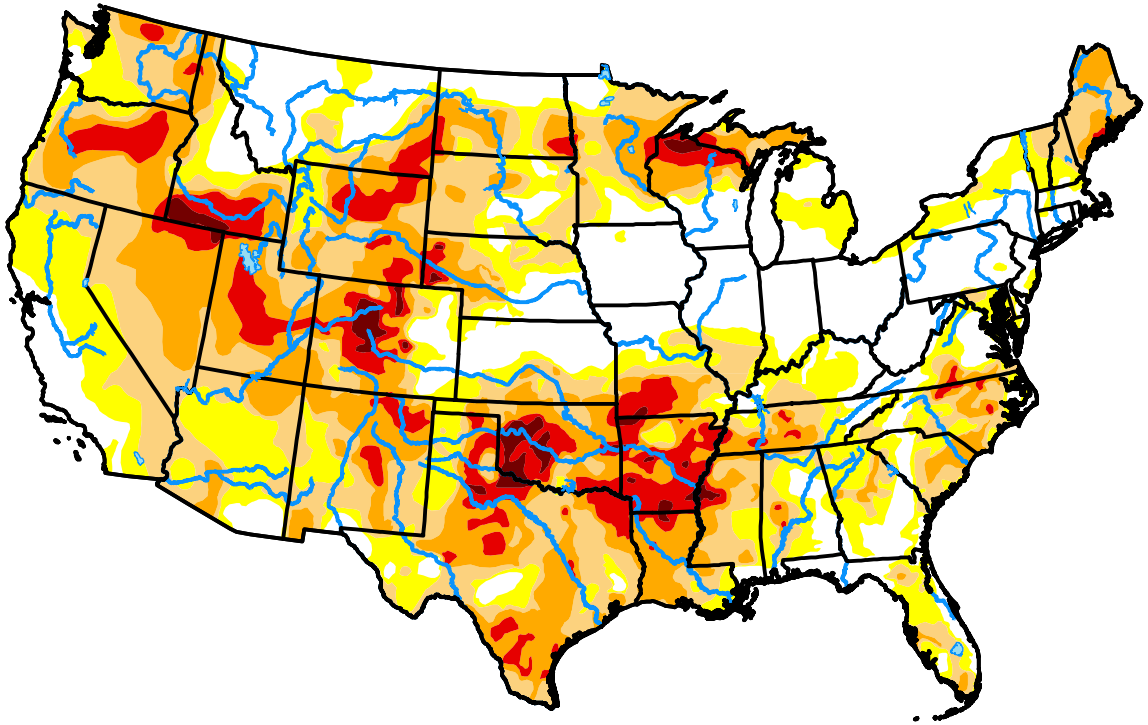
U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	25.46	74.54	53.73	30.33	9.79	1.30
Last Week *10-06-2026*	24.17	75.83	55.21	31.45	9.87	1.15
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	34.28	65.72	46.47	29.10	10.71	0.98
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	29.74	70.26	44.82	15.70	1.91	0.05
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	30.21	69.79	42.98	23.33	5.56	0.30
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	25.96	74.04	45.60	22.95	5.42	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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