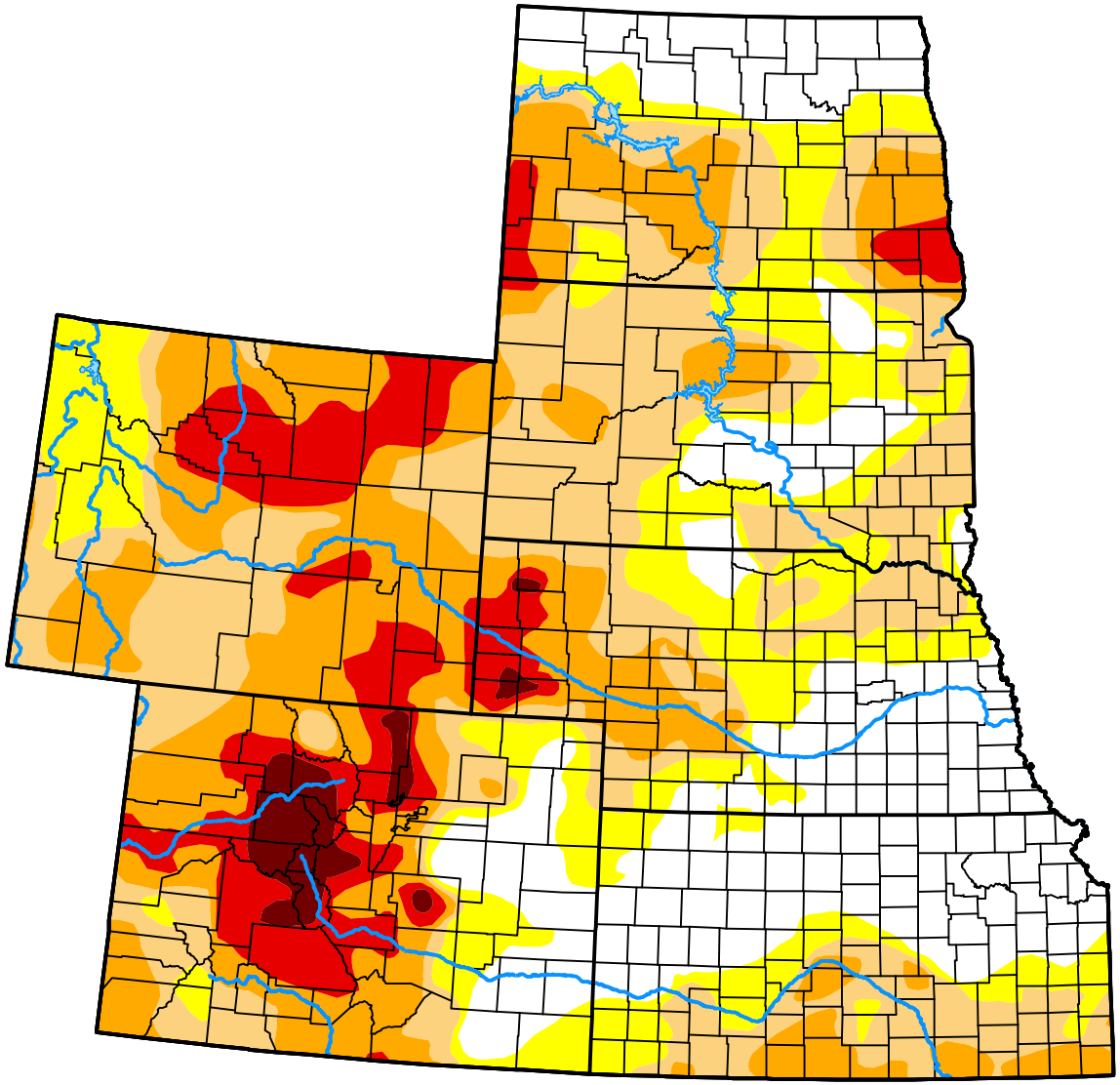
U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains



October 13, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.78	77.22	59.54	33.47	11.22	1.87
Last Week *10-06-2026*	22.80	77.20	60.07	34.27	12.92	1.87
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	22.32	77.68	62.05	45.42	22.26	2.93
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	46.41	53.59	25.13	8.10	0.89	0.14
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	62.92	37.08	19.86	12.97	5.97	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	61.84	38.16	19.24	9.20	3.30	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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