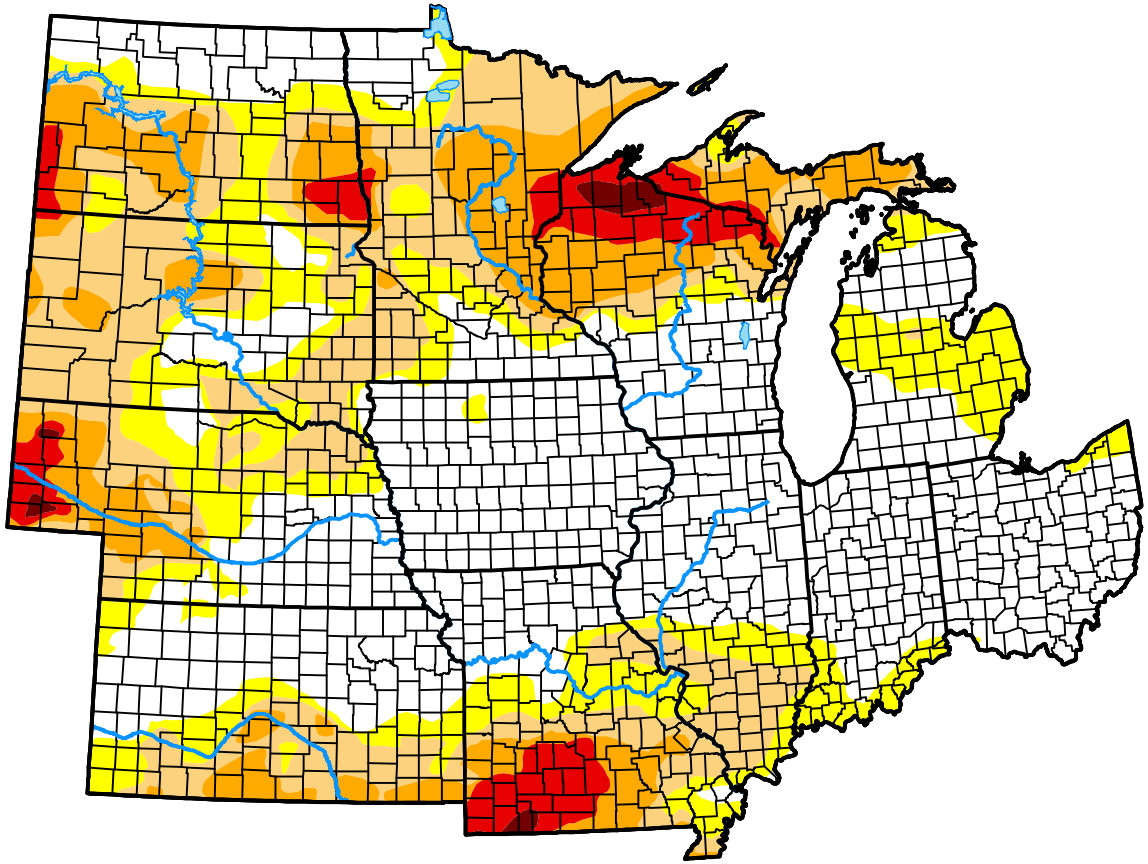
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	44.85	17.59	20.01	12.61	4.41	0.53
Last Week *10-06-2026*	46.39	17.42	19.77	11.75	4.24	0.43
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	55.72	21.52	12.61	7.32	2.55	0.30
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.60	31.26	23.21	5.66	1.26	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	53.65	23.69	16.34	6.08	0.24	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	44.45	29.09	16.90	8.20	1.36	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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