U.S. Drought Monitor

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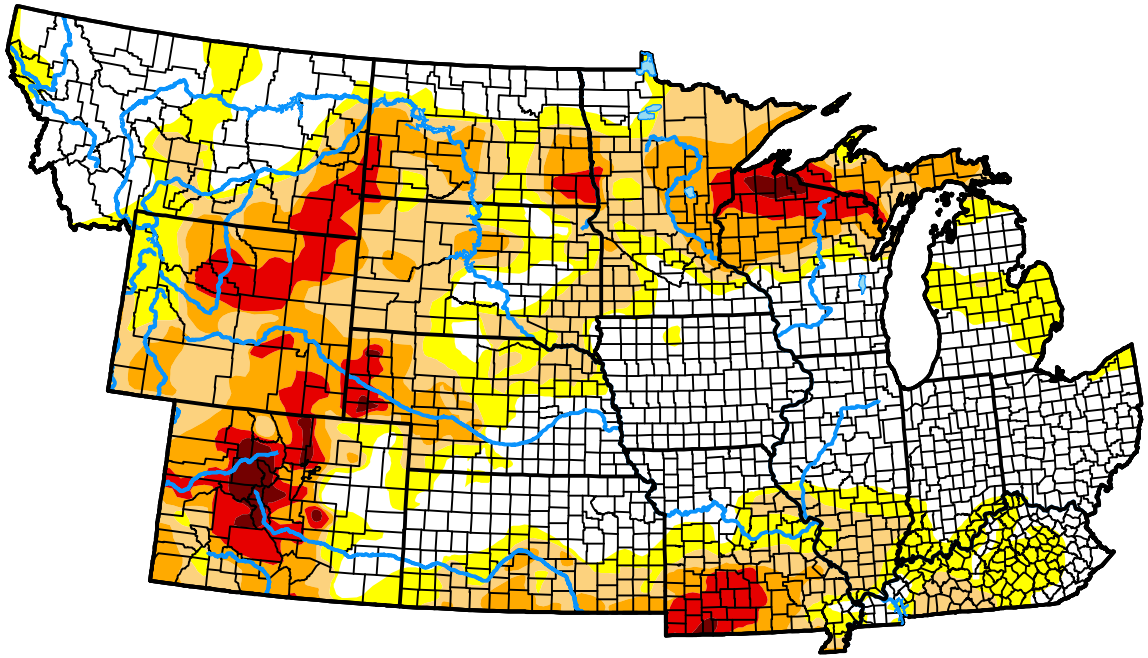

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	40.05	18.16	18.73	15.06	6.89	1.12
Last Week *10-06-2026*	39.30	18.96	19.11	14.12	7.46	1.05
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	41.73	19.47	15.08	13.84	8.60	1.29
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.91	31.63	21.00	7.05	1.35	0.06
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	45.92	25.16	14.76	10.28	3.88	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	42.00	27.28	16.69	10.59	3.44	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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