U.S. Drought Monitor

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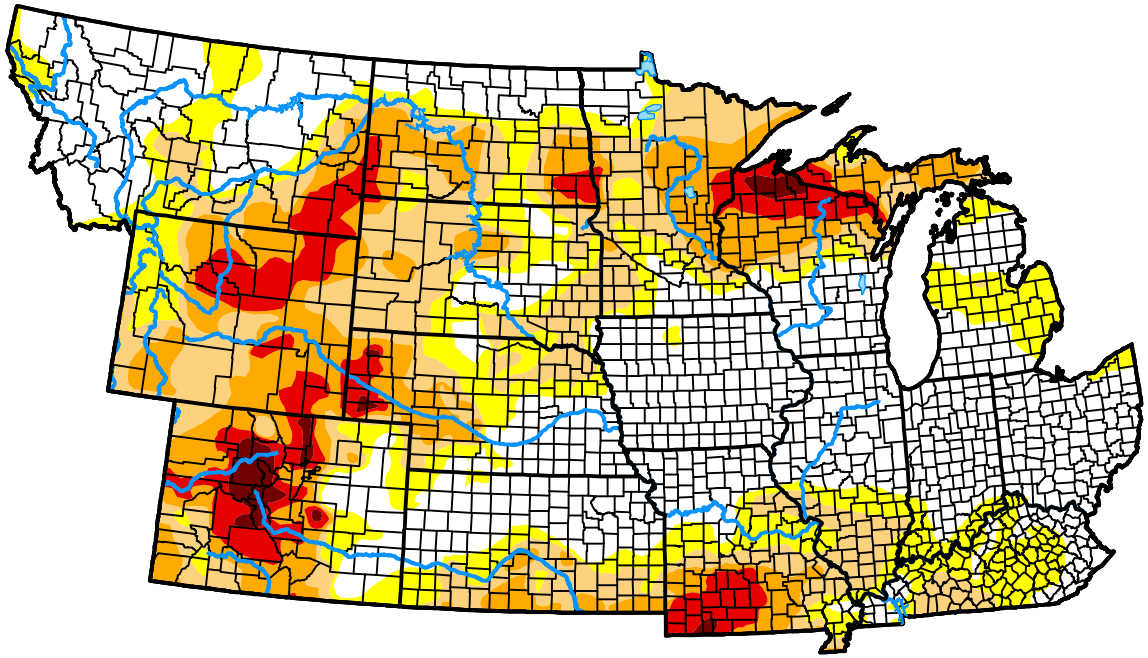

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	40.05	59.95	41.79	23.06	8.01	1.12
Last Week *10-06-2026*	39.30	60.70	41.74	22.63	8.51	1.05
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	41.73	58.27	38.81	23.73	9.89	1.29
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.91	61.09	29.46	8.46	1.41	0.06
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	45.92	54.08	28.92	14.16	3.88	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	42.00	58.00	30.72	14.03	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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