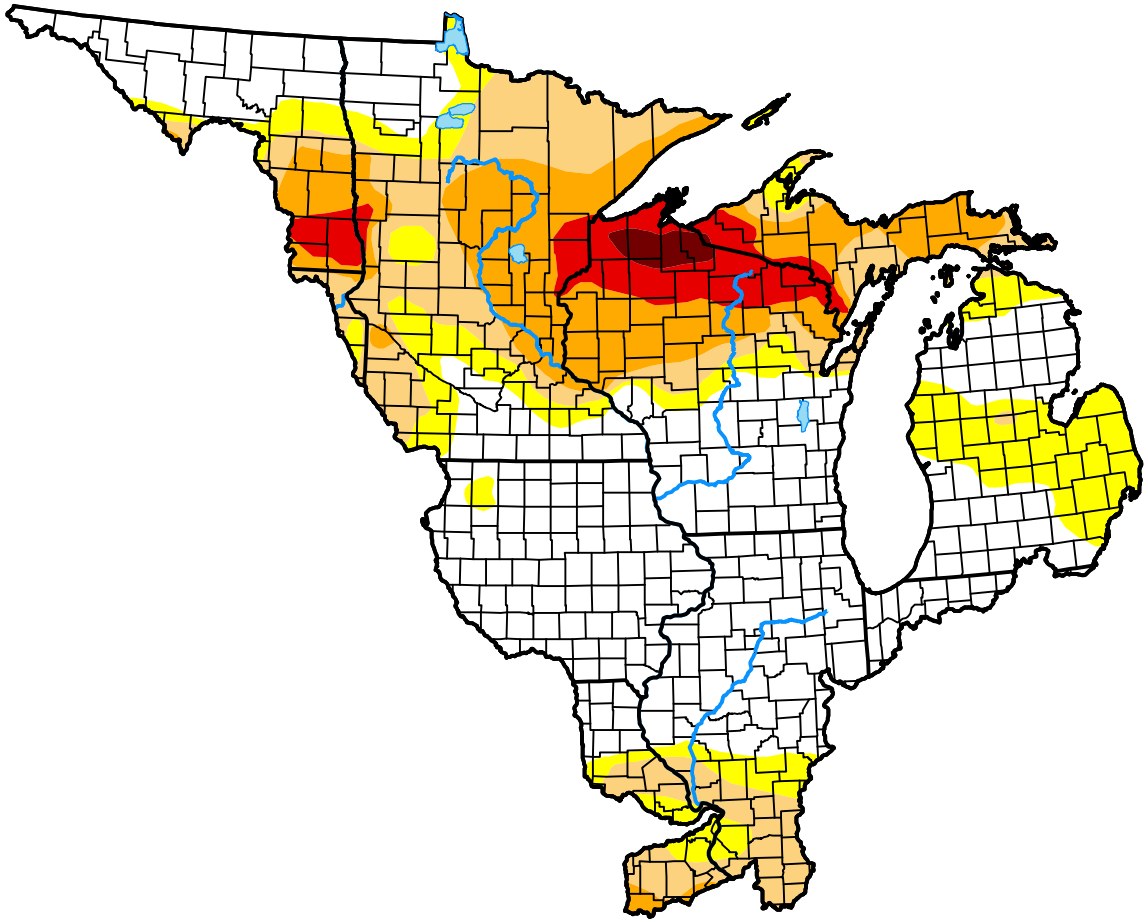
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	48.20	15.07	16.65	14.21	5.09	0.78
Last Week *10-06-2026*	49.14	16.22	16.70	12.78	4.38	0.78
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	60.51	25.78	10.36	3.35	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	31.60	32.40	29.80	5.71	0.48	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	53.32	26.45	14.27	5.96	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	35.80	33.54	19.95	10.30	0.41	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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