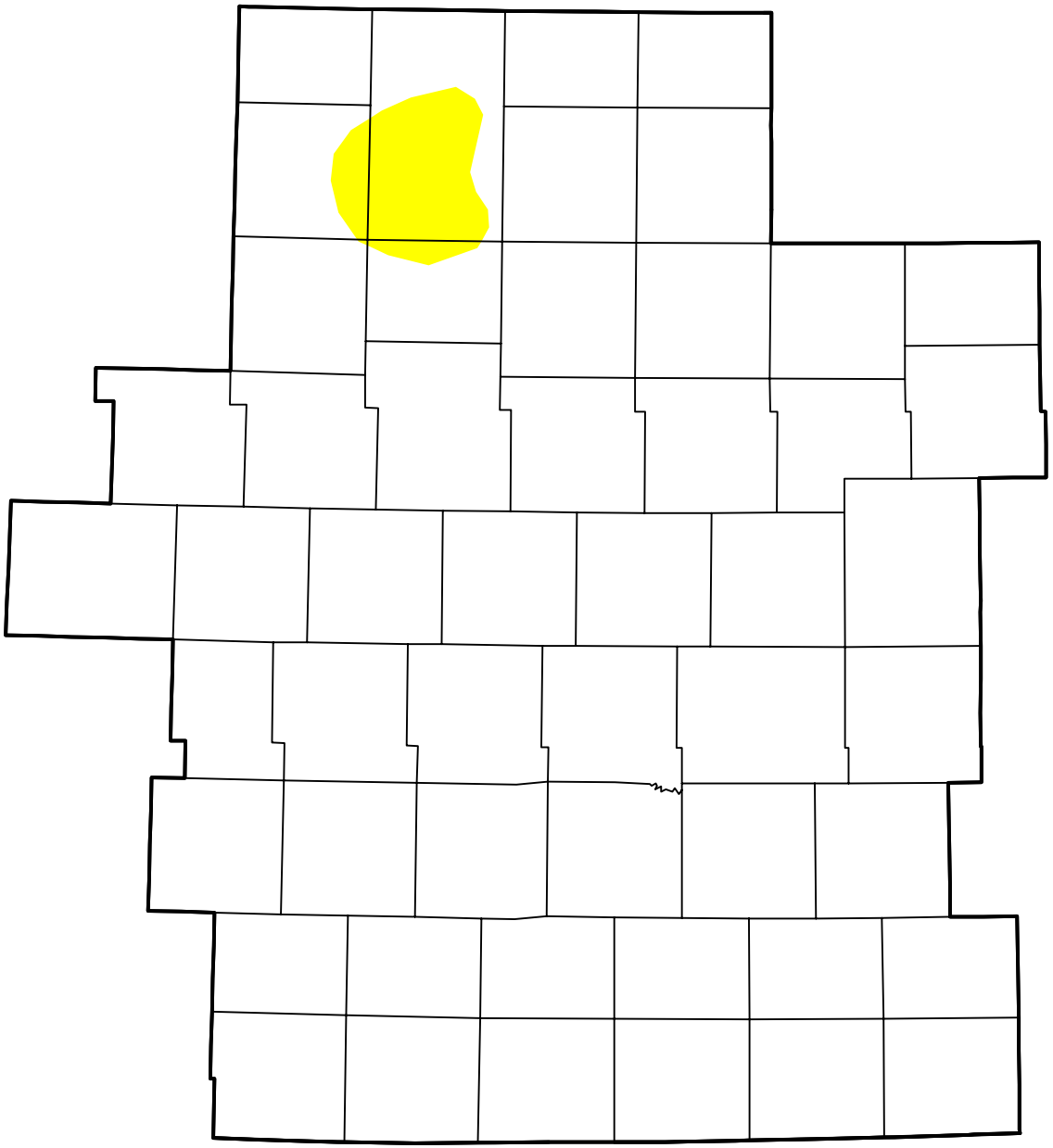
U.S. Drought Monitor

Des Moines, IA WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.63	2.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week *10-06-2026*	97.63	2.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	70.96	29.04	15.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	56.91	43.09	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	83.53	16.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	53.94	46.06	0.24	0.00	0.00	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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