U.S. Drought Monitor

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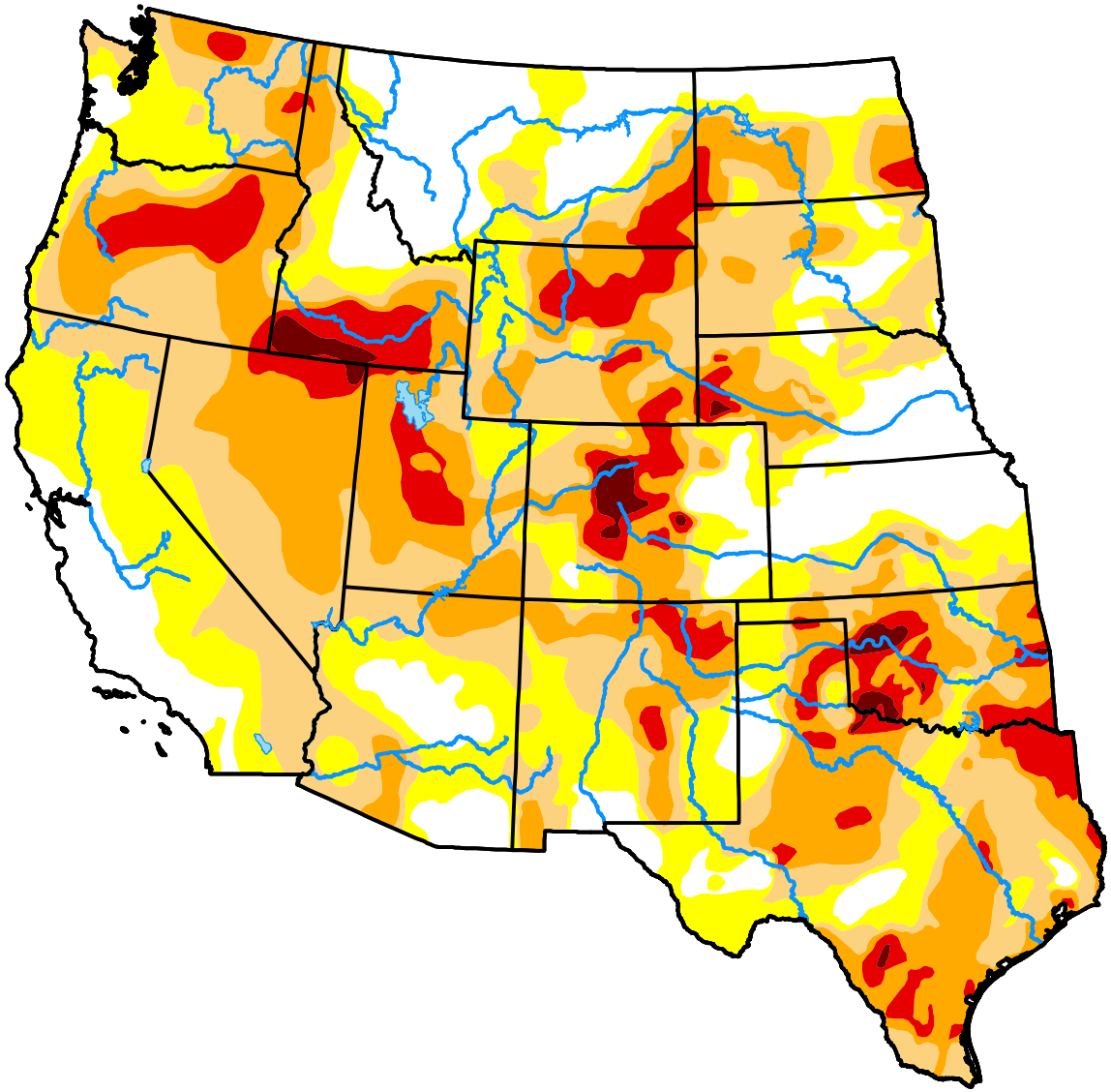

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	18.19	22.46	26.31	23.57	8.43	1.04
Last Week *10-13-2026*	16.11	19.89	27.31	24.92	10.11	1.66
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	22.87	18.79	19.06	23.97	13.88	1.43
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.34	24.35	22.77	12.17	2.28	0.09
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	12.19	16.52	27.88	27.79	13.21	2.42
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	31.92	21.92	21.80	19.26	4.89	0.22

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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