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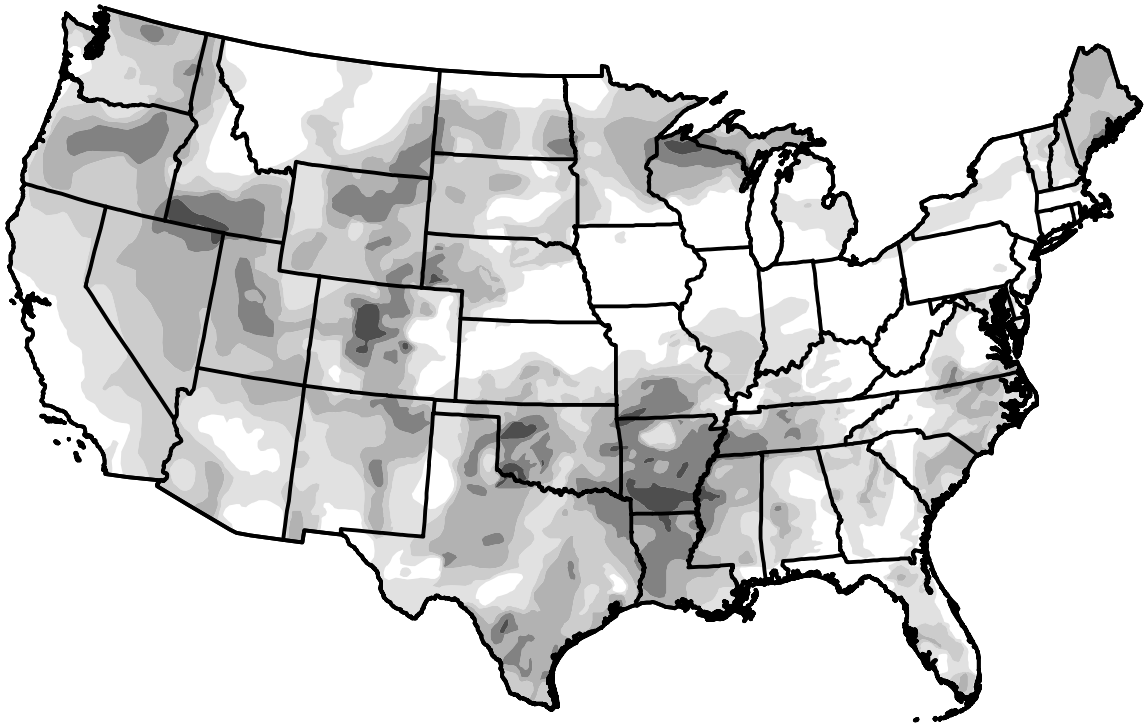

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	26.82	22.50	21.99	19.31	8.18	1.19
Last Week *10-13-2026*	25.46	20.81	23.40	20.54	8.49	1.30
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	34.76	19.47	16.63	18.43	9.78	0.93
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	29.74	25.44	29.12	13.79	1.85	0.05
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	21.64	18.98	25.60	22.25	9.94	1.59
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	27.88	26.04	24.98	16.45	4.51	0.14

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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