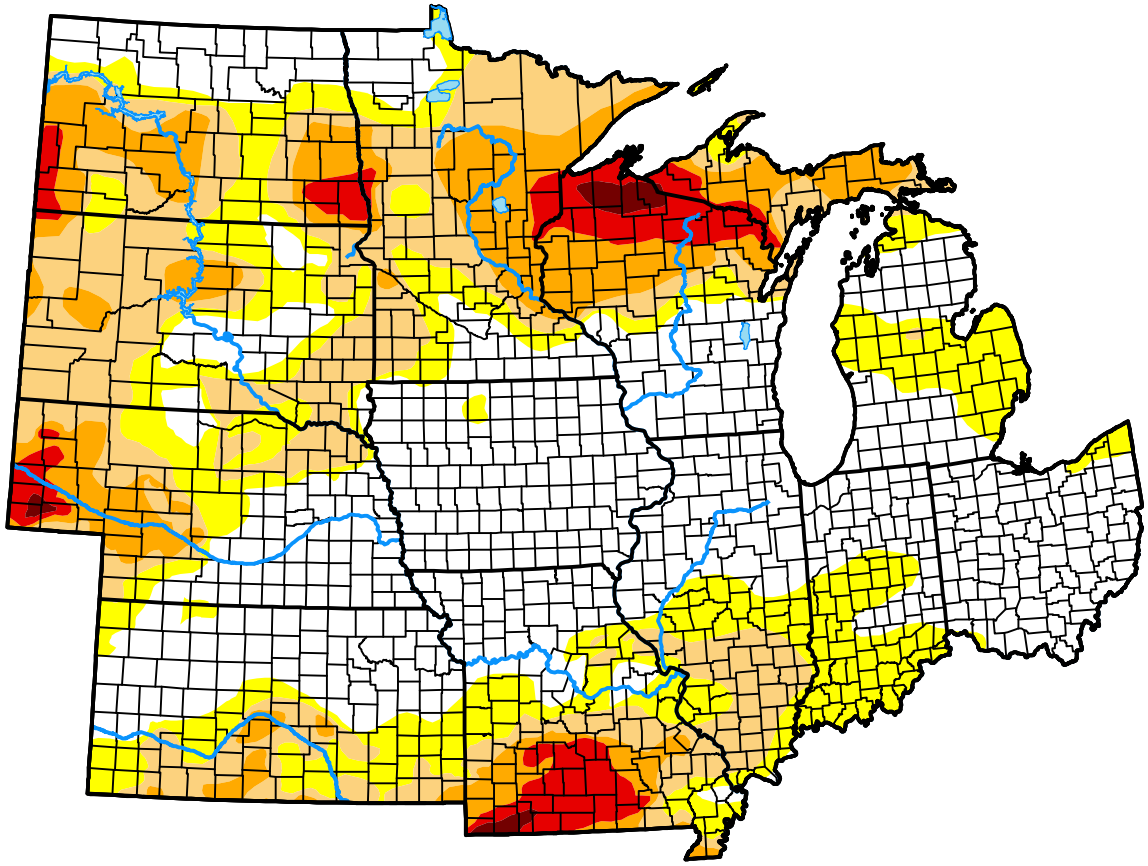
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.30	56.70	36.49	16.64	4.82	0.53
Last Week *10-13-2026*	44.85	55.15	37.56	17.54	4.94	0.53
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	51.60	48.40	25.39	11.08	2.98	0.30
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.60	61.40	30.14	6.93	1.26	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	43.19	56.81	39.03	17.31	4.42	0.32
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	44.33	55.67	26.41	6.40	1.11	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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