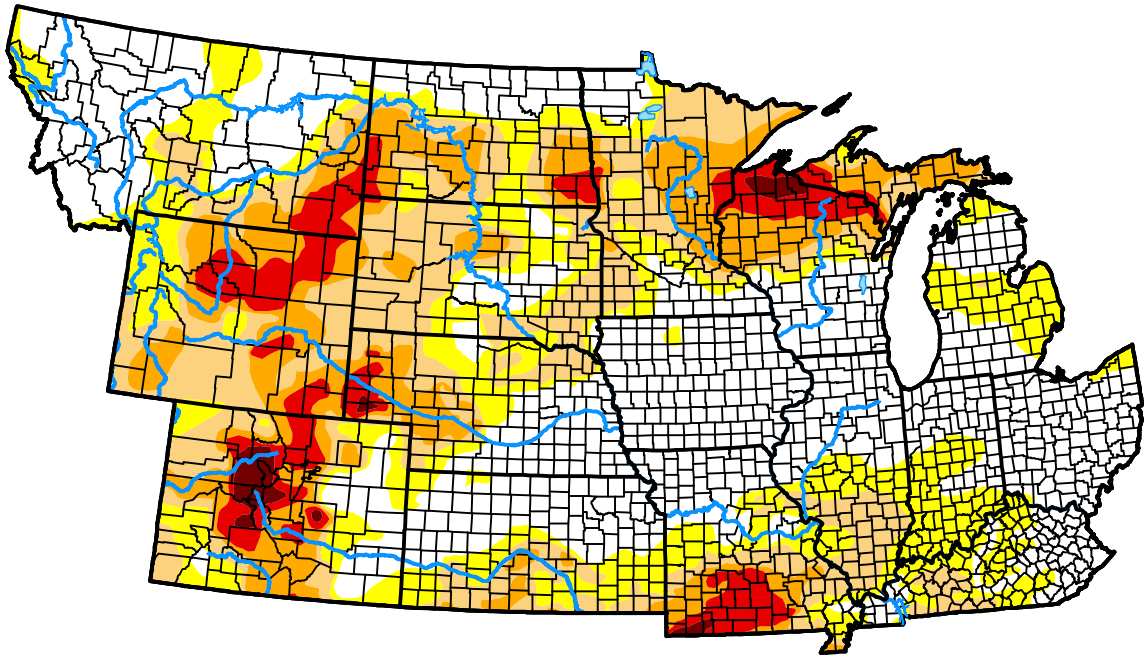
U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.52	60.48	40.03	20.58	7.06	0.89
Last Week *10-13-2026*	40.05	59.95	41.79	23.06	8.01	1.12
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	40.24	59.76	39.50	24.54	10.40	1.29
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.91	61.09	29.46	8.46	1.41	0.06
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	35.98	64.02	45.97	23.43	8.52	1.11
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	44.44	55.56	29.65	10.84	1.95	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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