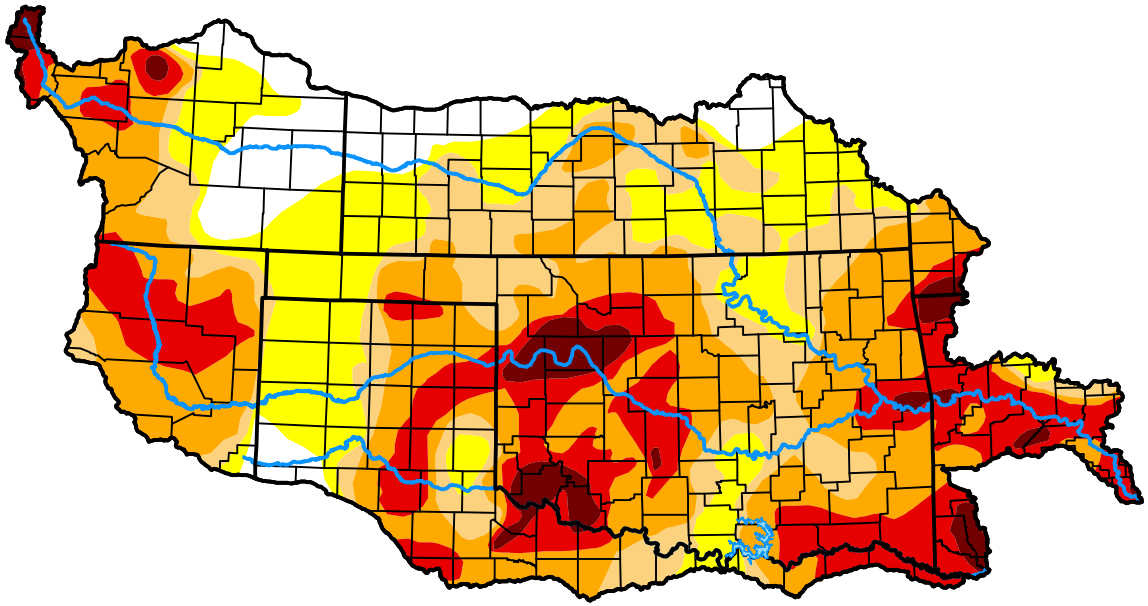
U.S. Drought Monitor

Arkansas Red Basin RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.73	91.27	71.95	53.52	23.05	4.06
Last Week *10-13-2026*	7.85	92.15	78.28	59.95	31.15	8.02
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	26.24	73.76	61.05	45.01	18.38	1.91
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	31.62	68.38	43.83	7.93	2.34	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	2.75	97.25	93.99	77.94	40.56	11.97
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	52.81	47.19	14.58	2.37	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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