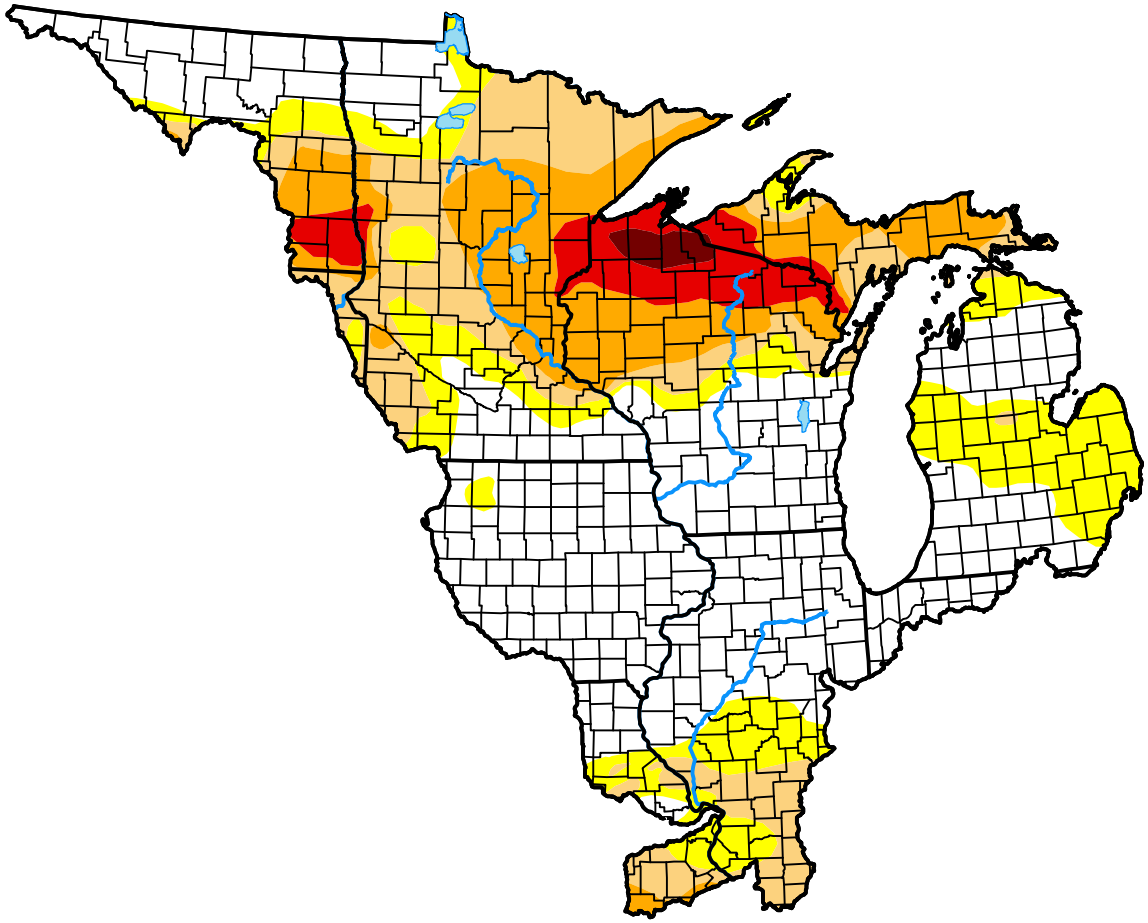
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	46.92	16.75	16.25	14.21	5.10	0.78
Last Week *10-13-2026*	48.20	15.07	16.65	14.21	5.09	0.78
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	55.26	27.75	12.38	4.61	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	31.60	32.40	29.80	5.71	0.48	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	48.43	16.54	18.16	11.82	4.53	0.52
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	33.95	35.47	24.45	5.91	0.23	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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