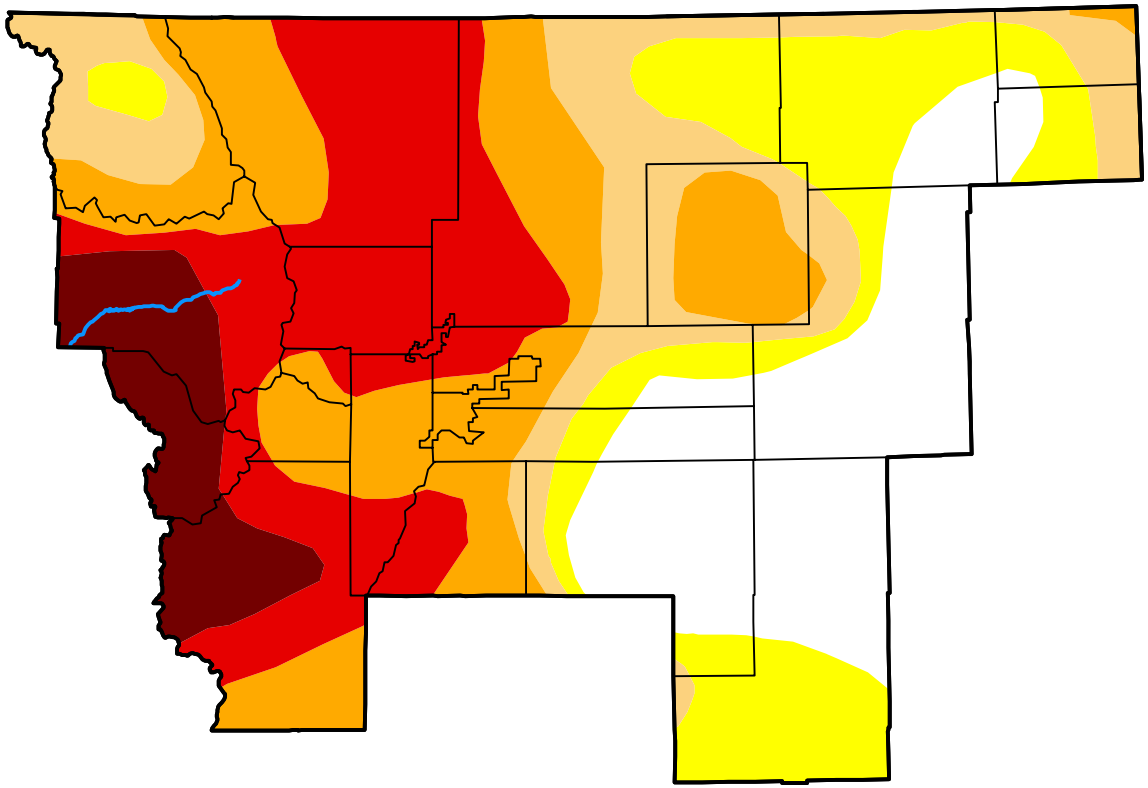
U.S. Drought Monitor

Boulder, CO WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	19.34	80.66	64.19	49.39	28.18	7.33
Last Week *10-13-2026*	19.34	80.66	64.38	48.37	29.49	11.96
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	4.43	95.57	82.74	66.19	46.60	7.02
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	22.48	77.52	61.35	19.50	9.06	0.36
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	20.55	79.45	67.59	48.85	26.94	8.79
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	71.50	28.50	17.86	12.07	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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