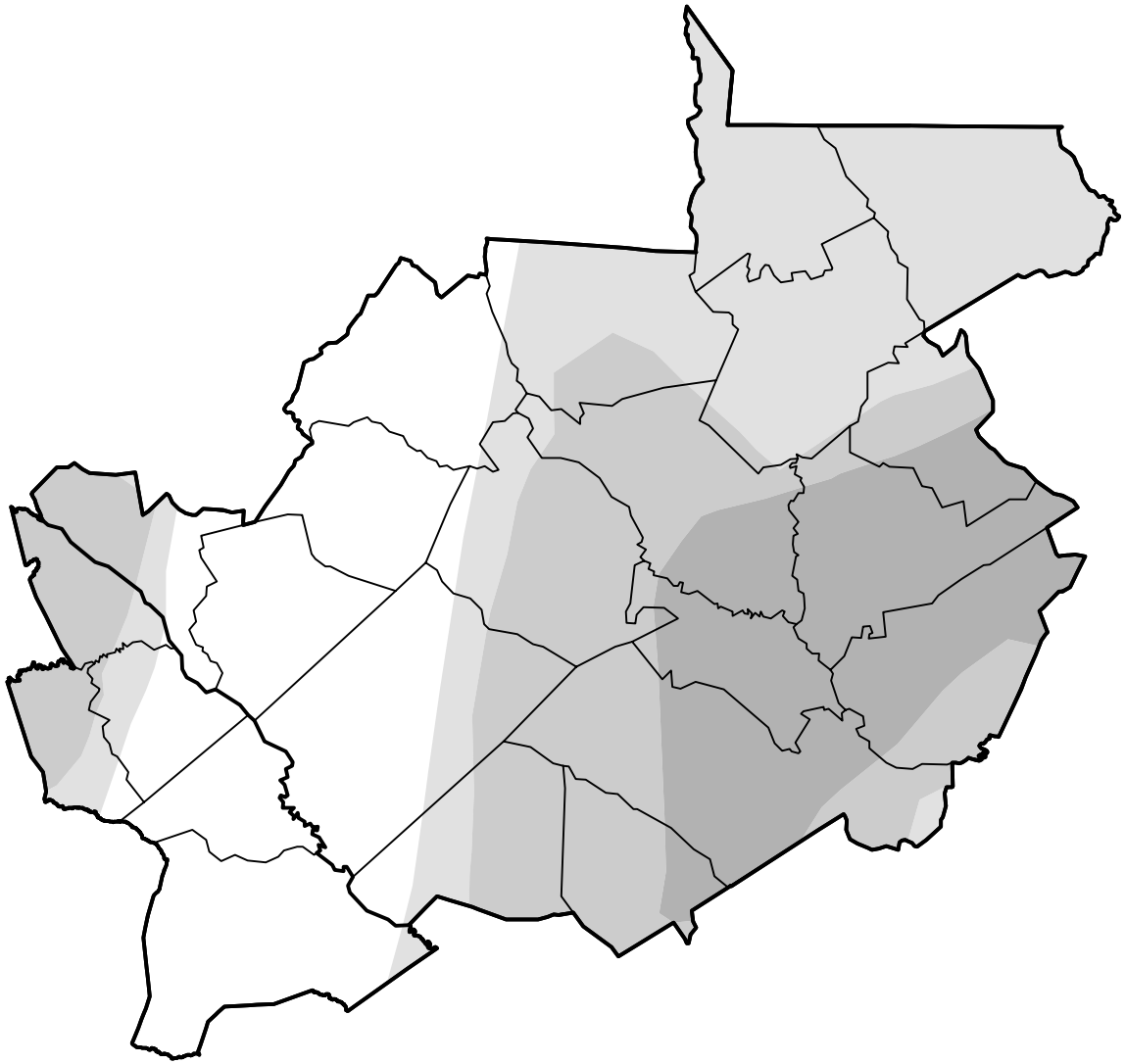
U.S. Drought Monitor

Columbia, SC WFO



October 20, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	29.53	26.04	25.50	18.93	0.00	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	24.98	24.72	31.37	18.93	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	4.21	29.99	42.11	19.75	3.94	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	0.00	49.22	50.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	0.00	37.50	46.93	15.57	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	2.58	27.73	65.04	4.65	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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