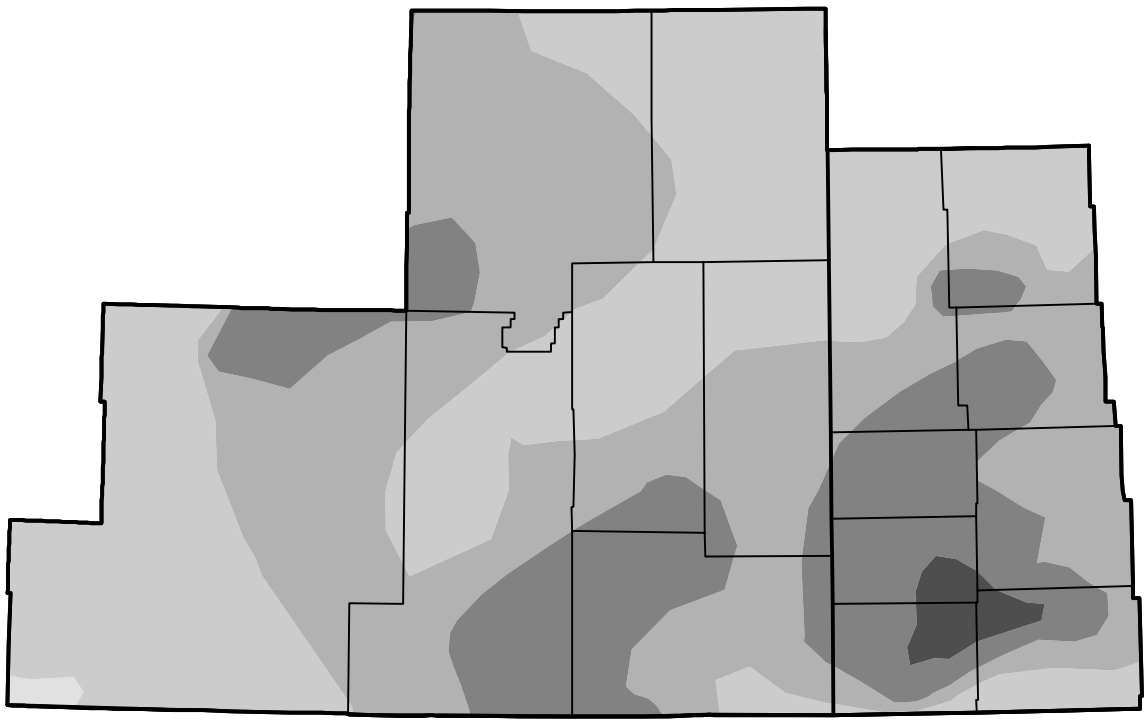
U.S. Drought Monitor

Cheyenne, WY WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.00	0.34	37.76	40.37	20.15	1.39
Last Week *10-13-2026*	0.00	0.00	16.05	55.42	26.52	2.01
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	0.00	0.00	3.32	29.29	62.15	5.24
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	12.42	25.96	33.41	28.21	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	0.00	0.00	15.88	55.63	26.49	2.01
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	42.08	27.72	20.79	9.24	0.17	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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