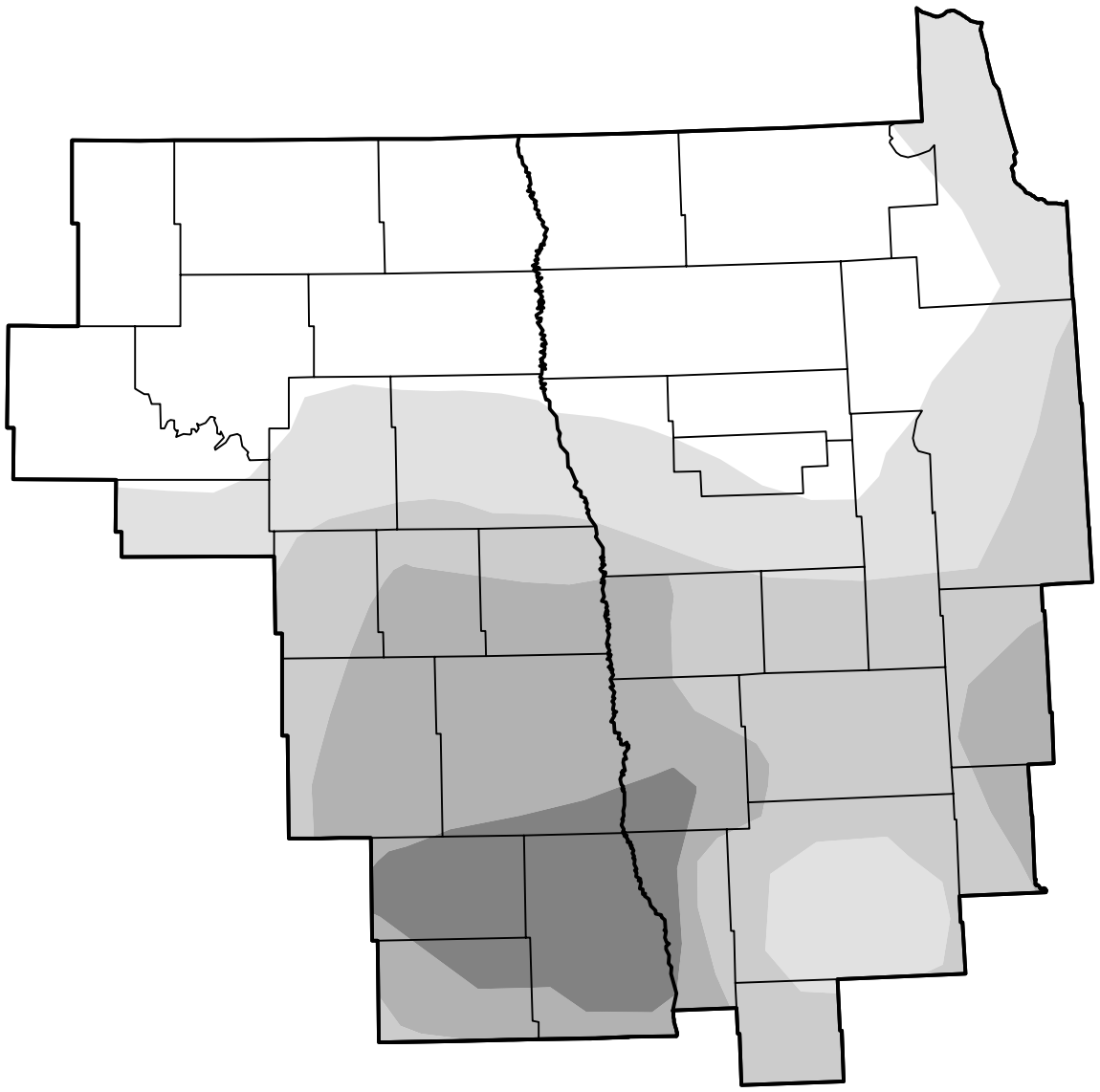
U.S. Drought Monitor

Grand Forks, ND WFO



October 20, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	36.49	20.14	20.33	16.13	6.91	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	36.49	20.14	20.33	16.13	6.91	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	23.08	49.05	21.14	6.72	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	67.54	22.74	9.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	36.49	14.44	24.74	17.39	6.95	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	61.29	28.99	9.72	0.00	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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