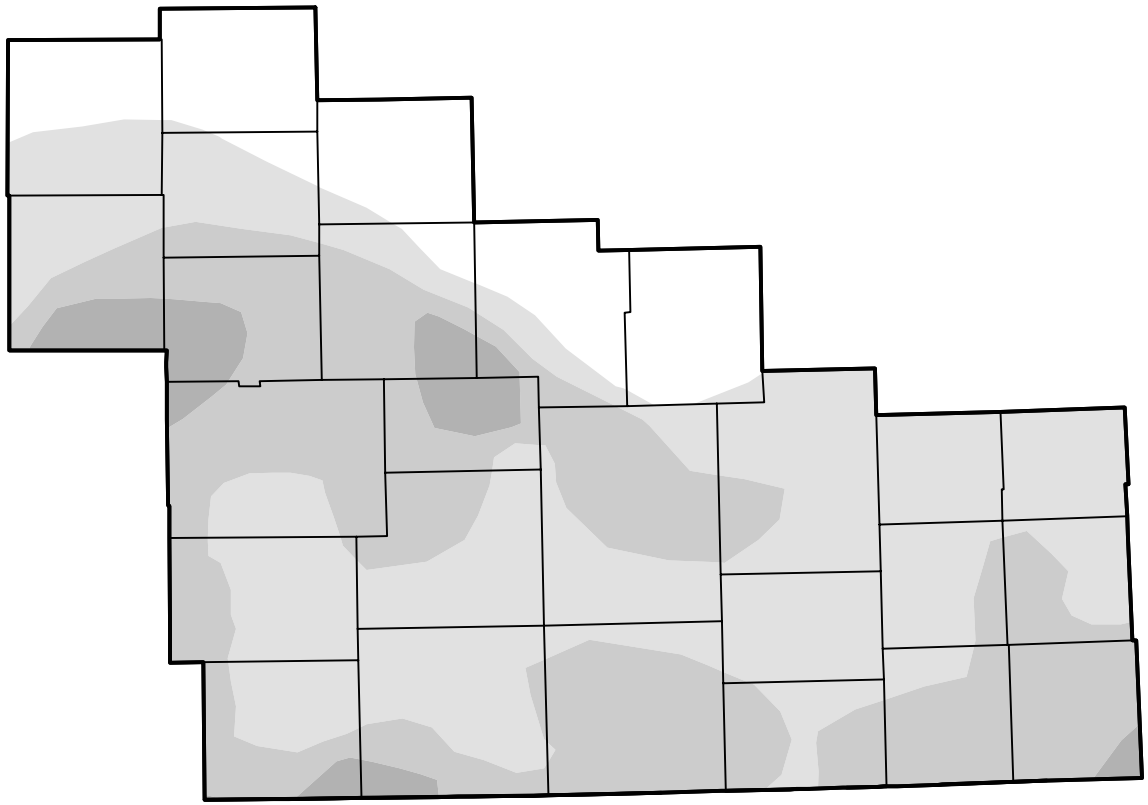
U.S. Drought Monitor

Wichita, KS WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.99	84.01	41.09	5.03	0.00	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	15.99	84.01	68.61	18.26	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	75.87	24.13	16.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	60.18	39.82	24.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	5.57	94.43	80.67	39.26	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	71.34	28.66	3.74	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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