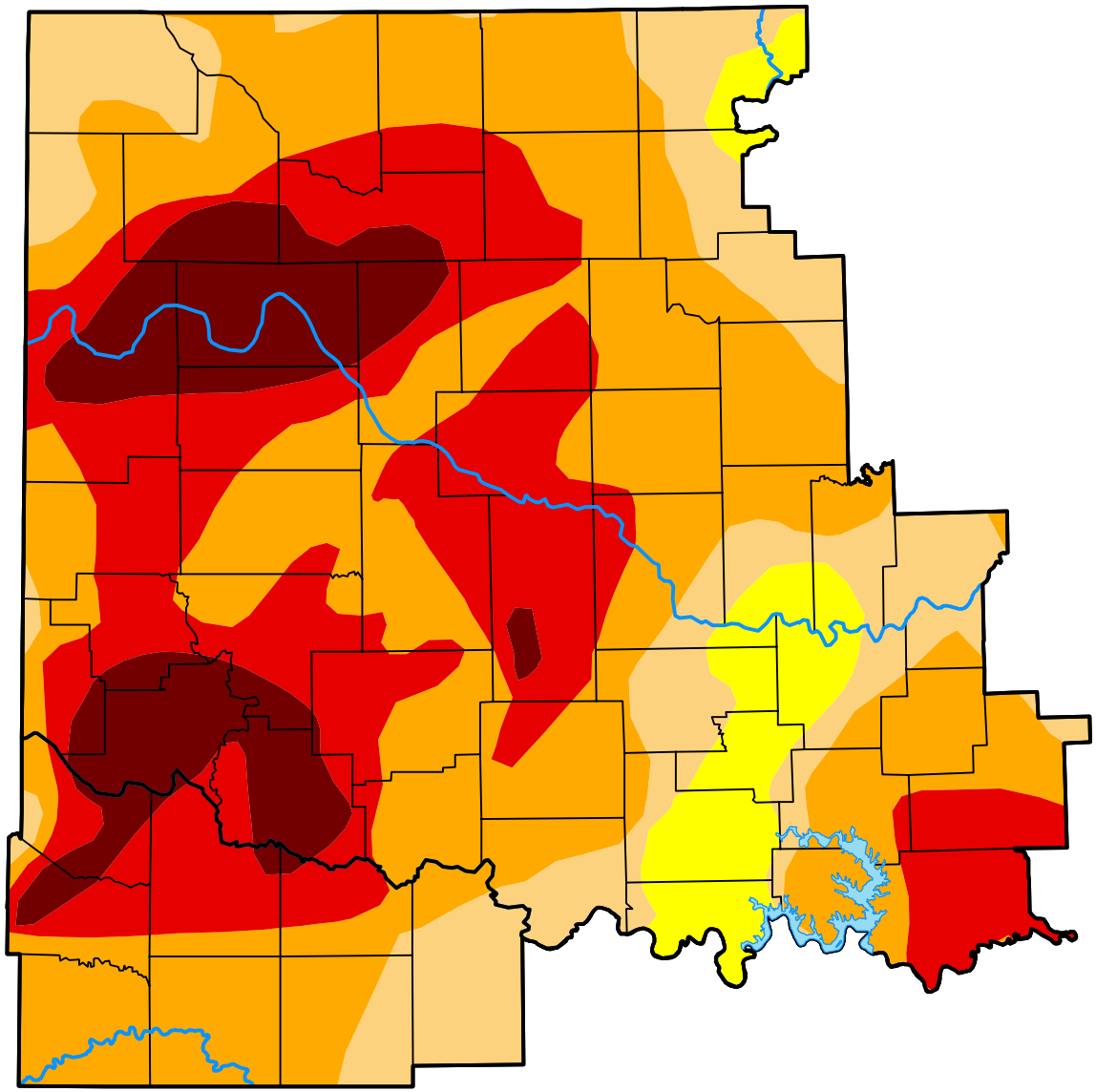
U.S. Drought Monitor

Norman, OK WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.00	5.67	15.98	41.66	26.00	10.69
Last Week *10-13-2026*	0.00	1.69	10.57	25.72	34.39	27.62
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	13.97	30.14	12.10	25.19	15.56	3.05
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	16.96	7.77	50.57	14.65	10.05	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	0.00	0.00	2.00	18.81	41.53	37.66
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	25.34	41.73	25.01	7.92	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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