U.S. Drought Monitor

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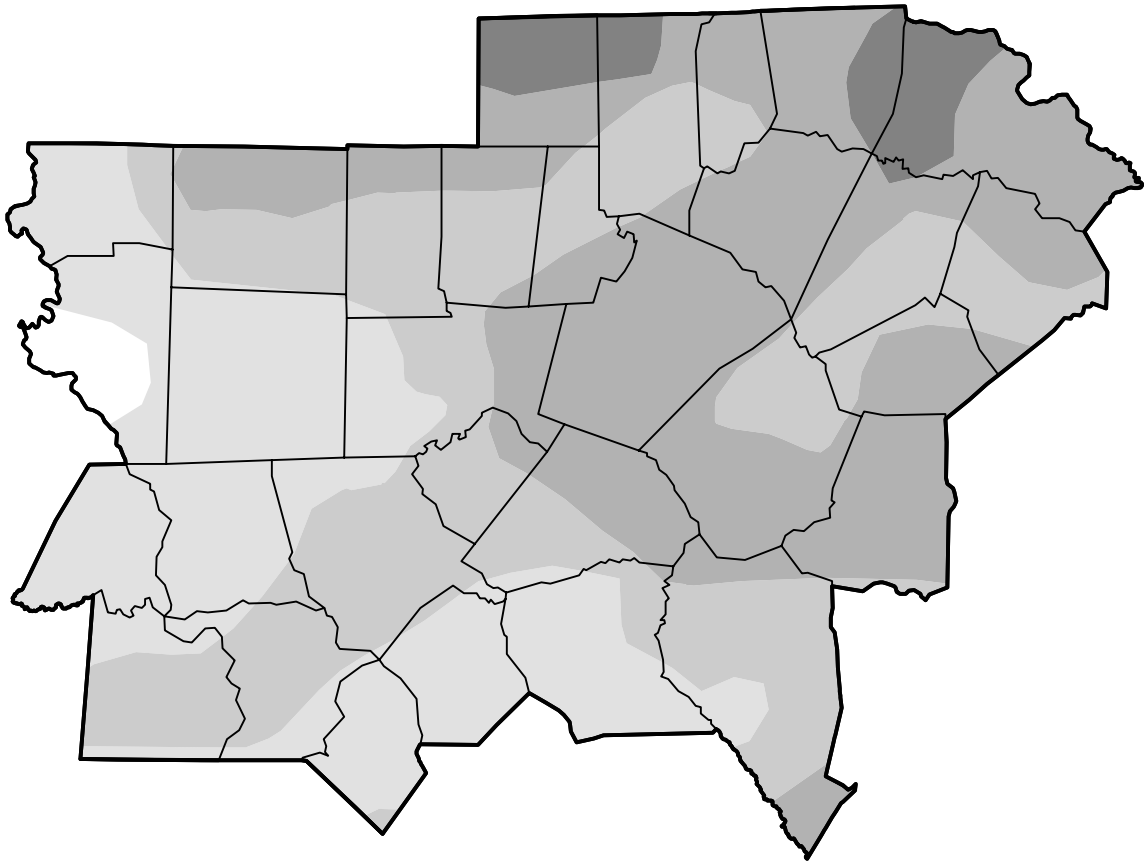

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.41	26.80	31.78	35.43	4.58	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	0.00	18.20	43.85	32.00	5.95	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.62	41.39	0.99
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	0.00	0.00	66.50	33.50	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	0.00	16.14	44.79	33.04	5.64	0.38
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	0.00	16.35	63.40	20.25	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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