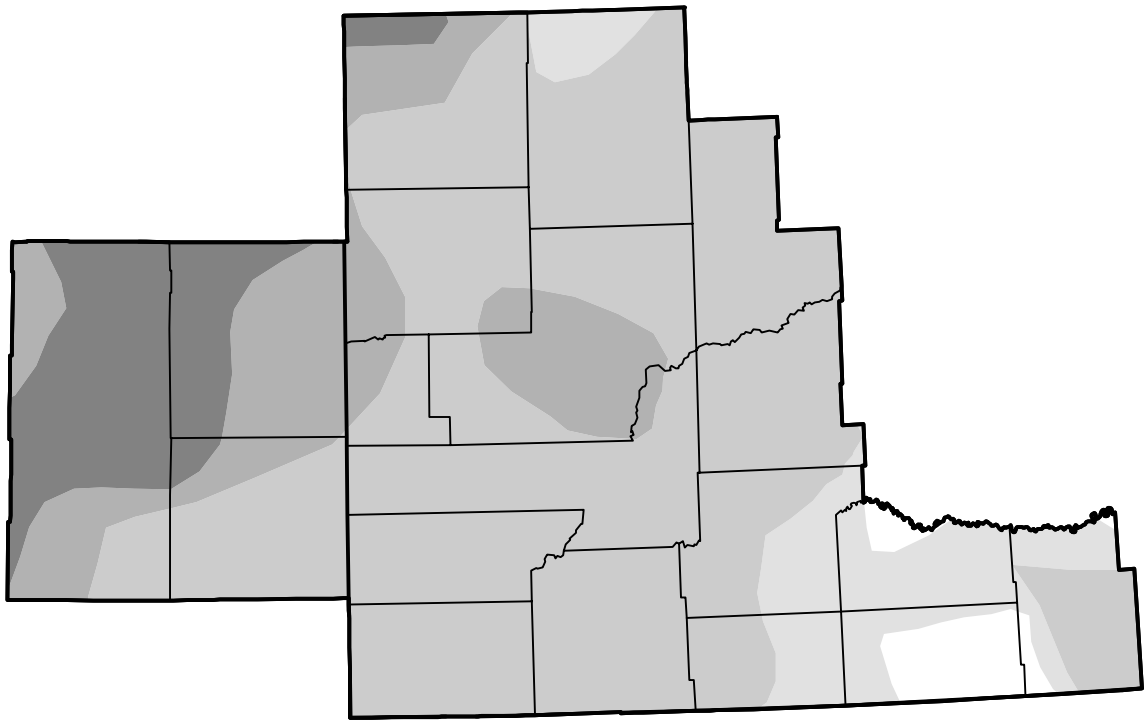
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# Rapid City, SD WFO



## October 20, 2026

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**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 2.87 | 97.13 | 87.28 | 26.96 | 10.97 | 0.00 |
| **Last Week** *10-13-2026* | 2.87 | 97.13 | 87.28 | 26.96 | 10.97 | 0.00 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-21-2026* | 6.43 | 93.57 | 65.77 | 47.37 | 25.37 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-06-2026* | 68.05 | 31.95 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-29-2026* | 2.87 | 97.13 | 87.28 | 27.28 | 10.97 | 0.00 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-21-2025* | 72.46 | 27.54 | 0.03 | 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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