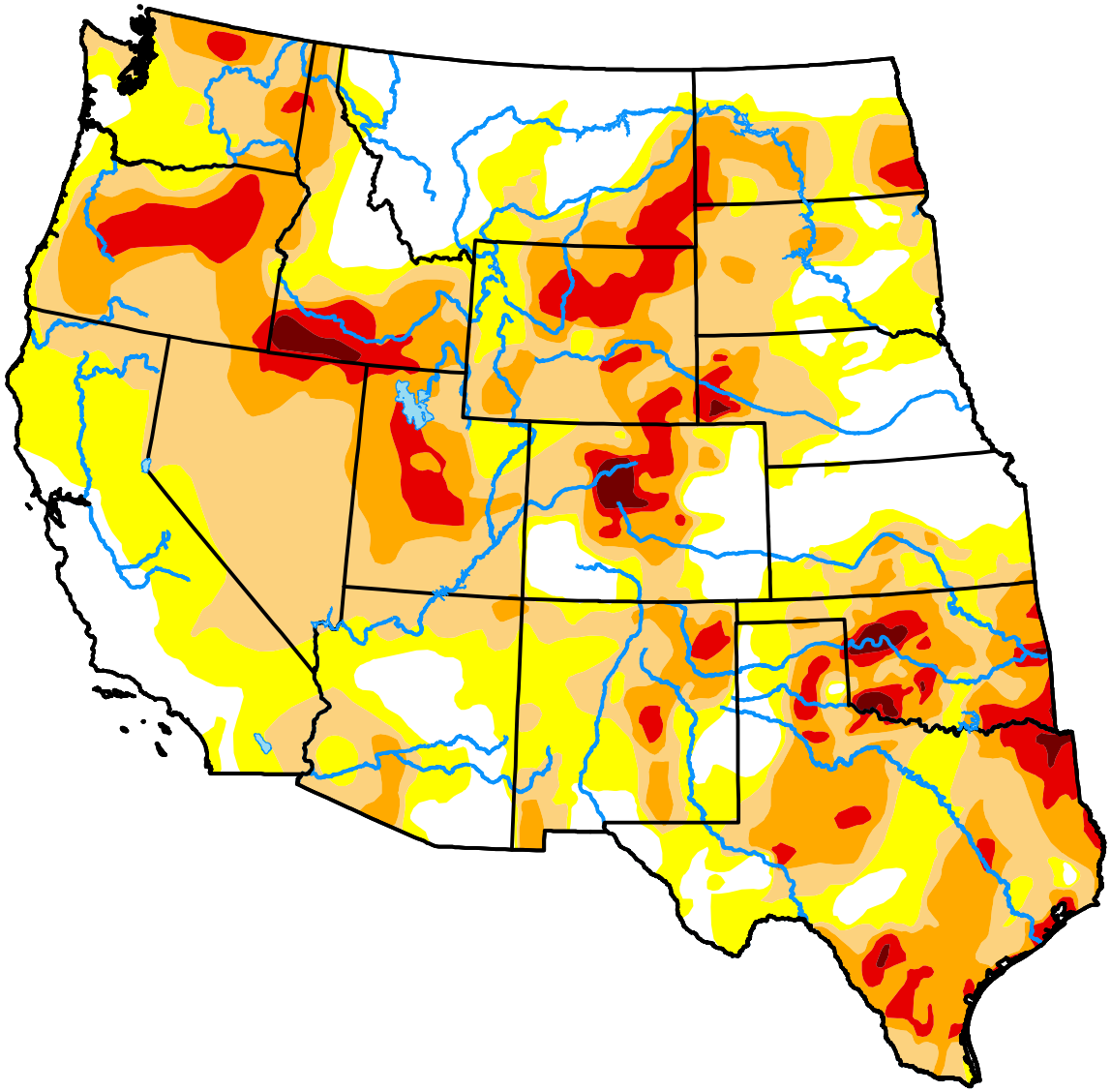
U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	20.69	23.55	28.10	19.39	7.38	0.90
Last Week *10-20-2026*	18.19	22.46	26.31	23.57	8.43	1.04
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	20.74	18.88	21.47	24.02	13.53	1.35
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.34	24.35	22.77	12.17	2.28	0.09
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	12.19	16.52	27.88	27.79	13.21	2.42
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	34.55	21.08	21.01	19.18	4.01	0.16

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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