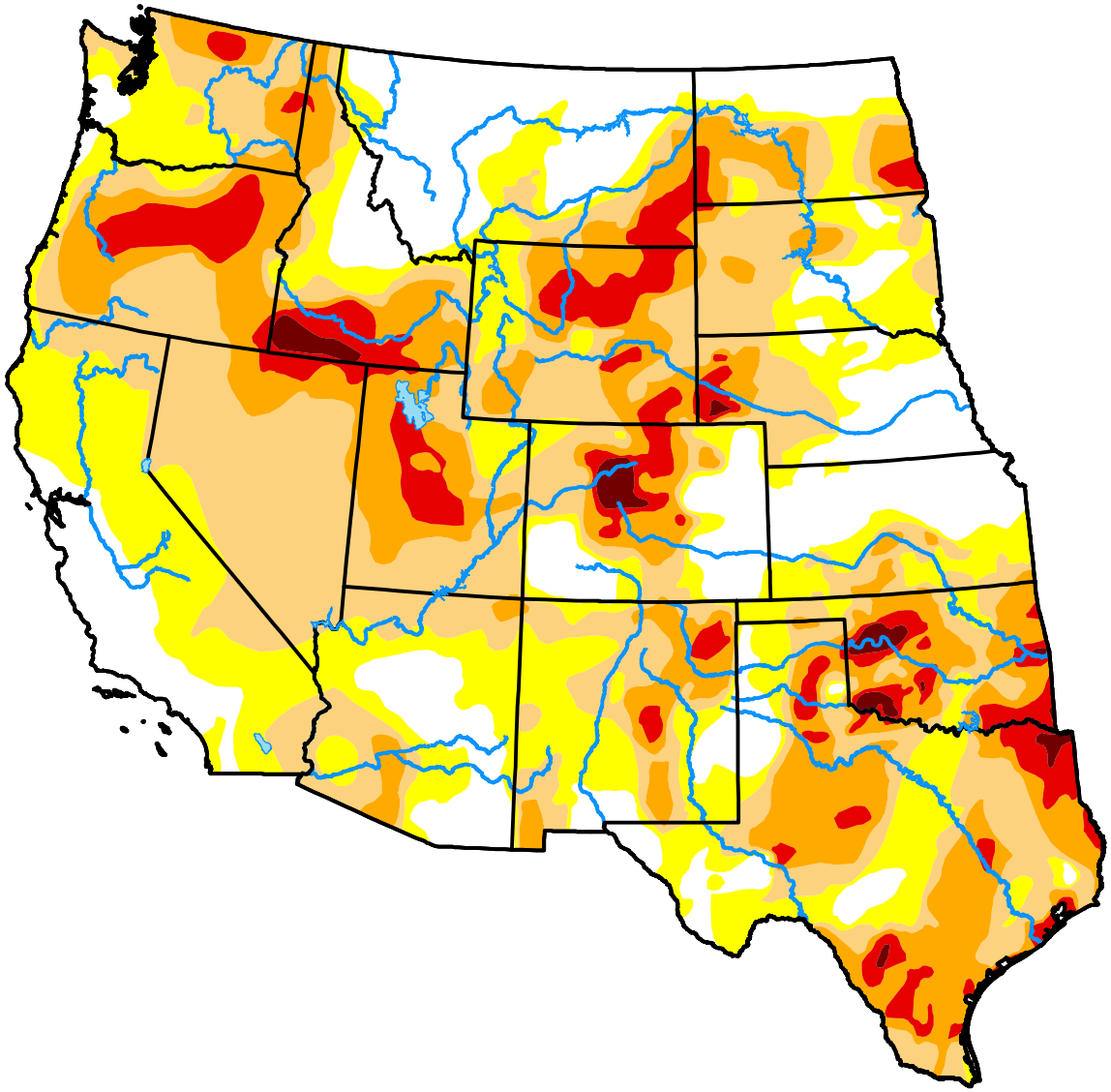
U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	20.69	79.31	55.77	27.66	8.28	0.90
Last Week *10-20-2026*	18.19	81.81	59.34	33.04	9.47	1.04
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	20.74	79.26	60.37	38.91	14.88	1.35
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.34	61.66	37.32	14.55	2.37	0.09
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	12.19	87.81	71.29	43.41	15.62	2.42
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	34.55	65.45	44.37	23.35	4.18	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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