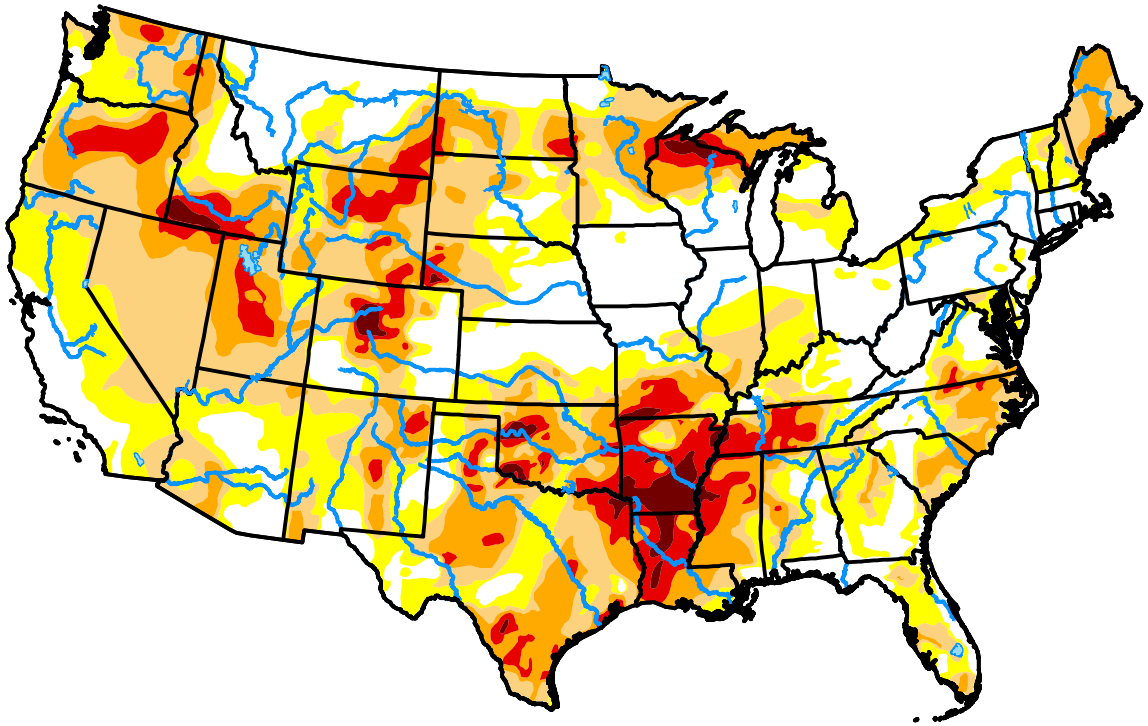
U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	27.34	23.17	22.75	17.37	7.71	1.65
Last Week *10-20-2026*	26.82	22.50	21.99	19.31	8.18	1.19
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	32.08	20.03	19.60	18.30	9.13	0.86
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	29.74	25.44	29.12	13.79	1.85	0.05
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	21.64	18.98	25.60	22.25	9.94	1.59
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	30.80	25.59	22.63	16.81	4.07	0.10

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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