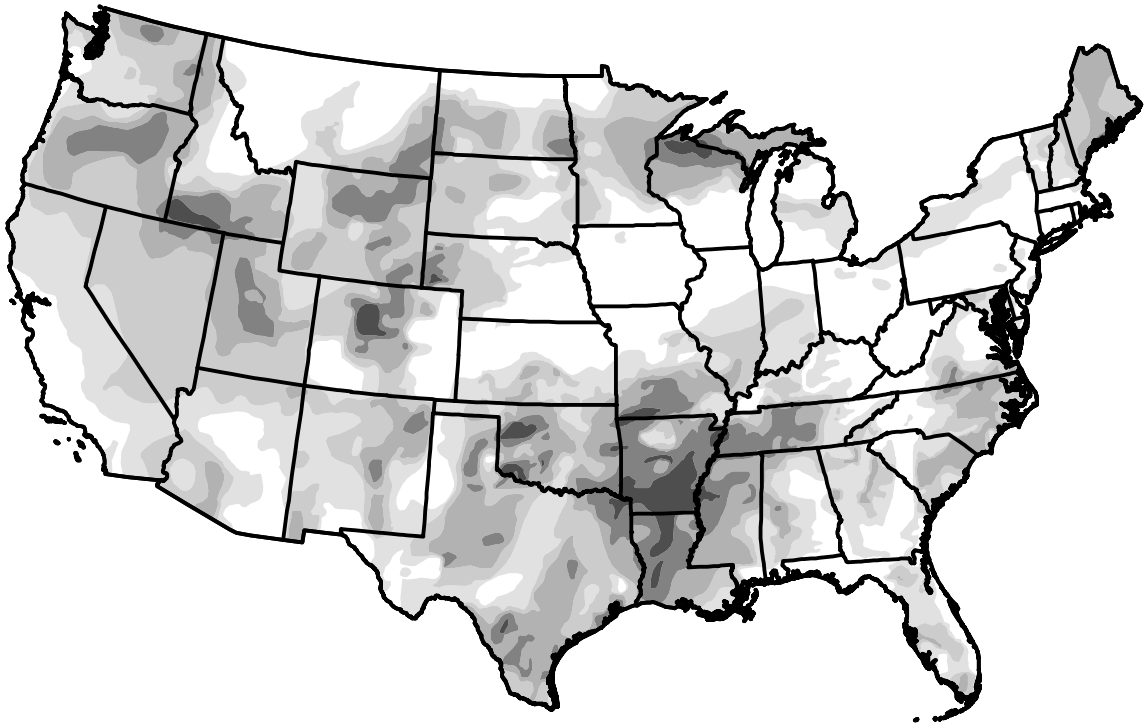
U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	27.34	72.66	49.49	26.74	9.36	1.65
Last Week *10-20-2026*	26.82	73.18	50.67	28.68	9.37	1.19
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	32.08	67.92	47.89	28.30	10.00	0.86
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	29.74	70.26	44.82	15.70	1.91	0.05
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	21.64	78.36	59.38	33.78	11.53	1.59
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	30.80	69.20	43.60	20.98	4.17	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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