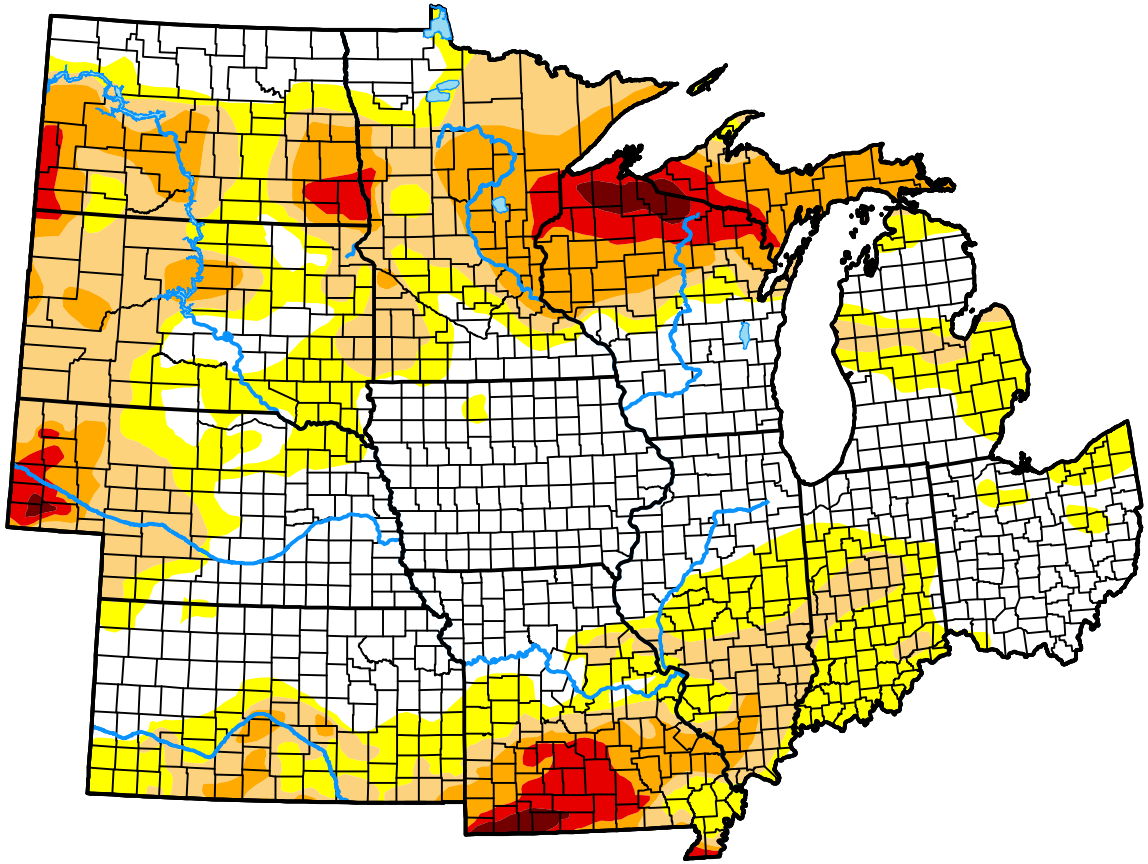
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# North Central States



## October 27, 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** | 41.70 | 58.30 | 36.55 | 17.07 | 4.97 | 0.80 |
| **Last Week** *10-20-2026* | 43.30 | 56.70 | 36.49 | 16.64 | 4.82 | 0.53 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-28-2026* | 42.40 | 57.60 | 35.11 | 15.35 | 3.14 | 0.30 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-06-2026* | 38.60 | 61.40 | 30.14 | 6.93 | 1.26 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-29-2026* | 43.19 | 56.81 | 39.03 | 17.31 | 4.42 | 0.32 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-28-2025* | 45.09 | 54.91 | 24.64 | 7.72 | 1.25 | 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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