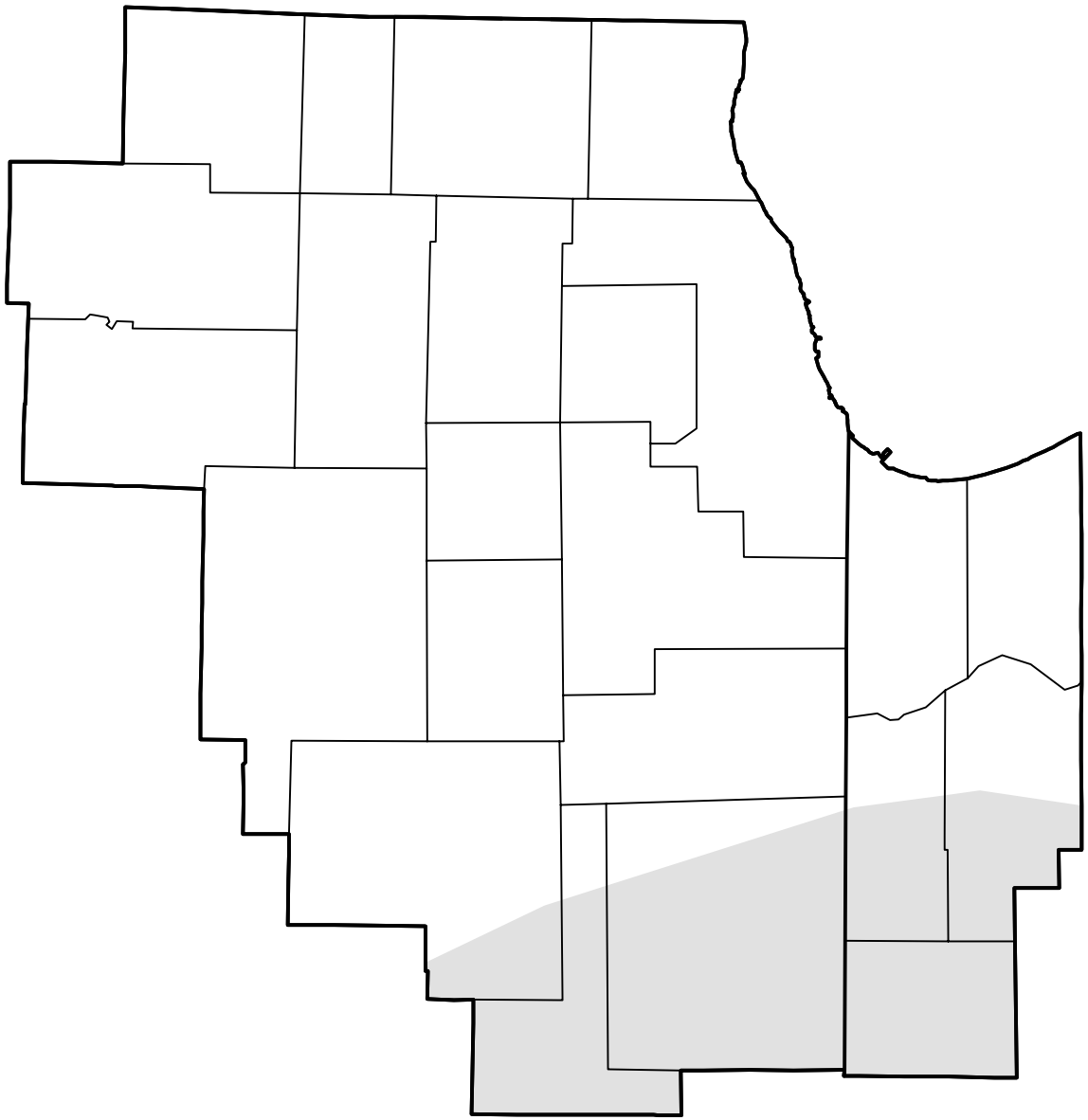
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# Chicago, IL WFO



## October 27, 2026

***(Released Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026)***

**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 82.94 | 17.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Last Week** *10-20-2026* | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-28-2026* | 38.81 | 51.13 | 10.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-06-2026* | 16.02 | 49.26 | 27.10 | 5.42 | 2.20 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-29-2026* | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-28-2025* | 1.22 | 36.13 | 33.88 | 28.77 | 0.00 | 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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