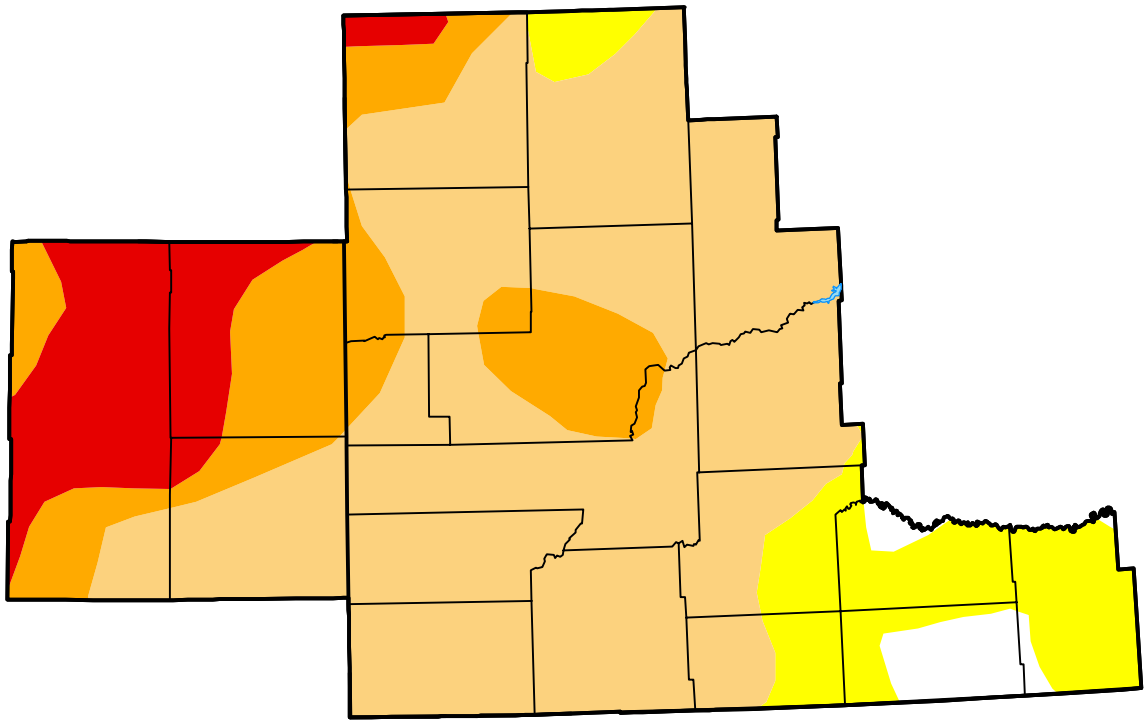
U.S. Drought Monitor

Rapid City, SD WFO



October 27, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.87	12.04	58.13	15.99	10.97	0.00
Last Week *10-20-2026*	2.87	9.85	60.32	15.99	10.97	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	0.00	7.24	39.35	21.40	32.02	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	68.05	31.91	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	2.87	9.85	60.00	16.31	10.97	0.00
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	72.46	27.51	0.03	0.00	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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