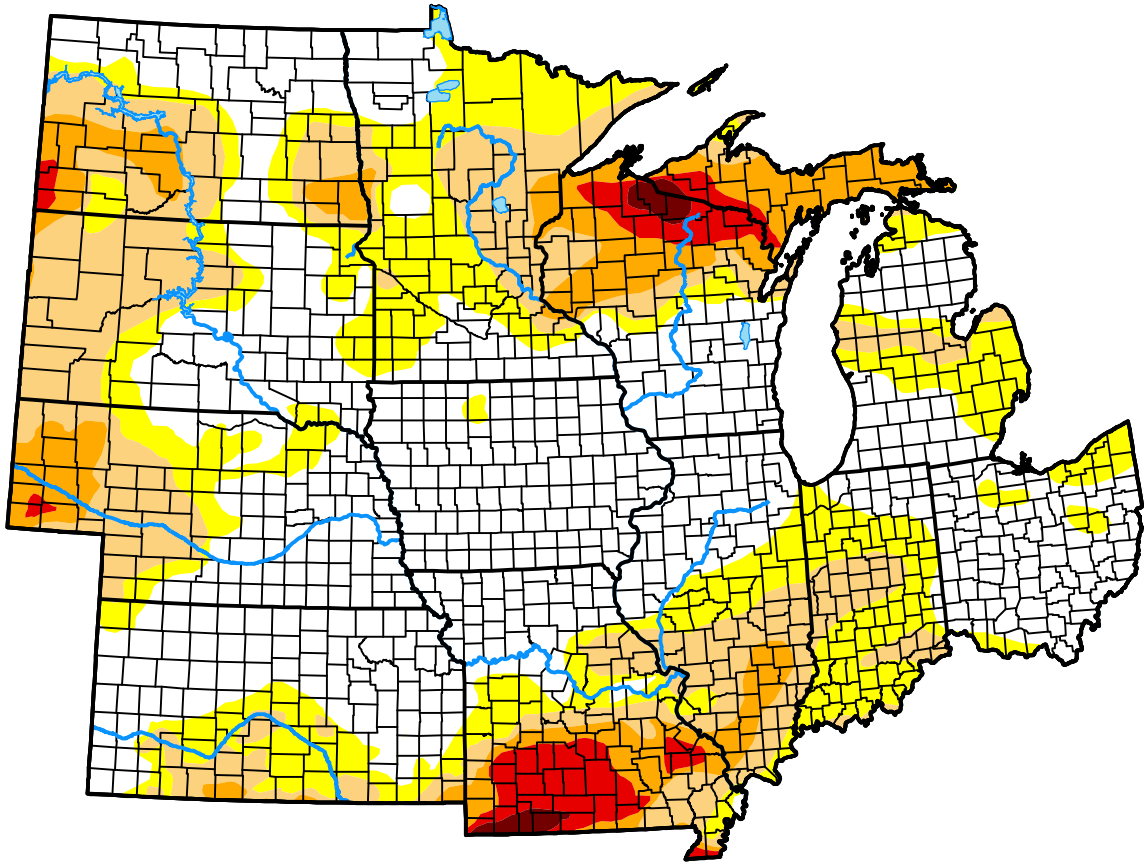
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States



November 3, 2026

(Released Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	47.24	52.76	31.35	12.11	3.58	0.54
Last Week *10-27-2026*	41.70	58.30	36.55	17.07	4.97	0.80
3 Months Ago *08-04-2026*	39.07	60.93	37.43	16.52	2.76	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 *11-04-2025*	46.53	53.47	25.75	7.41	0.89	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

Author:

Brad Pugh

CPC/NOAA

droughtmonitor.unl.edu