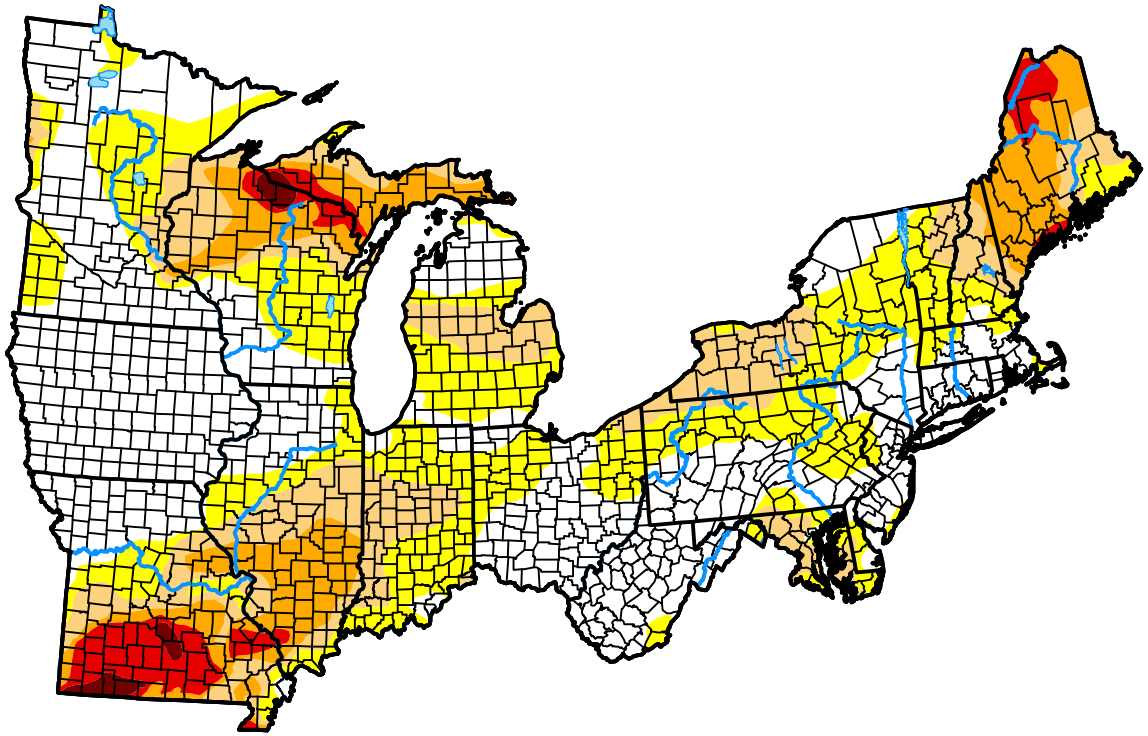
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub



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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	41.56	26.97	16.74	10.11	3.90	0.72
Last Week *11-10-2026*	46.22	25.47	16.26	8.44	3.06	0.56
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	56.22	19.53	15.52	8.06	0.66	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	25.79	32.37	29.40	10.91	1.52	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	56.54	16.88	15.92	6.91	3.50	0.26
One Year Ago *11-18-2025*	23.52	33.54	27.64	13.91	1.38	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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