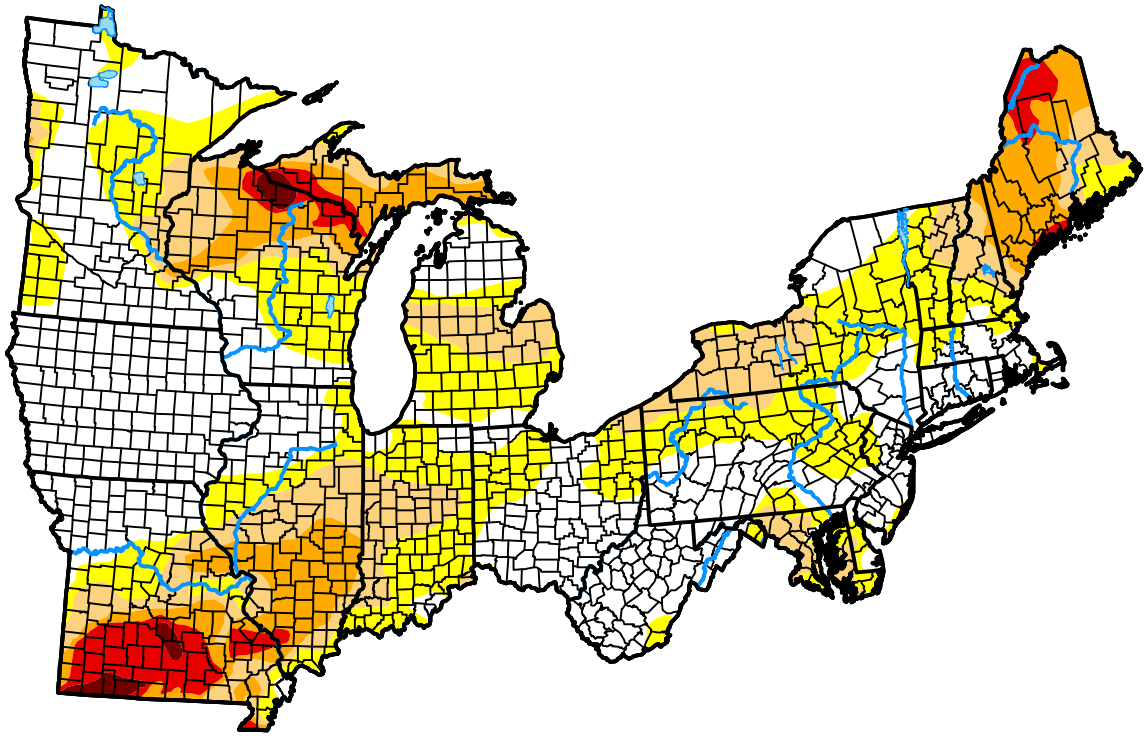
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub



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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	41.56	58.44	31.48	14.73	4.62	0.72
Last Week *11-10-2026*	46.22	53.78	28.31	12.05	3.61	0.56
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	56.22	43.78	24.25	8.73	0.66	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	25.79	74.21	41.84	12.43	1.52	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	56.54	43.46	26.58	10.66	3.76	0.26
One Year Ago *11-18-2025*	23.52	76.48	42.94	15.30	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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