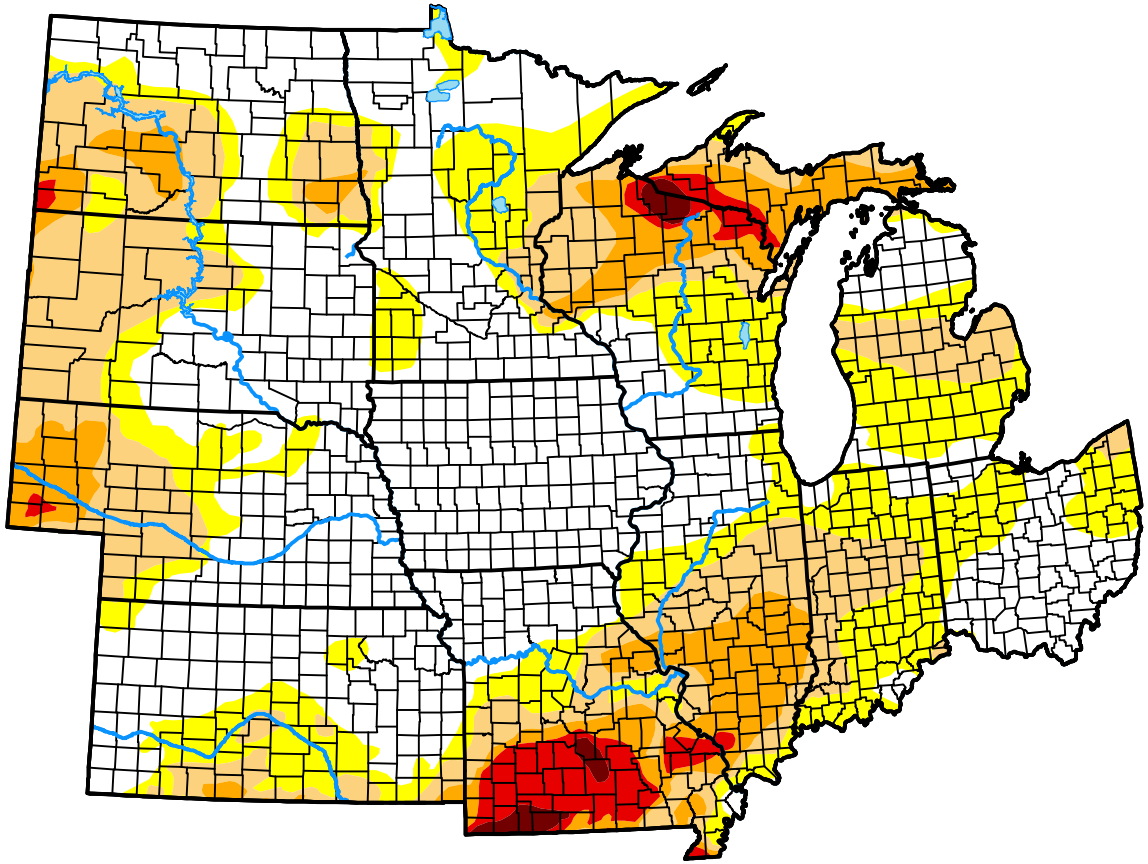
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	45.88	54.12	32.04	12.19	3.45	0.62
Last Week *11-10-2026*	49.05	50.95	30.17	11.22	2.99	0.48
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	39.07	60.93	42.85	20.02	3.76	0.17
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 *11-18-2025*	42.33	57.67	29.93	8.62	1.07	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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