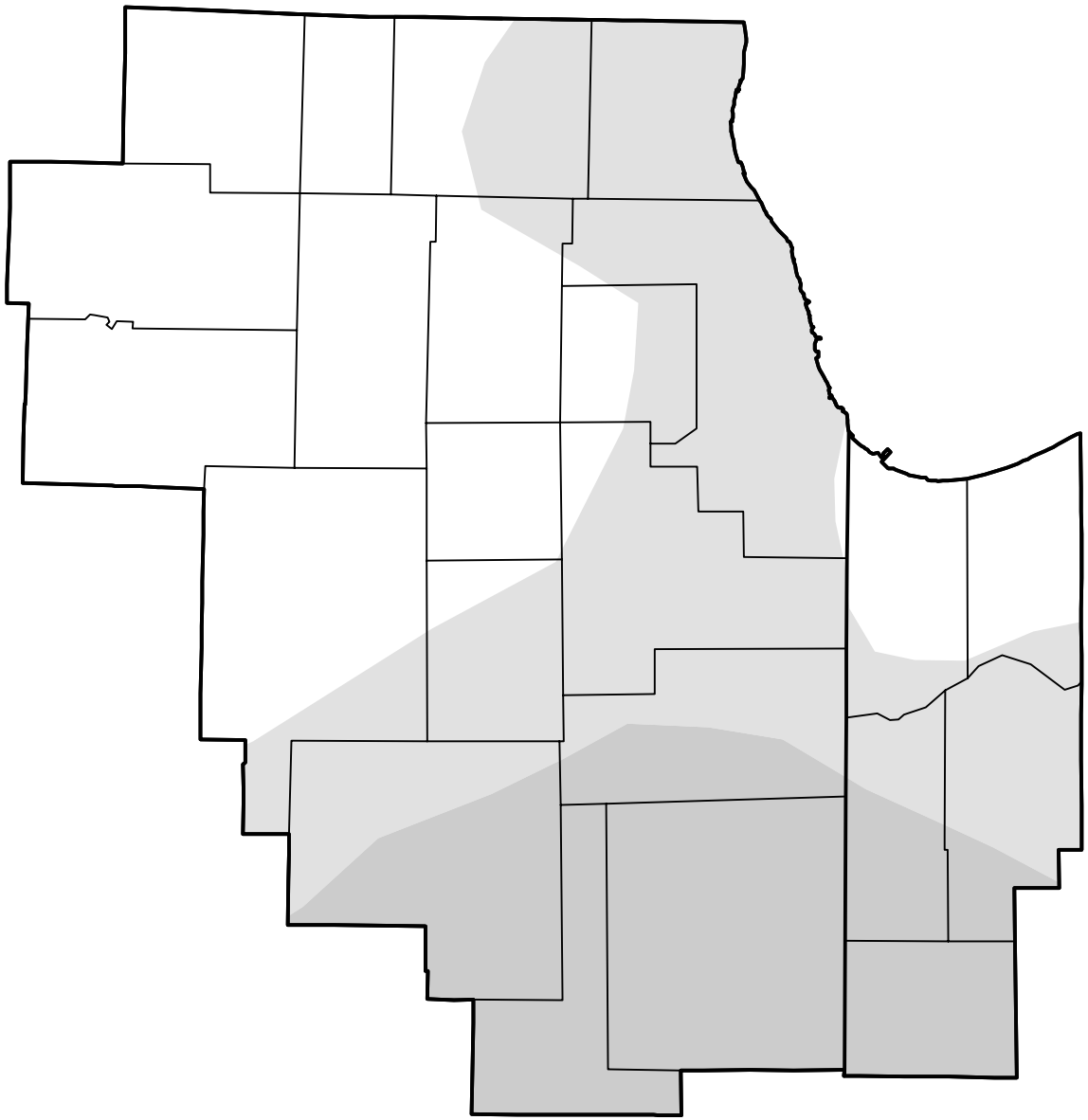
U.S. Drought Monitor

Chicago, IL WFO



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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.15	57.85	23.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week *11-10-2026*	49.77	50.23	15.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	88.58	11.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	16.02	83.98	34.72	7.62	2.20	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *11-18-2025*	18.87	81.13	52.75	24.31	0.38	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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