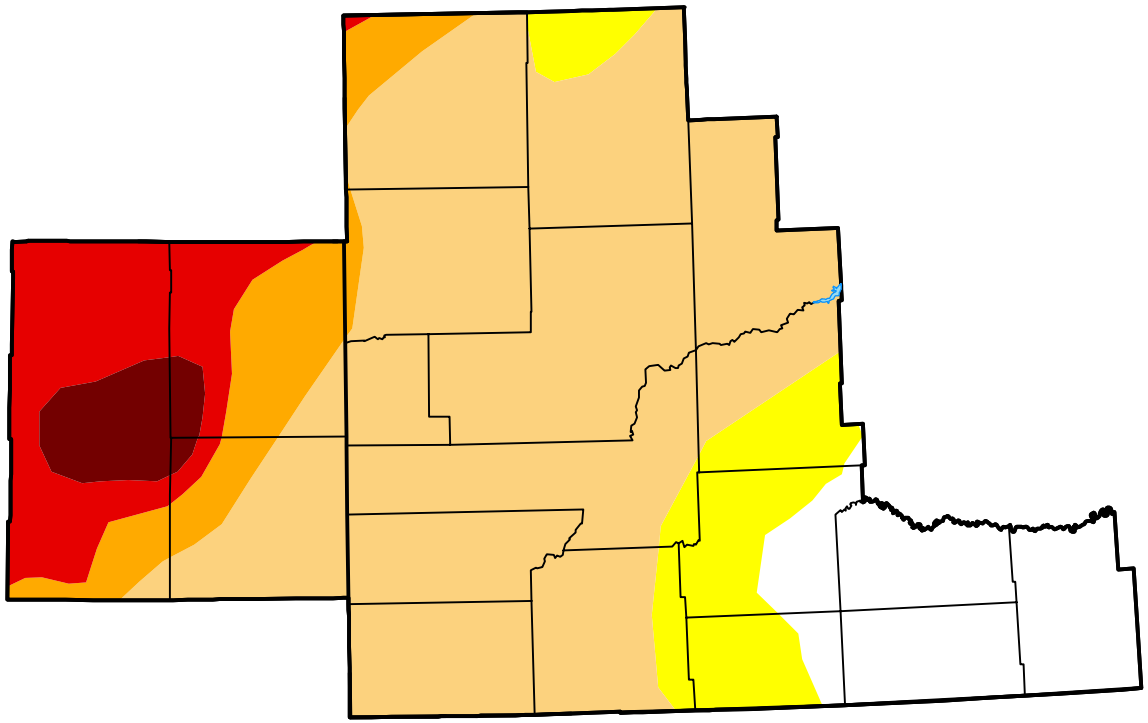
U.S. Drought Monitor

Rapid City, SD WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	12.99	87.01	77.34	20.79	13.25	3.31
Last Week *11-10-2026*	12.99	87.01	77.34	19.28	10.41	0.00
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	0.00	100.00	99.96	64.41	43.01	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	68.05	31.95	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	2.87	97.13	87.28	27.28	10.97	0.00
One Year Ago *11-18-2025*	72.80	27.20	0.03	0.00	0.00	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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