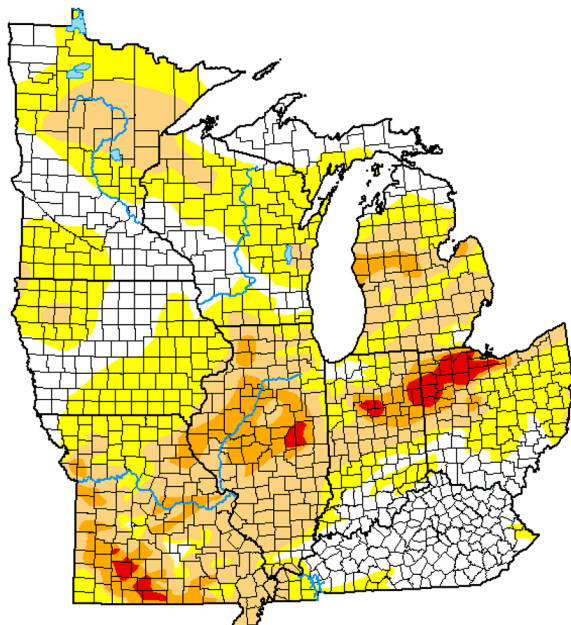


US Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.80	71.20	36.35	9.74	1.71	0.00
Last Week 10-14-2025	27.68	72.32	37.72	14.59	2.08	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-22-2025	88.84	11.16	4.23	0.21	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2025	44.12	55.88	29.47	3.56	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2024	34.12	65.88	34.69	10.17	0.37	0.00
One Year Ago 10-22-2024	11.85	88.15	65.96	24.06	2.45	0.66

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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- Midwest: Compared to last week:
 - **Small decrease** in coverage at all drought levels.
- Midwest: **1 class improvements** across southern IL into southeast MO. **D1 expansion** in northern MN.
- Wisconsin: **Unchanged** from last week.
- **63.6%** of the Midwest is drought free (~36.4% in D1-D4).

Note: D0 is not considered drought.

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