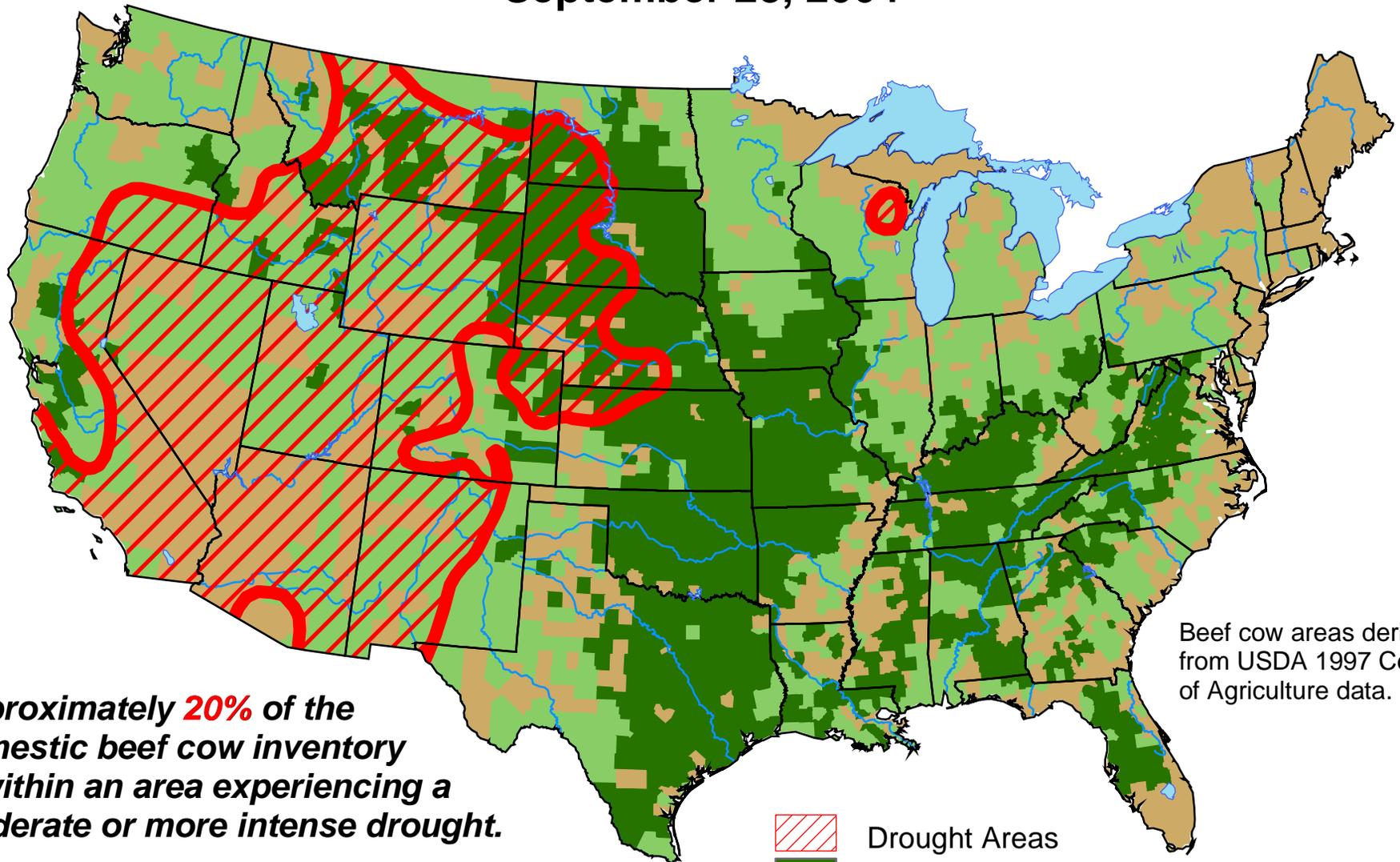


U.S. Beef Cow Areas Experiencing Drought

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Beef cow areas derived from USDA 1997 Census of Agriculture data.

Approximately 20% of the domestic beef cow inventory is within an area experiencing a moderate or more intense drought.

Note: Drought areas are derived from the U.S. Drought Monitor product (<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>), and do not depict the intensity of drought in any particular location. This map is not used for USDA programs.

-  Drought Areas
-  Major Beef Cow Areas
-  Minor Beef Cow Areas



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