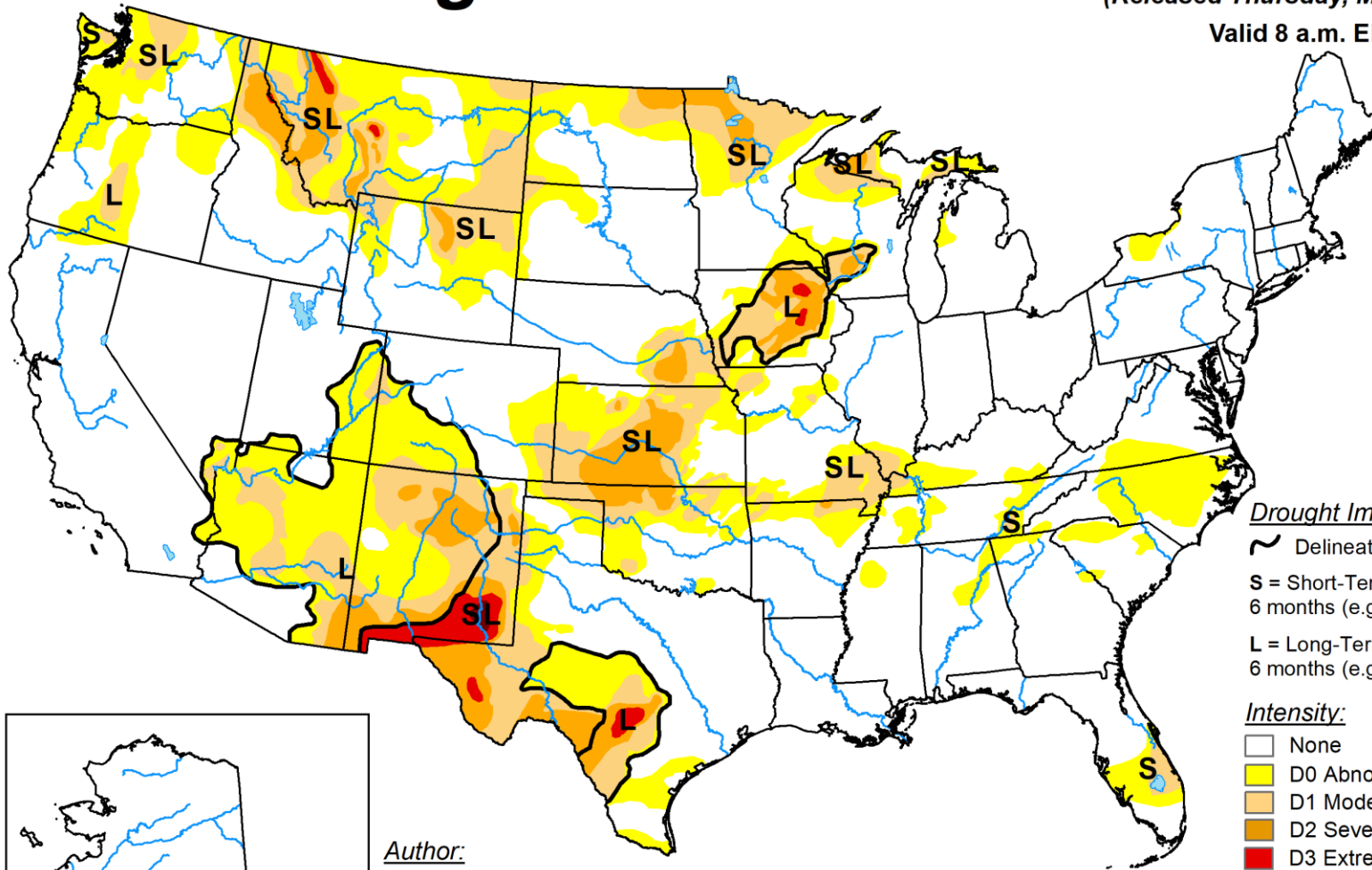


# U.S. Drought Monitor

April 30, 2024

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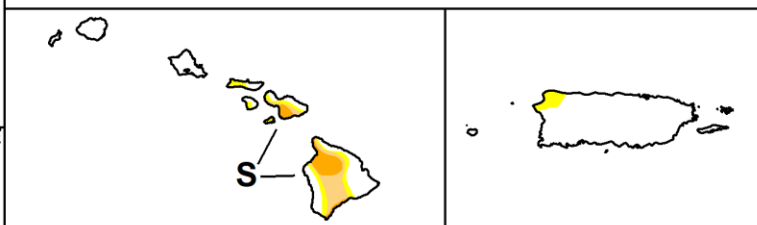
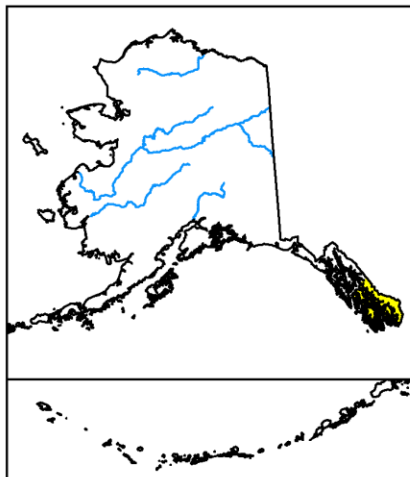
### Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

### Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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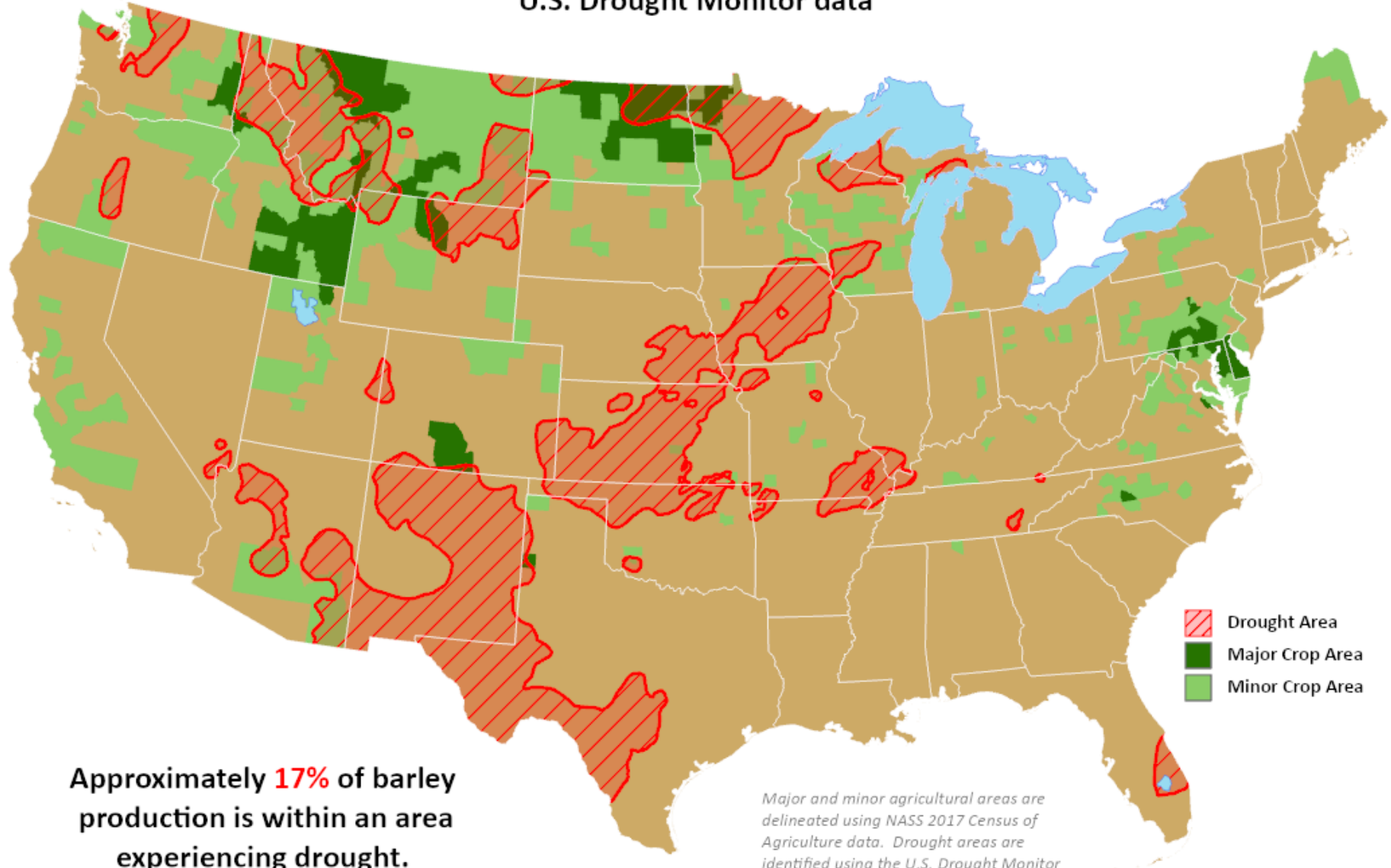
# Agriculture in Drought\*




	Apr 30	Previous		Change		
	2024	Week	Year	Week	Year	
Corn	19%	23%	27%	-4%	-8%	<i>(summer crops)</i>
Soybeans	17%	21%	20%	-4%	-3%	
Cotton	8%	9%	38%	-1%	-30%	
Peanuts	1%	2%	13%	-1%	-12%	
Rice	10%	10%	0%	0%	10%	
Sunflowers	8%	8%	22%	0%	-14%	
Barley	17%	17%	6%	0%	11%	
Sorghum	50%	50%	77%	0%	-27%	
Durum Wheat	24%	24%	21%	0%	3%	
Spring Wheat	27%	26%	13%	1%	14%	
Winter Wheat	28%	30%	49%	-2%	-21%	<i>(winter crop)</i>
Hay	12%	15%	25%	-3%	-13%	<i>(forage)</i>
Alfalfa Hay	16%	17%	26%	-1%	-10%	
Cattle	17%	19%	41%	-2%	-24%	<i>(livestock)</i>
Milk Cows	9%	10%	13%	-1%	-4%	
Hogs	22%	26%	26%	-4%	-4%	
Sheep	14%	15%	25%	-1%	-11%	
Sugarbeets	23%	23%	8%	0%	15%	<i>(sugar)</i>
Sugarcane	39%	0%	13%	39%	26%	

\* Numbers represent the percent of each commodity located in moderate or more intense drought (D1+) and the changes since last week and last year.

# ***Barley Areas in Drought***

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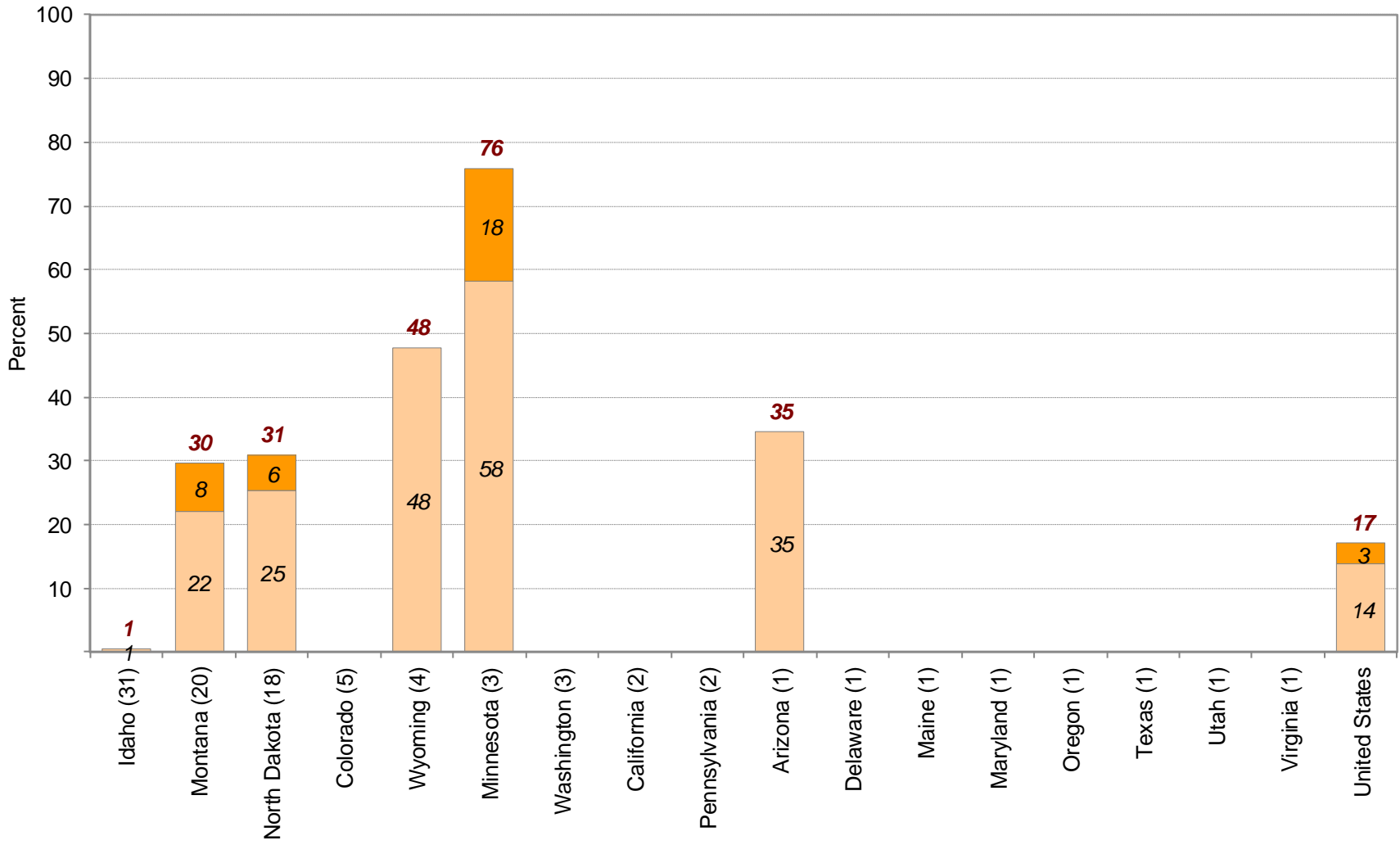
-  Drought Area
-  Major Crop Area
-  Minor Crop Area

**Approximately 17% of barley production is within an area experiencing drought.**

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# Percent of Barley Located in Drought

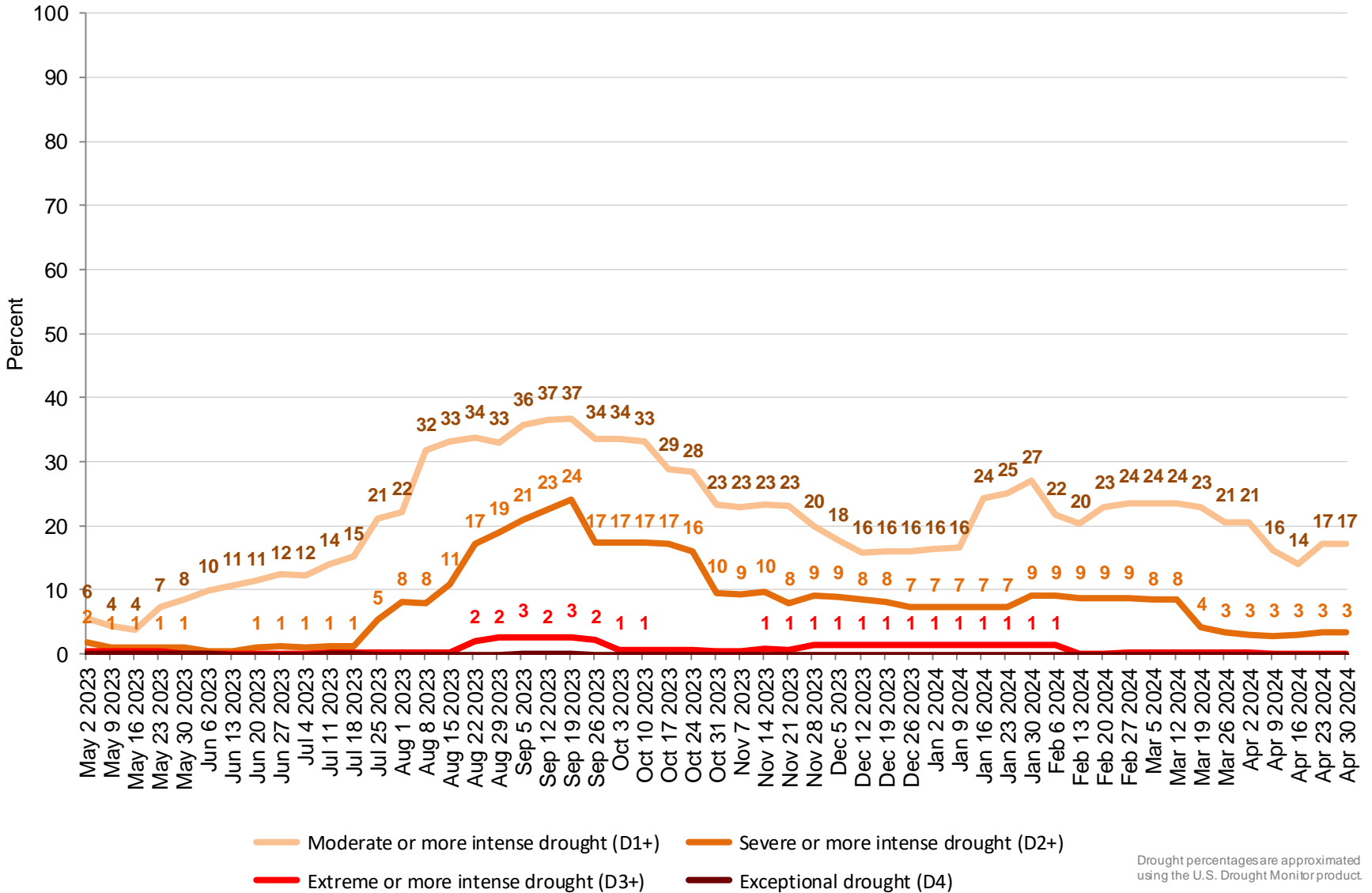
## April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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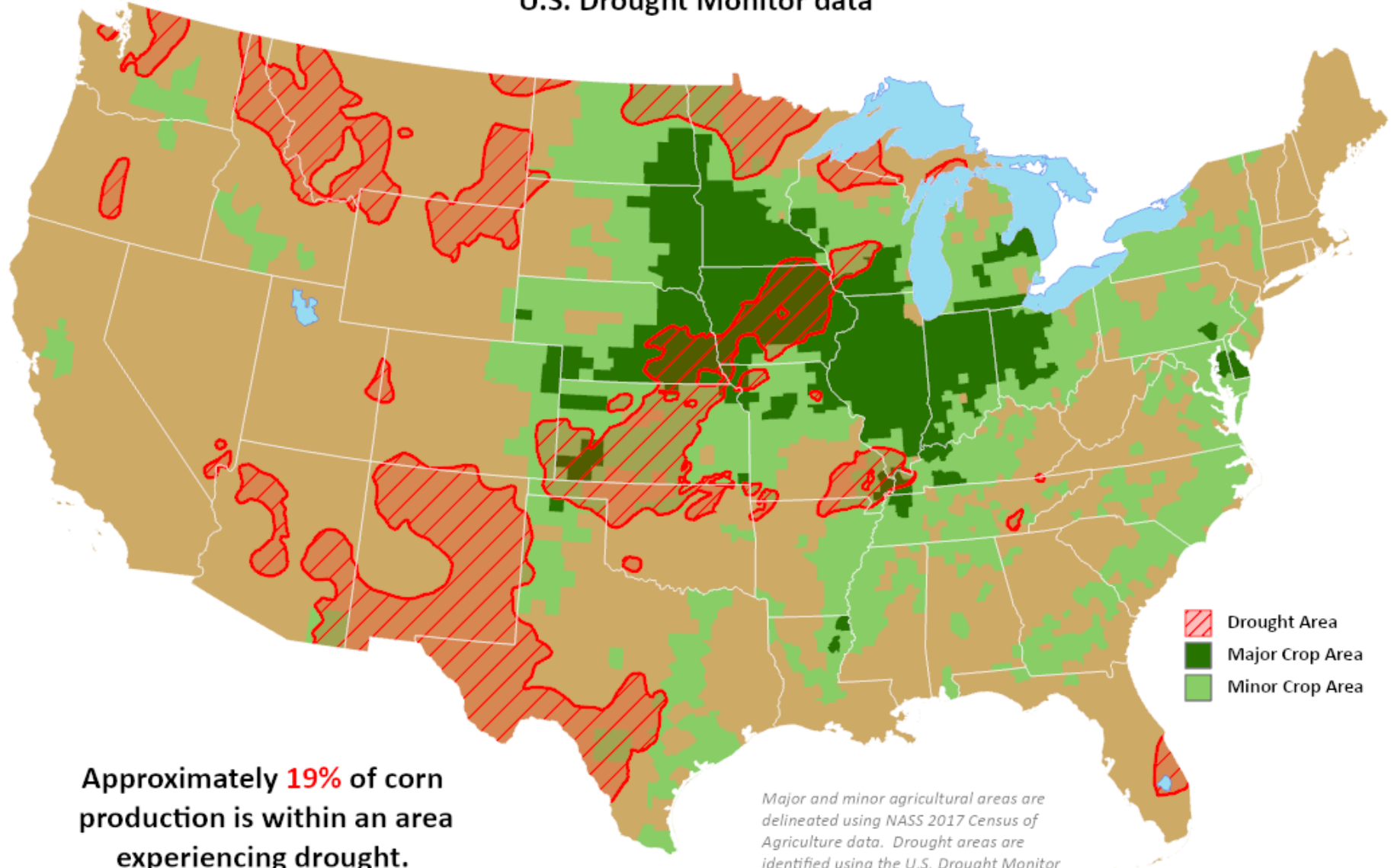
# Percent of United States Barley Located in Drought



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# ***Corn Areas in Drought***

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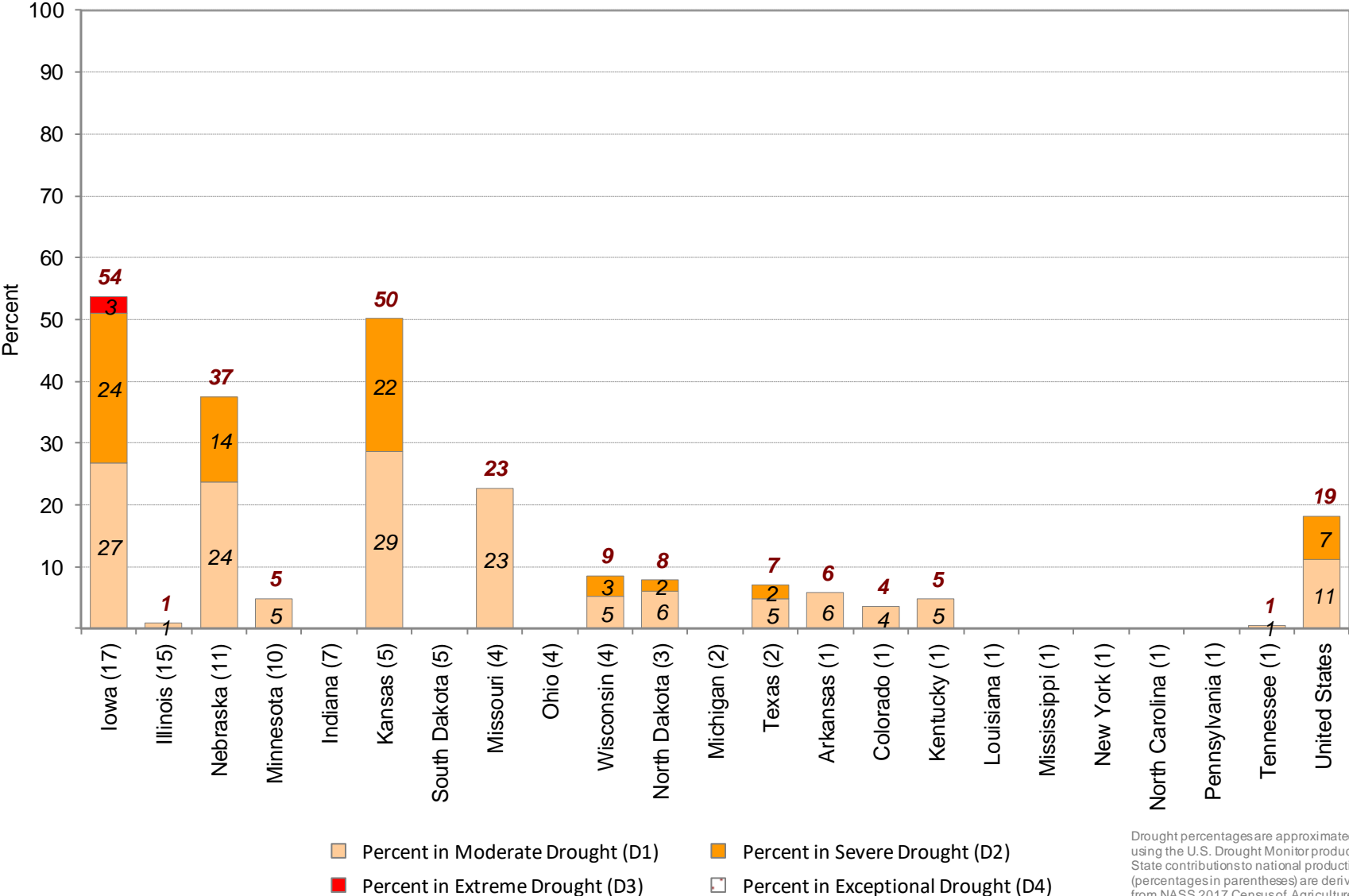


Approximately **19%** of corn  
production is within an area  
experiencing drought.

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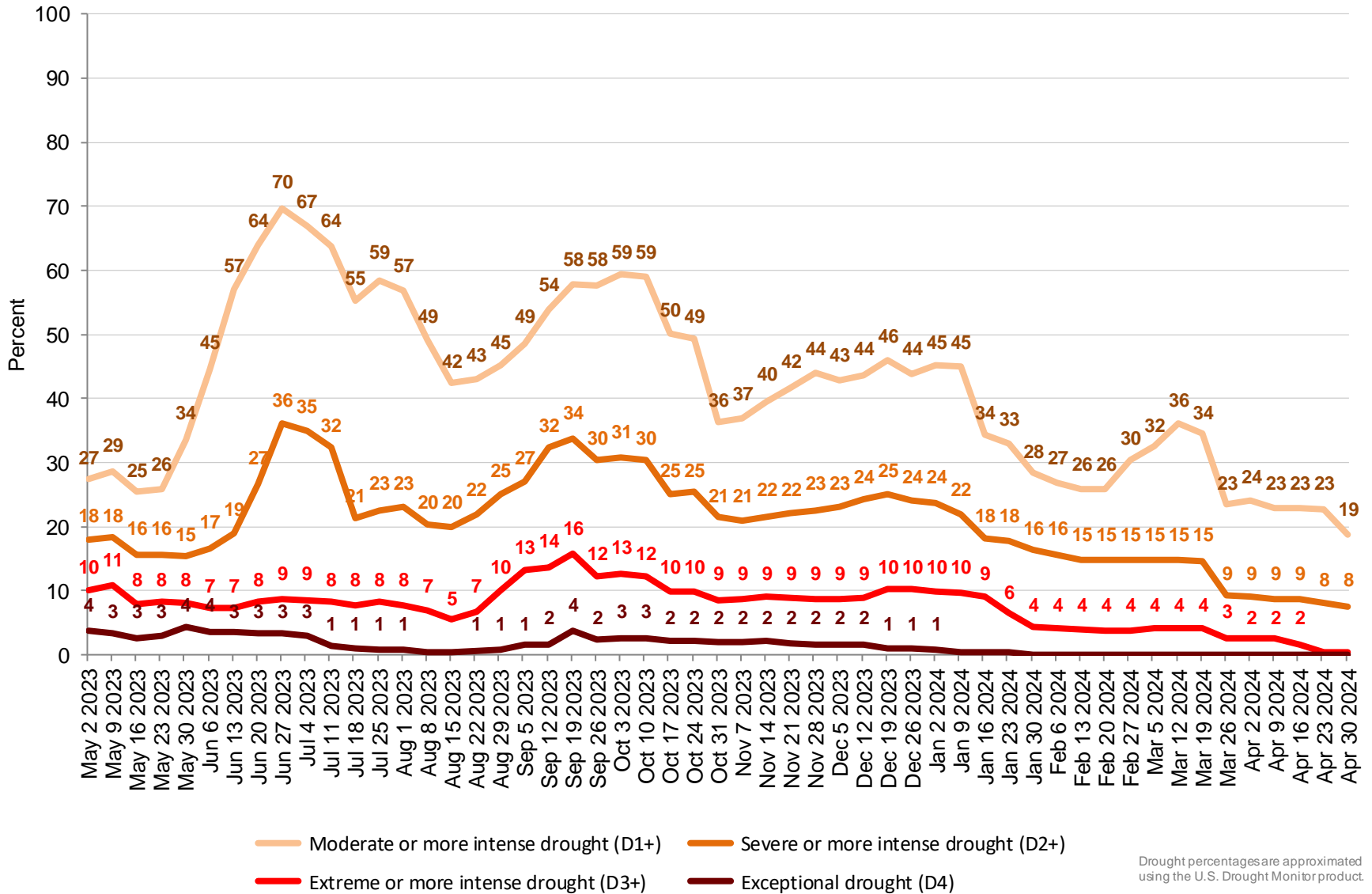
# Percent of Corn Located in Drought

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# Percent of United States Corn Located in Drought

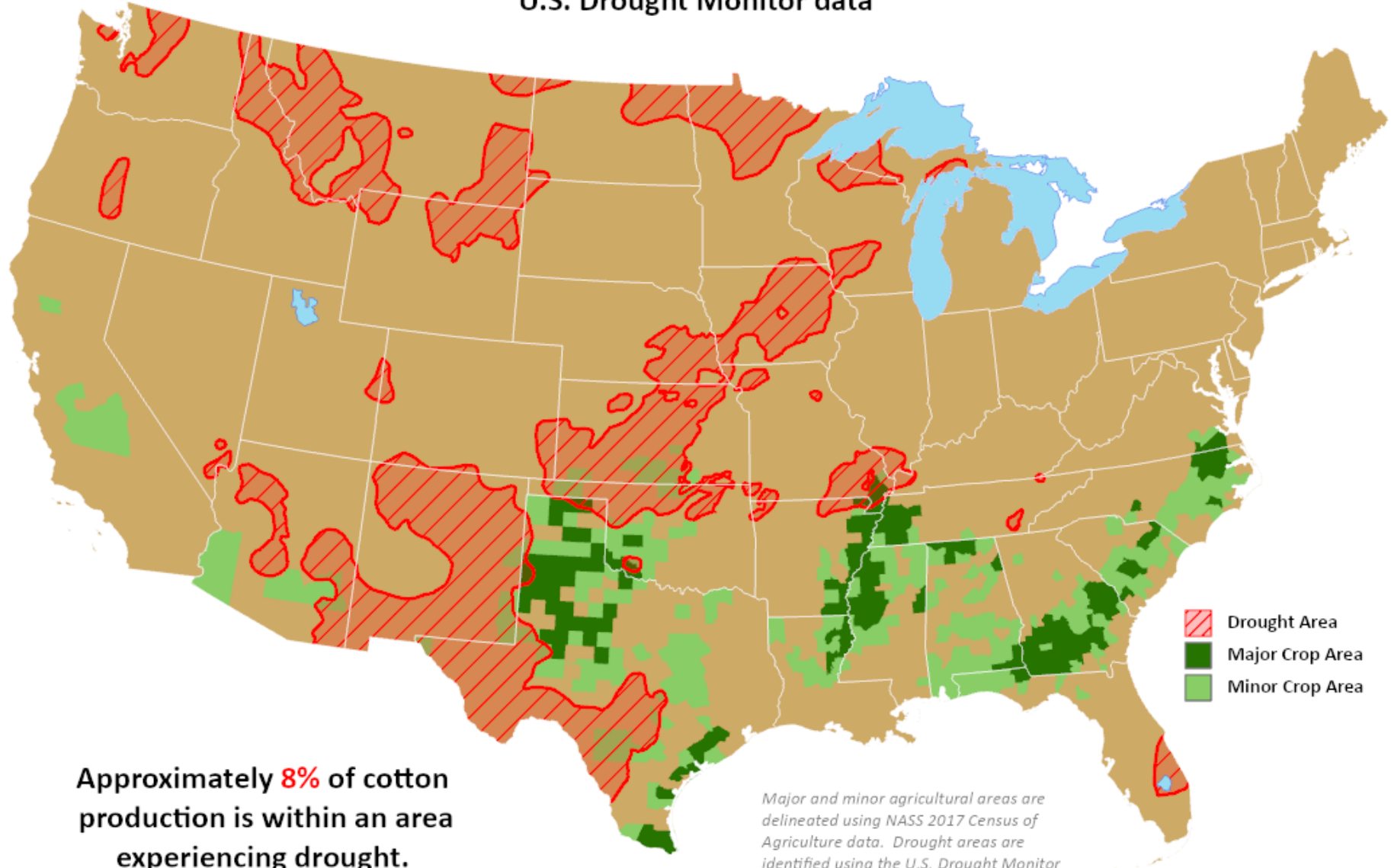





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# ***Cotton Areas in Drought***

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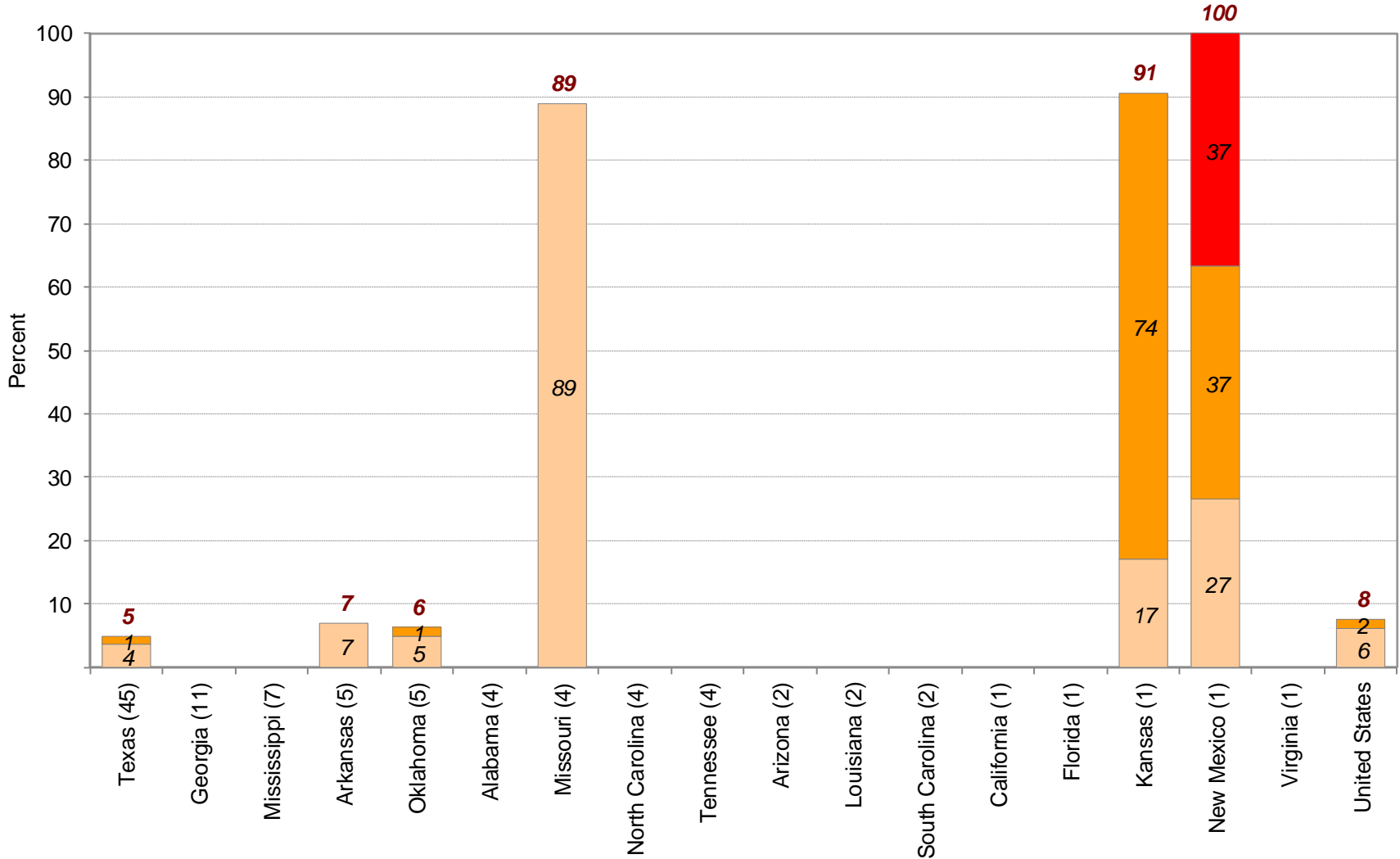
-  Drought Area
-  Major Crop Area
-  Minor Crop Area

Approximately **8%** of cotton  
production is within an area  
experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Cotton Located in Drought

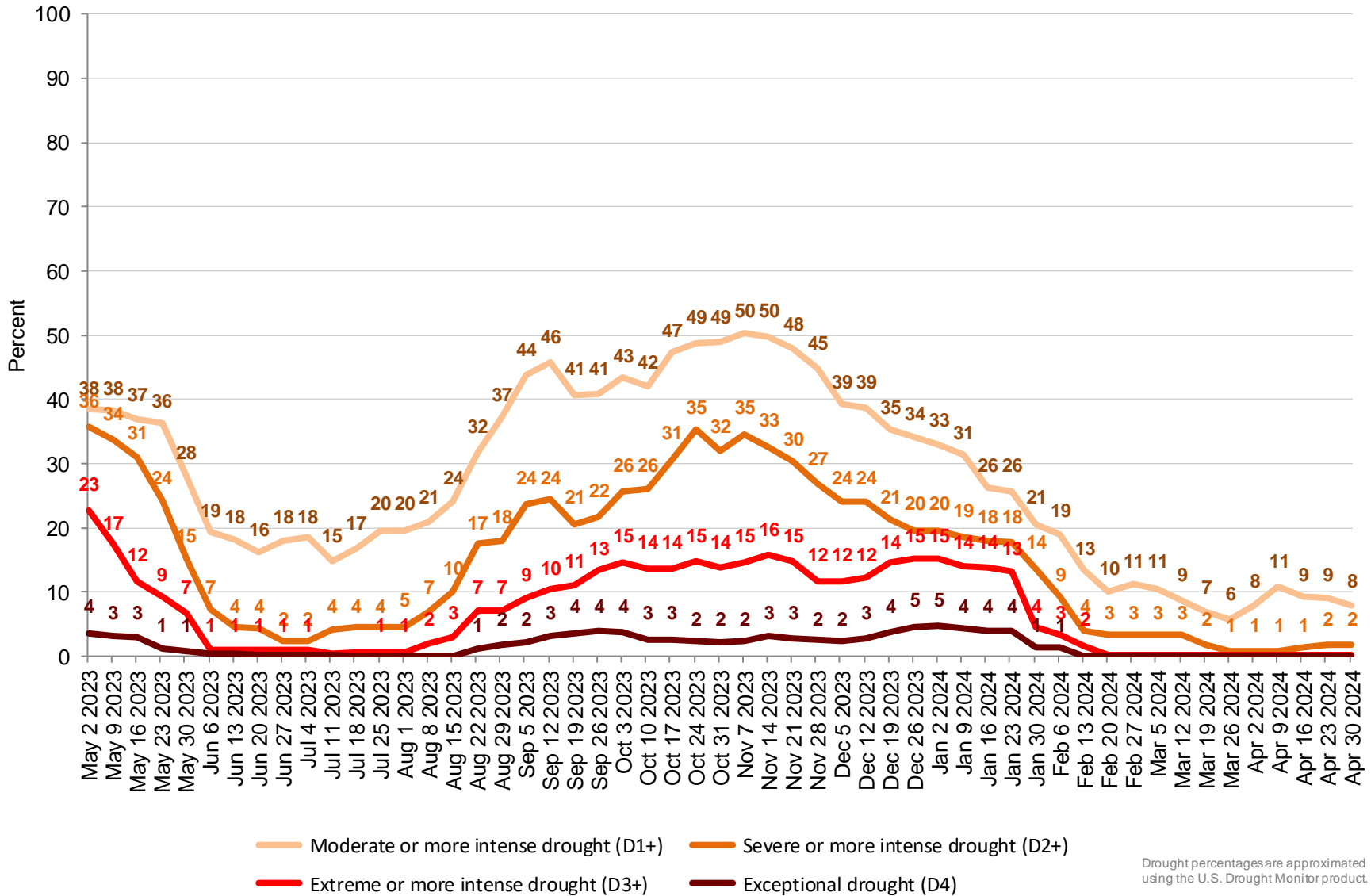
## April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product. State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are derived from NASS 2017 Census of Agriculture data.

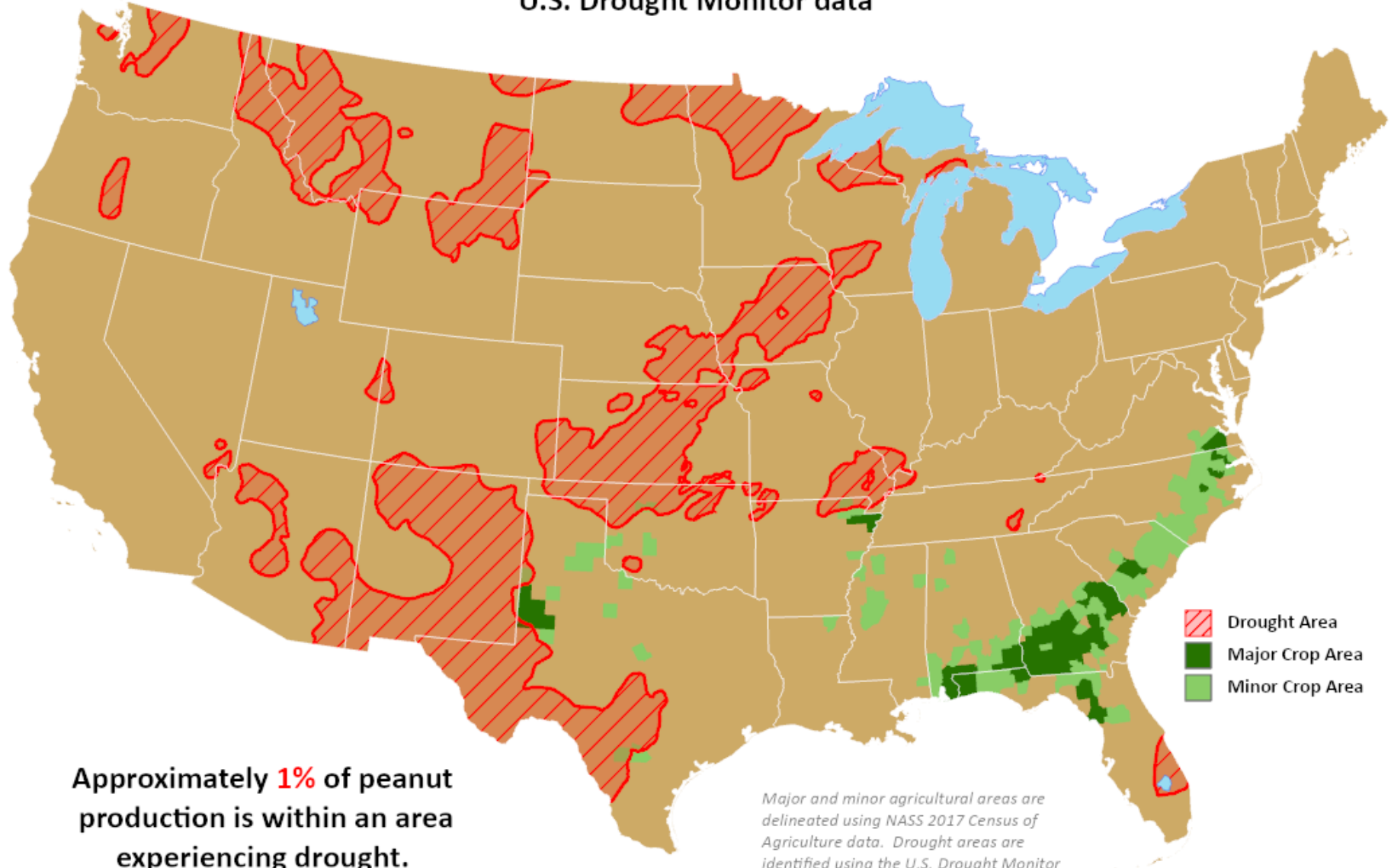
# Percent of United States Cotton Located in Drought



Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.

# ***Peanut Areas in Drought***

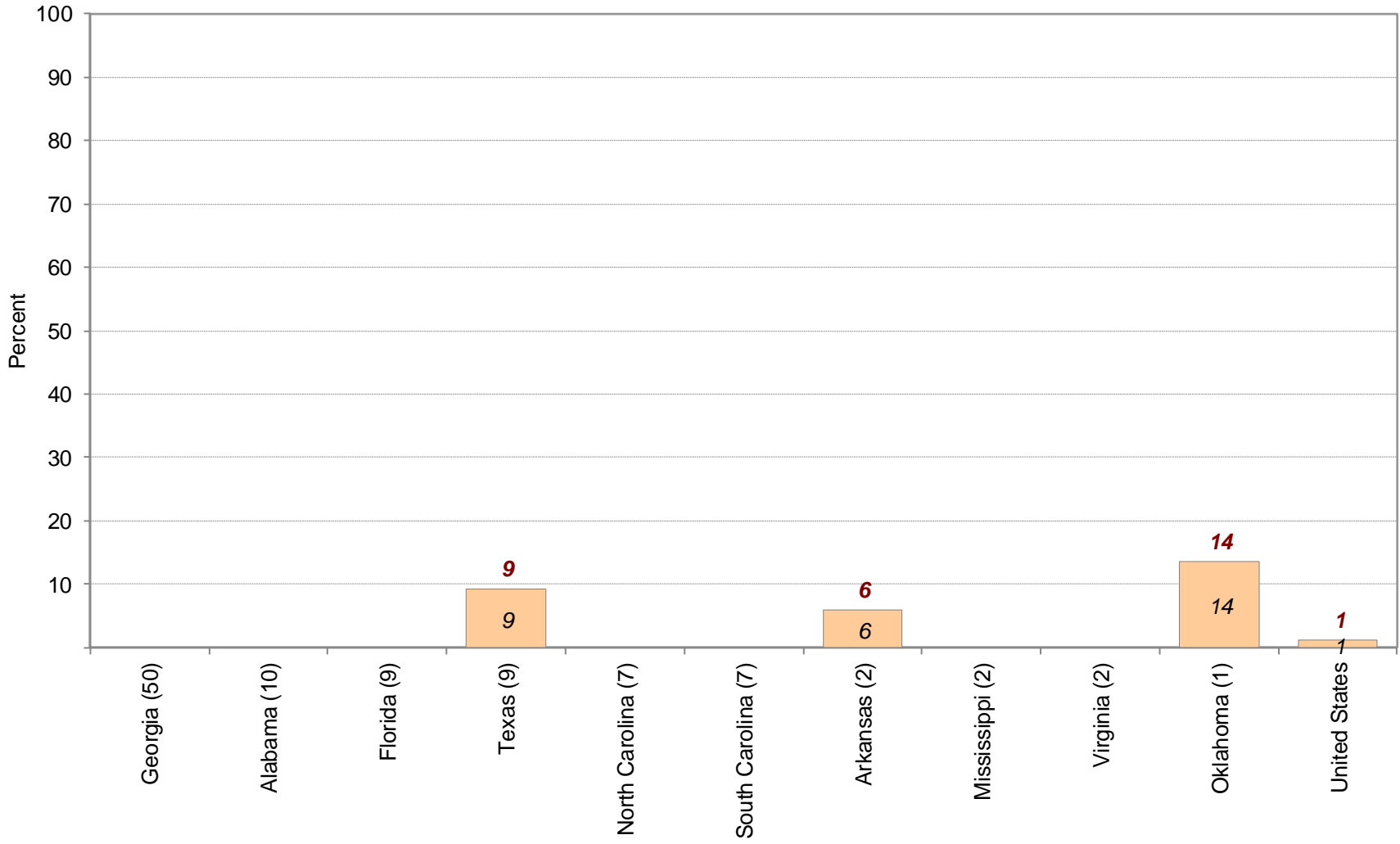
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**Approximately 1% of peanut production is within an area experiencing drought.**

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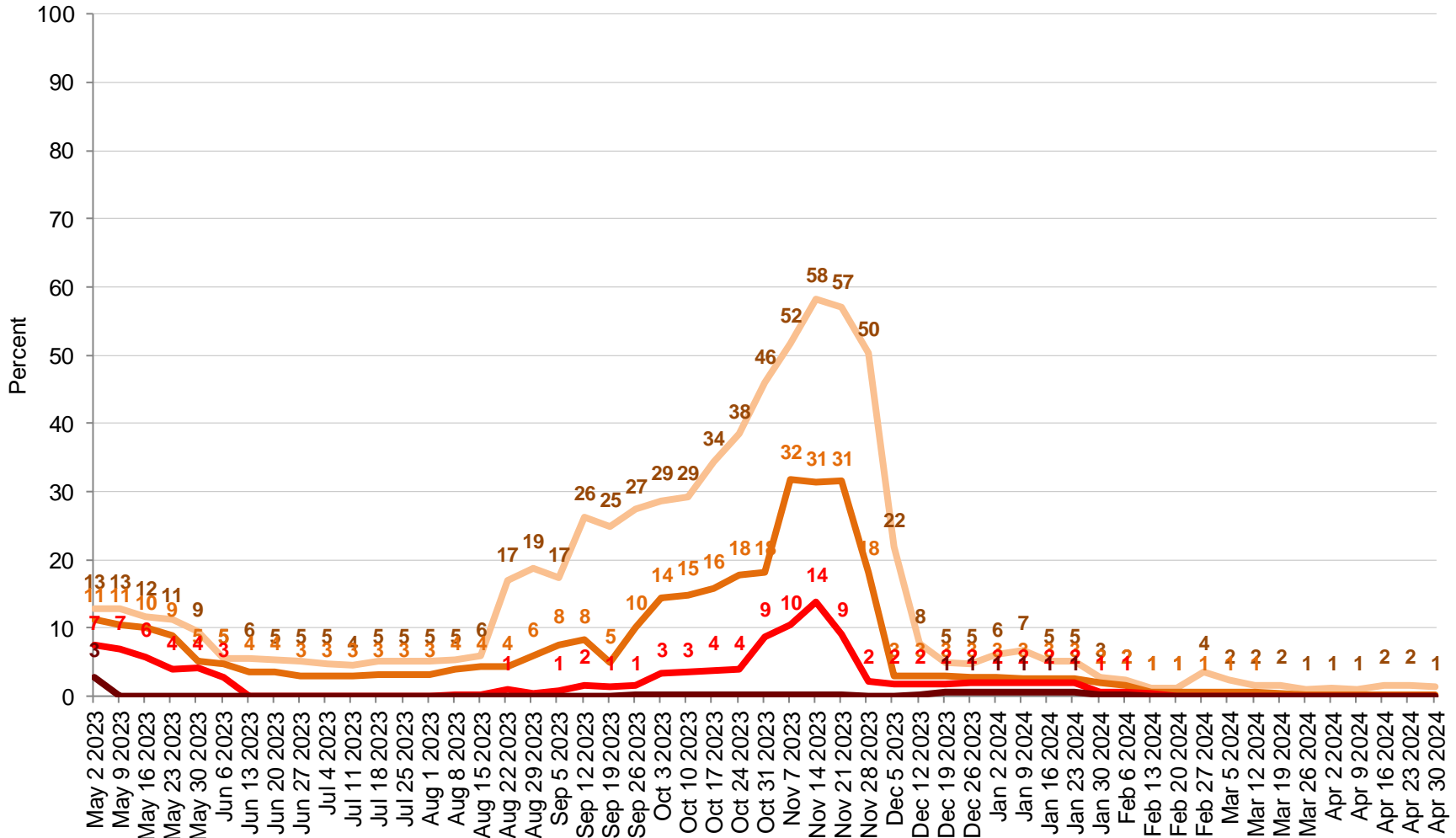
## Percent of Peanuts Located in Drought April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Peanuts Located in Drought

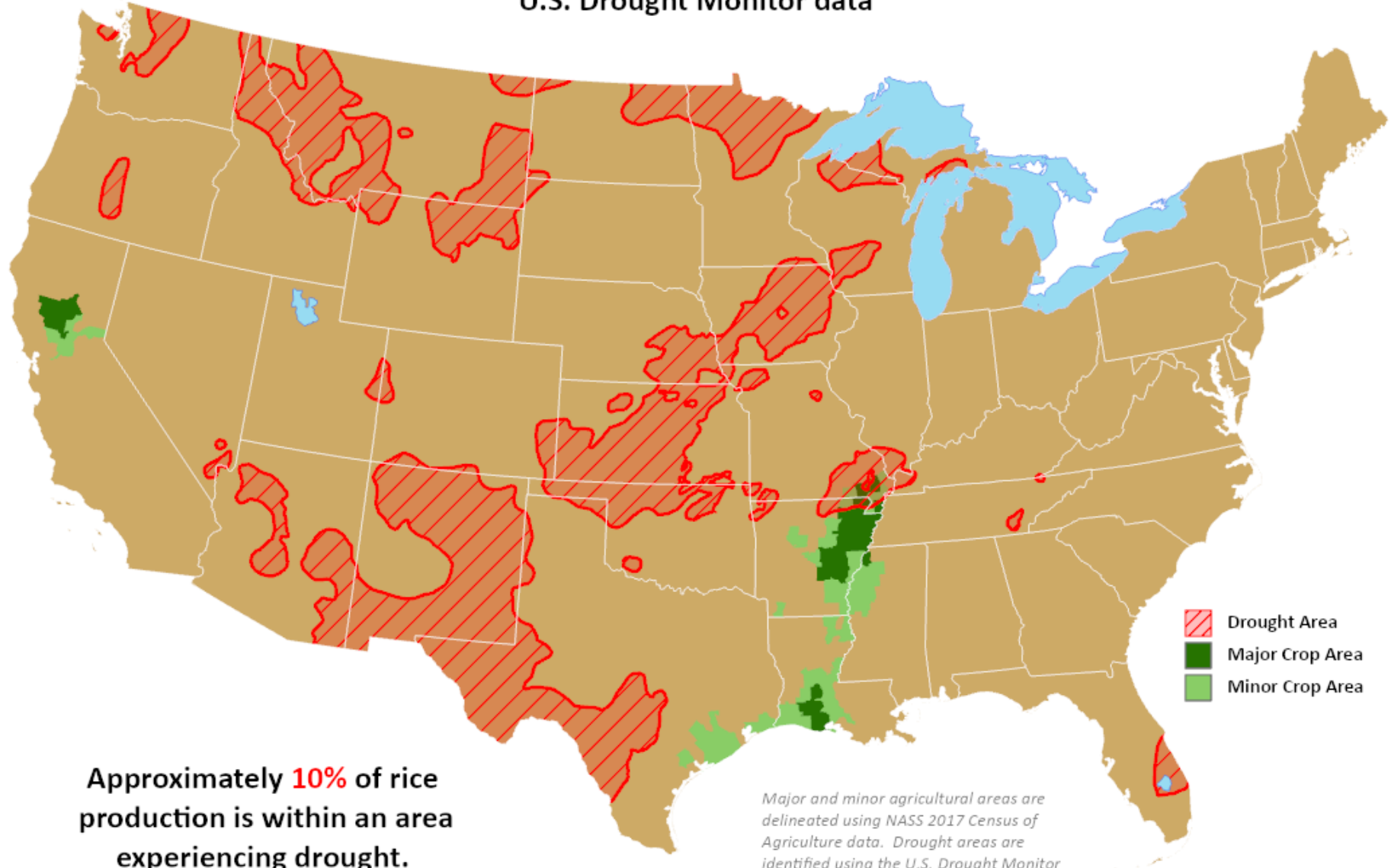


- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.

# ***Rice Areas in Drought***

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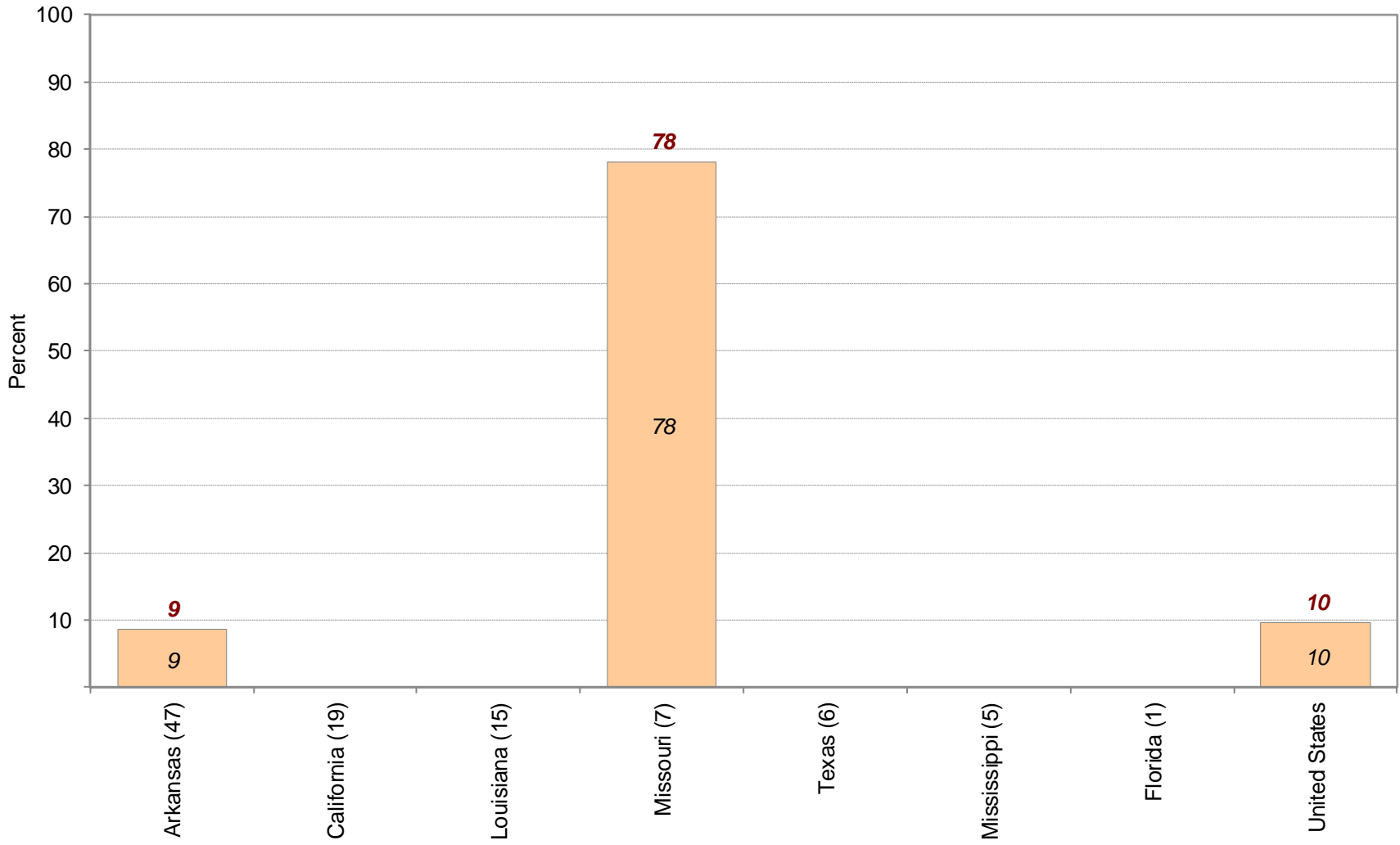
Approximately **10%** of rice production is within an area experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Rice Located in Drought

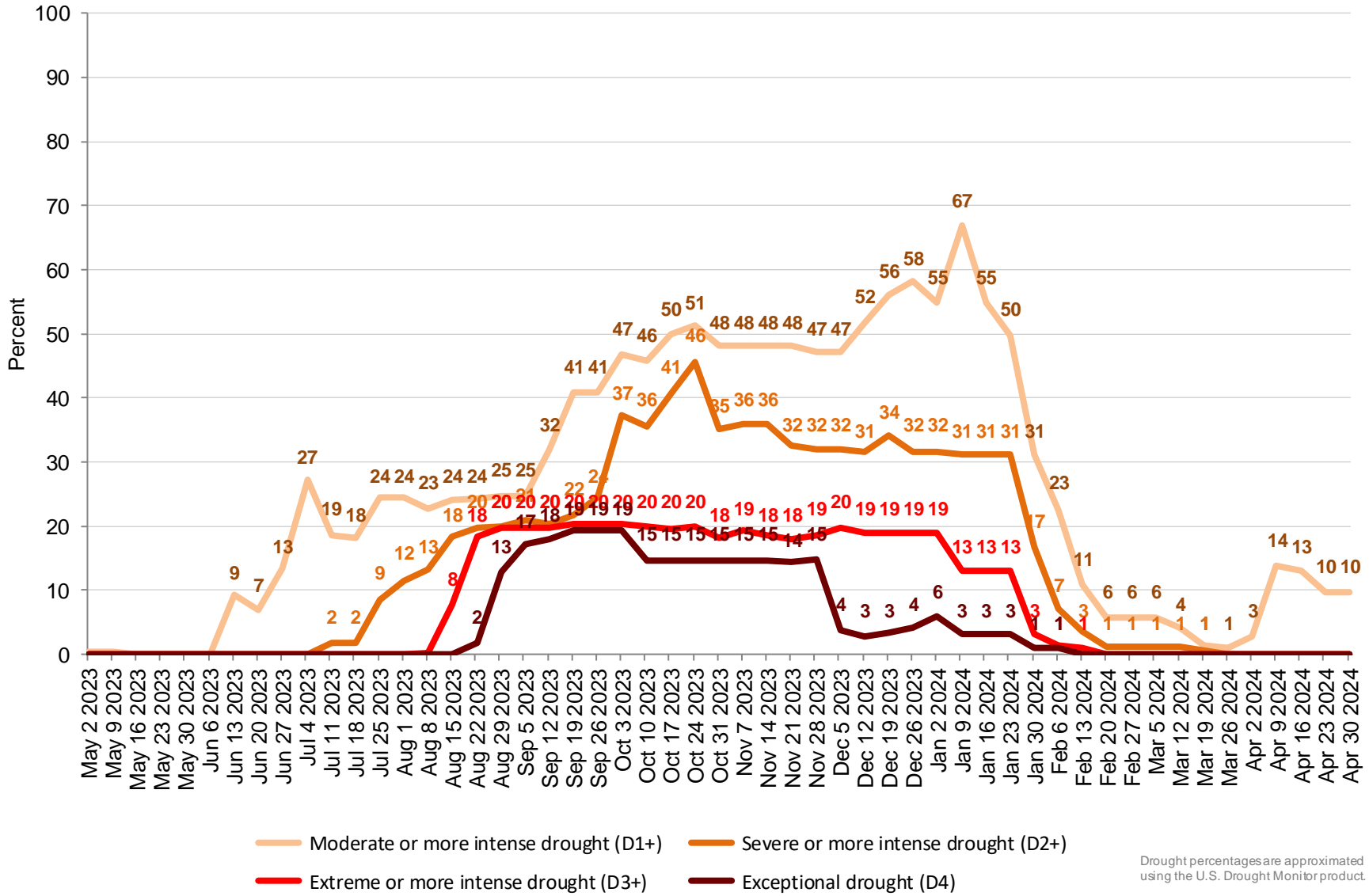
## April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Rice Located in Drought

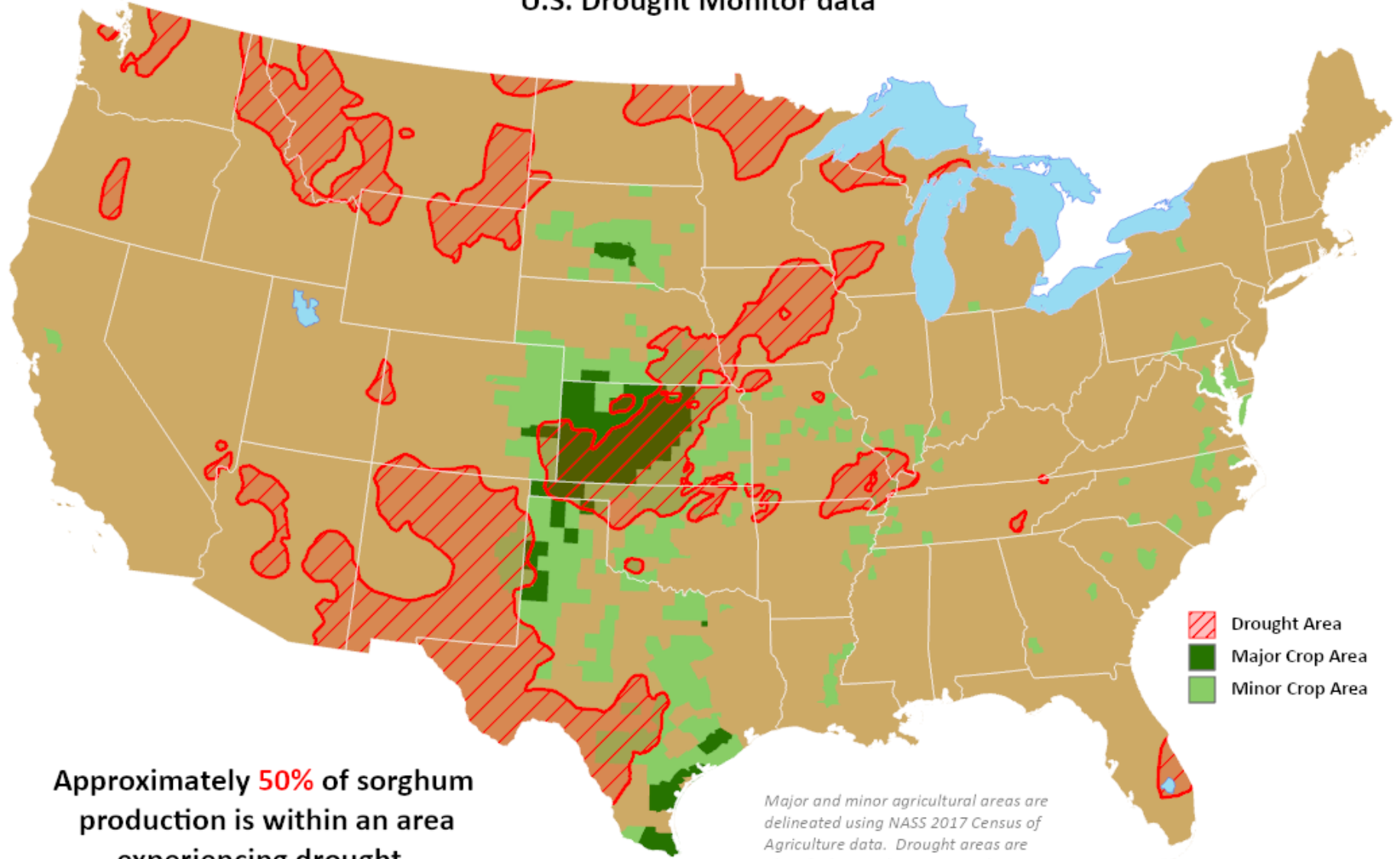


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# Sorghum Areas in Drought

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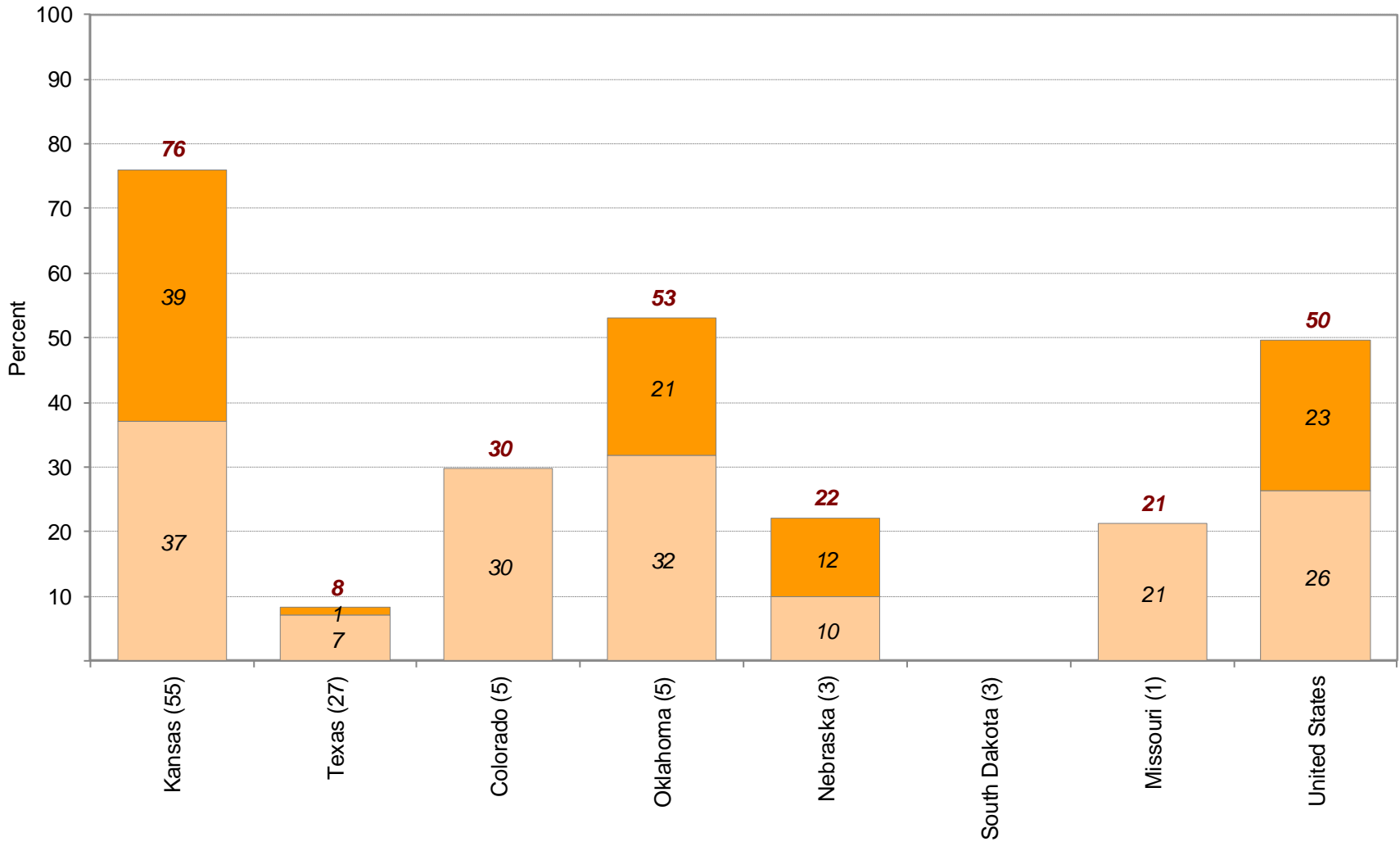
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Approximately **50%** of sorghum  
production is within an area  
experiencing drought.

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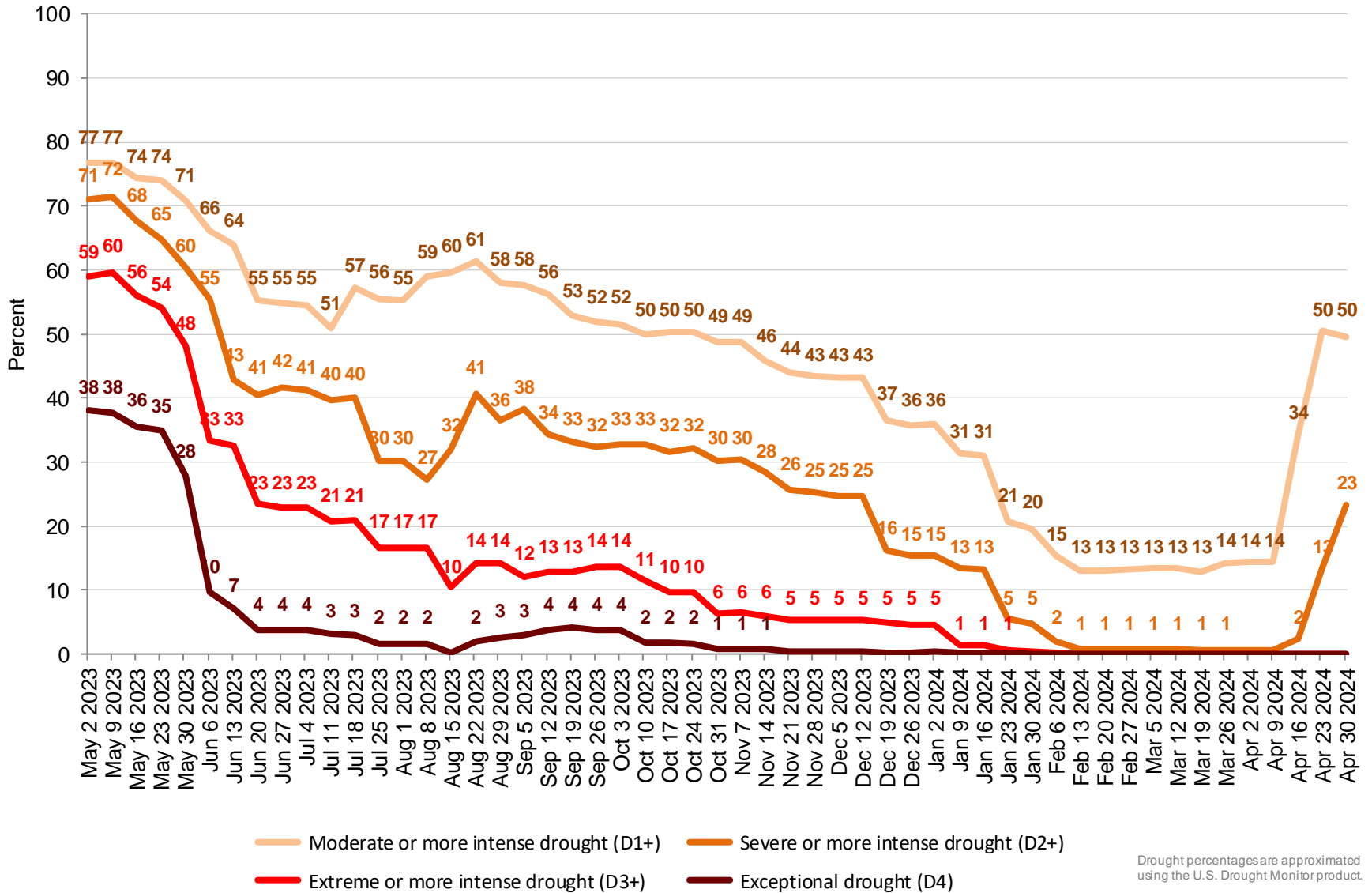
## Percent of Sorghum Located in Drought April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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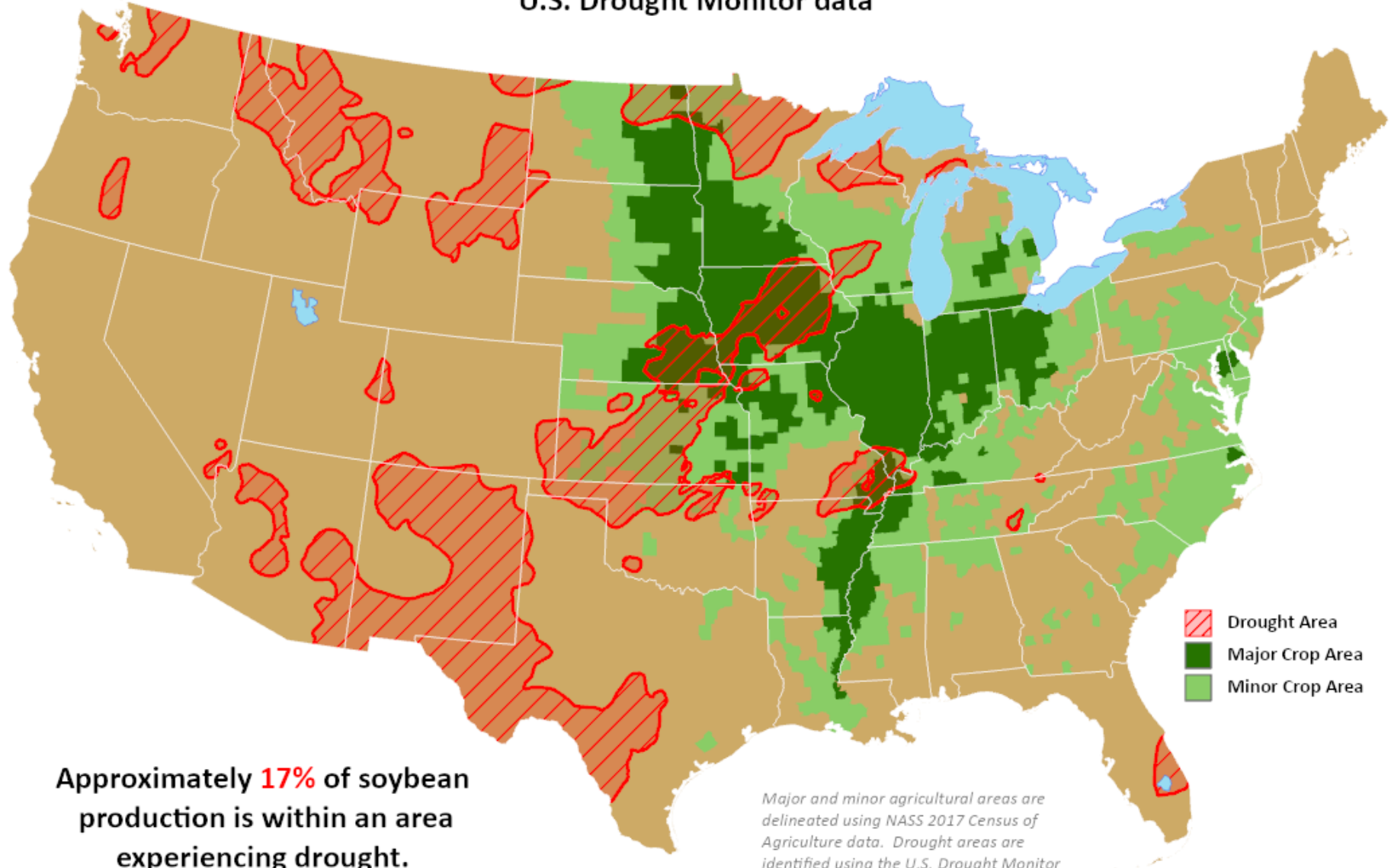
# Percent of United States Sorghum Located in Drought



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# ***Soybean Areas in Drought***

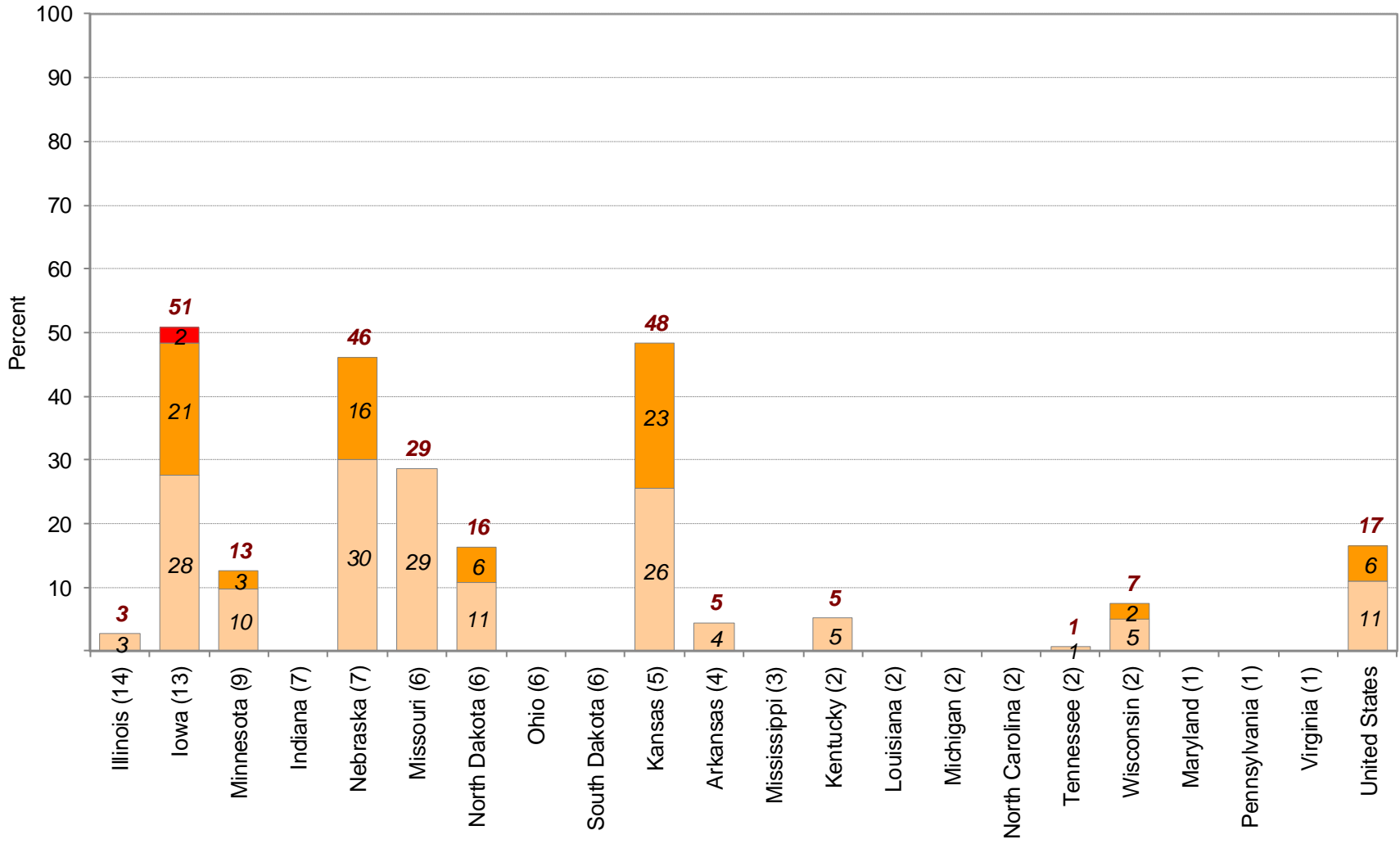
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Approximately **17%** of soybean  
production is within an area  
experiencing drought.

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## Percent of Soybeans Located in Drought April 30, 2024

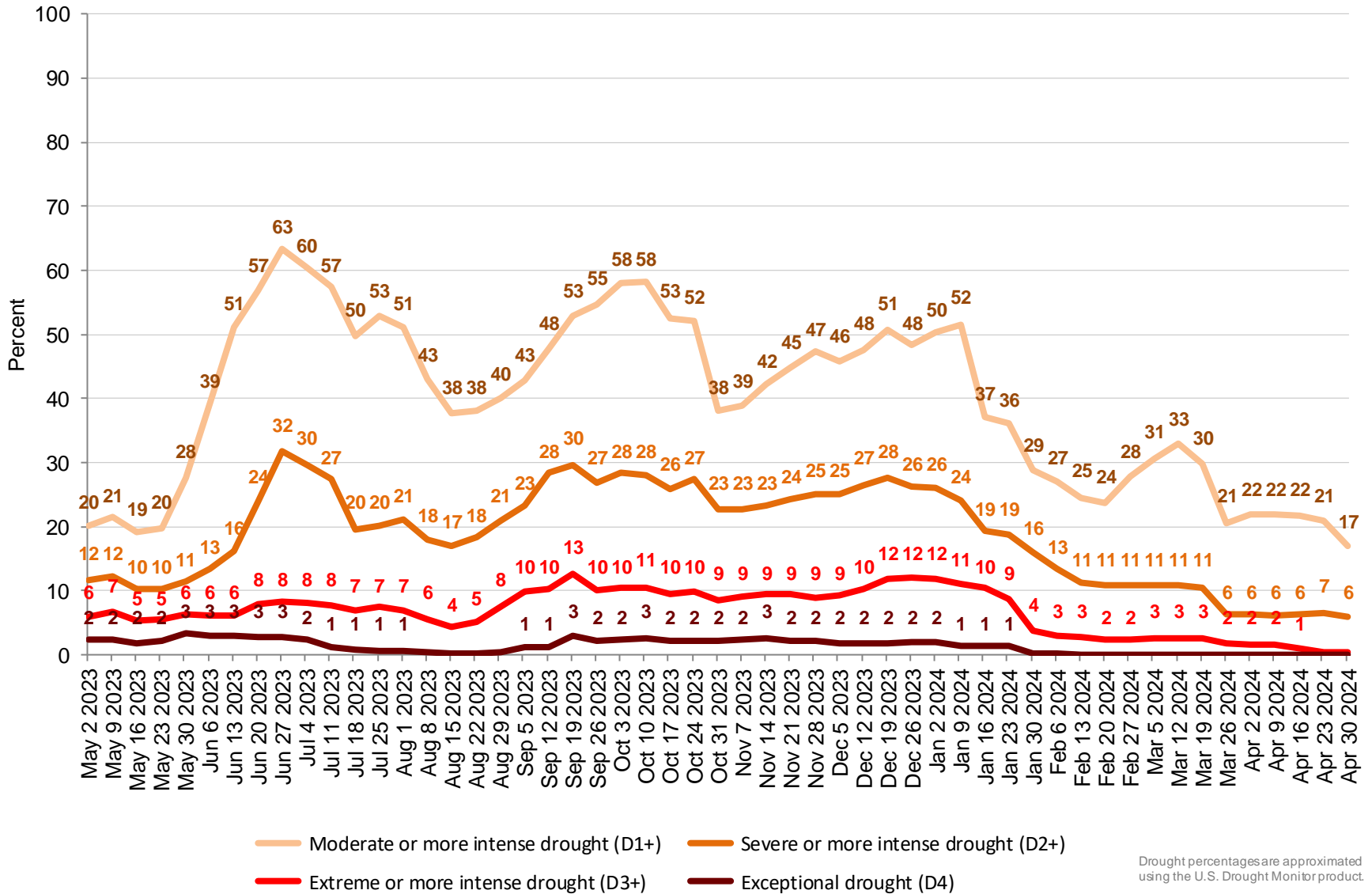


Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
  Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
  Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
  Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Soybeans Located in Drought

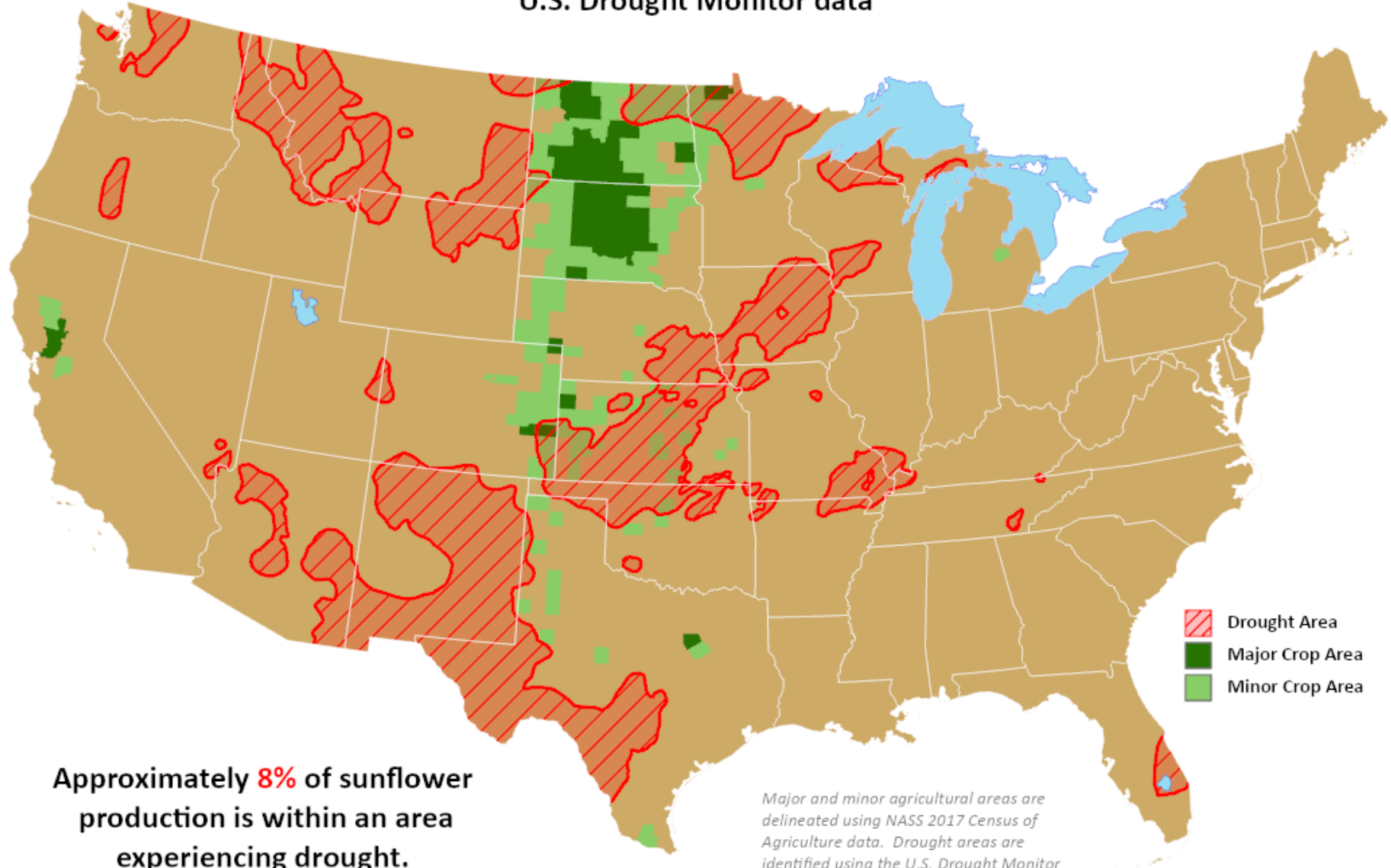





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# Sunflower Areas in Drought

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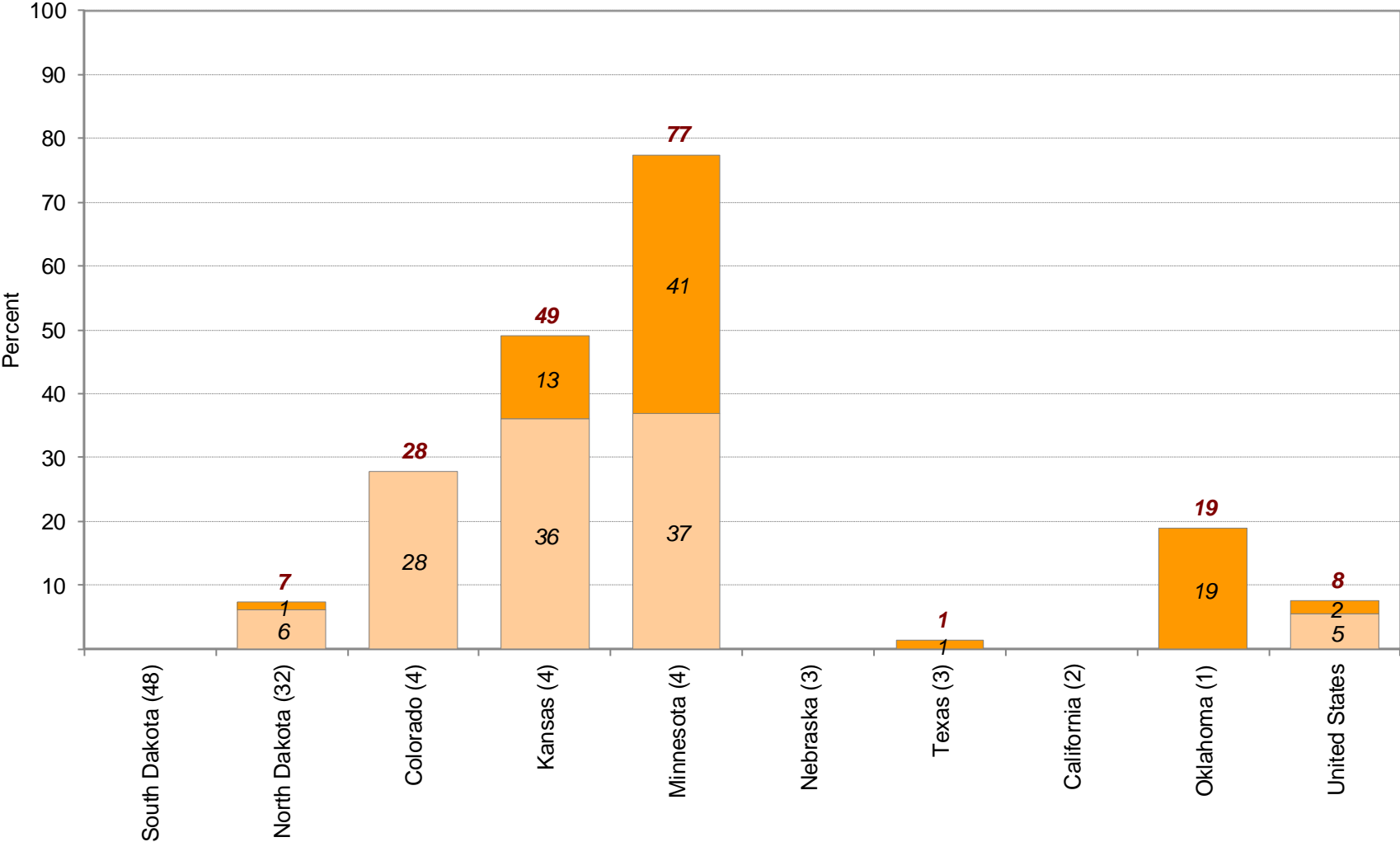
-  Drought Area
-  Major Crop Area
-  Minor Crop Area

Approximately **8%** of sunflower production is within an area experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Sunflowers Located in Drought

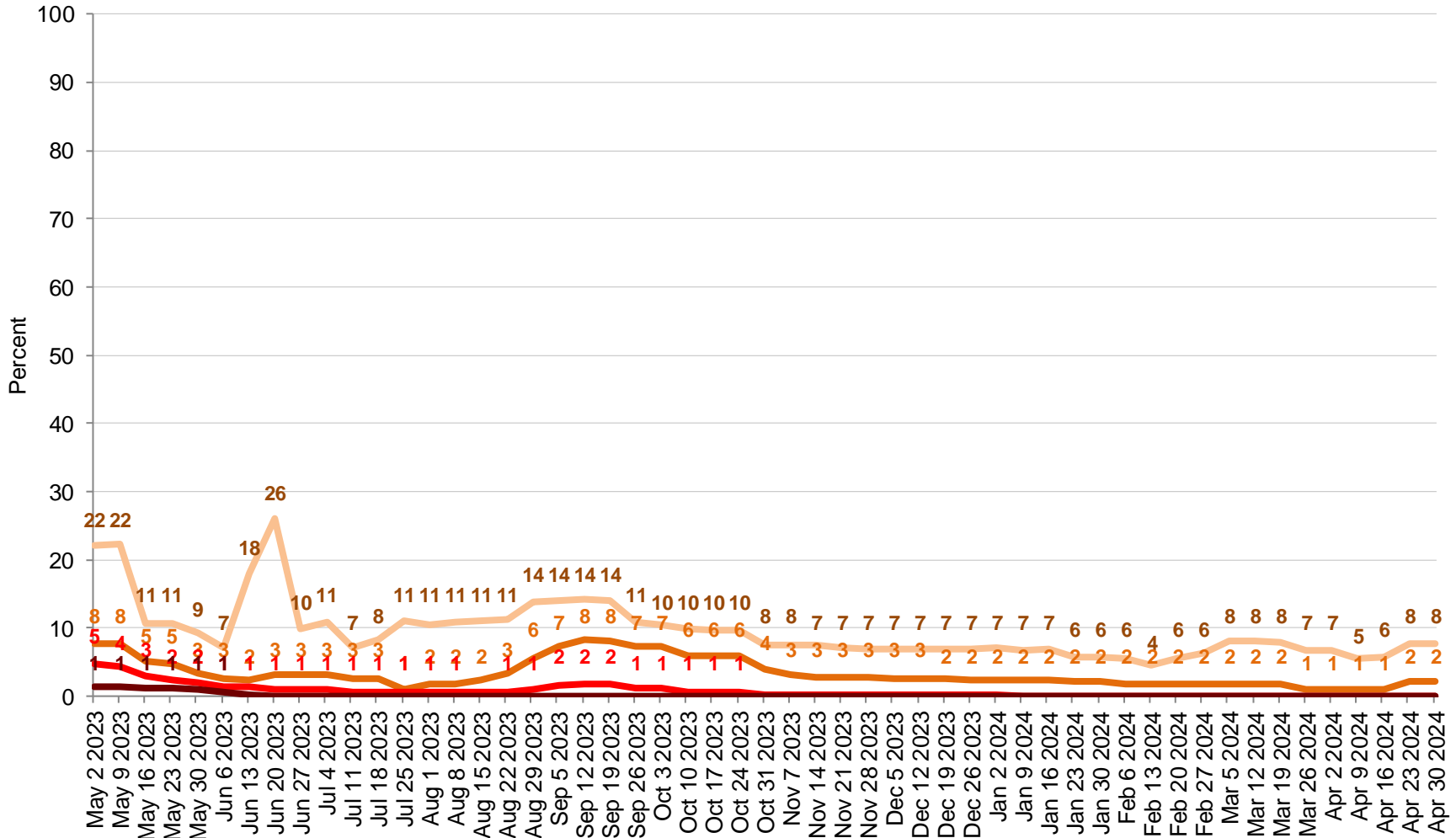
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- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Sunflowers Located in Drought



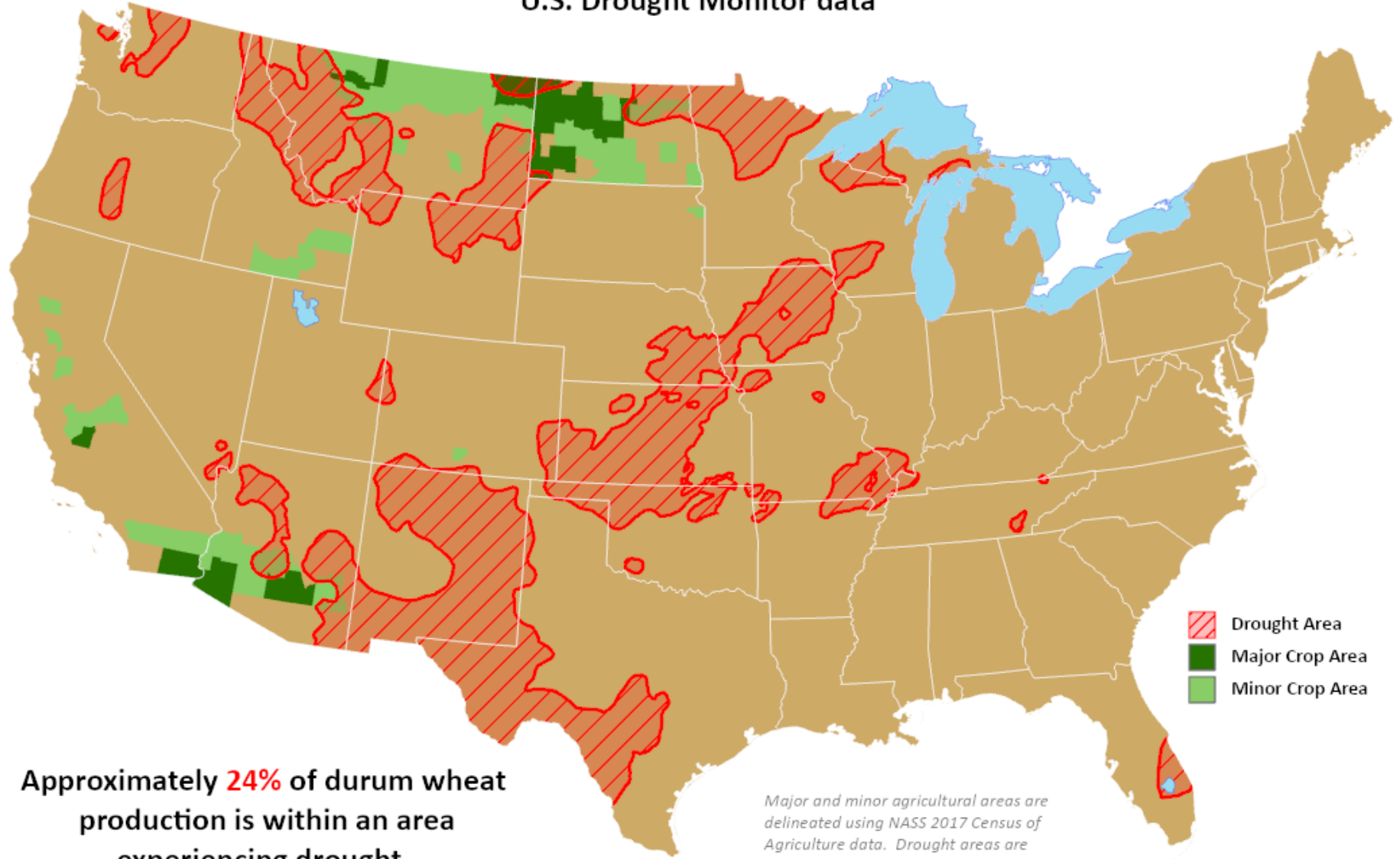
- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

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# Durum Wheat Areas in Drought

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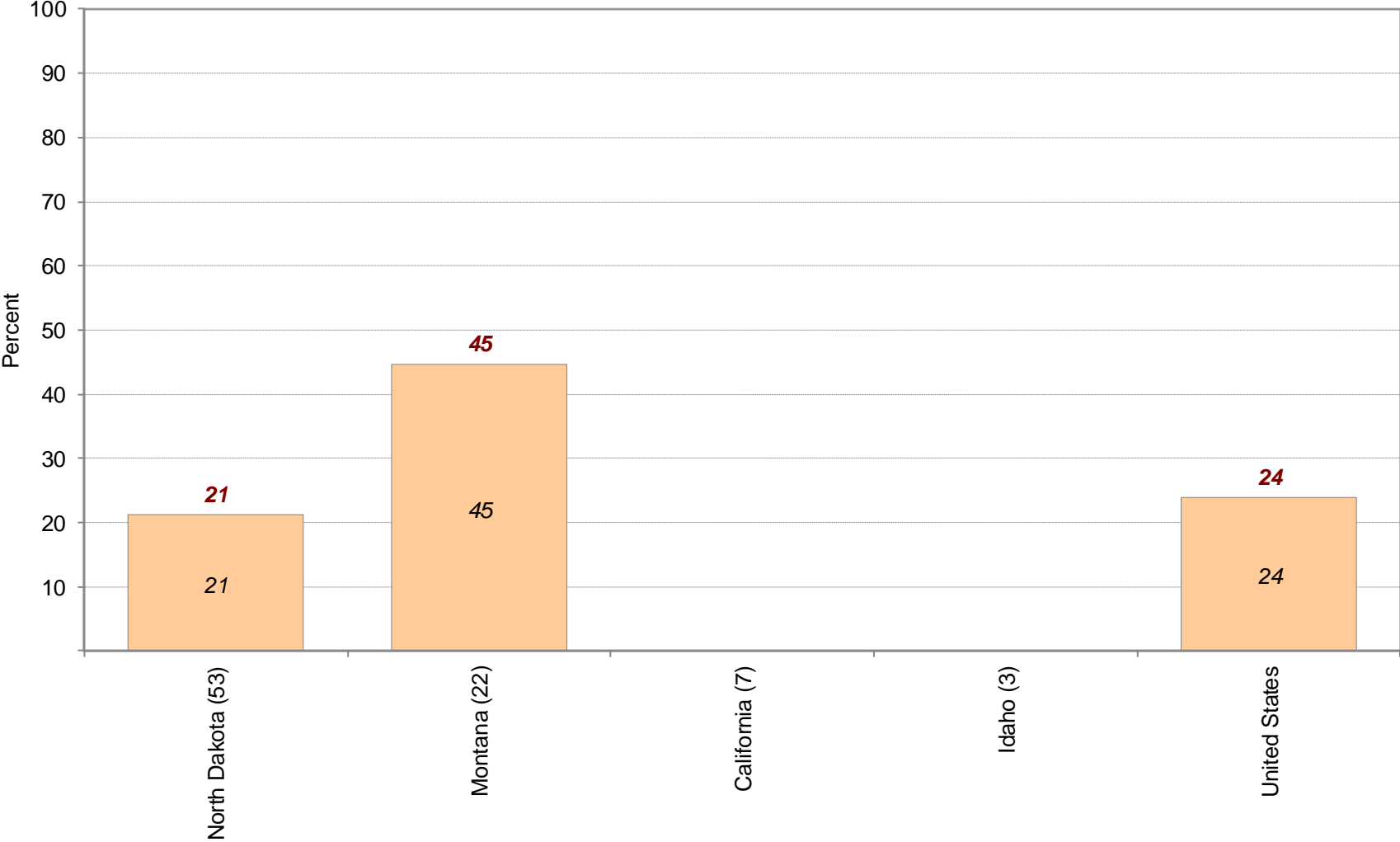


Approximately **24%** of durum wheat  
production is within an area  
experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Durum Wheat Located in Drought

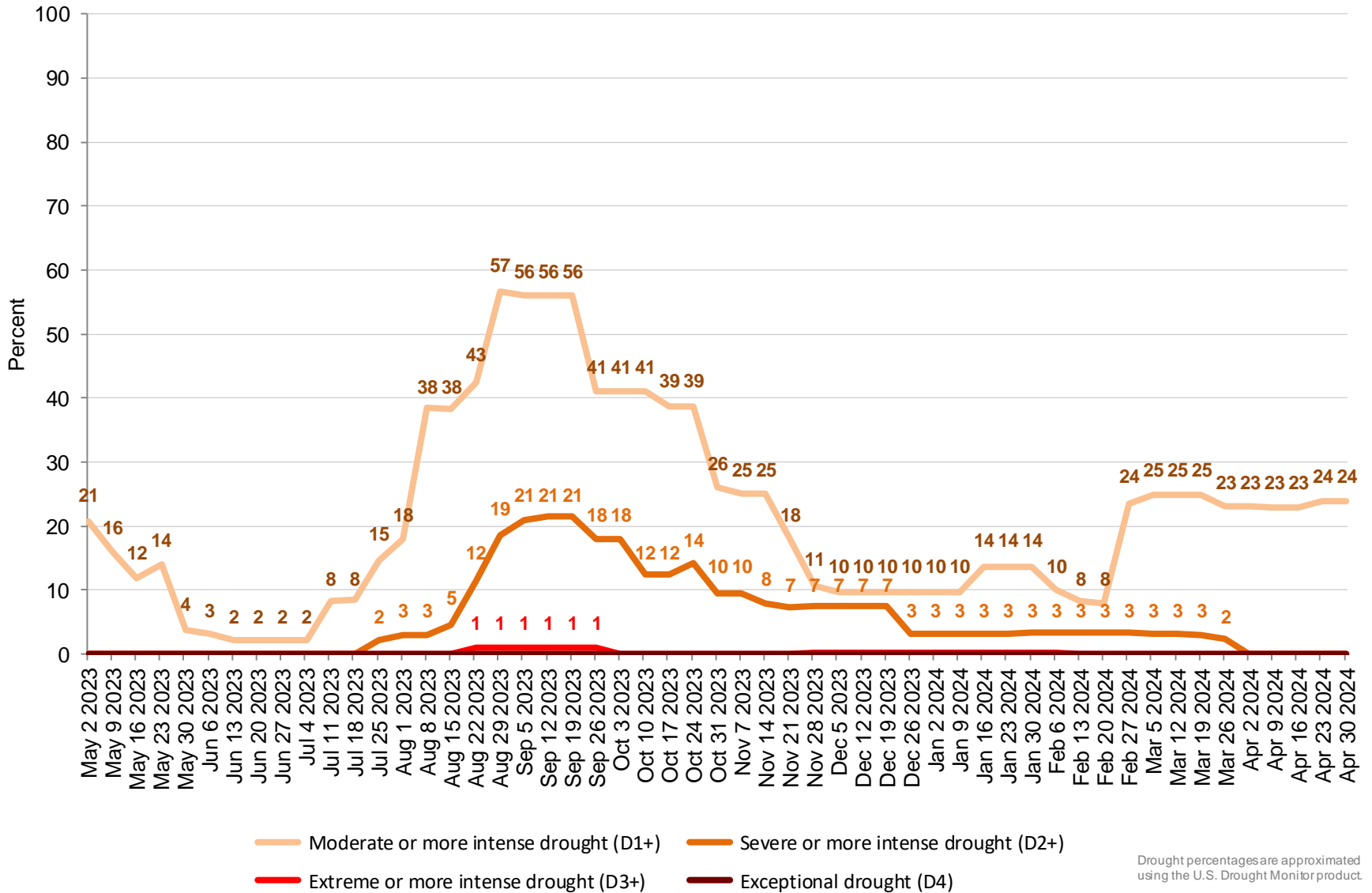
## April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Durum Wheat Located in Drought



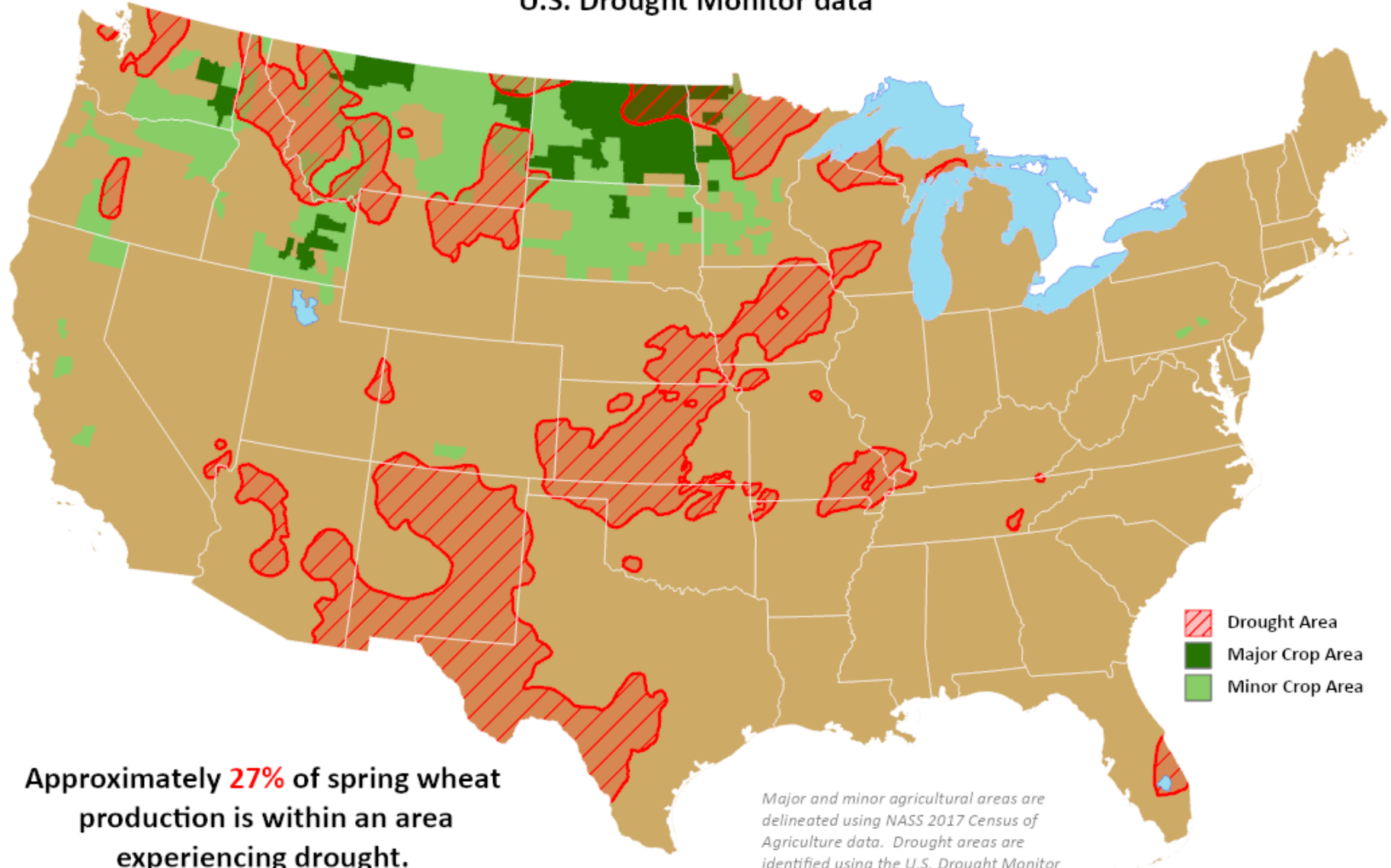
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# Spring Wheat Areas in Drought

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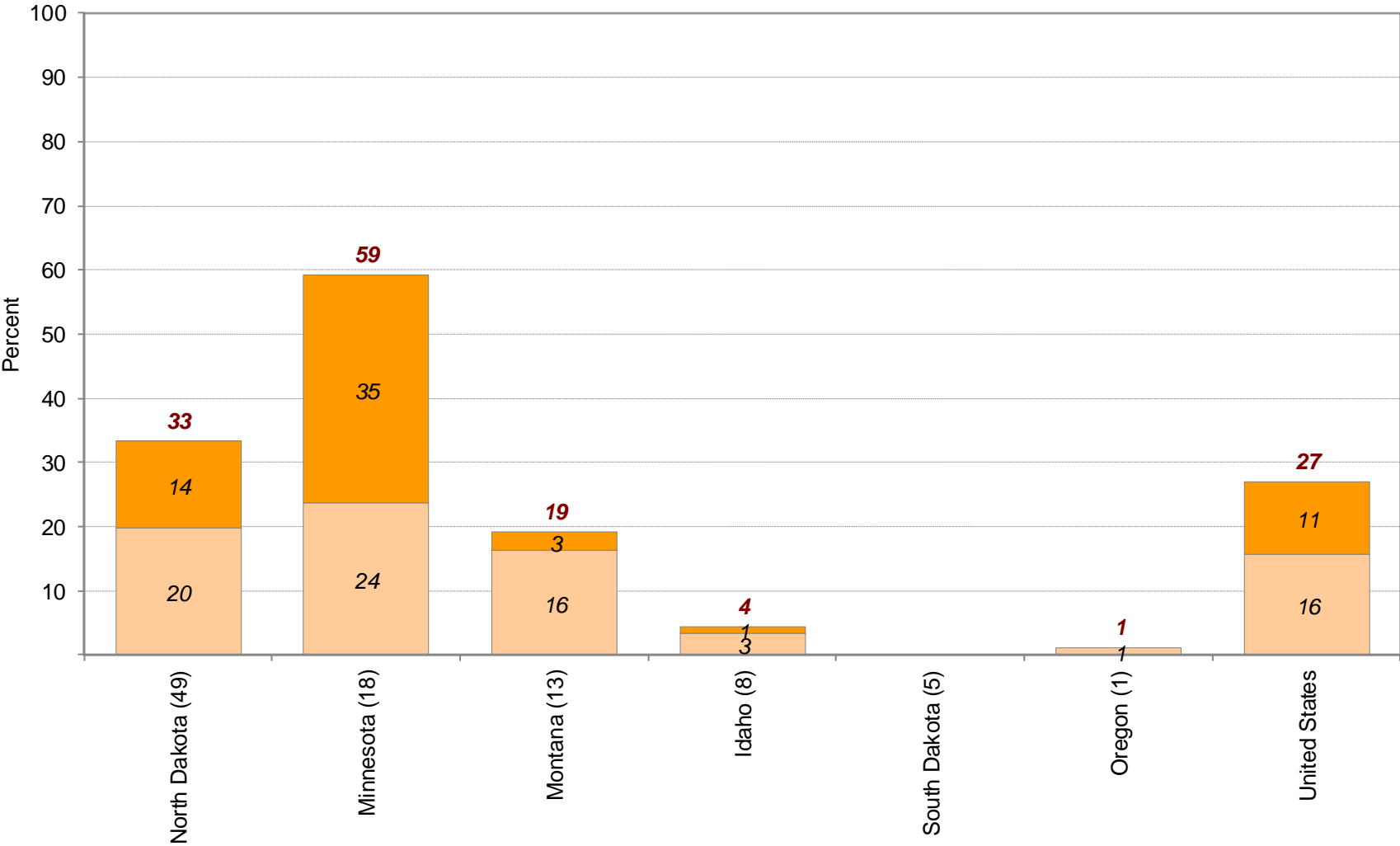


Approximately **27%** of spring wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Spring Wheat Located in Drought

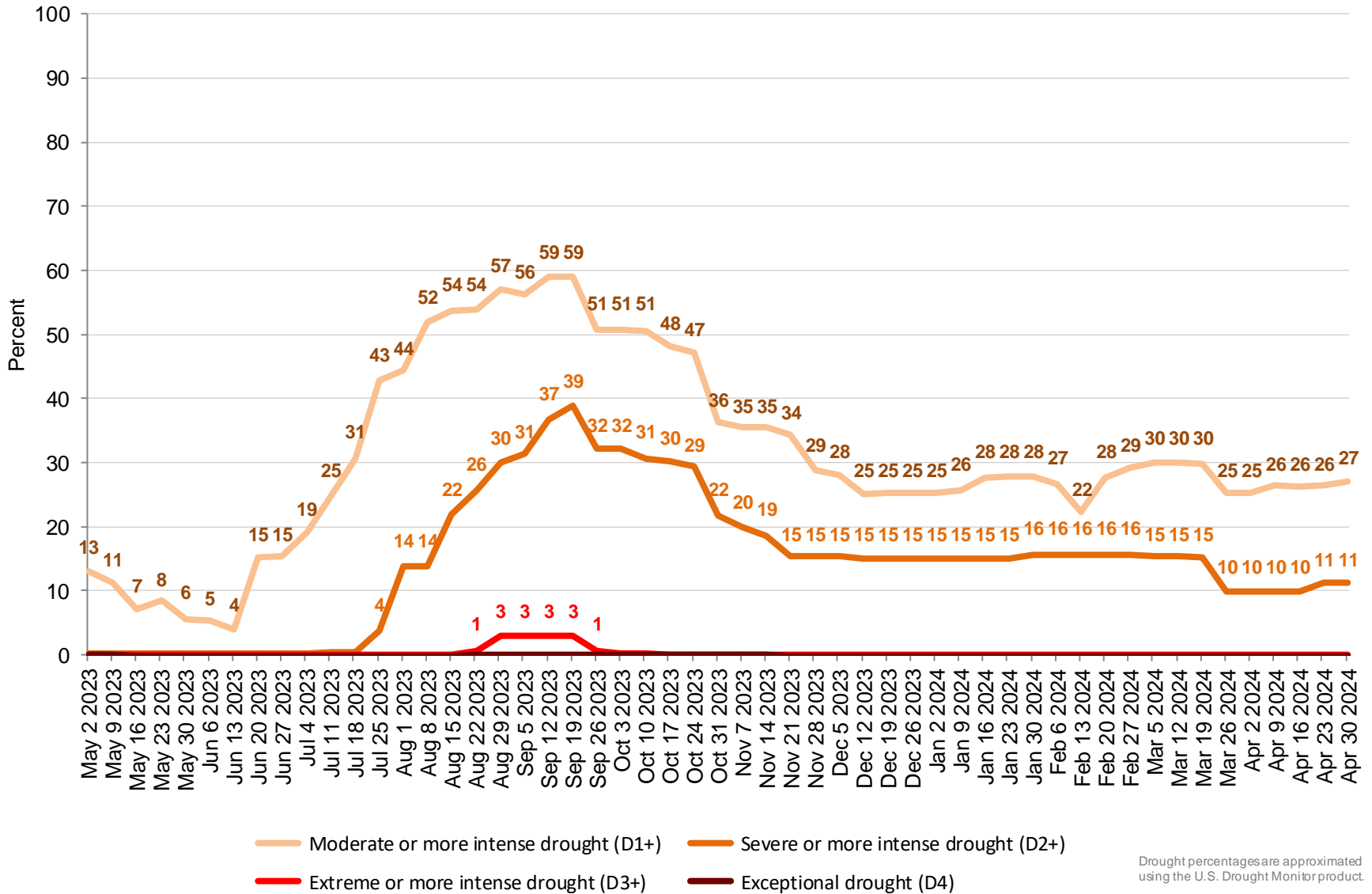
## April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Spring Wheat Located in Drought

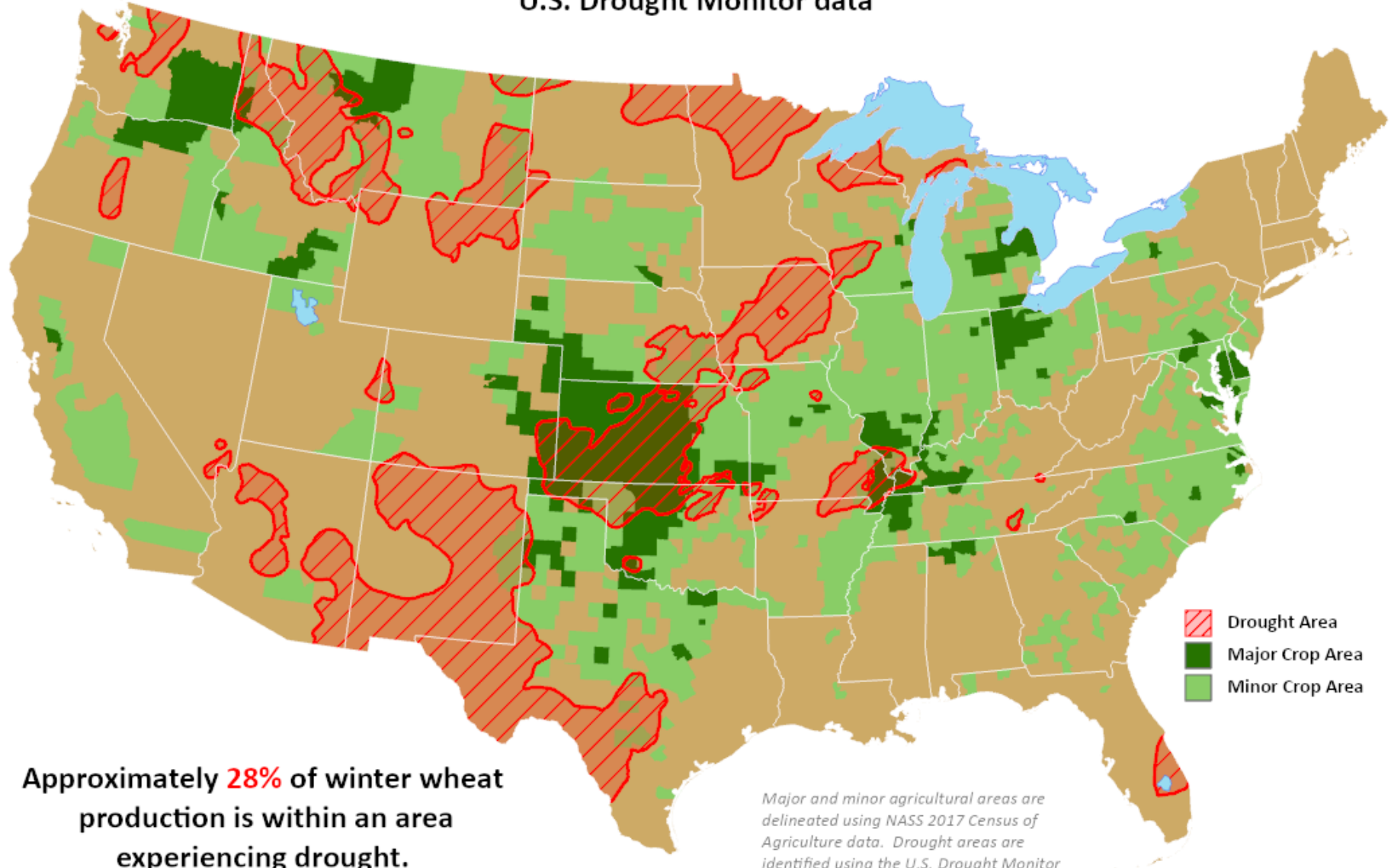


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# Winter Wheat Areas in Drought

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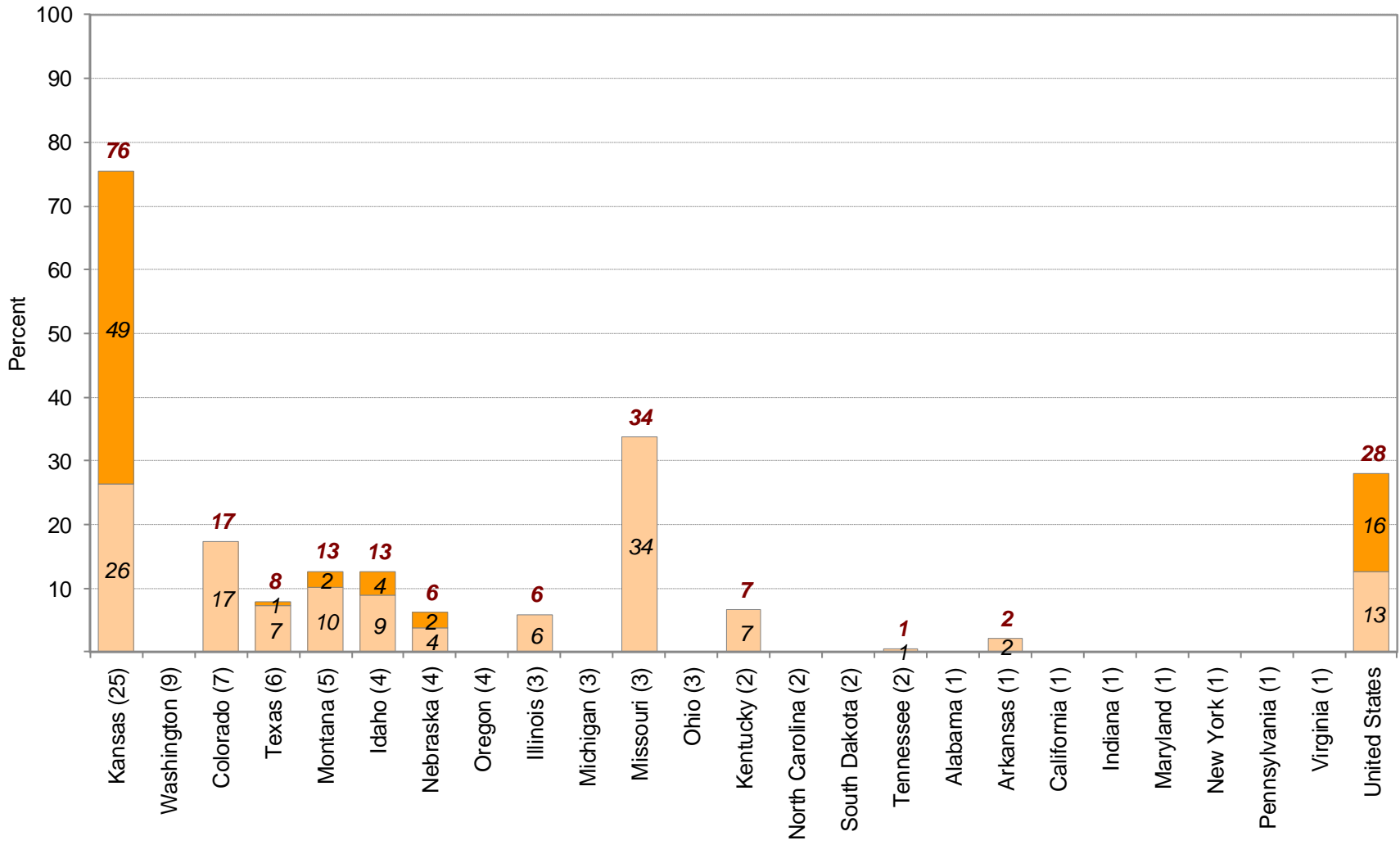
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Approximately **28%** of winter wheat  
production is within an area  
experiencing drought.

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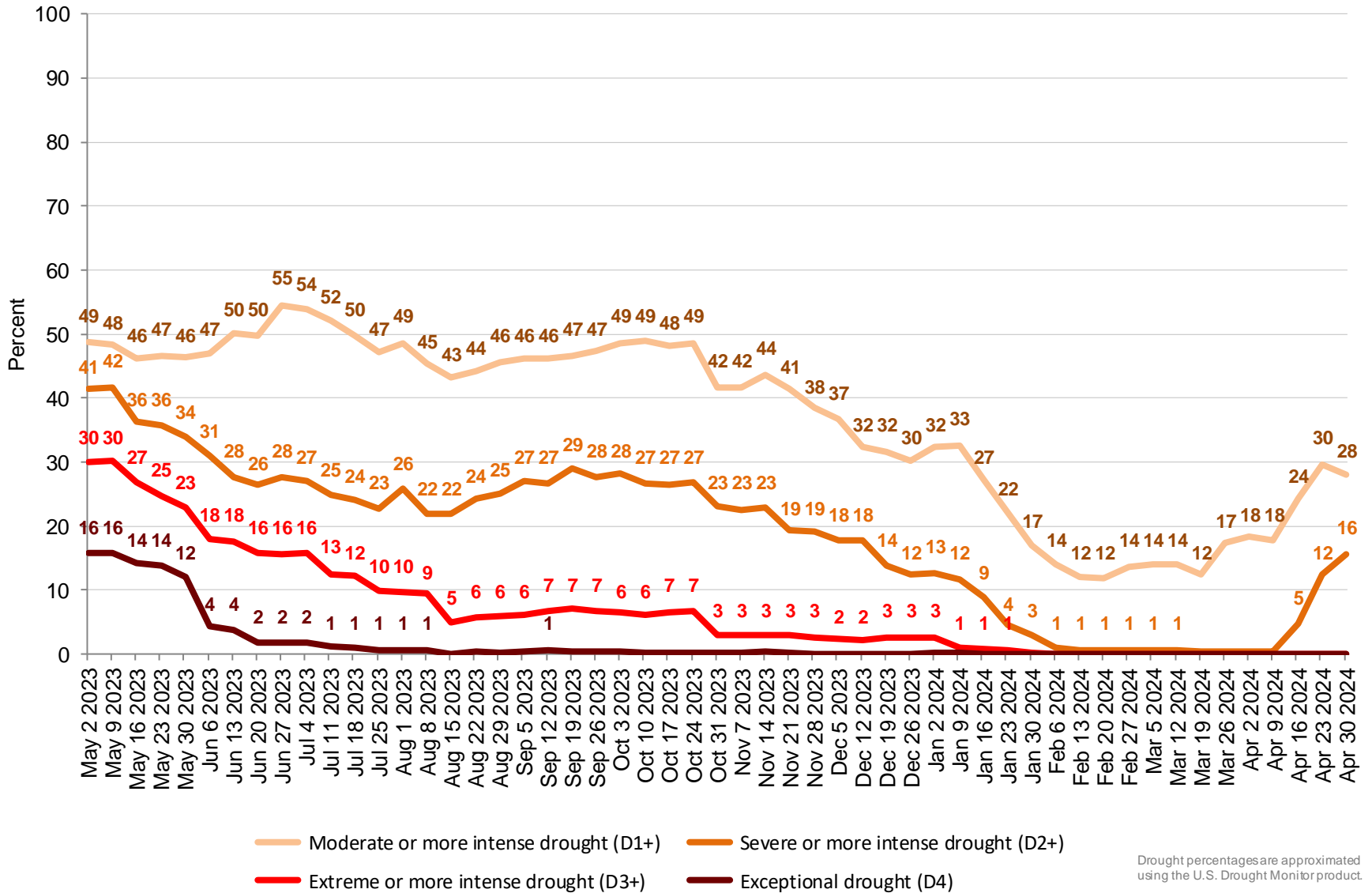
## Percent of Winter Wheat Located in Drought April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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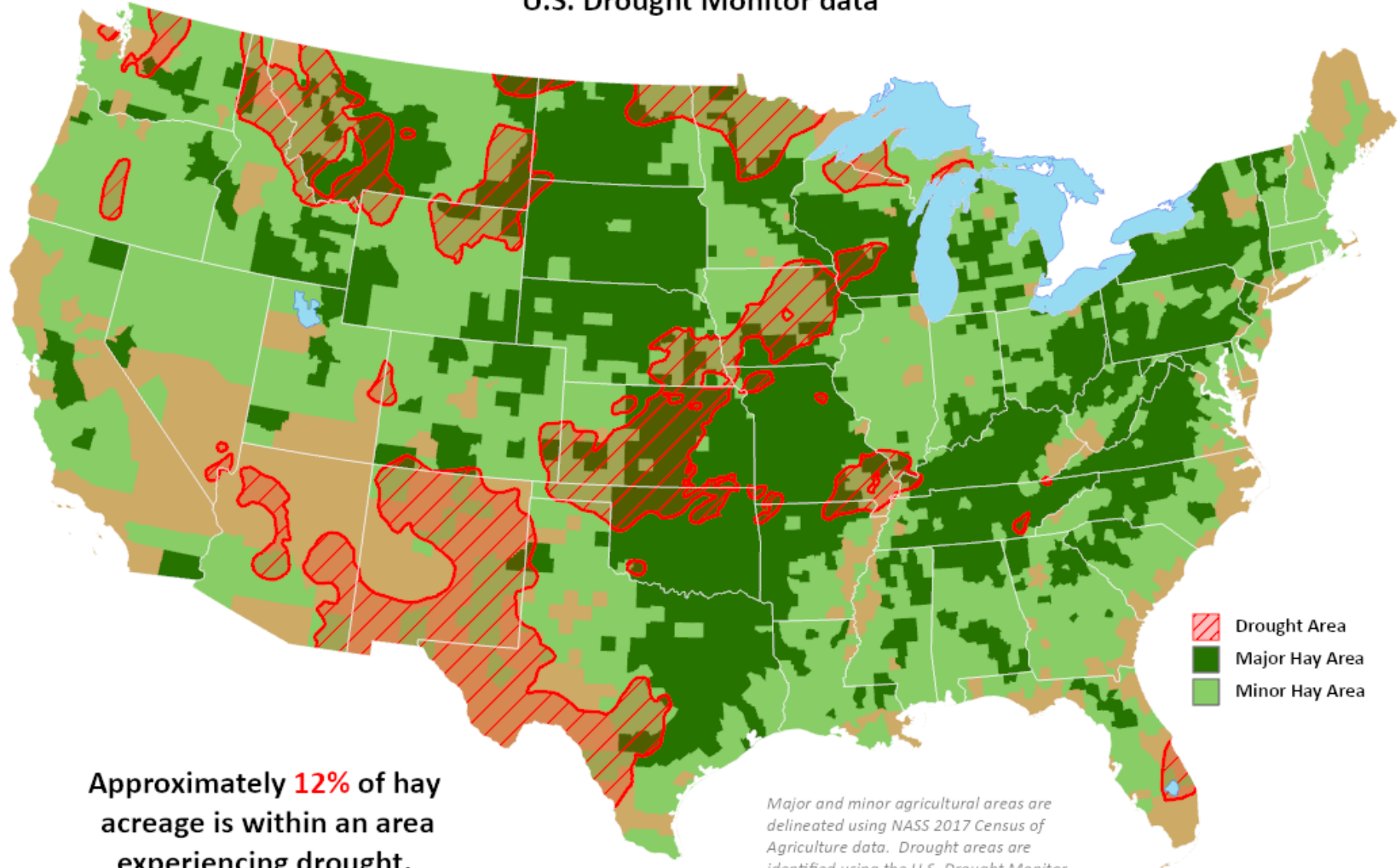
# Percent of United States Winter Wheat Located in Drought






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# ***Hay Areas in Drought***

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-  Drought Area
-  Major Hay Area
-  Minor Hay Area

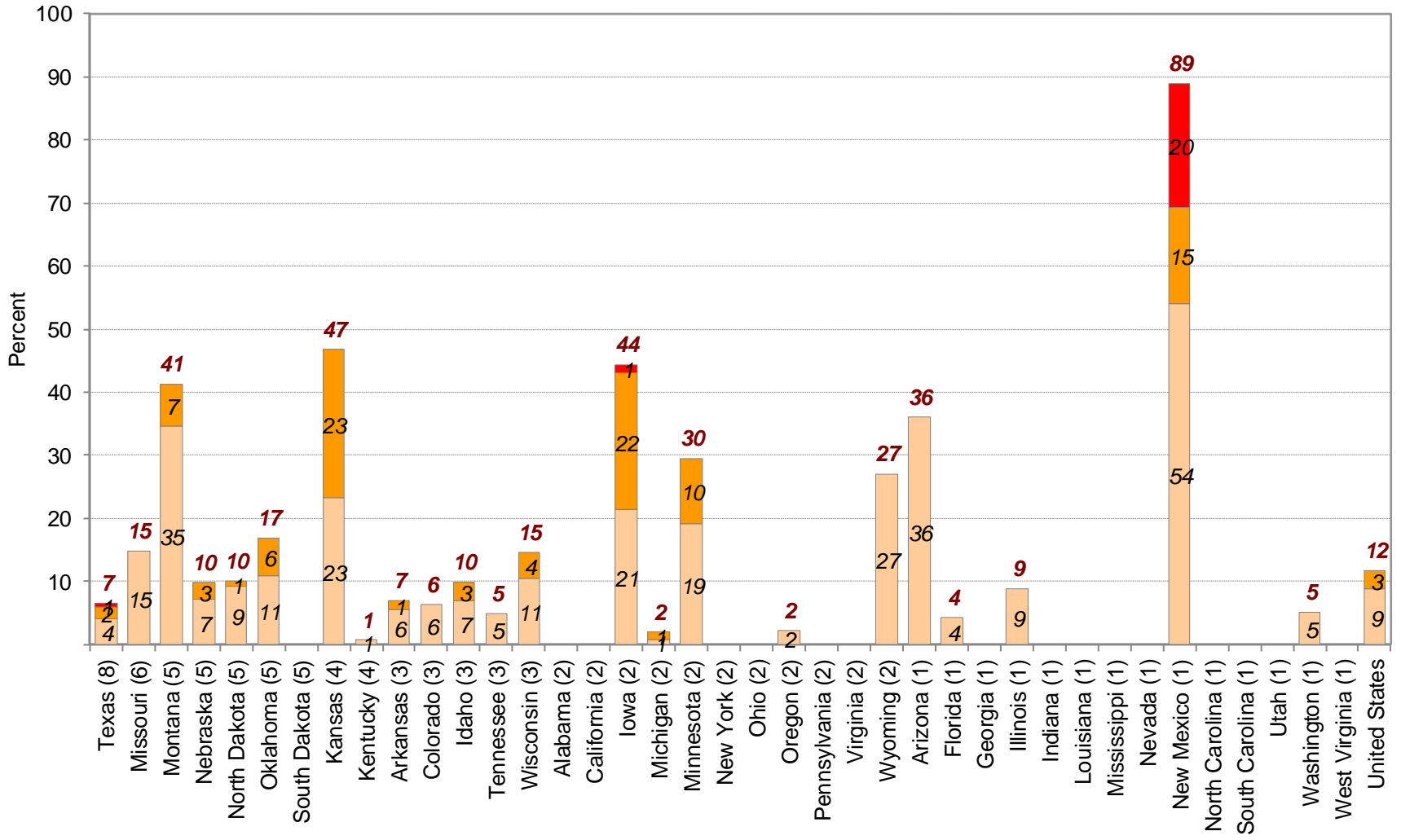
Approximately **12%** of hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Hay Located in Drought

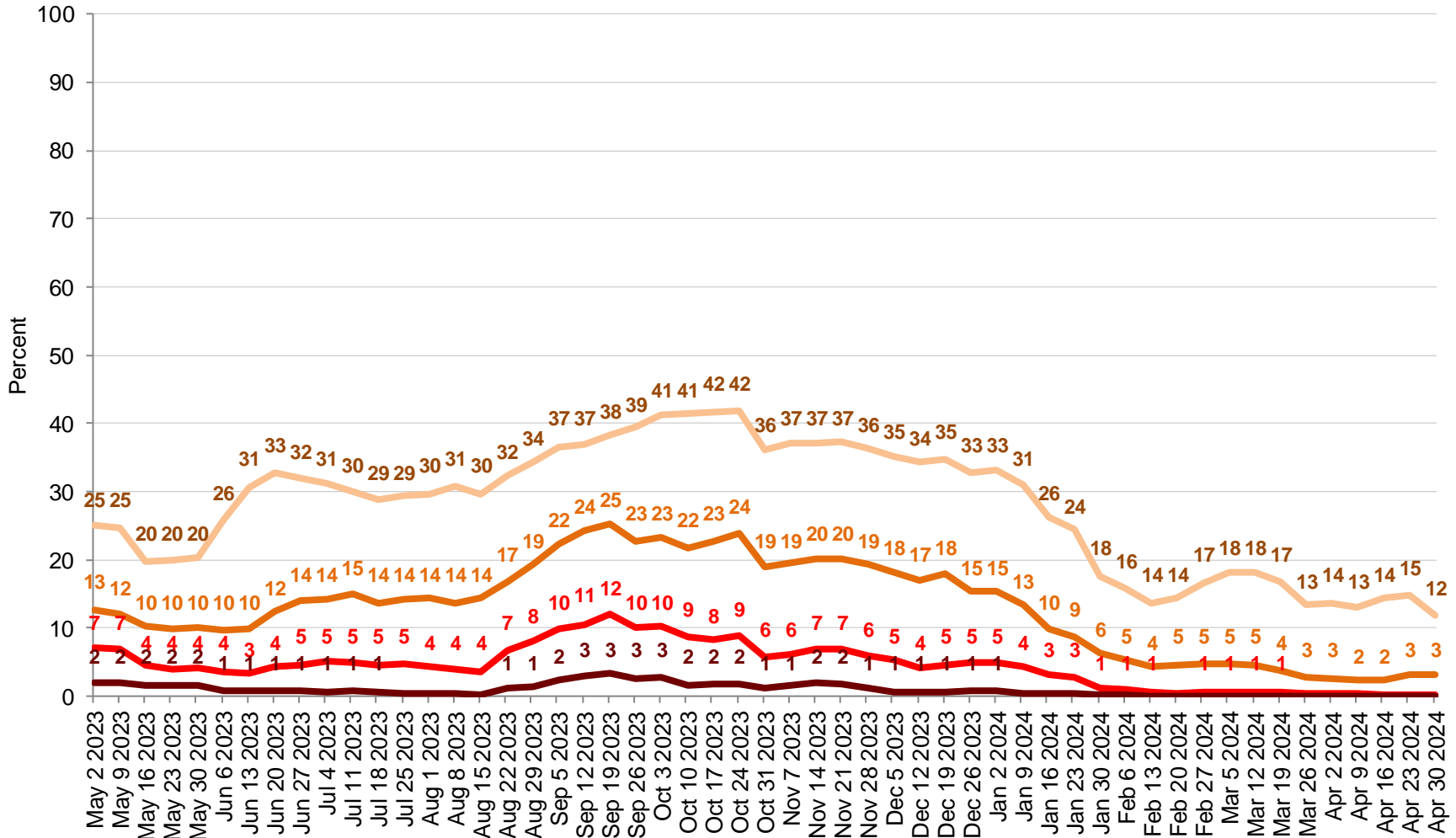
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Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
  Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
  Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
  Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Hay Located in Drought



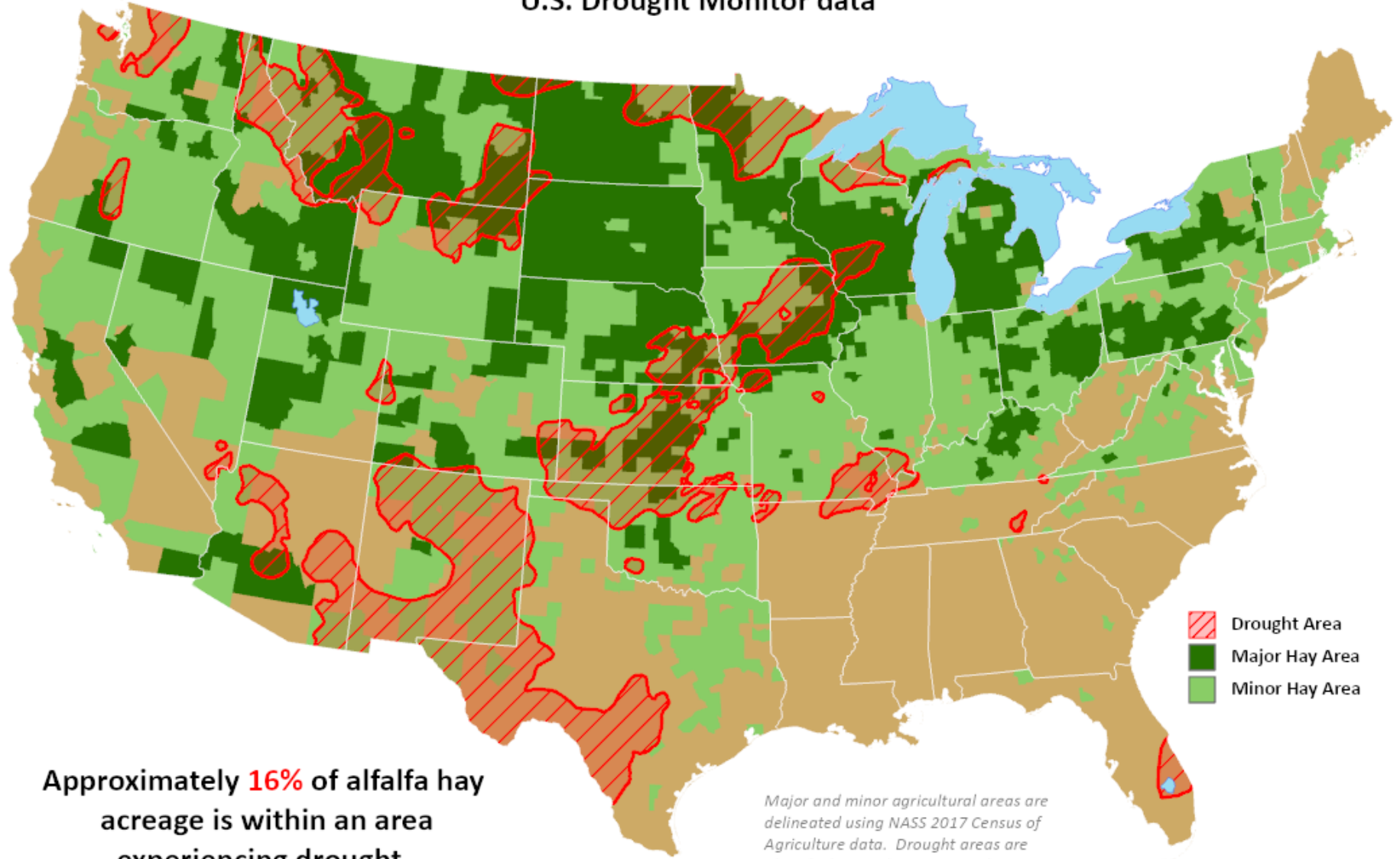
- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)




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# Alfalfa Hay Areas in Drought

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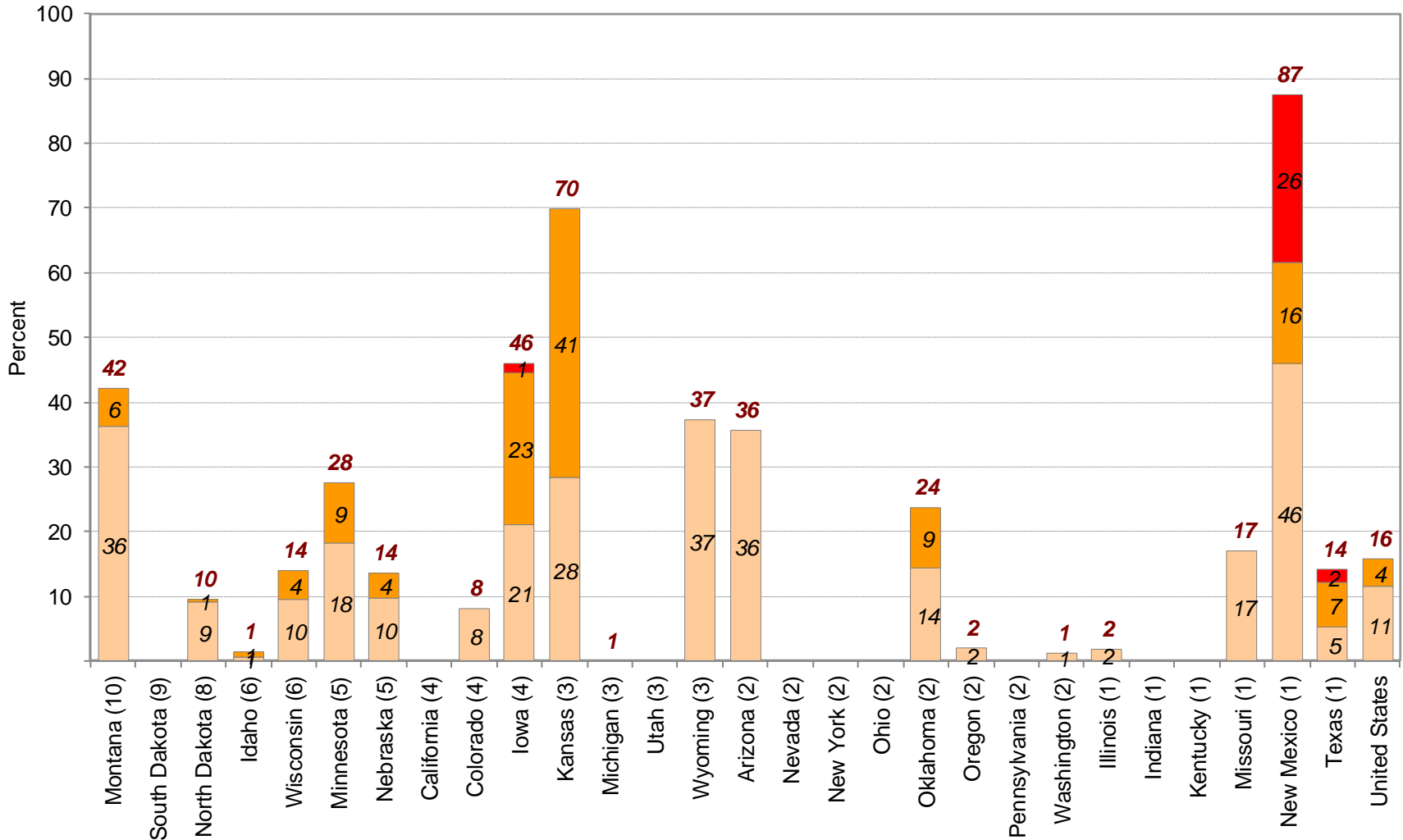
-  Drought Area
-  Major Hay Area
-  Minor Hay Area

Approximately **16%** of alfalfa hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought

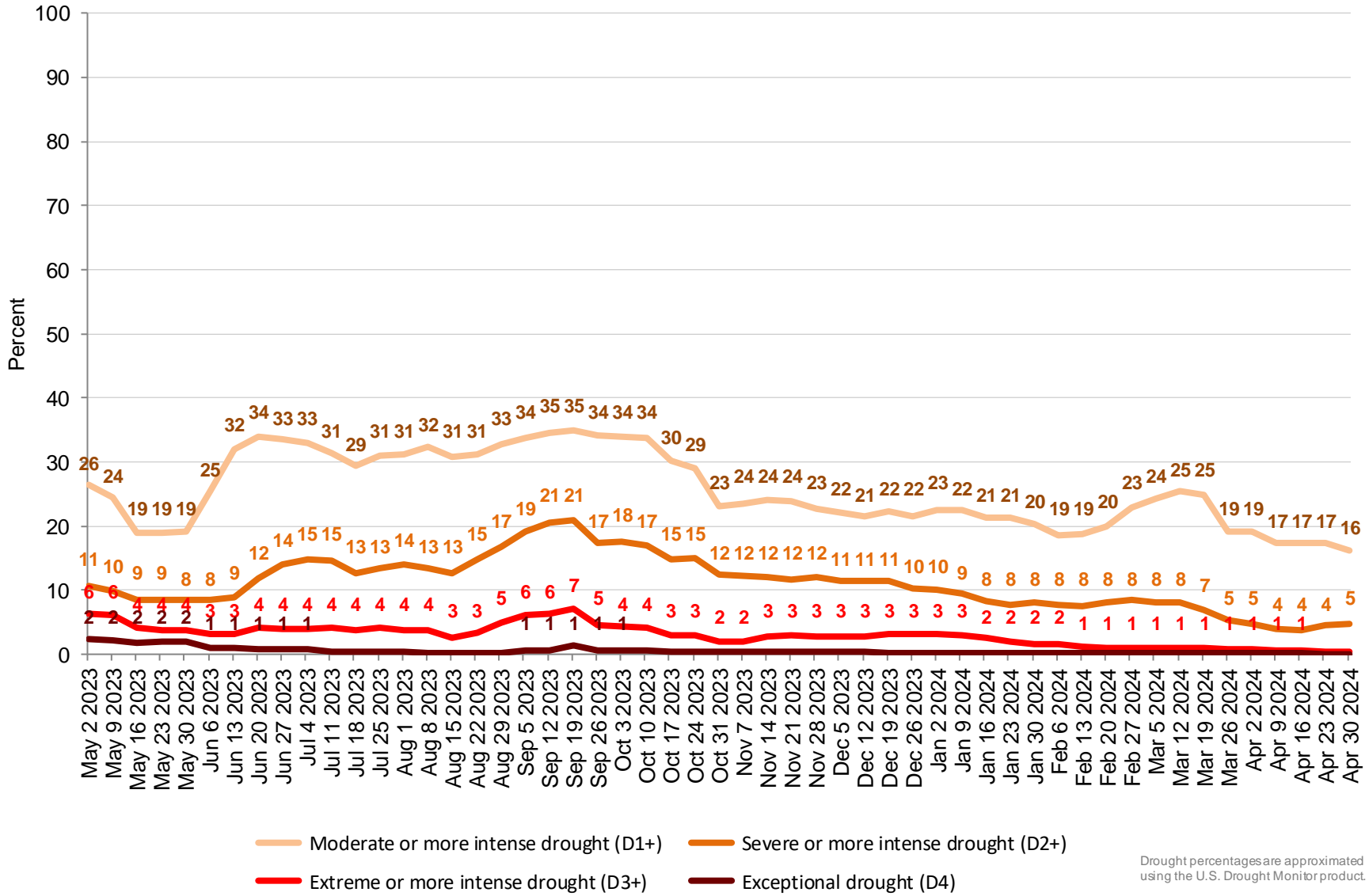
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Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
  Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
  Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
  Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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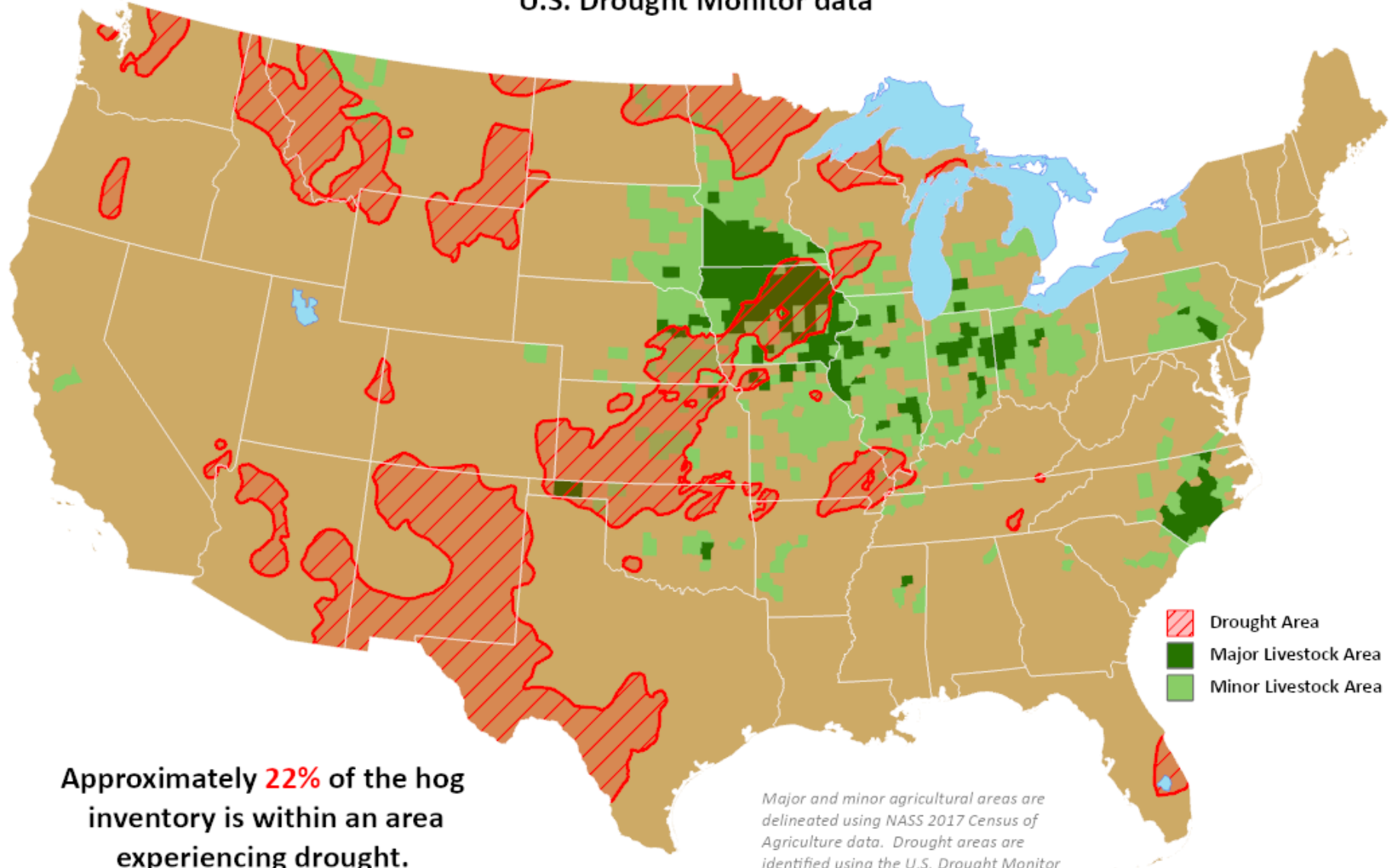
# Percent of United States Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought






Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.

# Hog Areas in Drought

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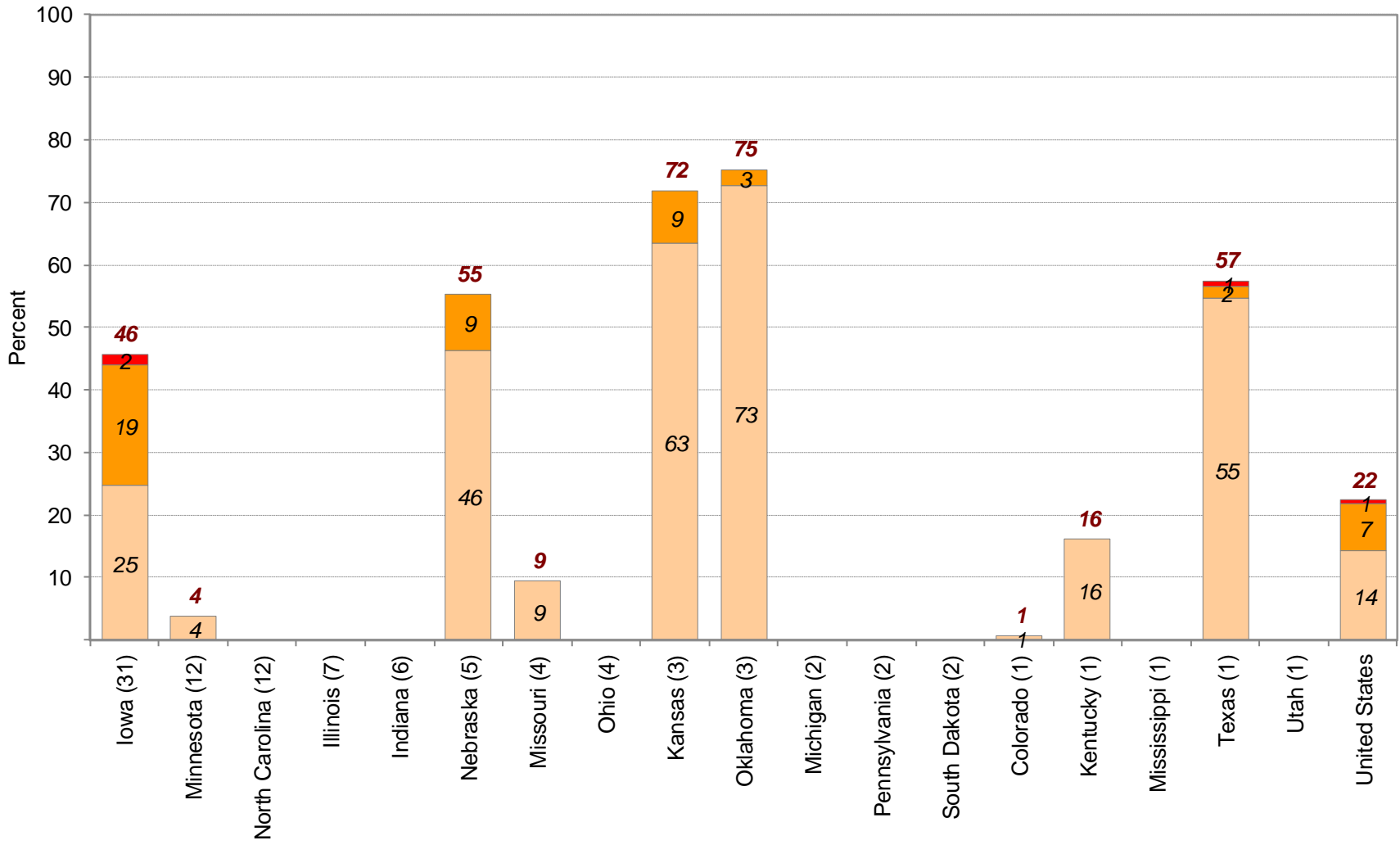
-  Drought Area
-  Major Livestock Area
-  Minor Livestock Area

Approximately **22%** of the hog inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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## Percent of Hogs Located in Drought

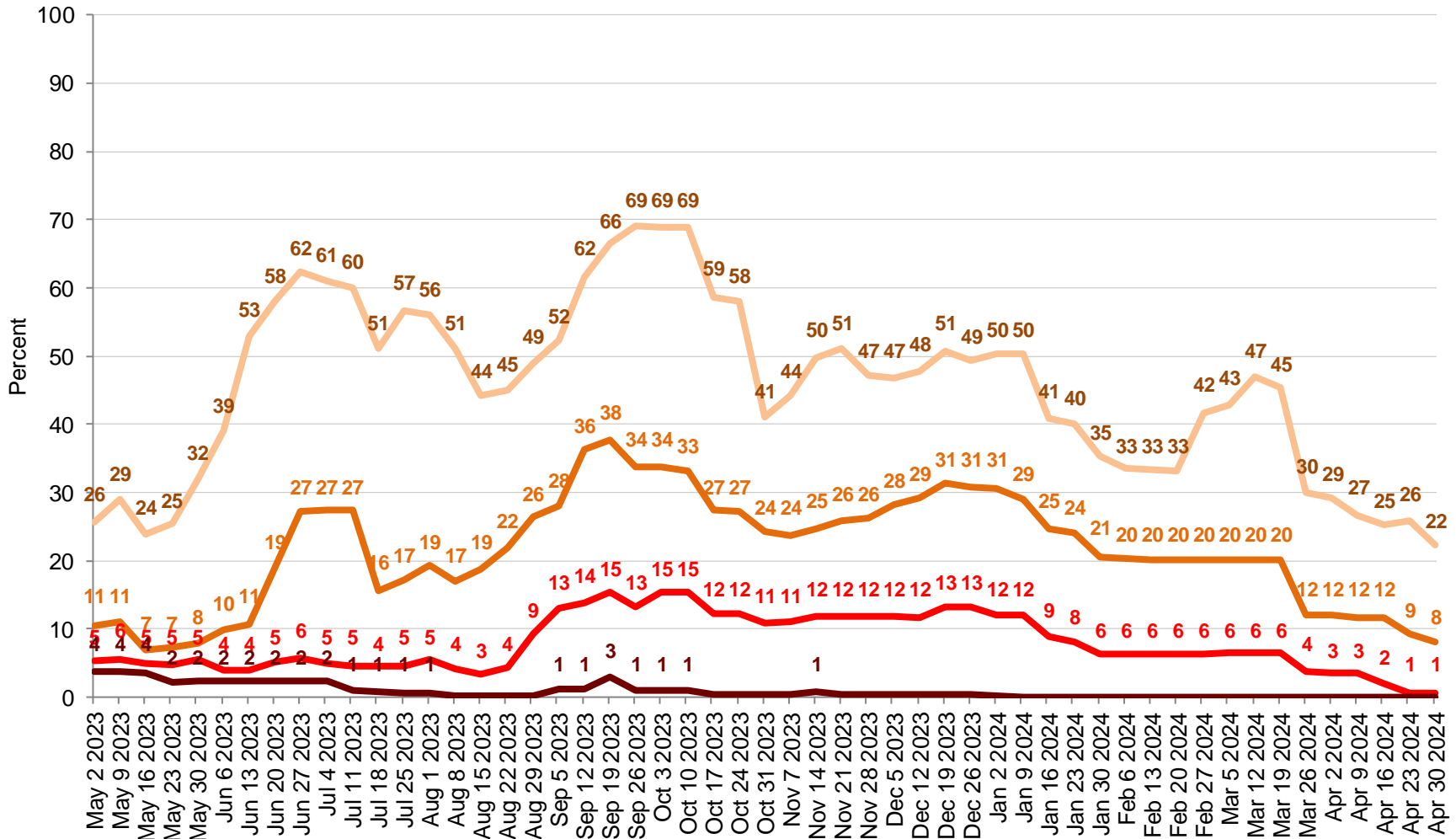
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- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Hogs Located in Drought



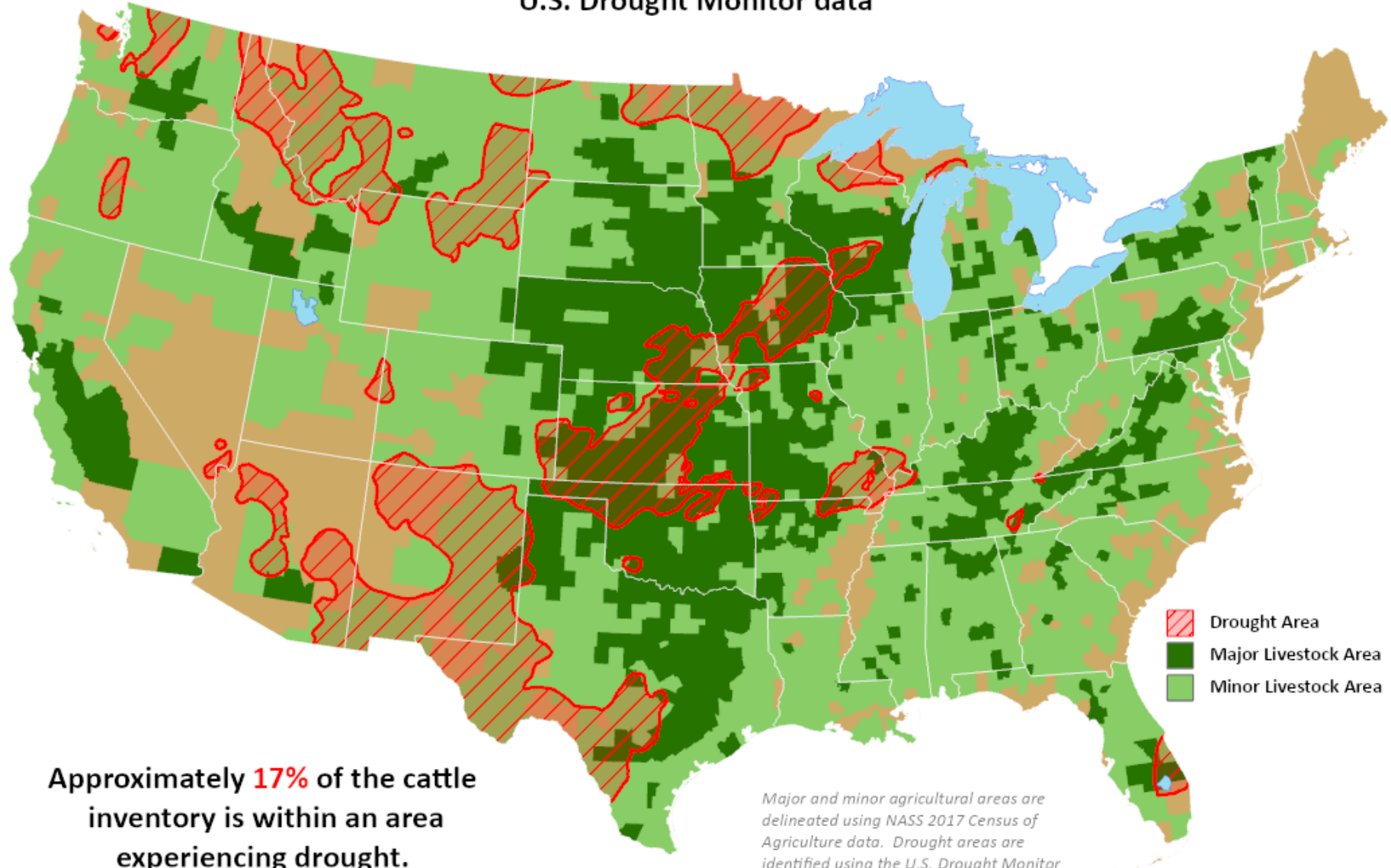
- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

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# ***Cattle Areas in Drought***

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U.S. Drought Monitor data

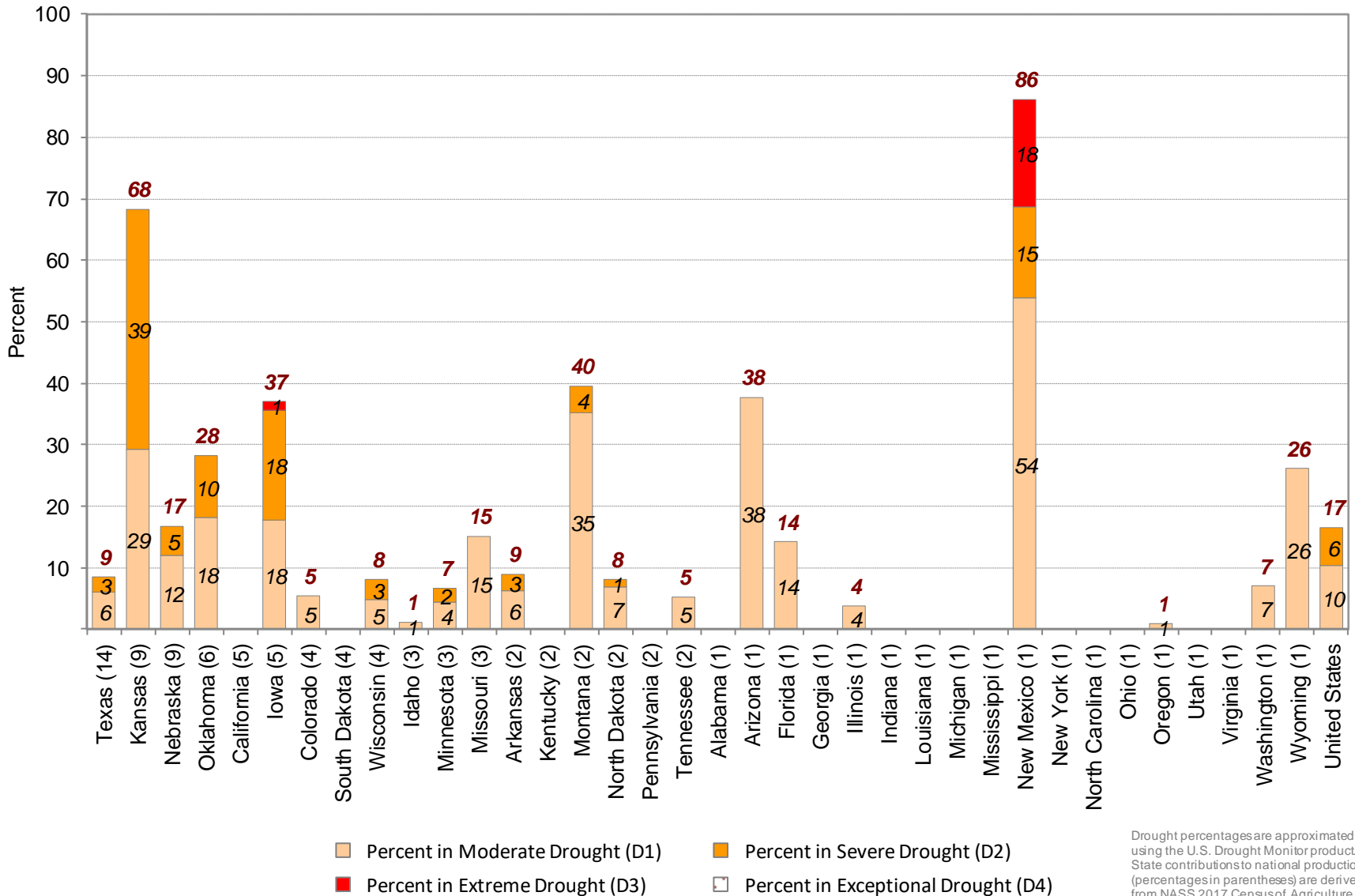


**Approximately 17% of the cattle inventory is within an area experiencing drought.**

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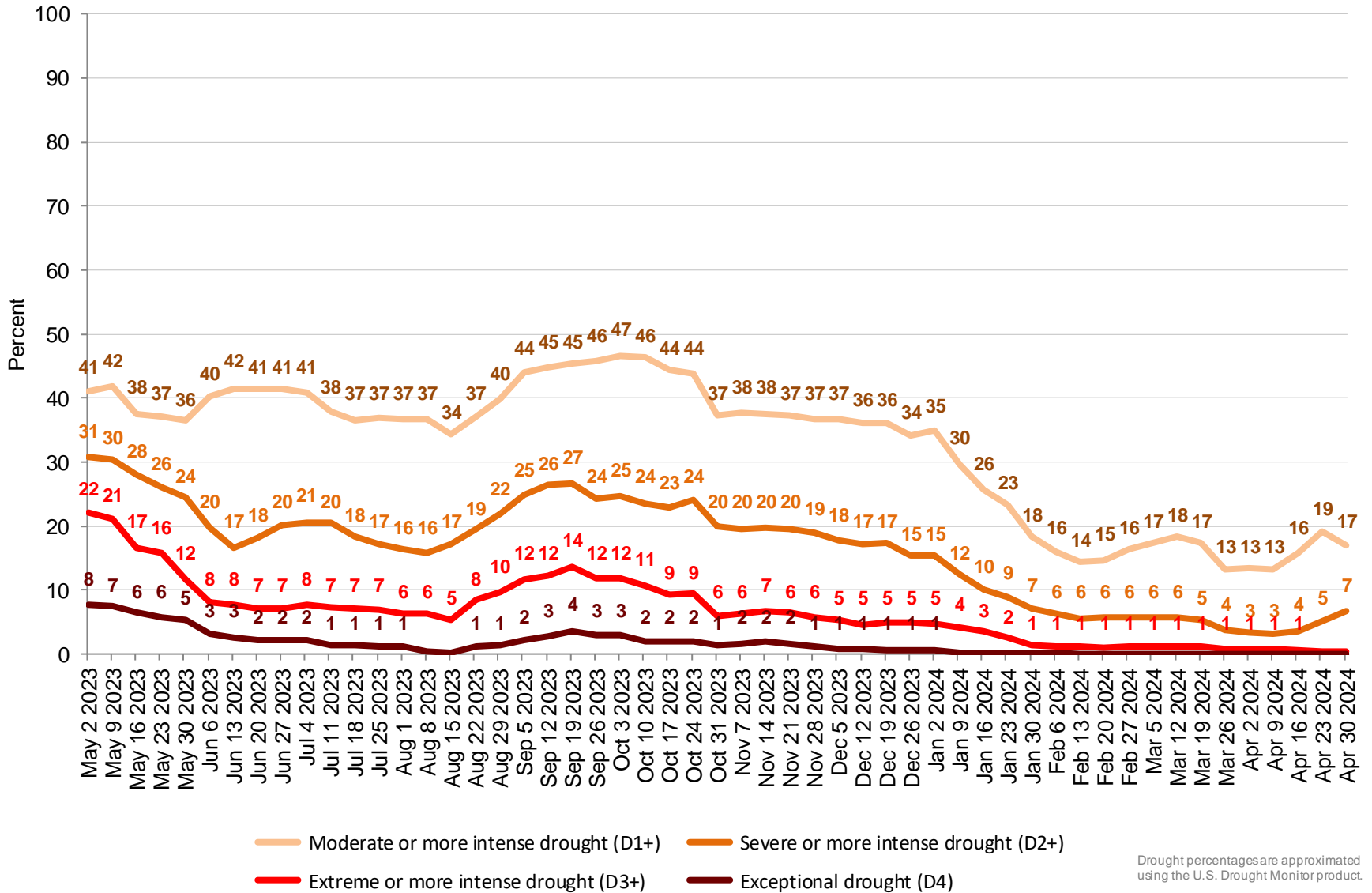
# Percent of Cattle Located in Drought

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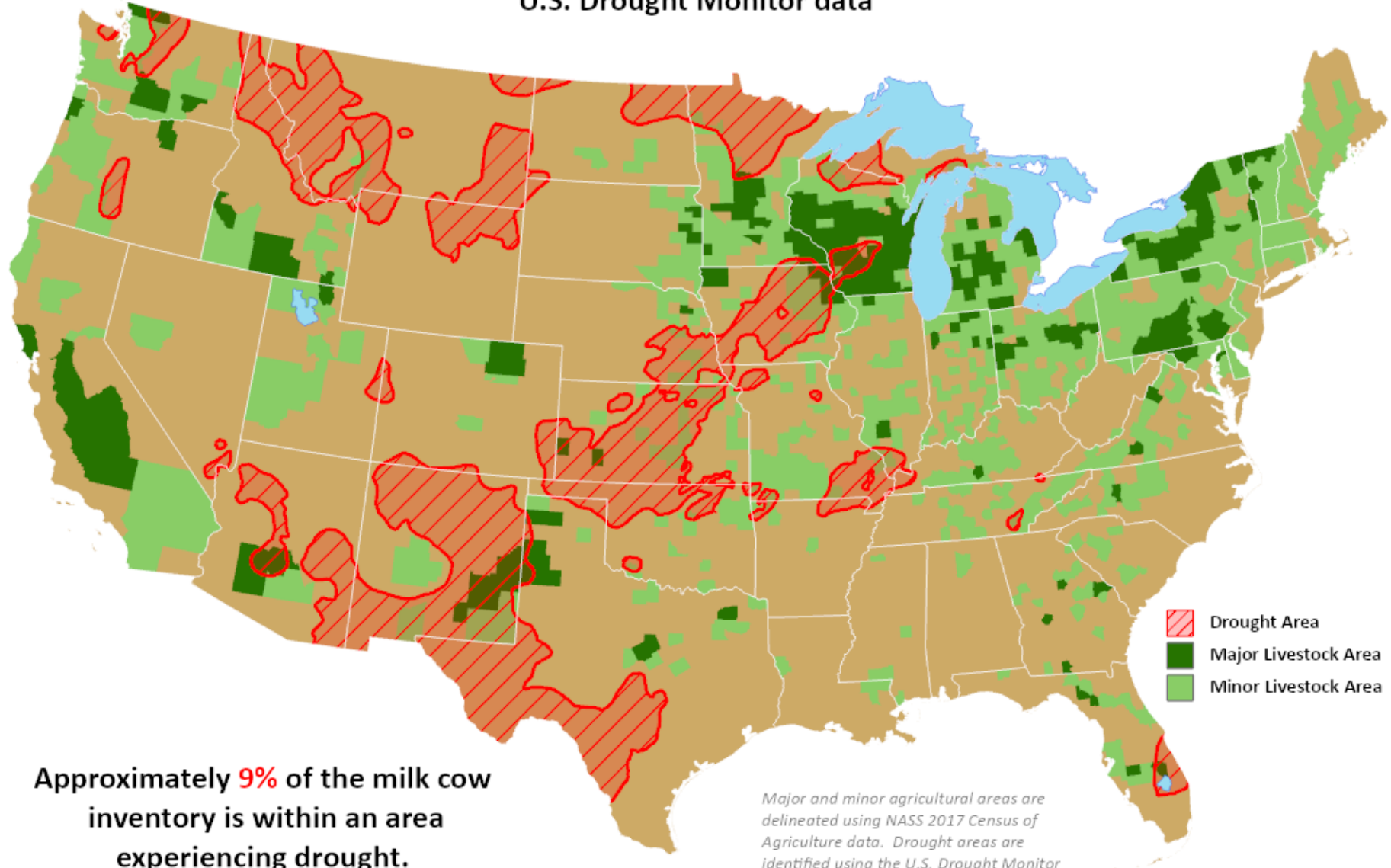
# Percent of United States Cattle Located in Drought



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# ***Milk Cow Areas in Drought***

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U.S. Drought Monitor data

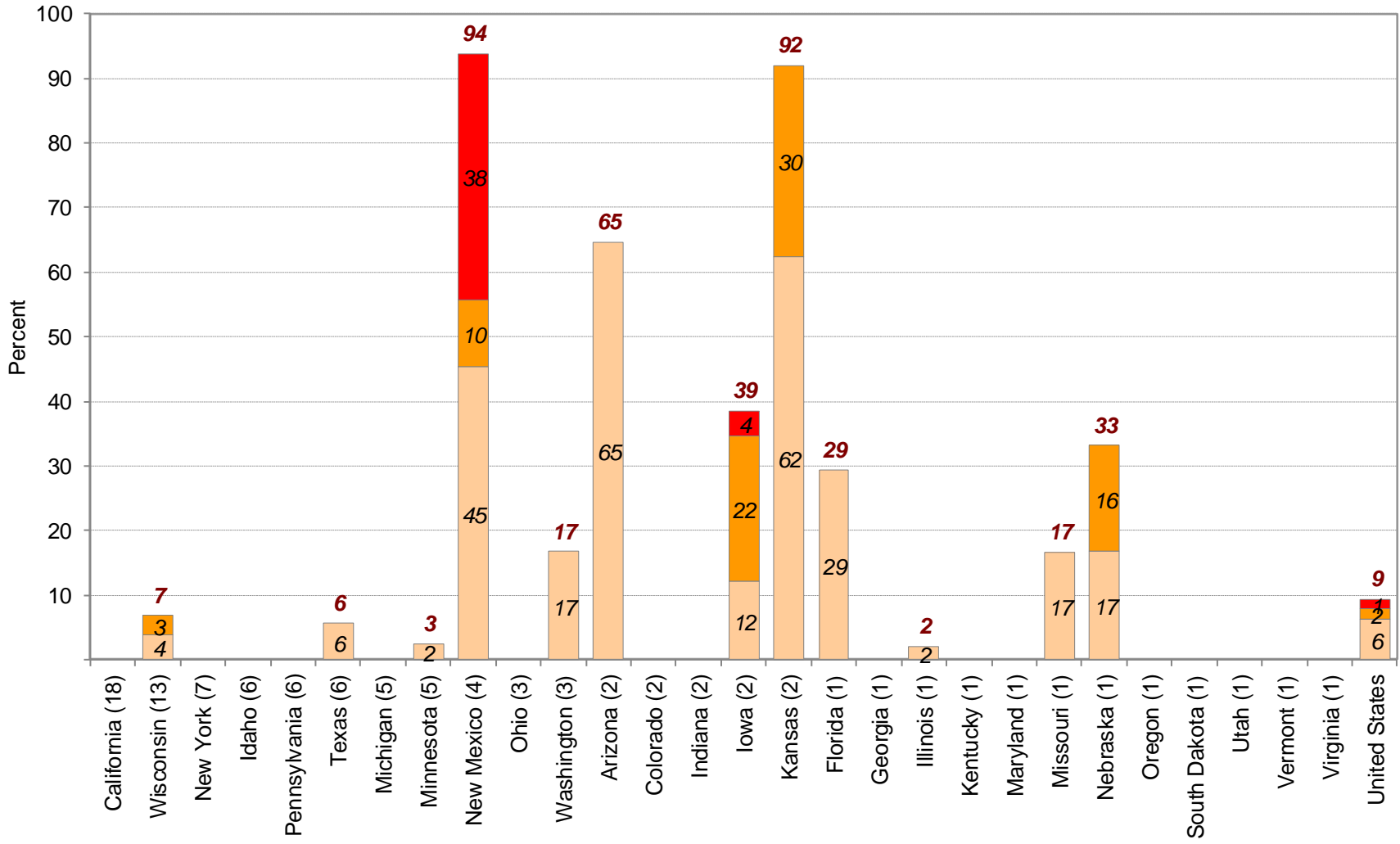


Approximately **9%** of the milk cow inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Milk Cows Located in Drought

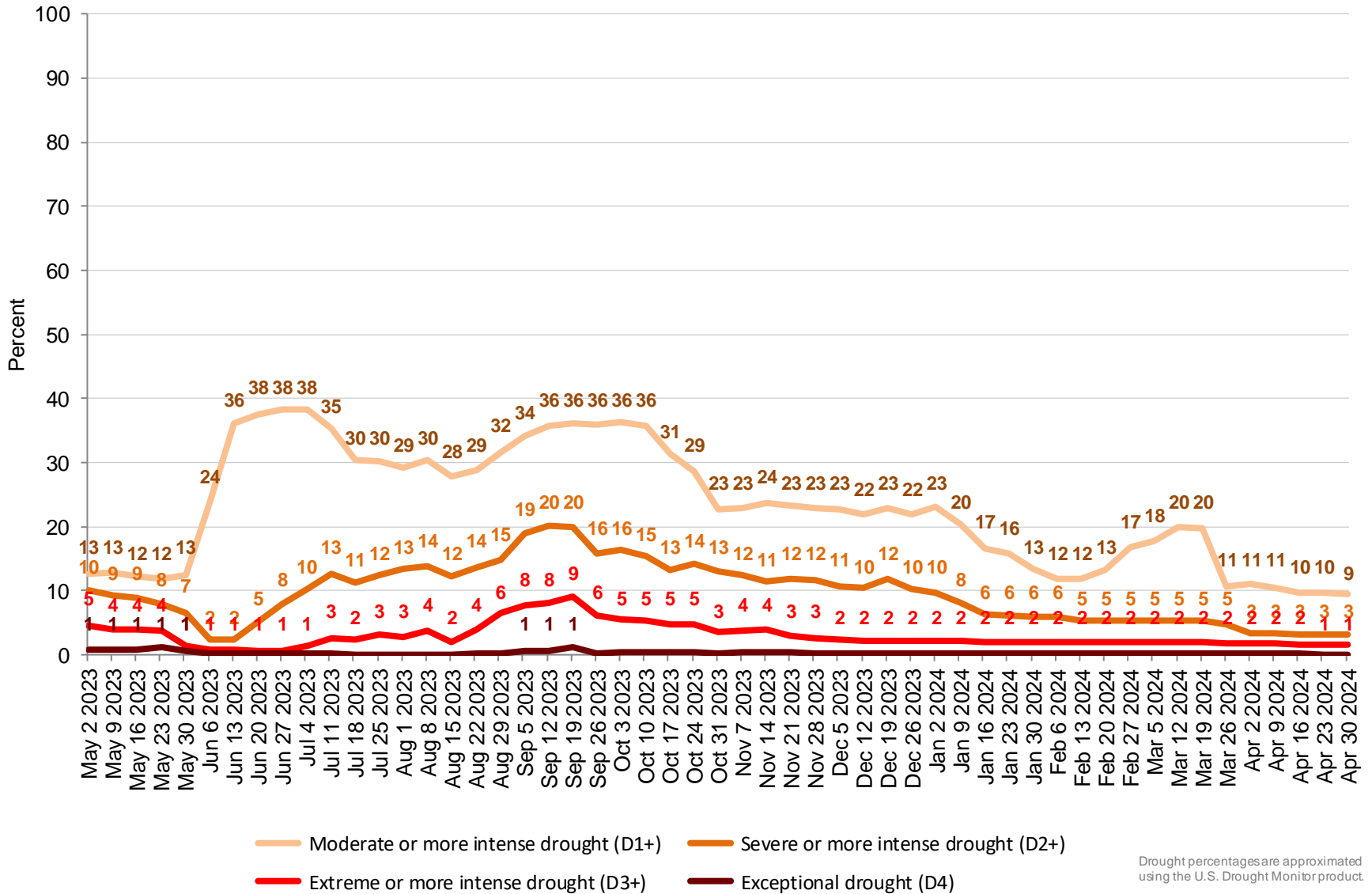
## April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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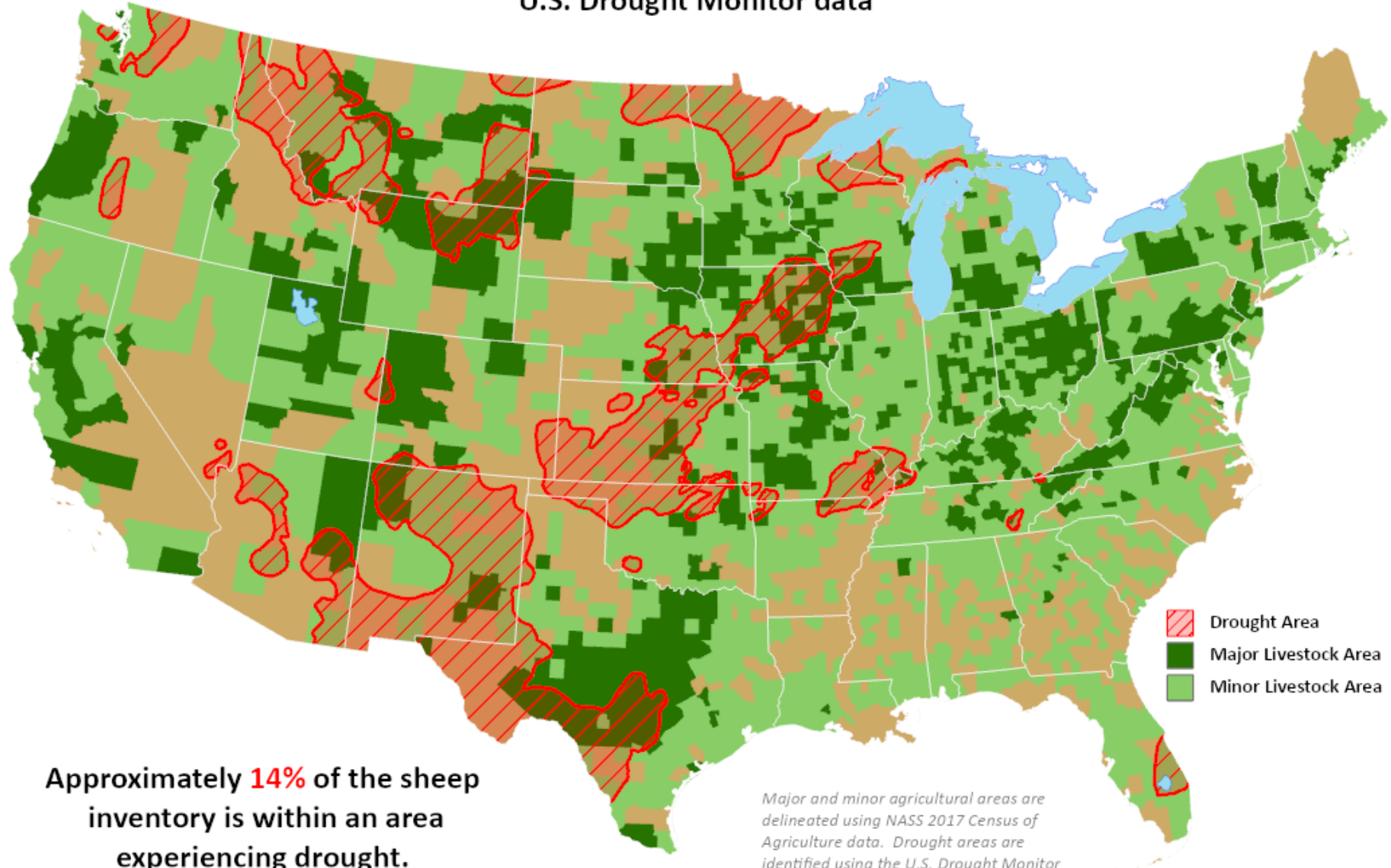
# Percent of United States Milk Cows Located in Drought






Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.

# Sheep Areas in Drought

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U.S. Drought Monitor data



-  Drought Area
-  Major Livestock Area
-  Minor Livestock Area

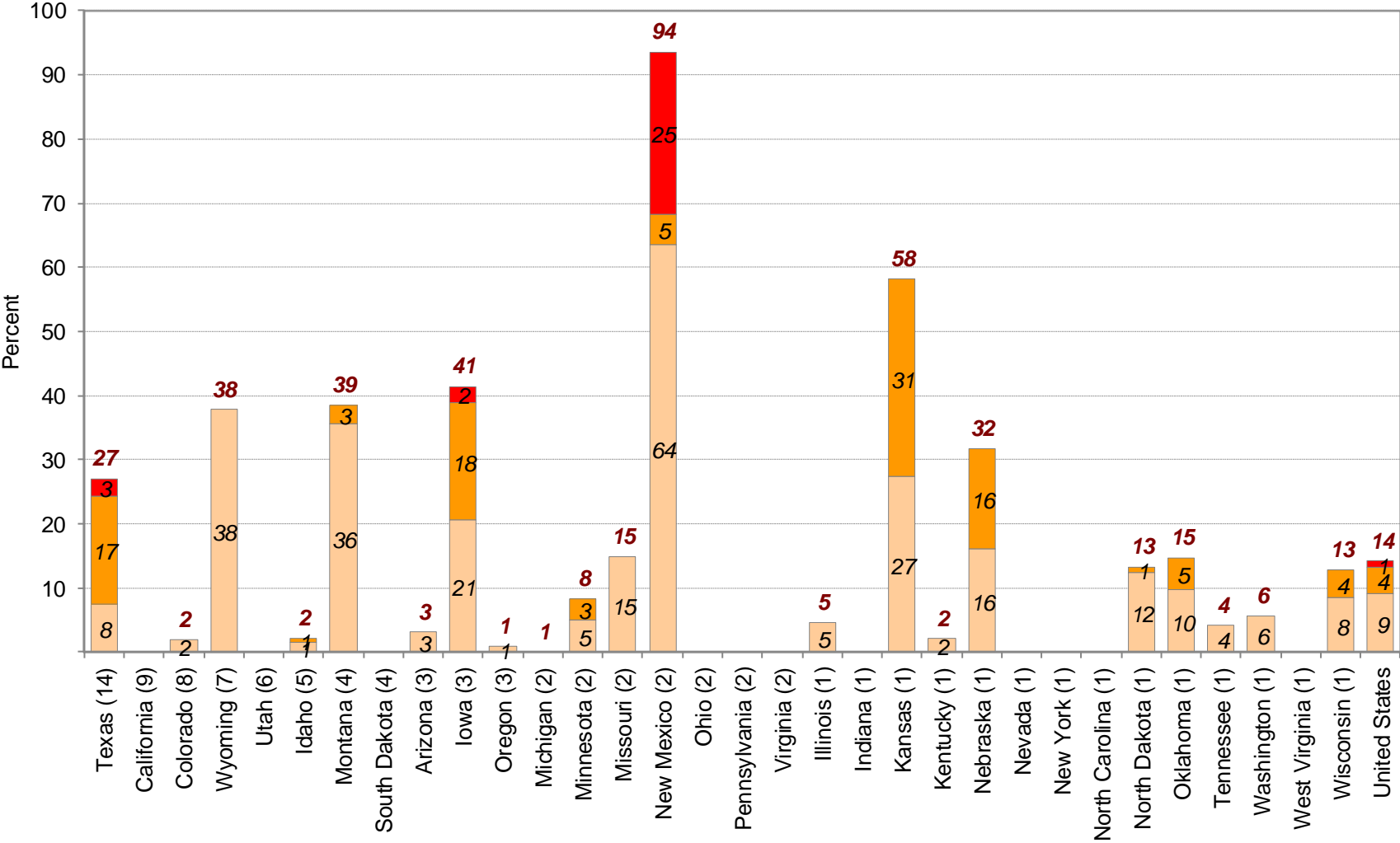
Approximately **14%** of the sheep inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Sheep Located in Drought

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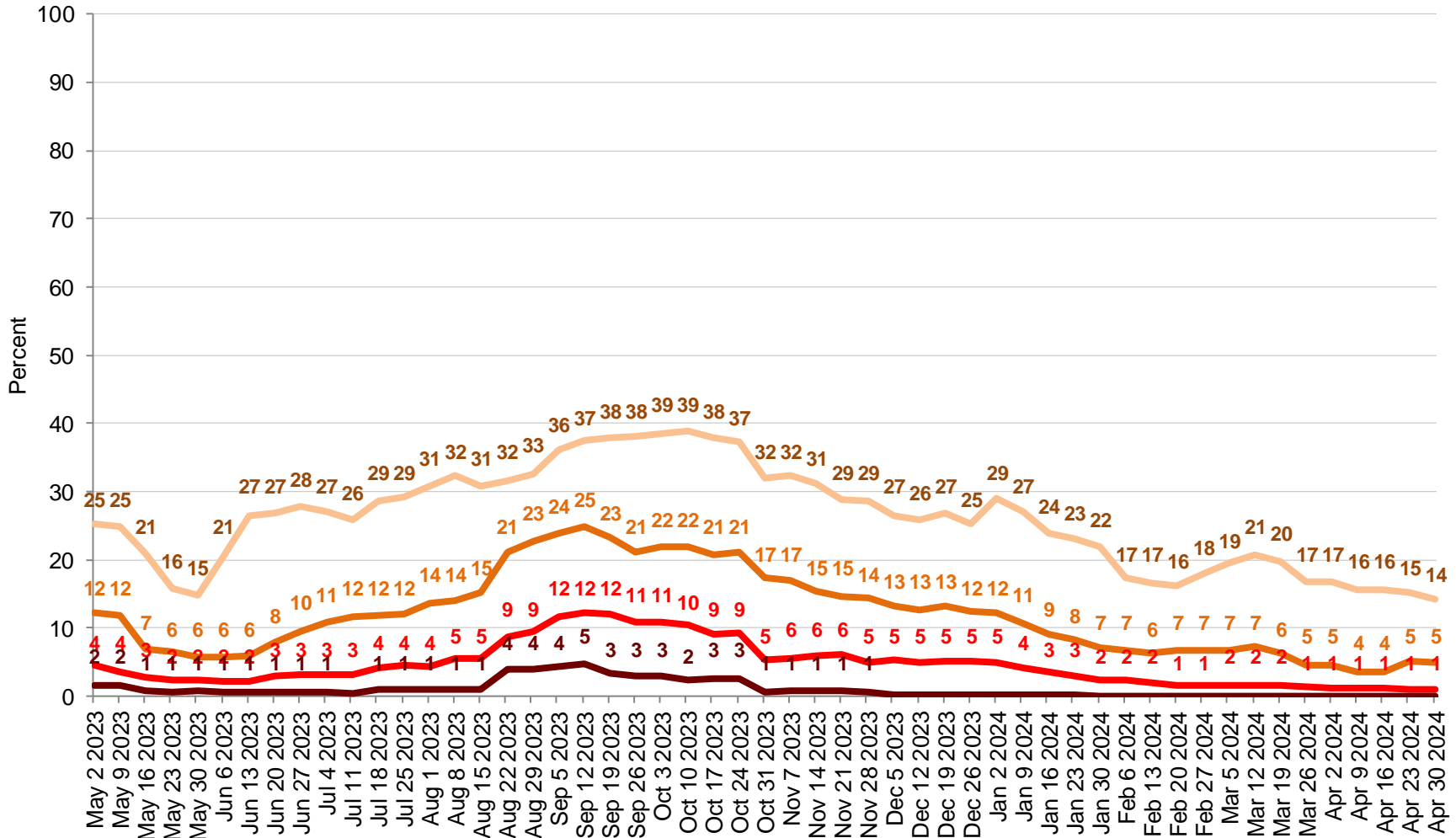


Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
  Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
  Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
  Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Sheep Located in Drought



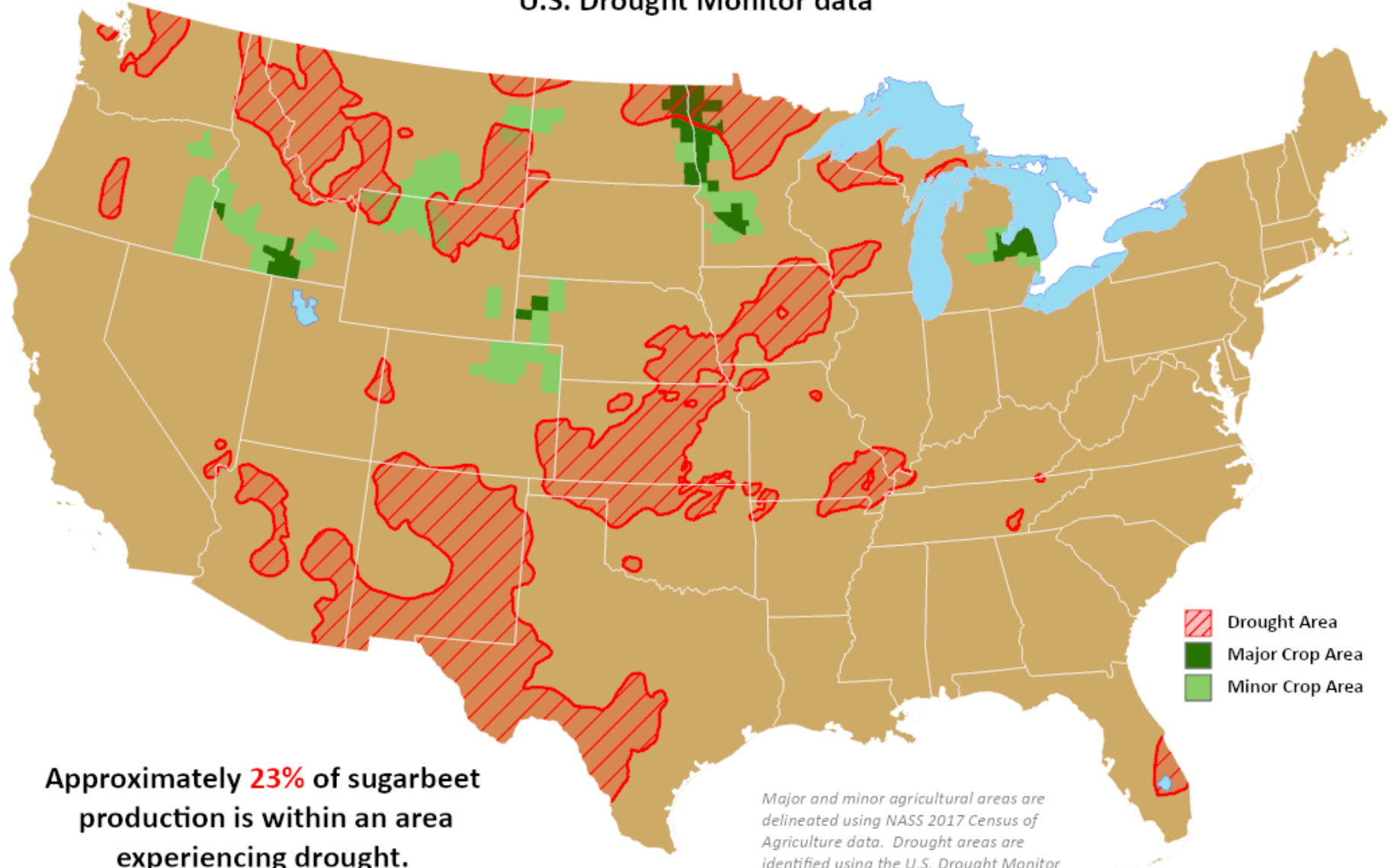
- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.

# Sugarbeet Areas in Drought

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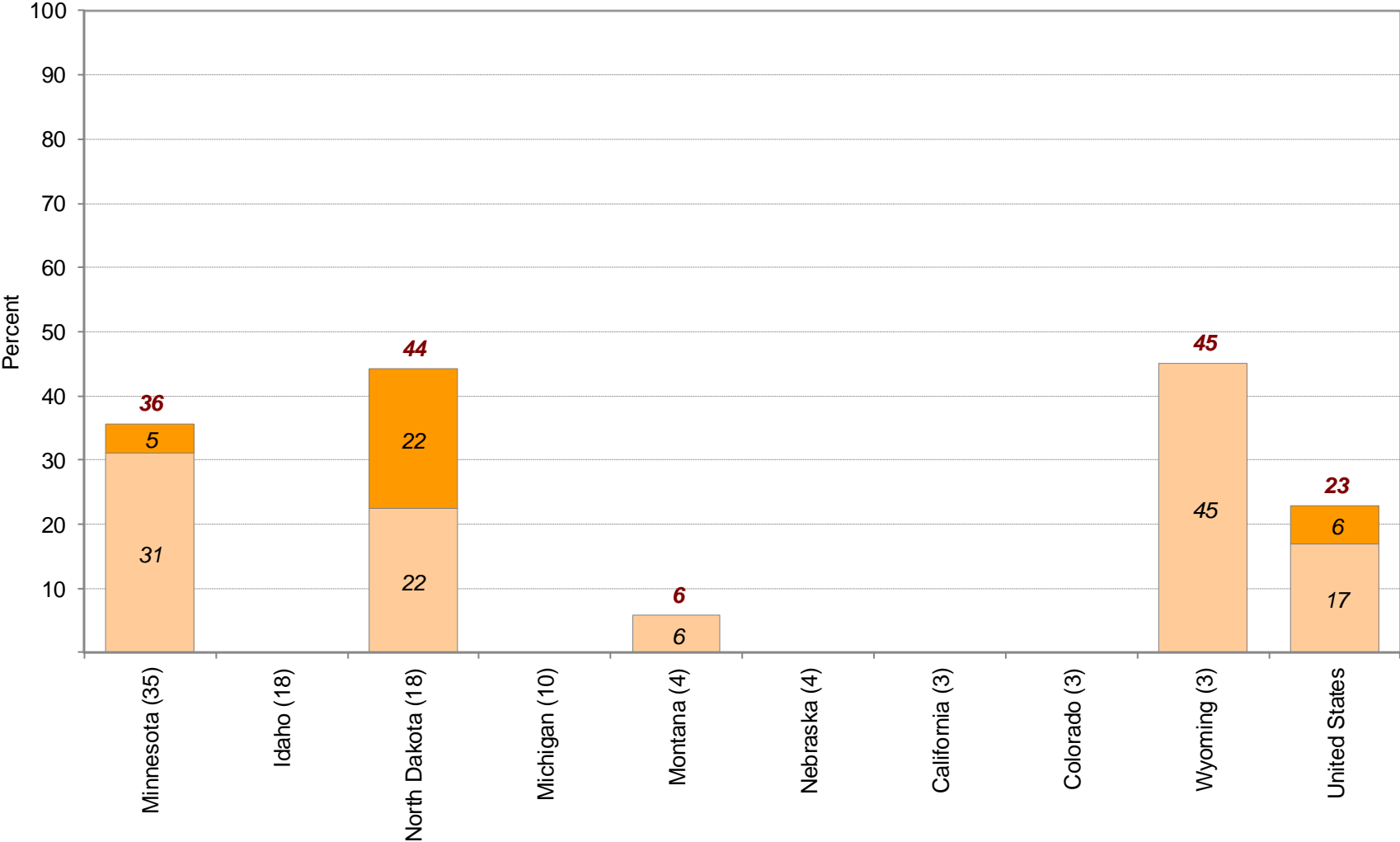
- Drought Area
- Major Crop Area
- Minor Crop Area

Approximately **23%** of sugarbeet production is within an area experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Sugarbeets Located in Drought

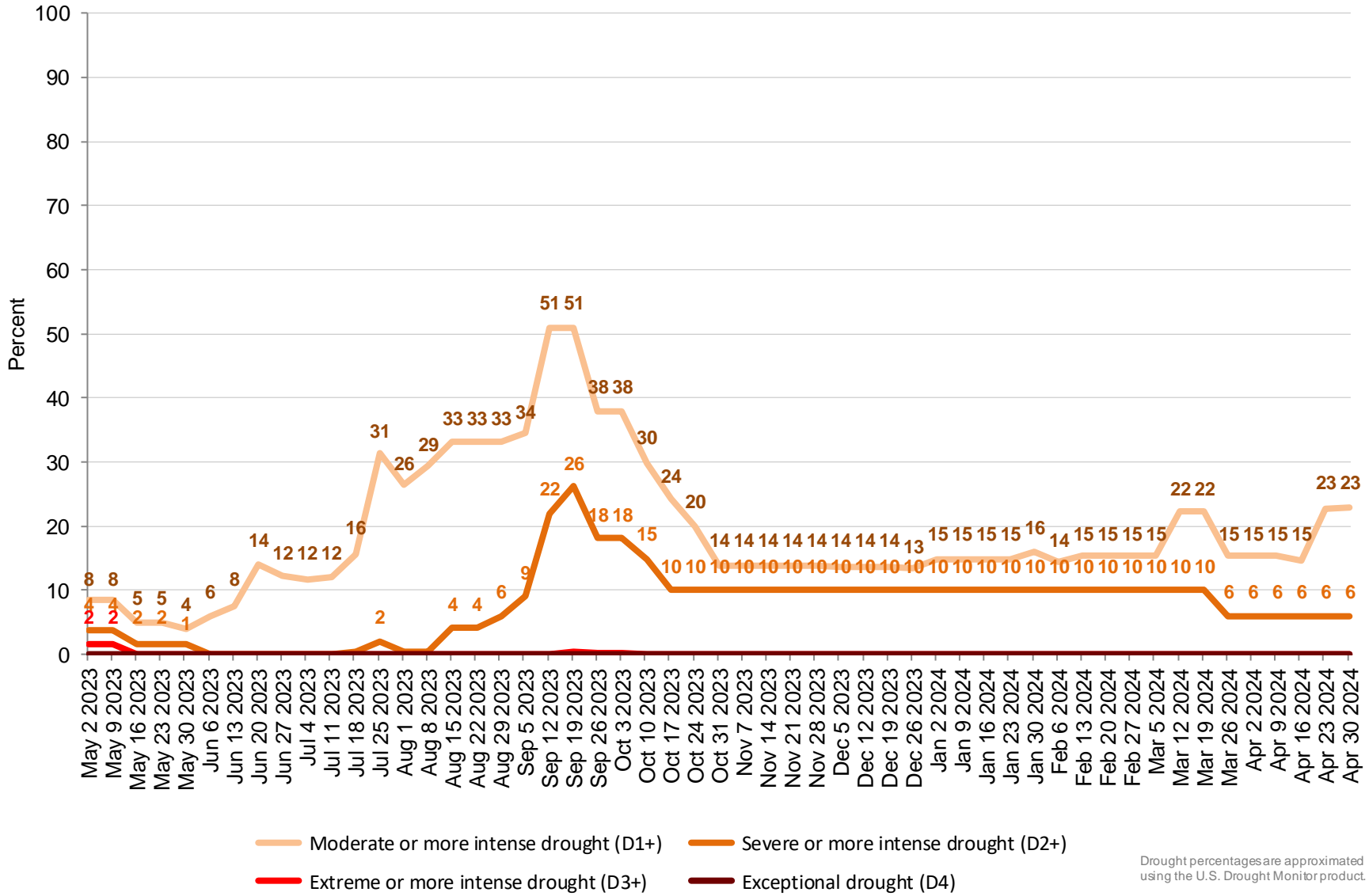
## April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Sugarbeets Located in Drought

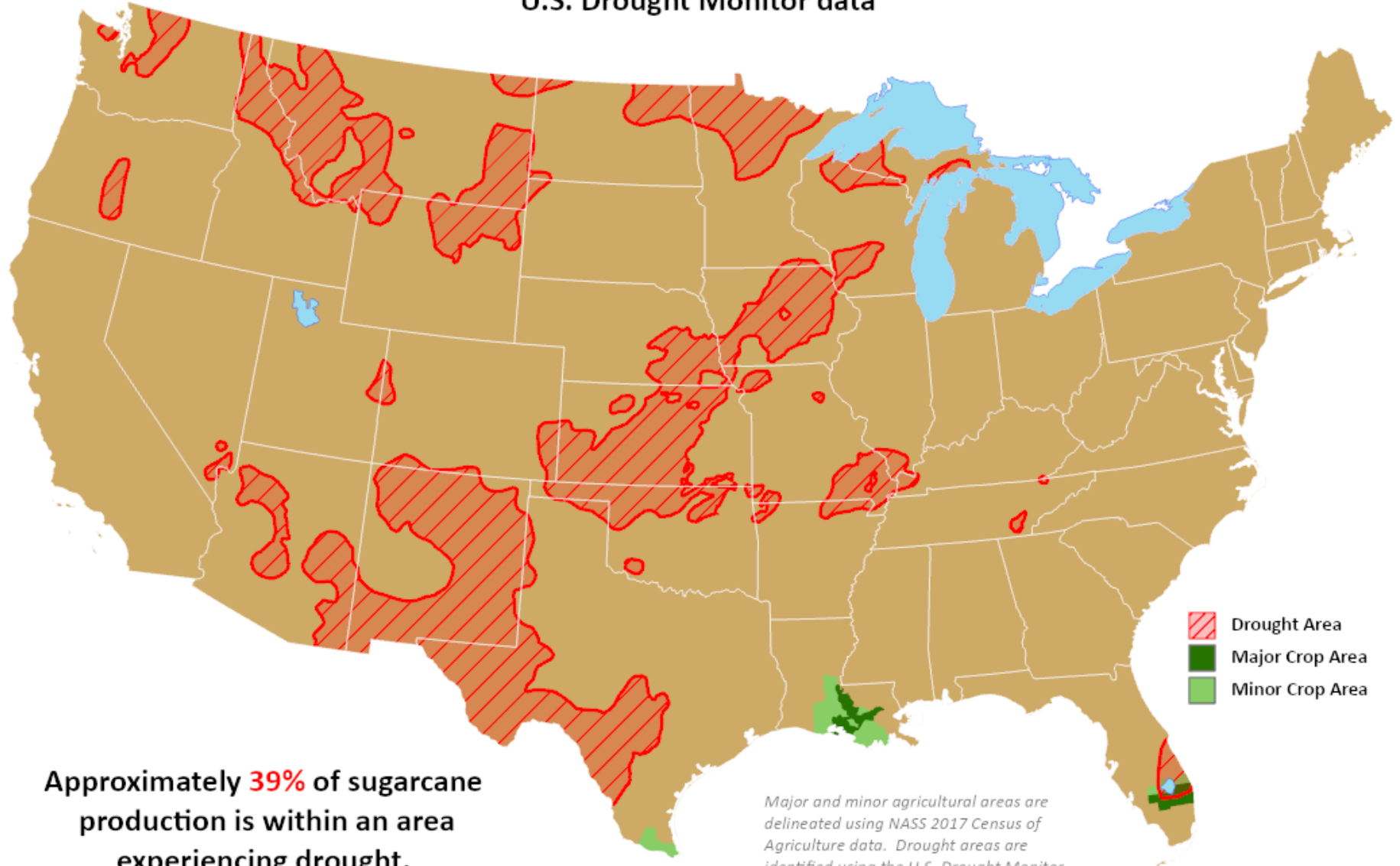


Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.

# Sugarcane Areas in Drought

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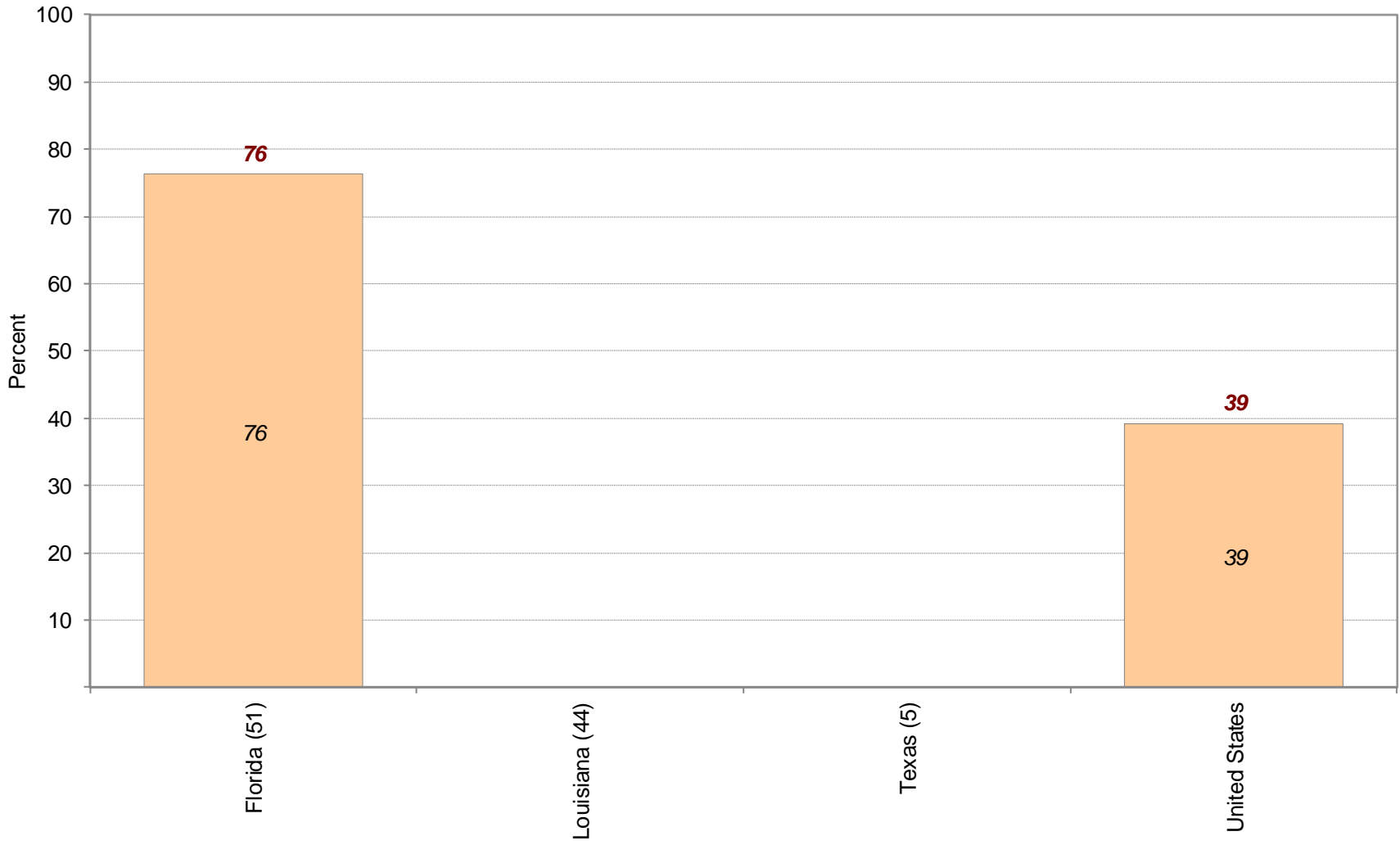


Approximately **39%** of sugarcane production is within an area experiencing drought.

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# Percent of Sugarcane Located in Drought

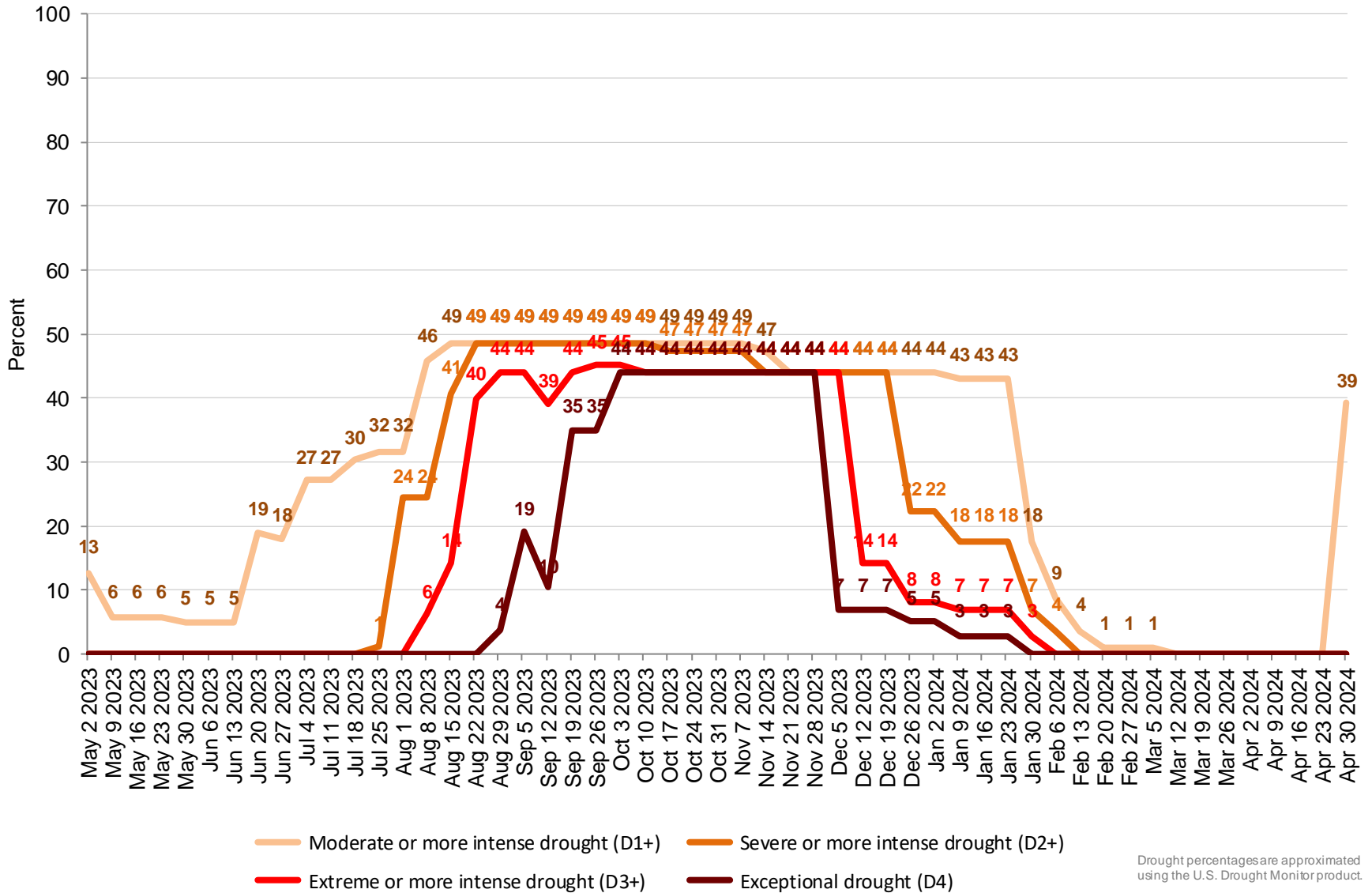
## April 30, 2024



- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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# Percent of United States Sugarcane Located in Drought



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