U.S. Drought Monitor

December 30, 2025

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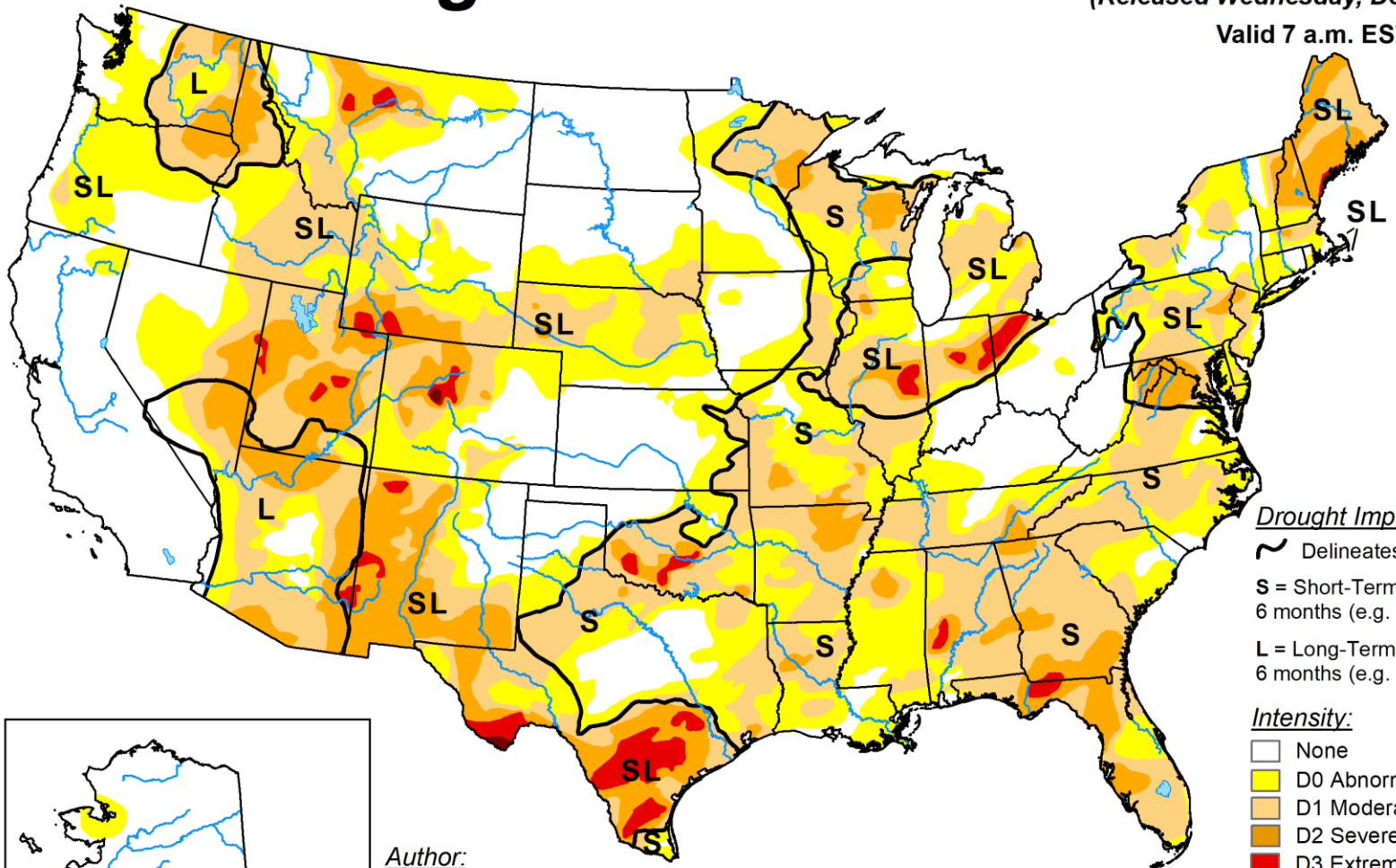

Drought Impact Types:

~ 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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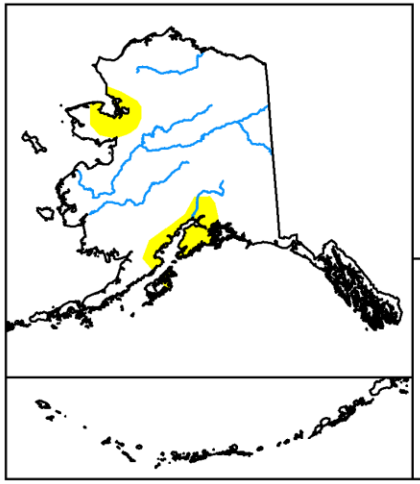

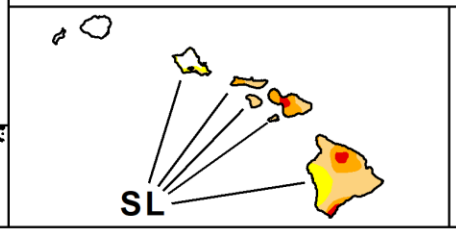

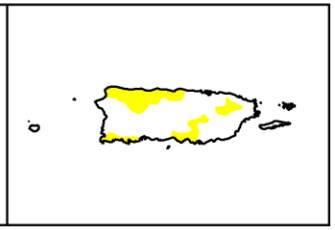

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Agriculture in Drought*

	Dec 30	Previous		Change		
	2025	Week	Year	Week	Year	
Corn	32%	32%	45%	0%	-13%	(summer crops)
Soybeans	35%	32%	37%	3%	-2%	
Cotton	62%	51%	20%	11%	42%	
Peanuts	83%	82%	29%	1%	54%	
Rice	69%	64%	9%	5%	60%	
Sunflowers	2%	2%	73%	0%	-71%	
Barley	47%	52%	34%	-5%	13%	
Sorghum	14%	13%	34%	1%	-20%	
Durum Wheat	10%	19%	82%	-9%	-72%	
Spring Wheat	11%	16%	46%	-5%	-35%	
Winter Wheat	40%	38%	26%	2%	14%	(winter crop)
Hay	38%	34%	37%	4%	1%	(forage)
Alfalfa Hay	30%	32%	49%	-2%	-19%	
Cattle	32%	30%	33%	2%	-1%	(livestock)
Milk Cows	36%	37%	21%	-1%	15%	
Hogs	29%	29%	56%	0%	-27%	
Sheep	37%	37%	35%	0%	2%	
Sugarbeets	27%	27%	45%	0%	-18%	(sugar)
Sugarcane	55%	53%	0%	2%	55%	

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

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Barley Areas in Drought

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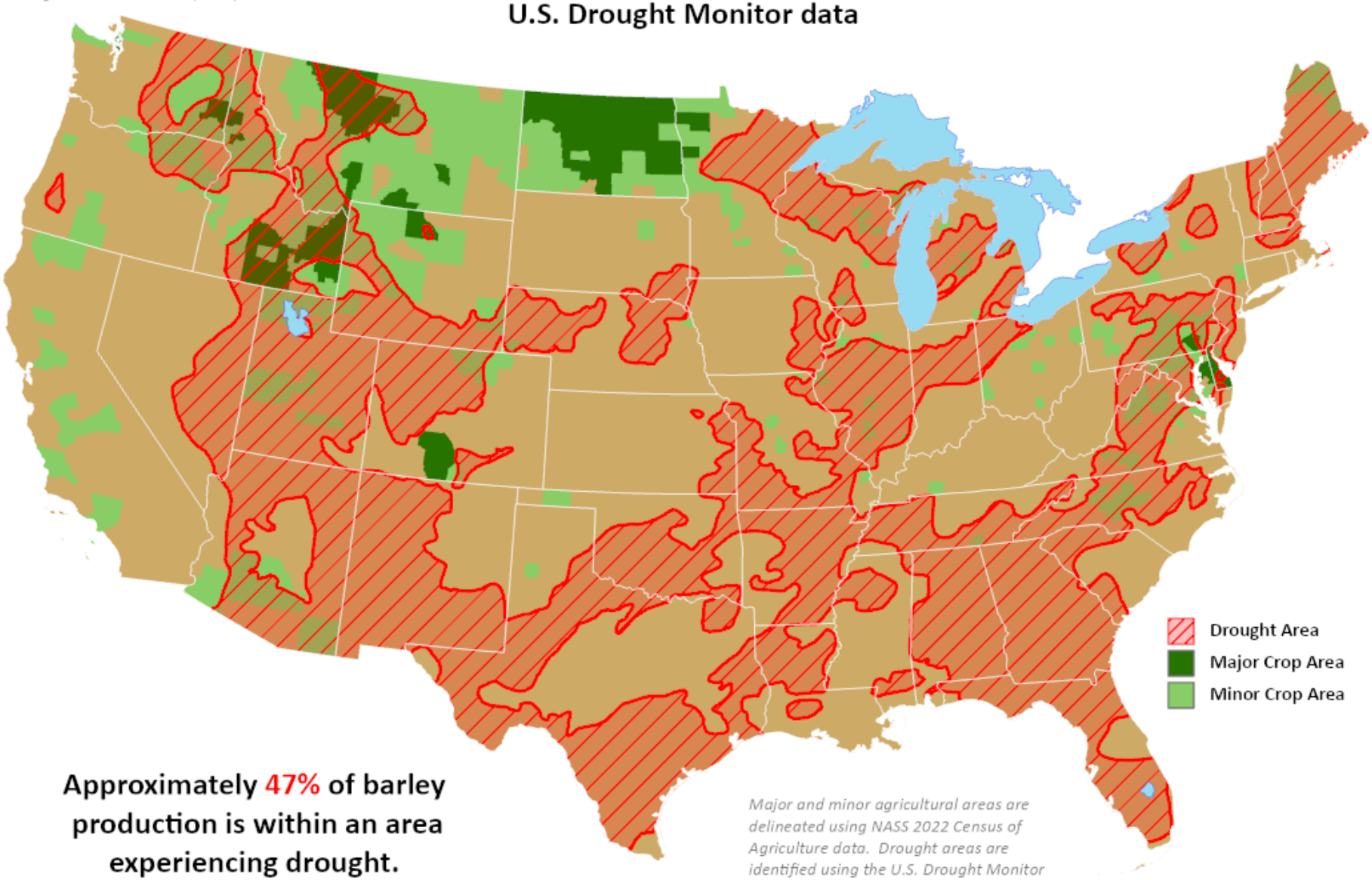

Approximately 47% of barley production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Barley Located in Drought

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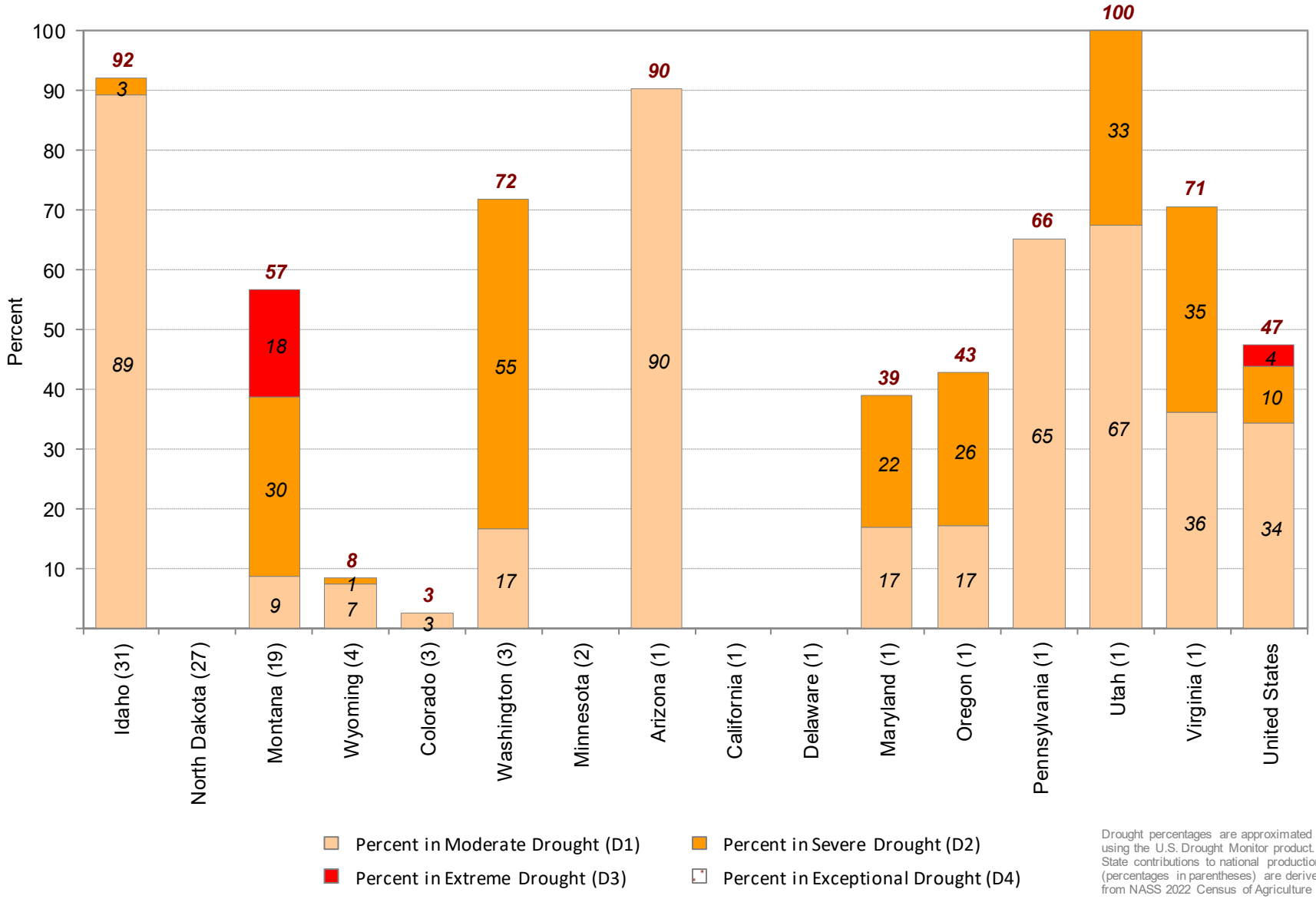

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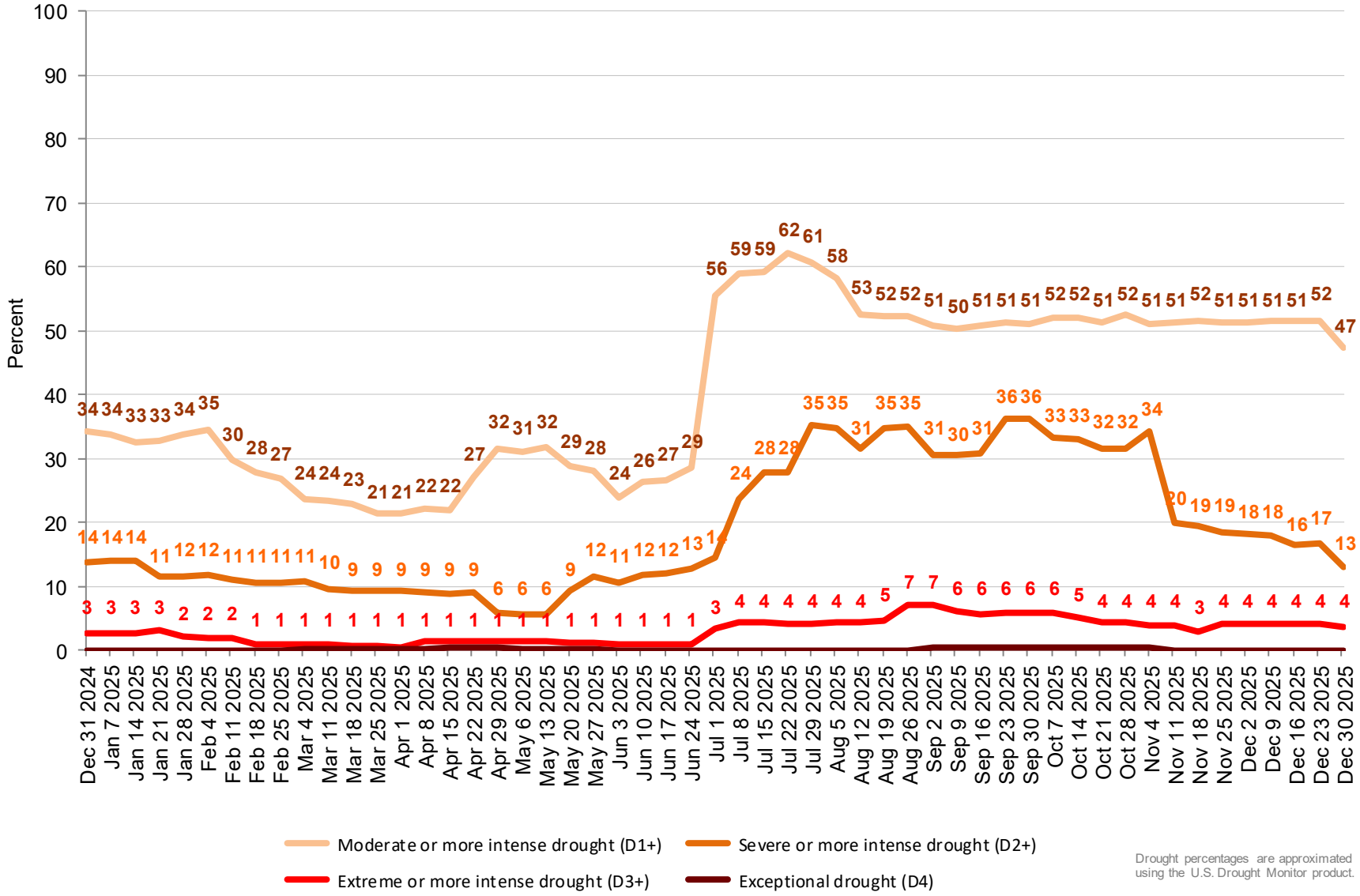
Percent of United States Barley Located in Drought



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Corn Areas in Drought

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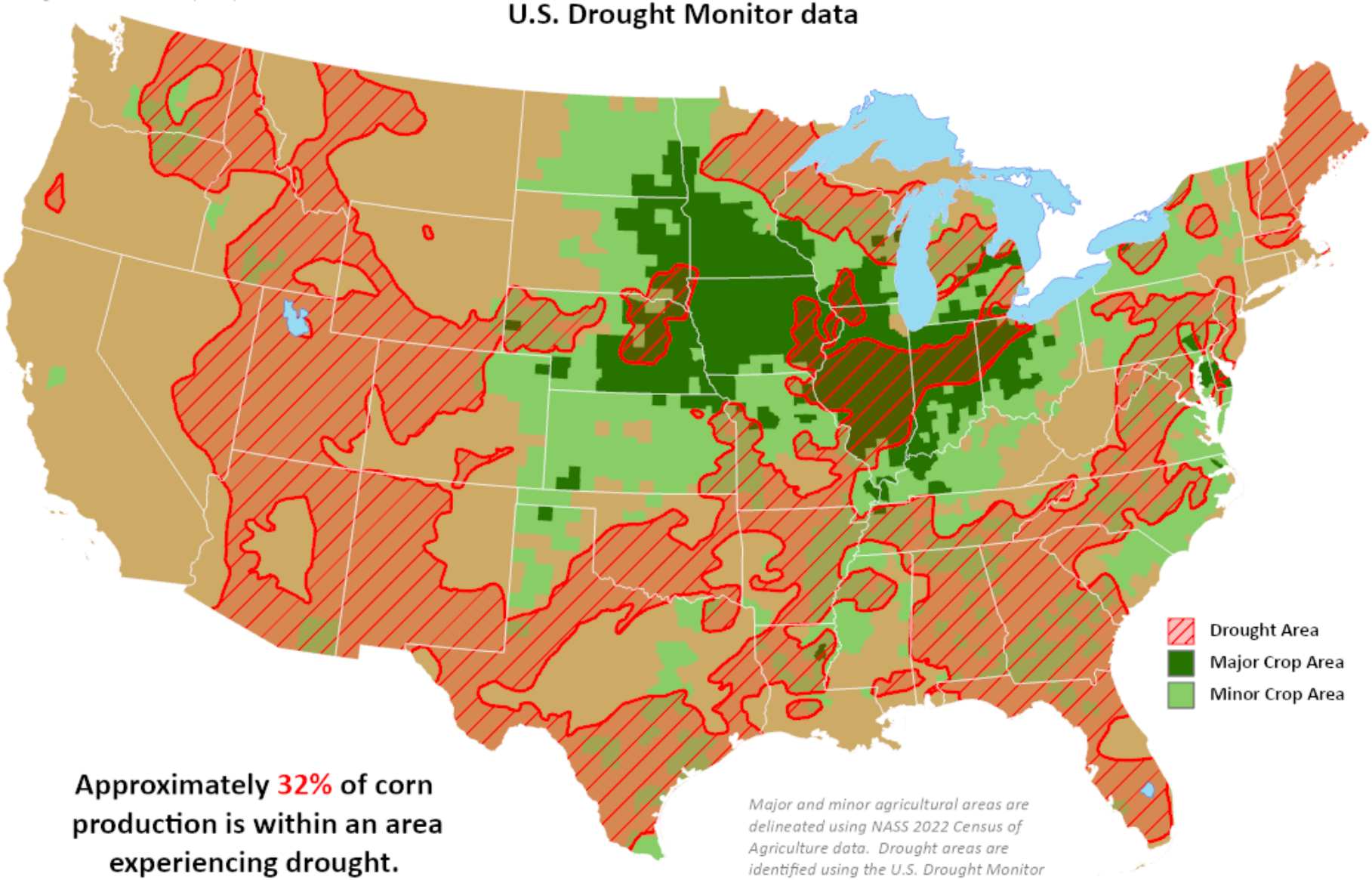

Approximately 32% of corn production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Corn Located in Drought

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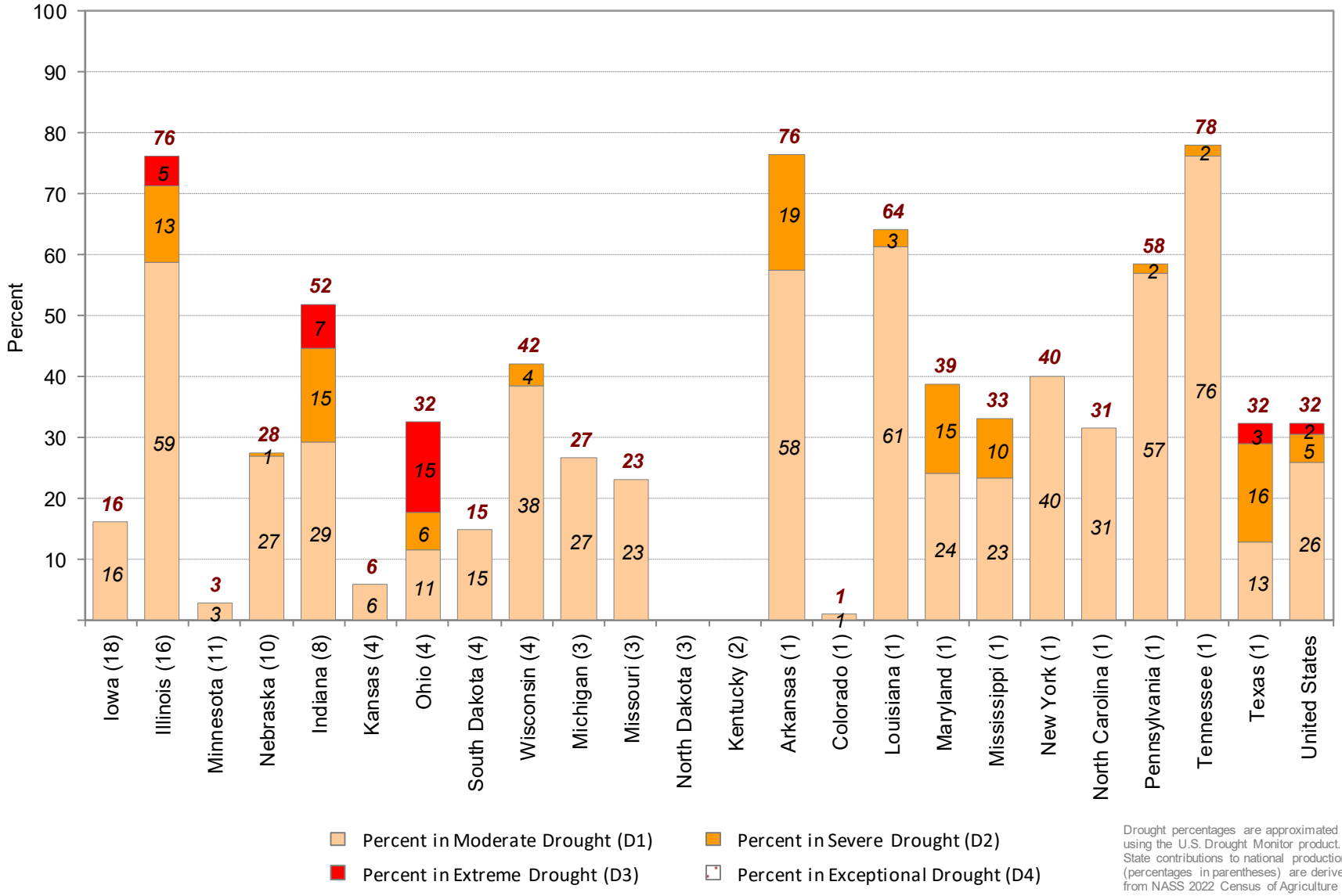

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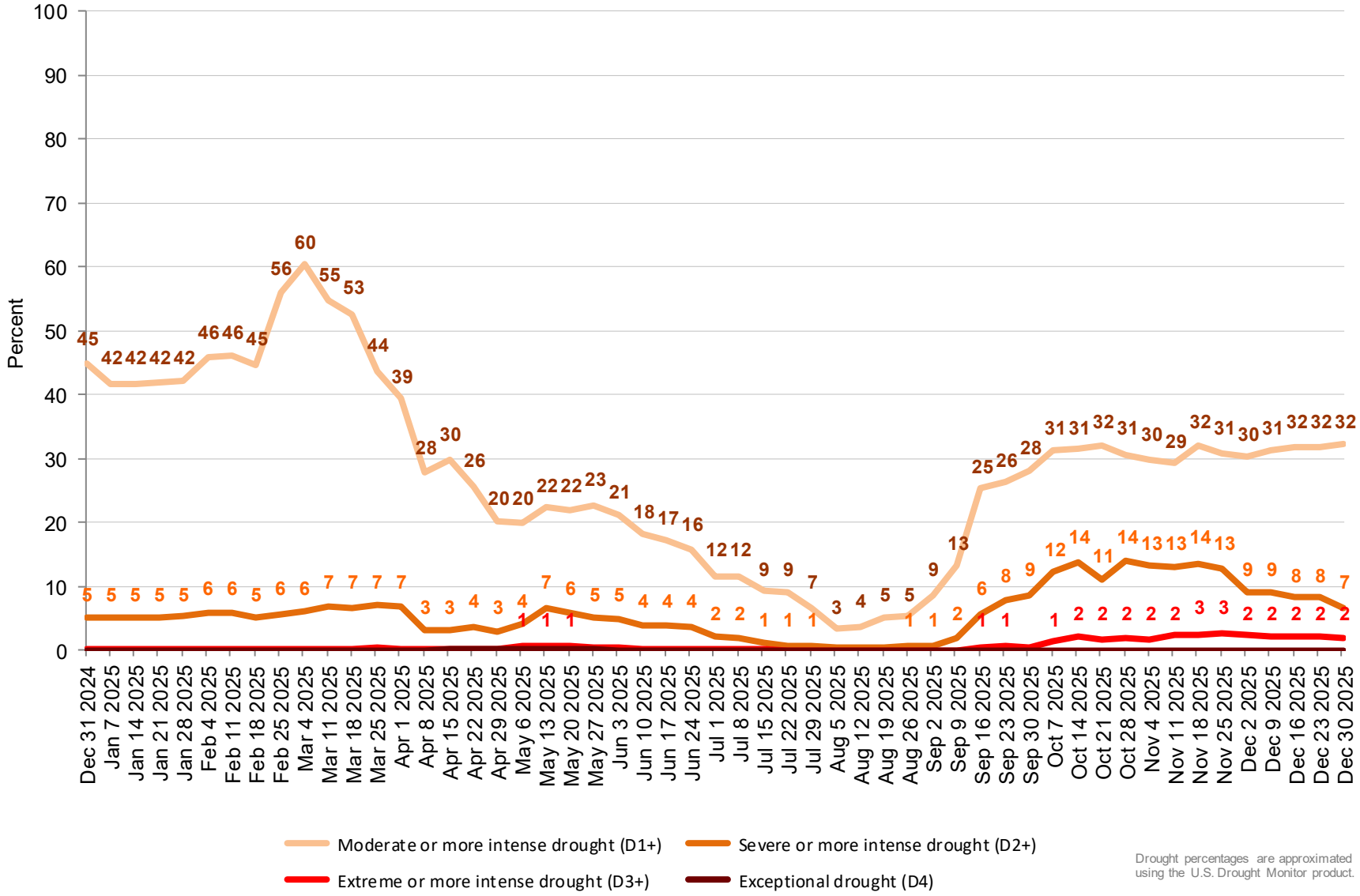

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Cotton Areas in Drought

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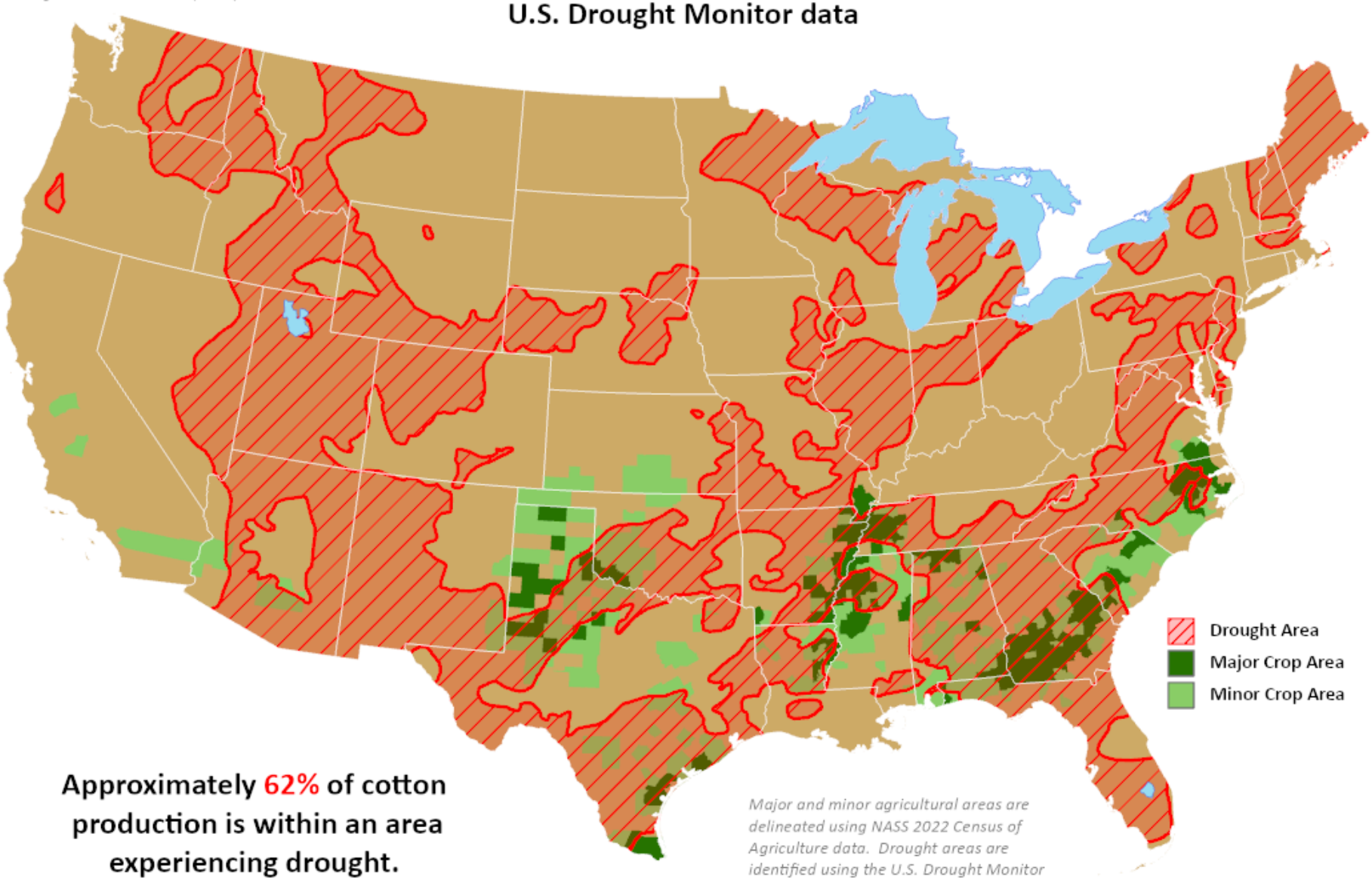

Approximately 62% of cotton production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Cotton Located in Drought

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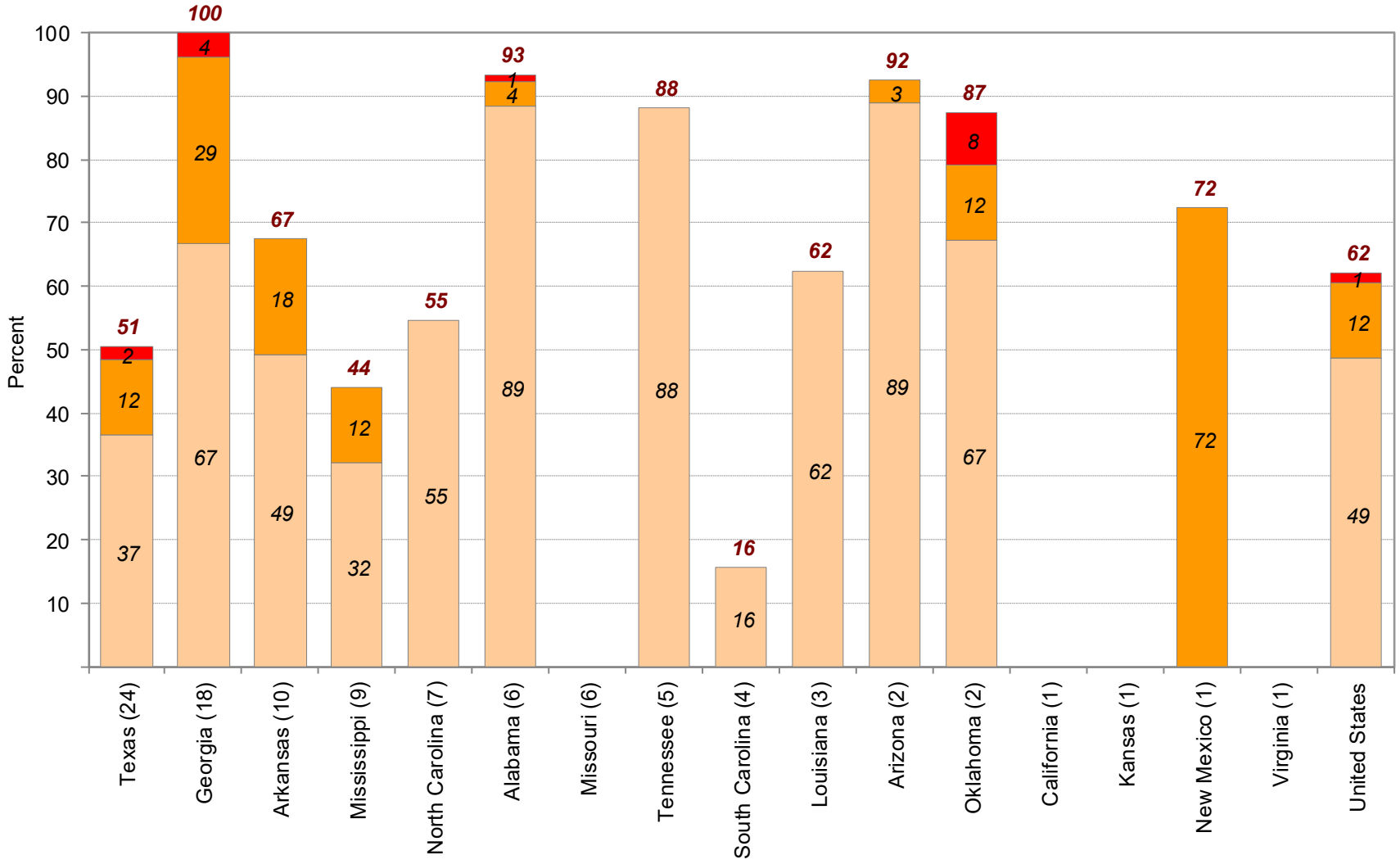

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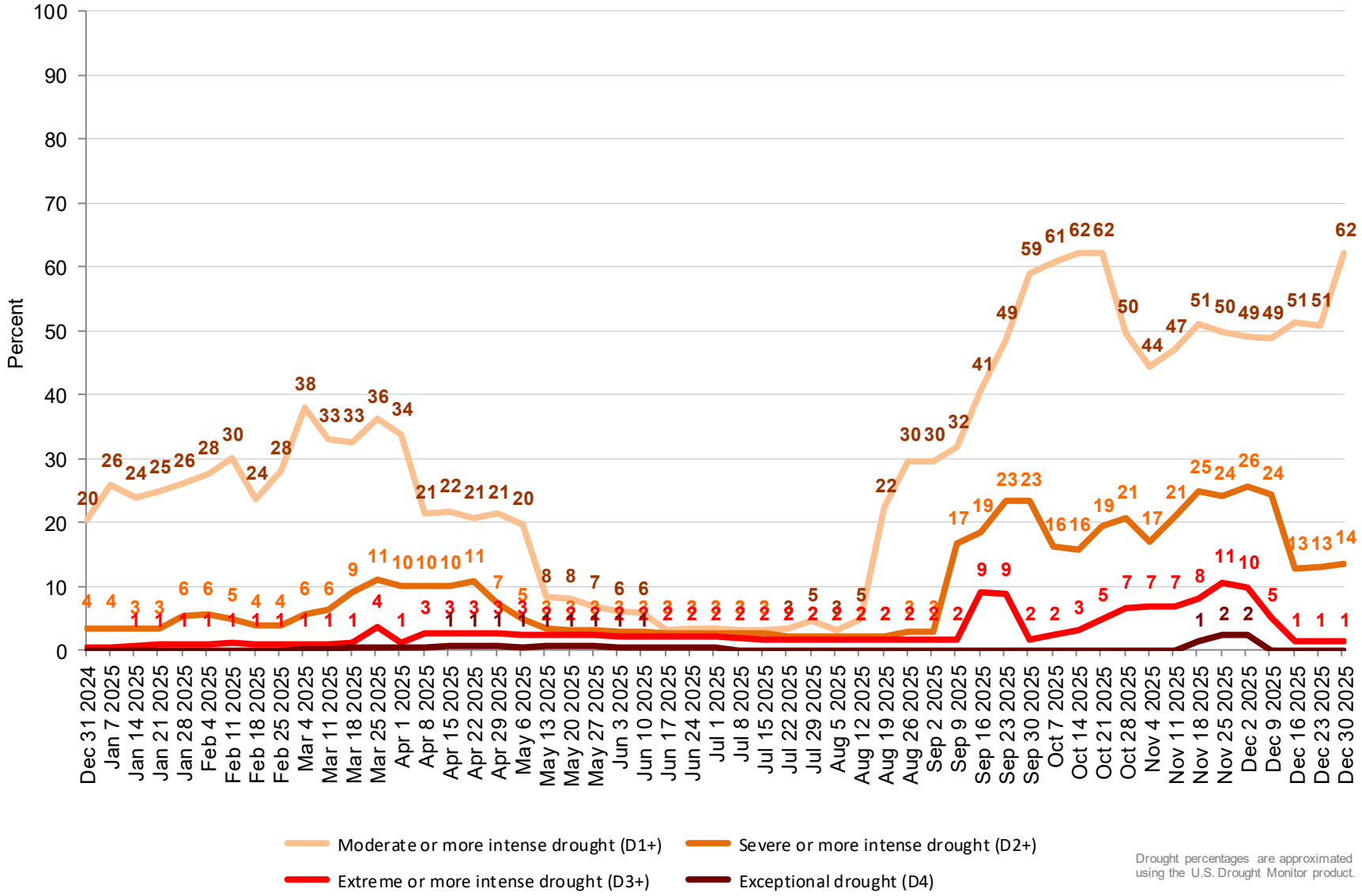

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Peanut Areas in Drought

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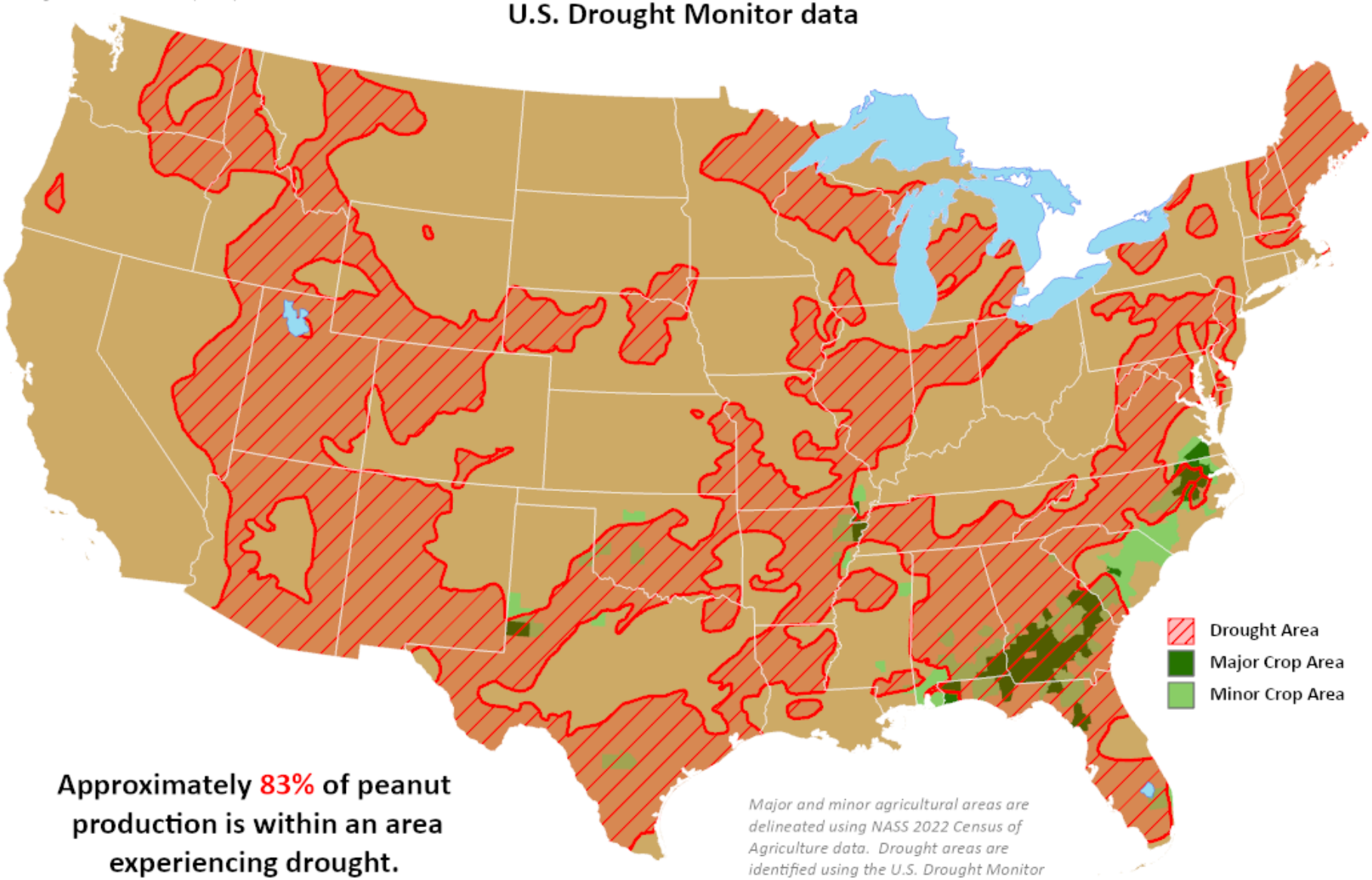

Approximately 83% of peanut production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Peanuts Located in Drought

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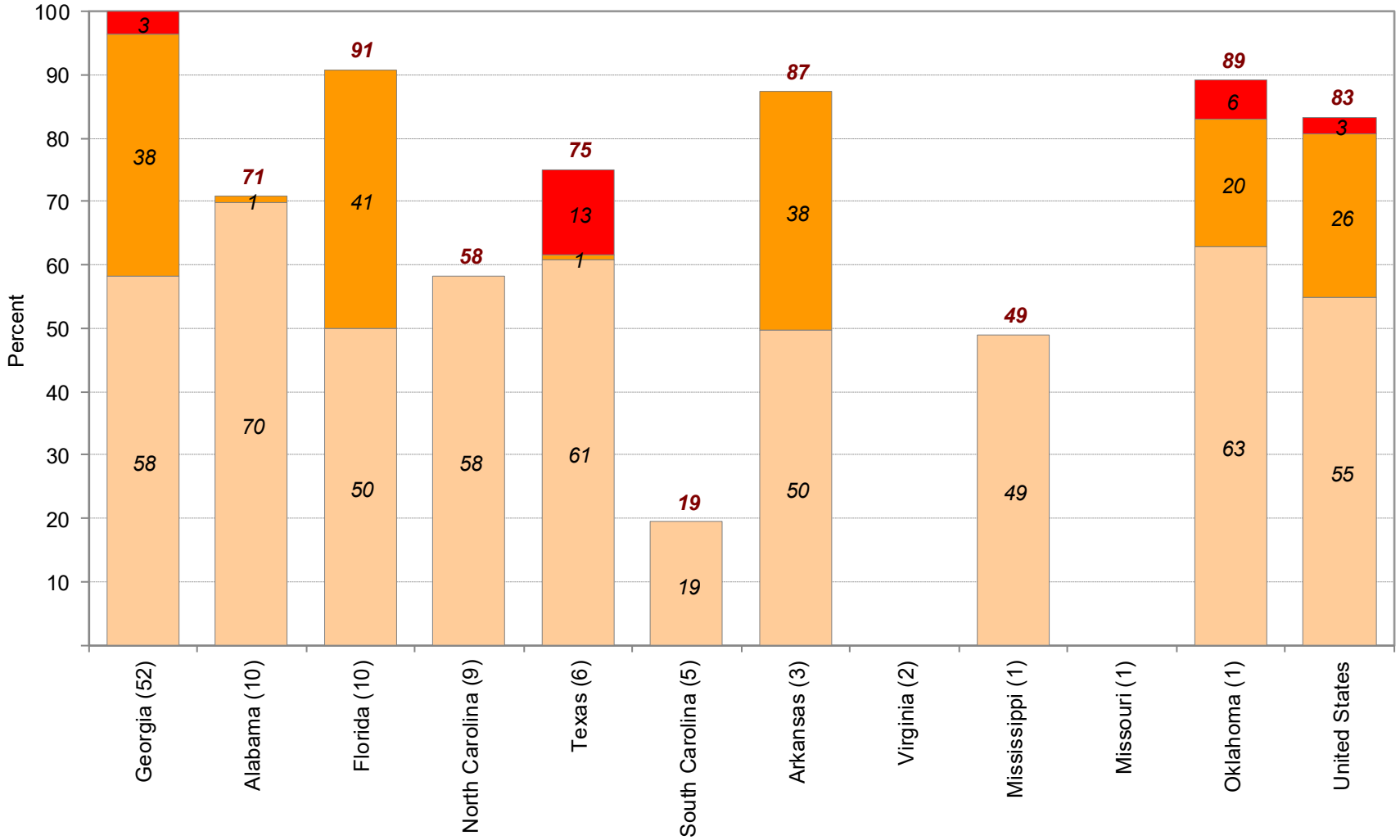

Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)

Percent in Severe Drought (D2)

Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)

Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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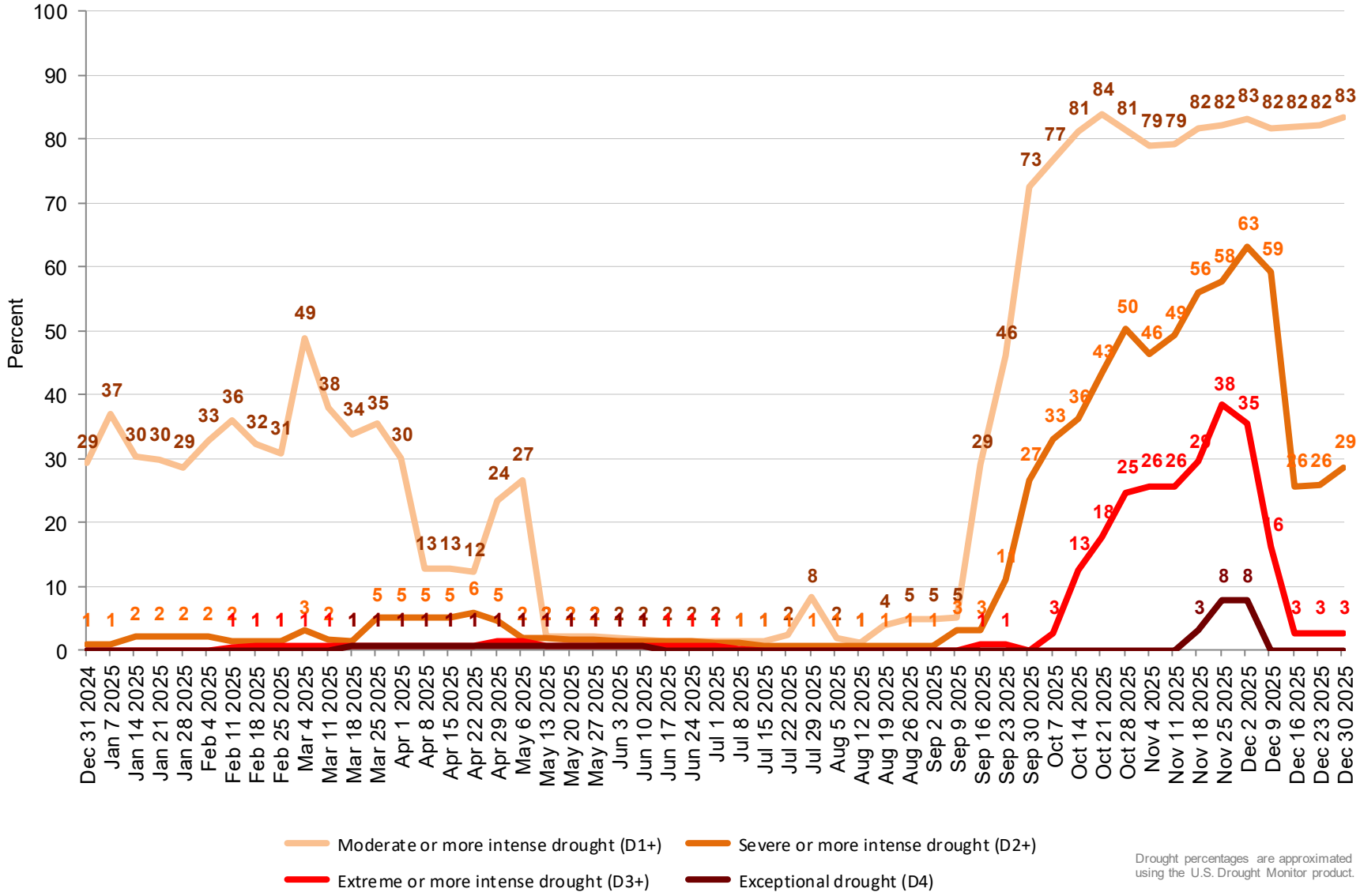
Percent of United States Peanuts Located in Drought



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Rice Areas in Drought

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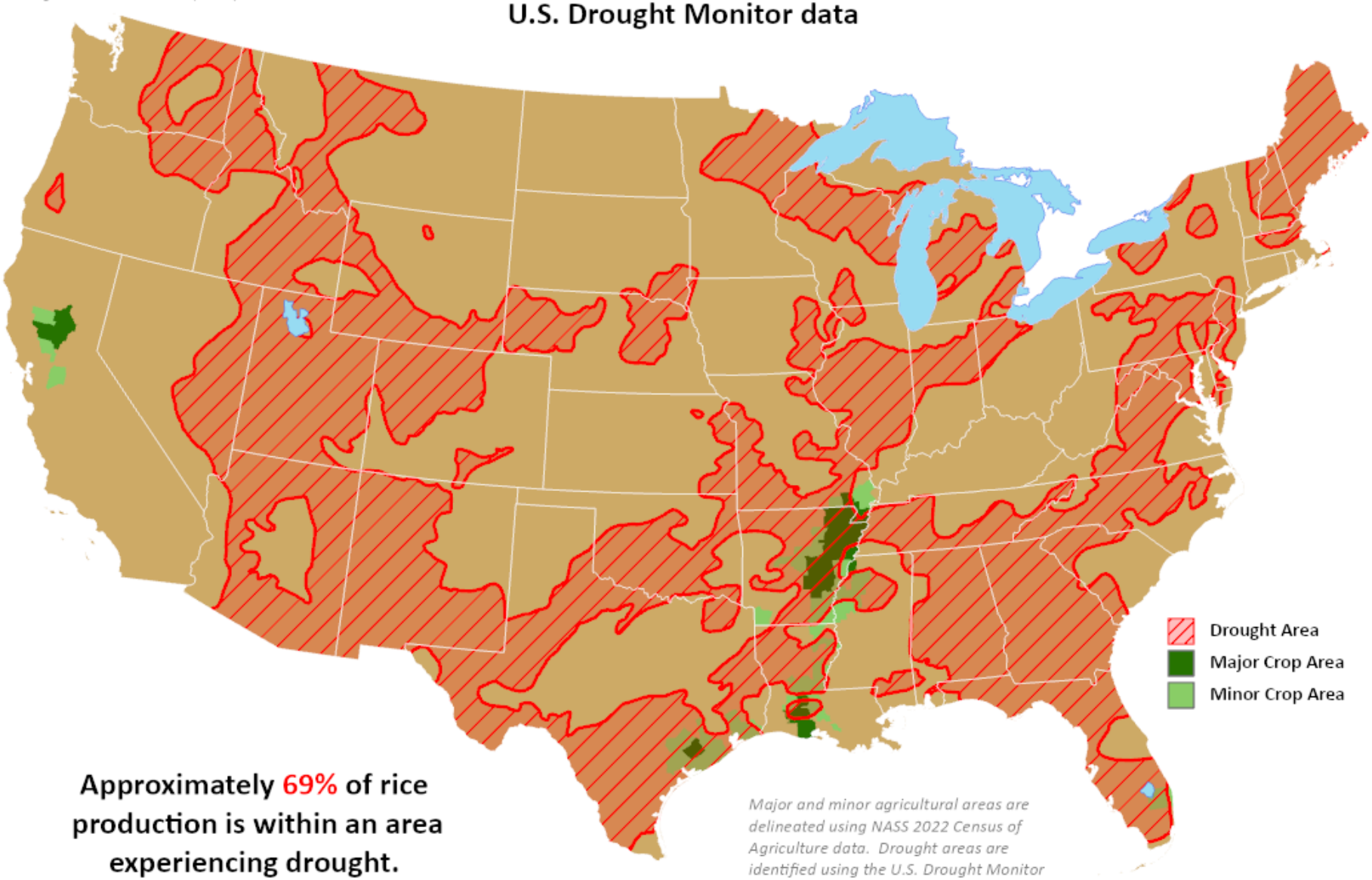

Approximately 69% of rice production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Rice Located in Drought

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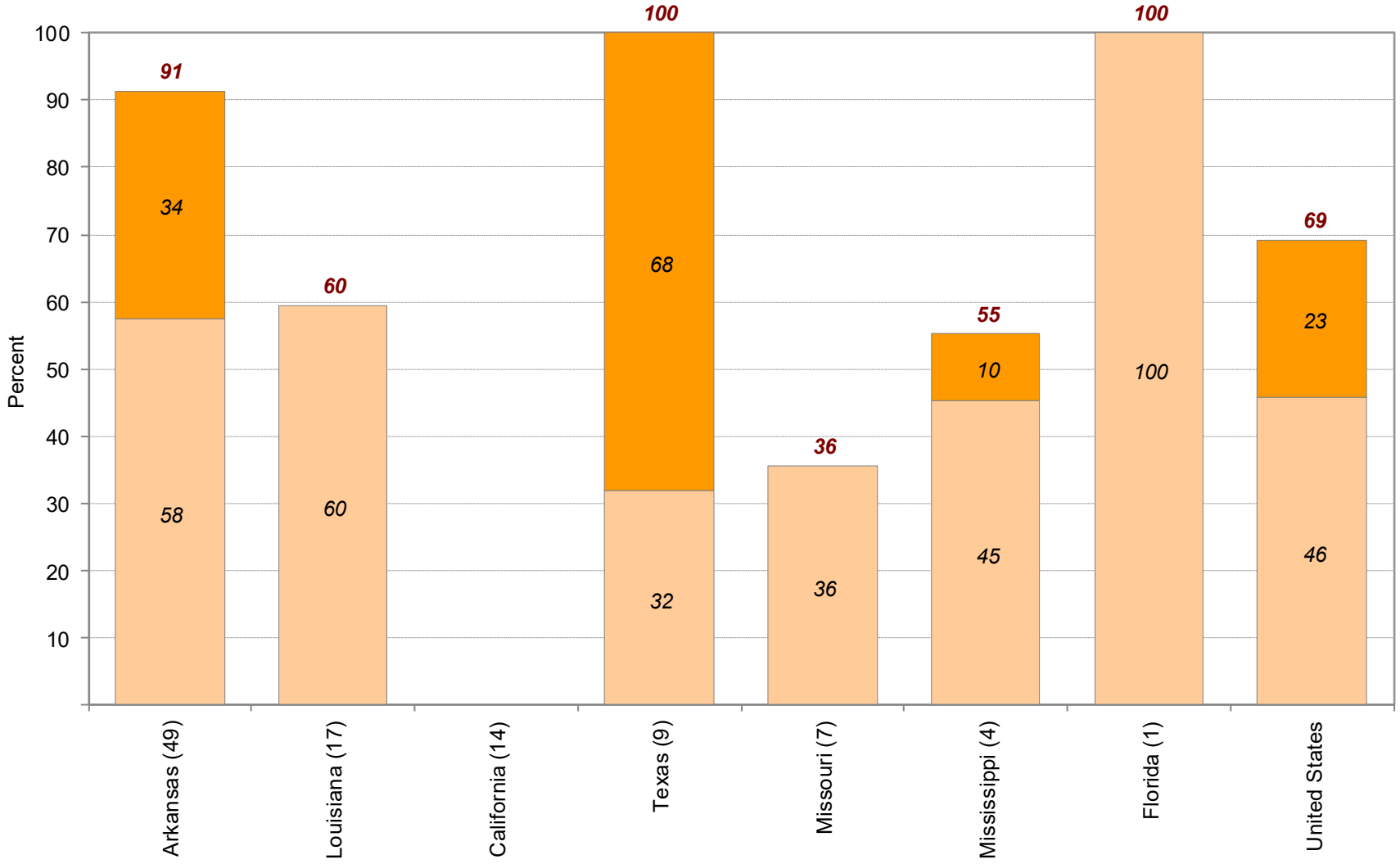

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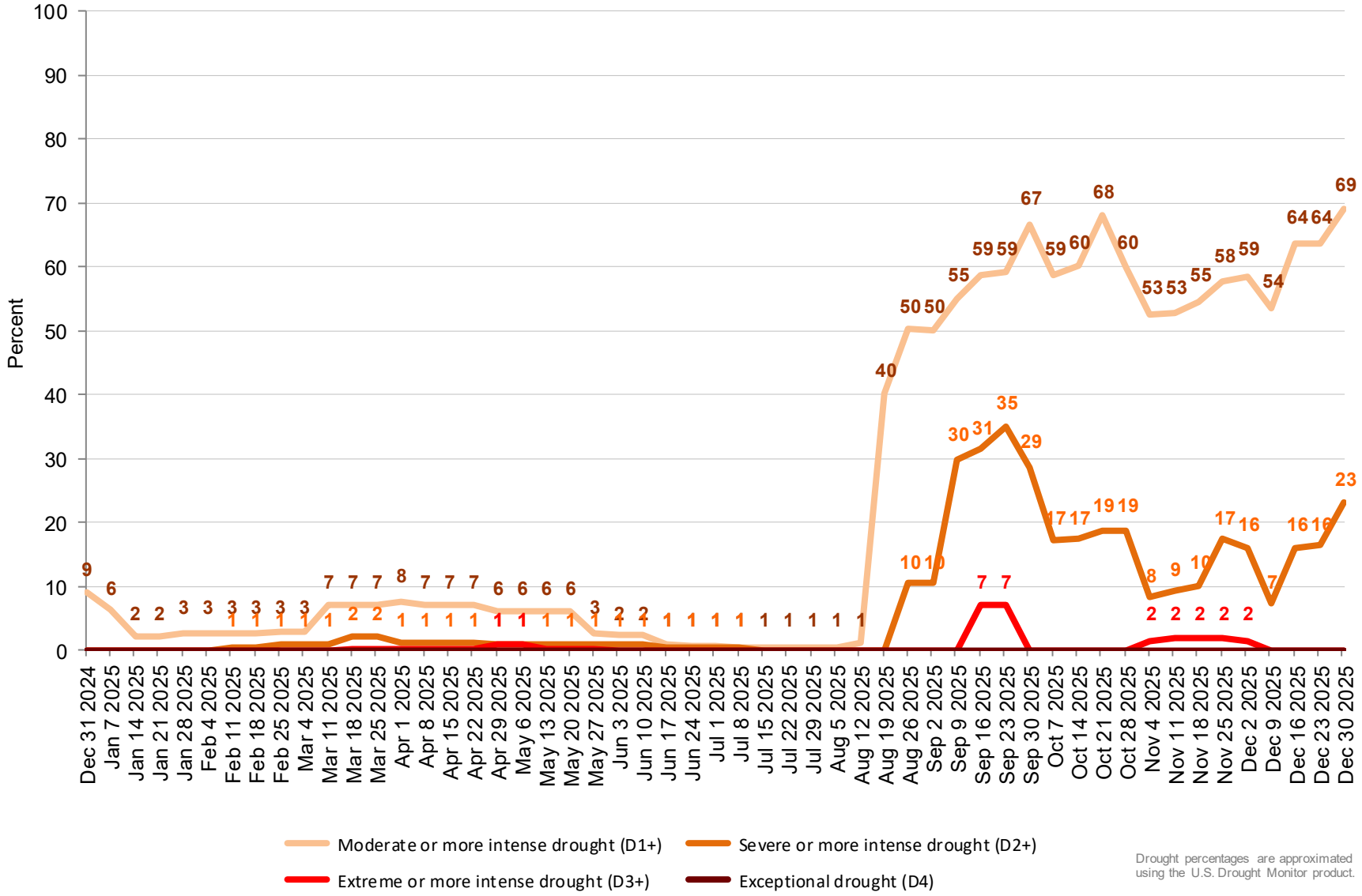
Percent of United States Rice Located in Drought



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Sorghum Areas in Drought

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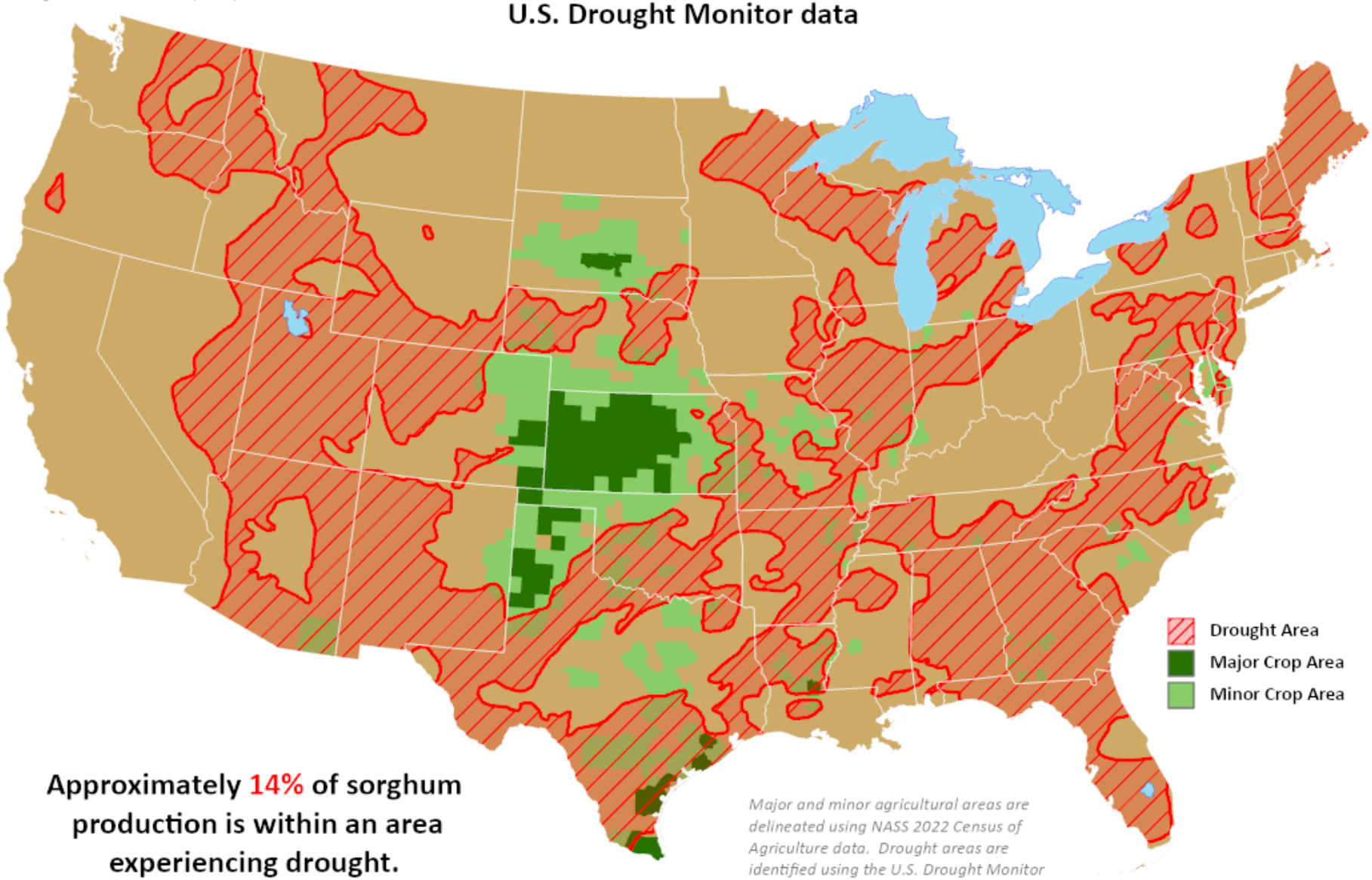

Approximately 14% of sorghum production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sorghum Located in Drought

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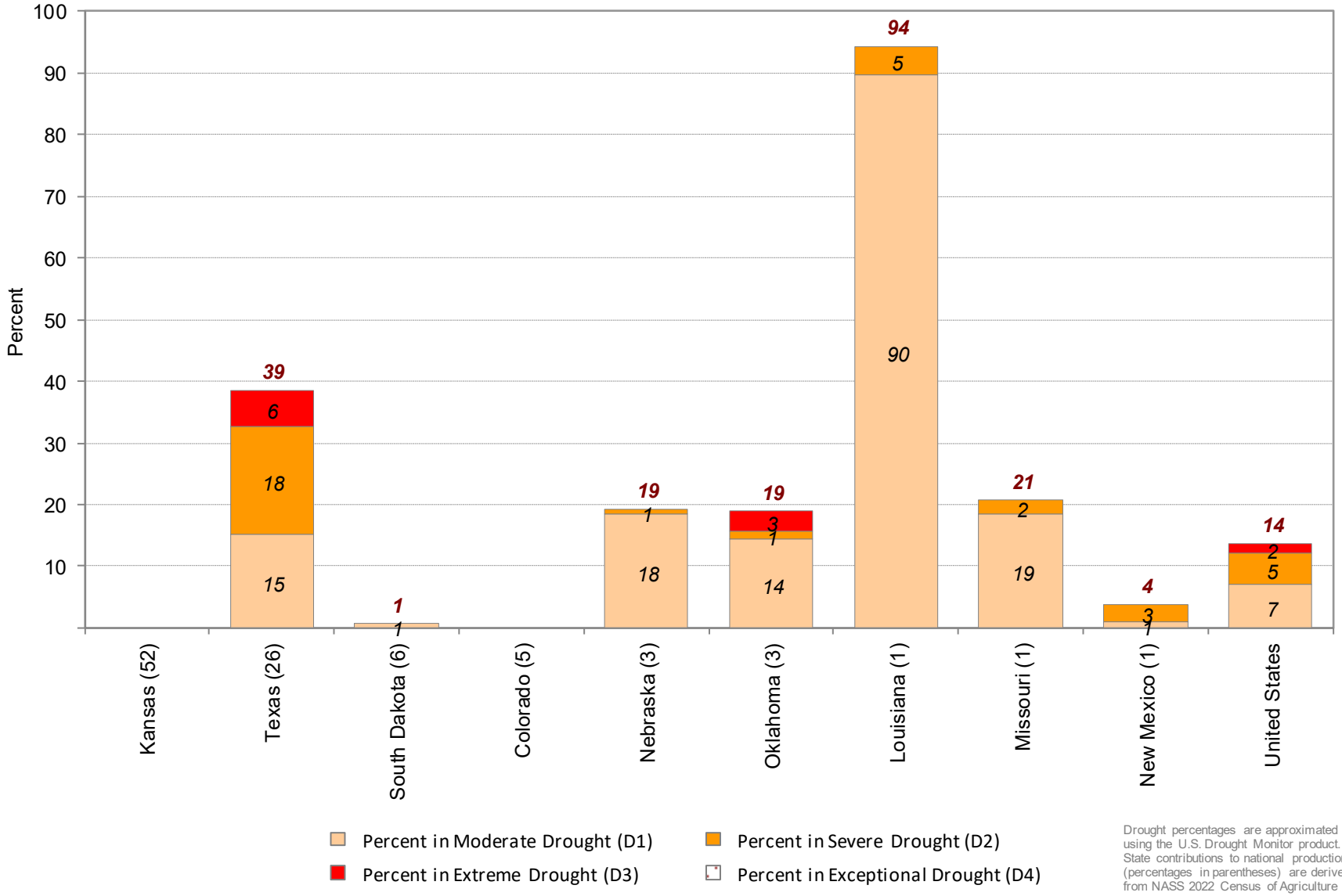

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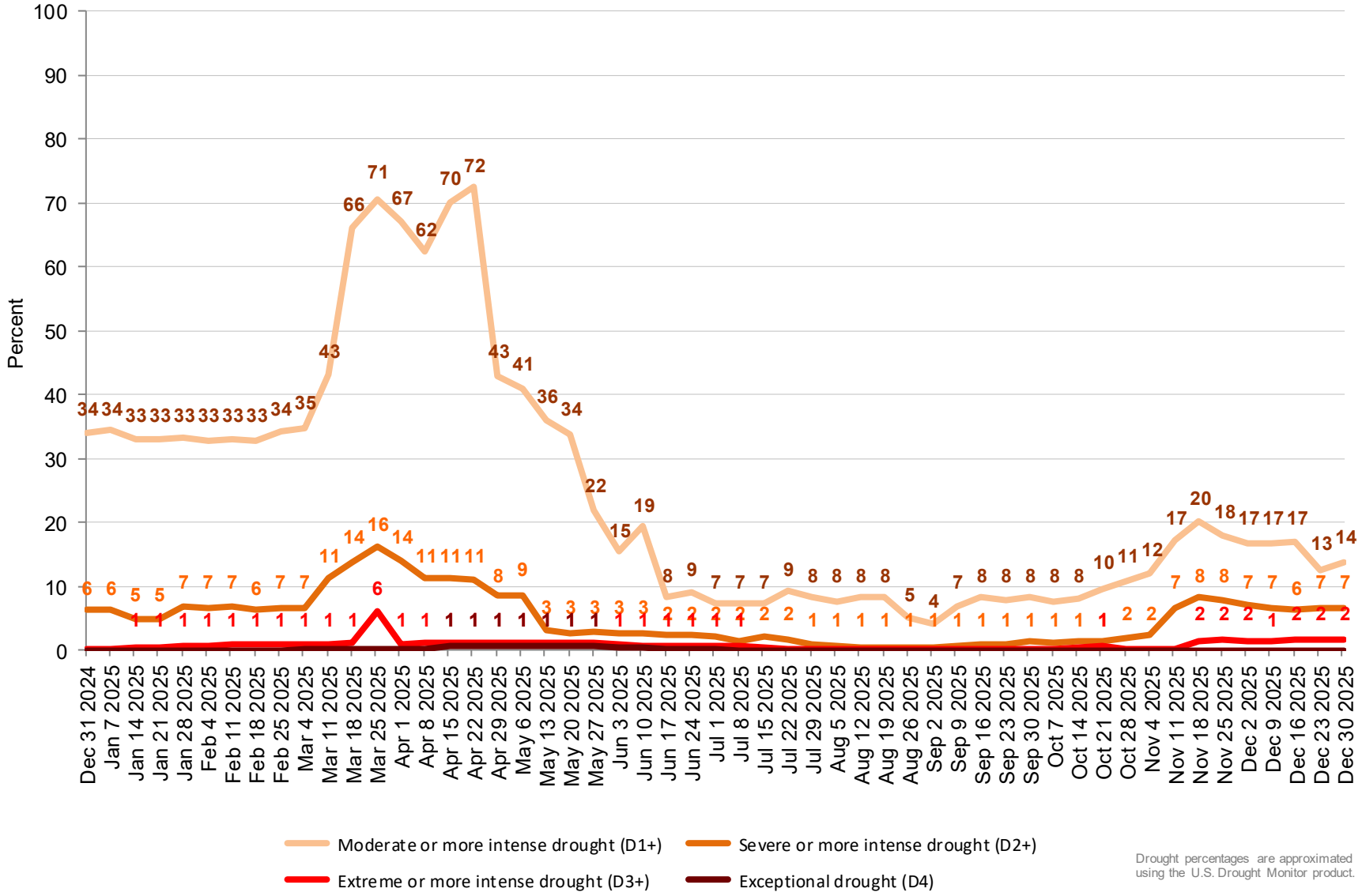
Percent of United States Sorghum Located in Drought



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Soybean Areas in Drought

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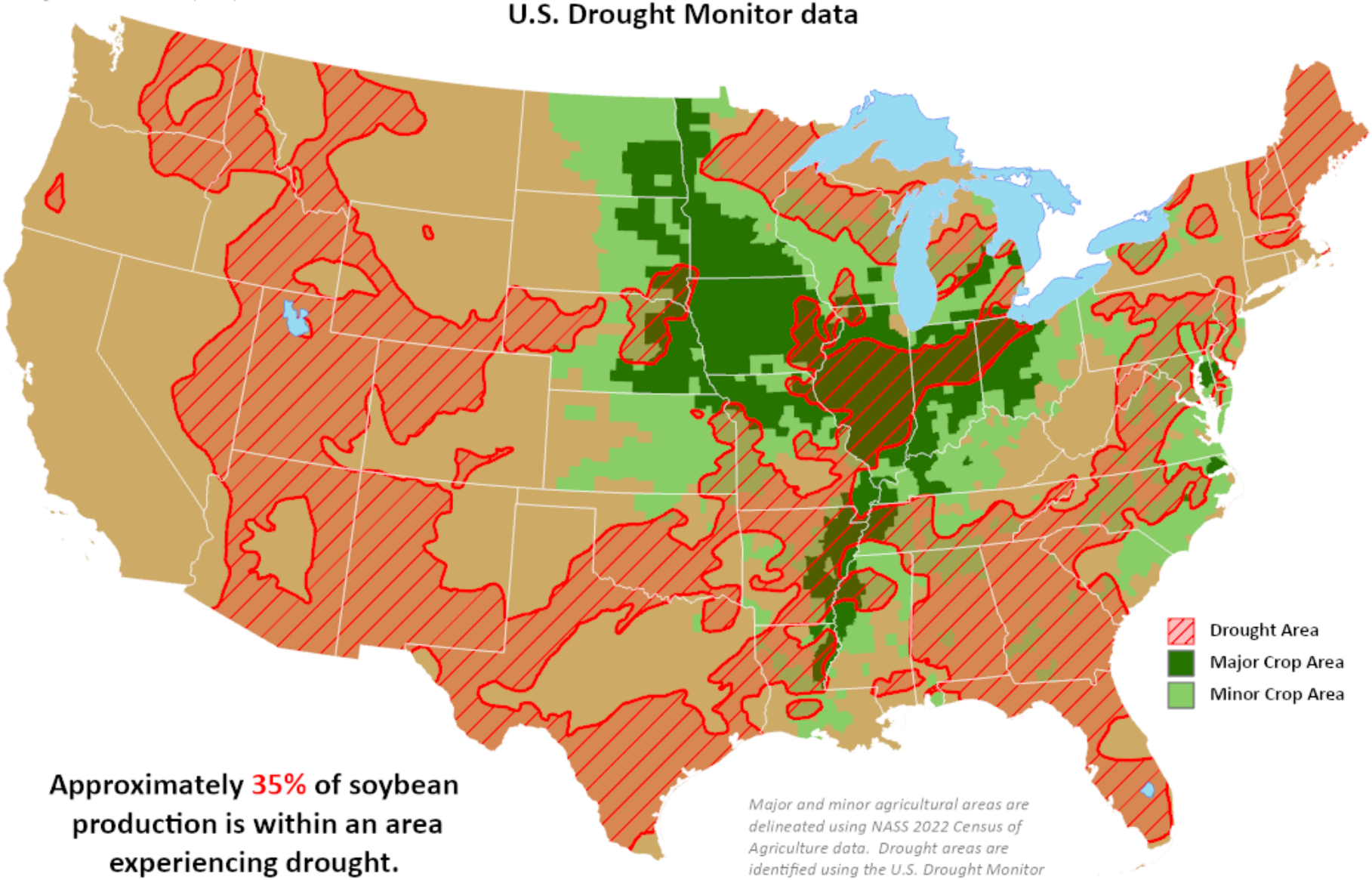

Approximately 35% of soybean production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Soybeans Located in Drought

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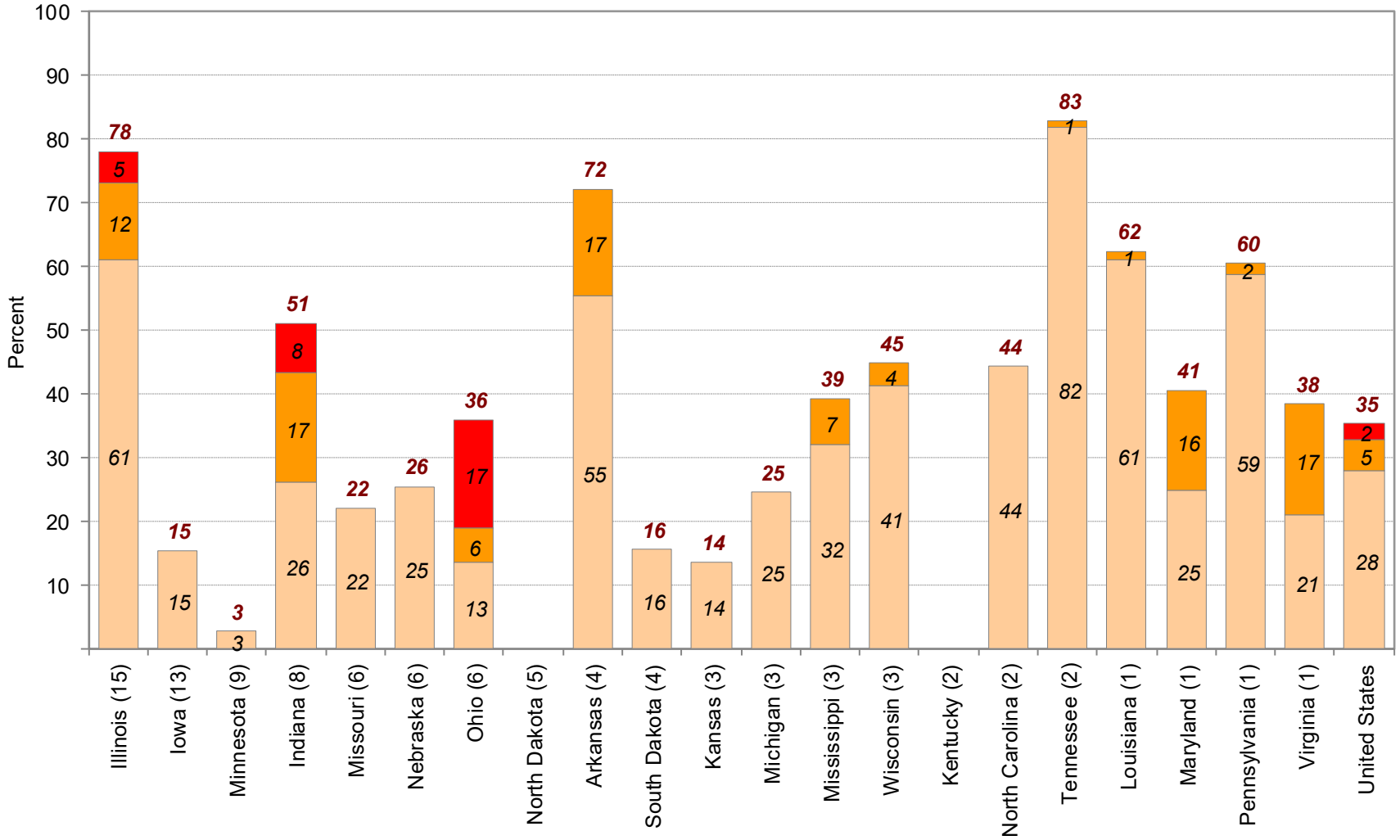

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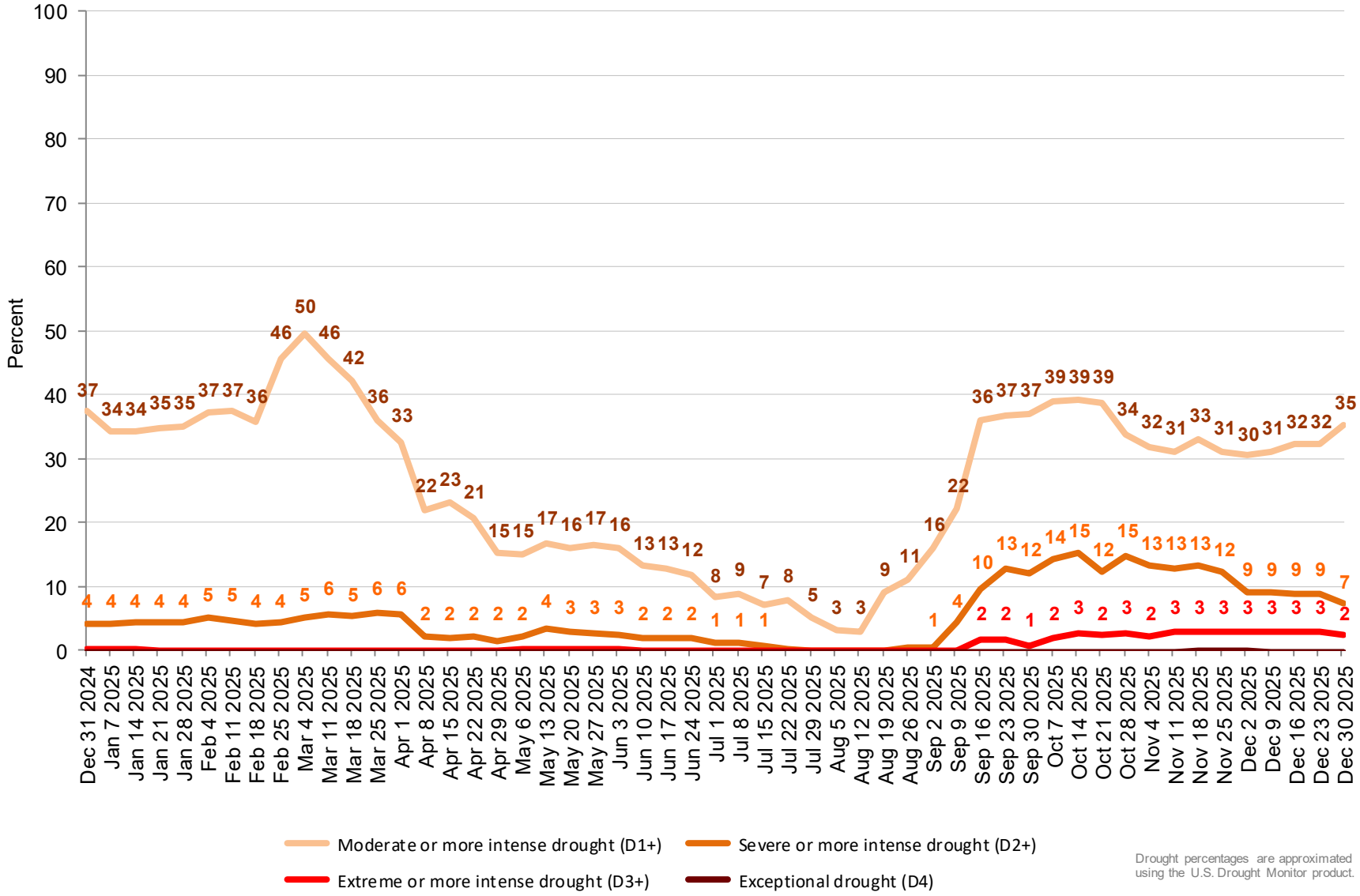
Percent of United States Soybeans Located in Drought



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Sunflower Areas in Drought

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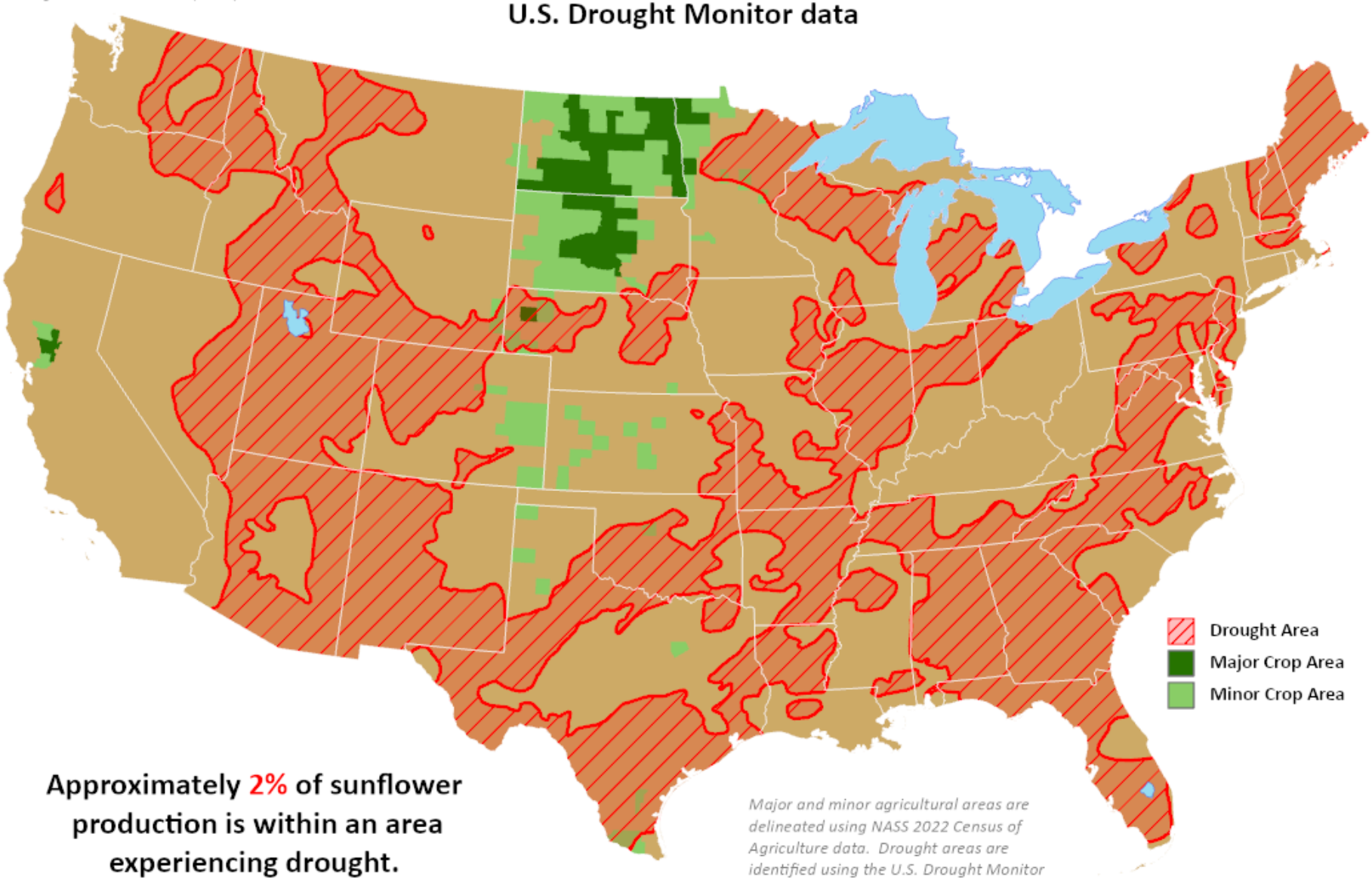

Approximately 2% of sunflower production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sunflowers Located in Drought

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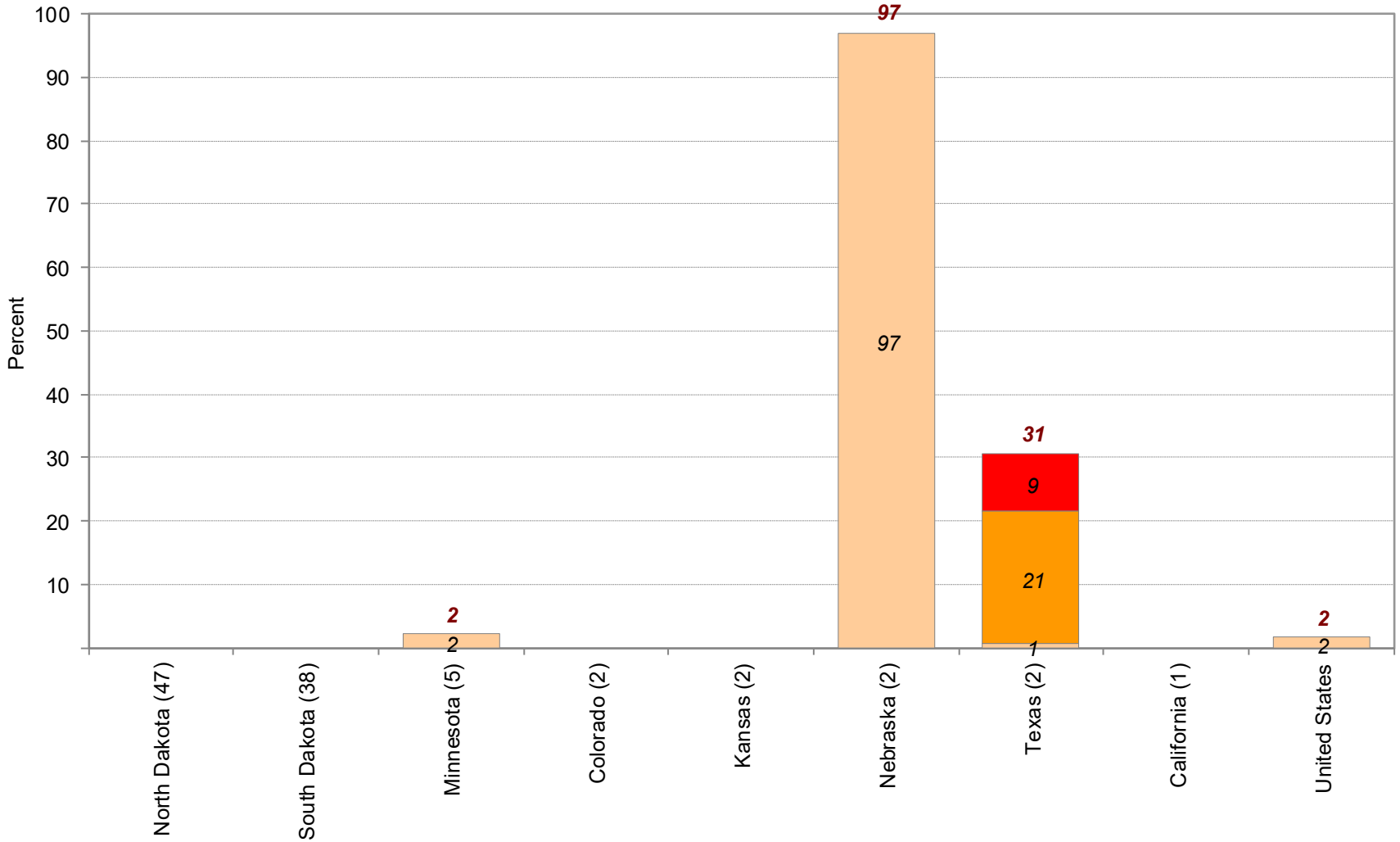

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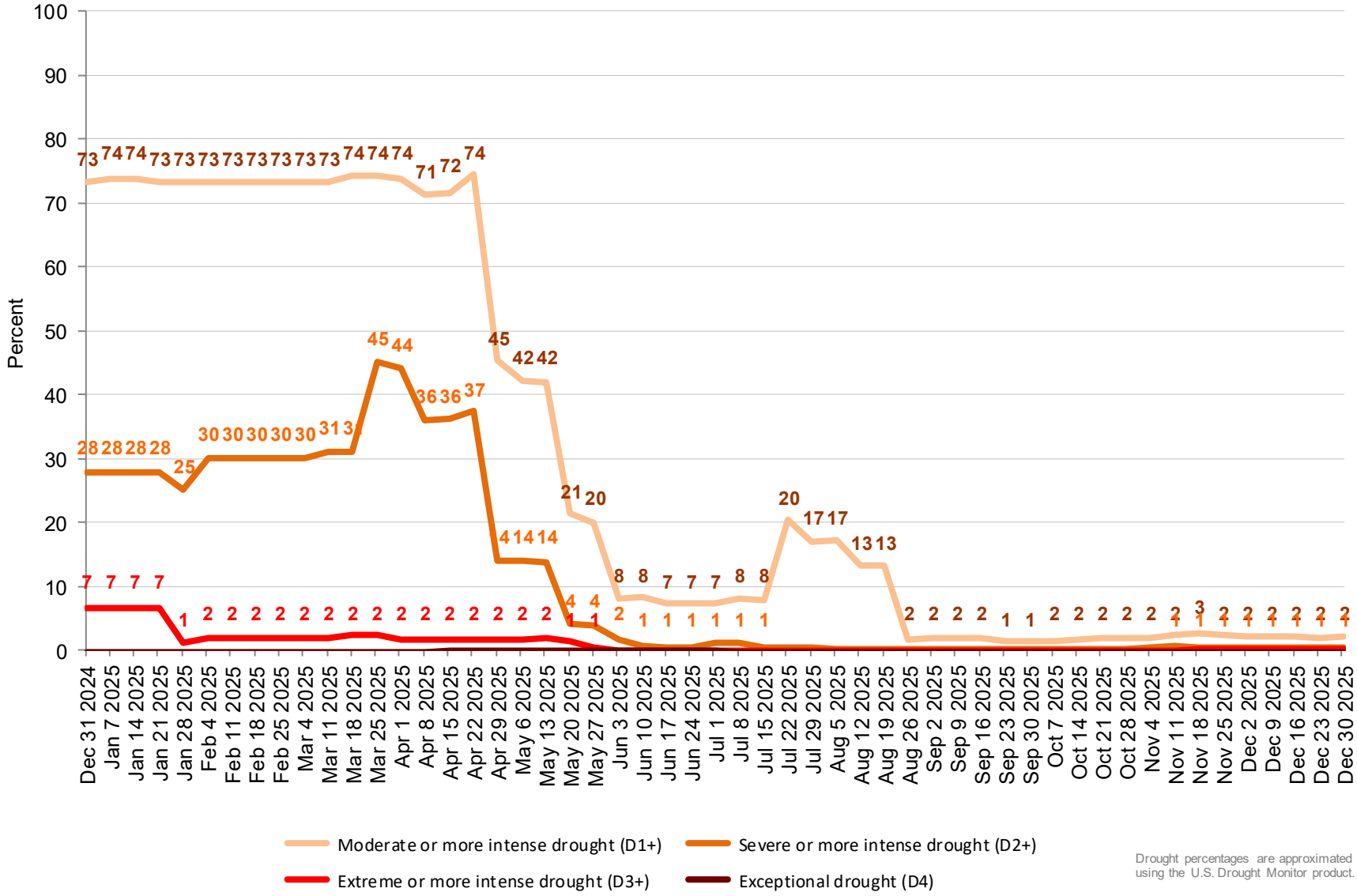
Percent of United States Sunflowers Located in Drought



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Durum Wheat Areas in Drought

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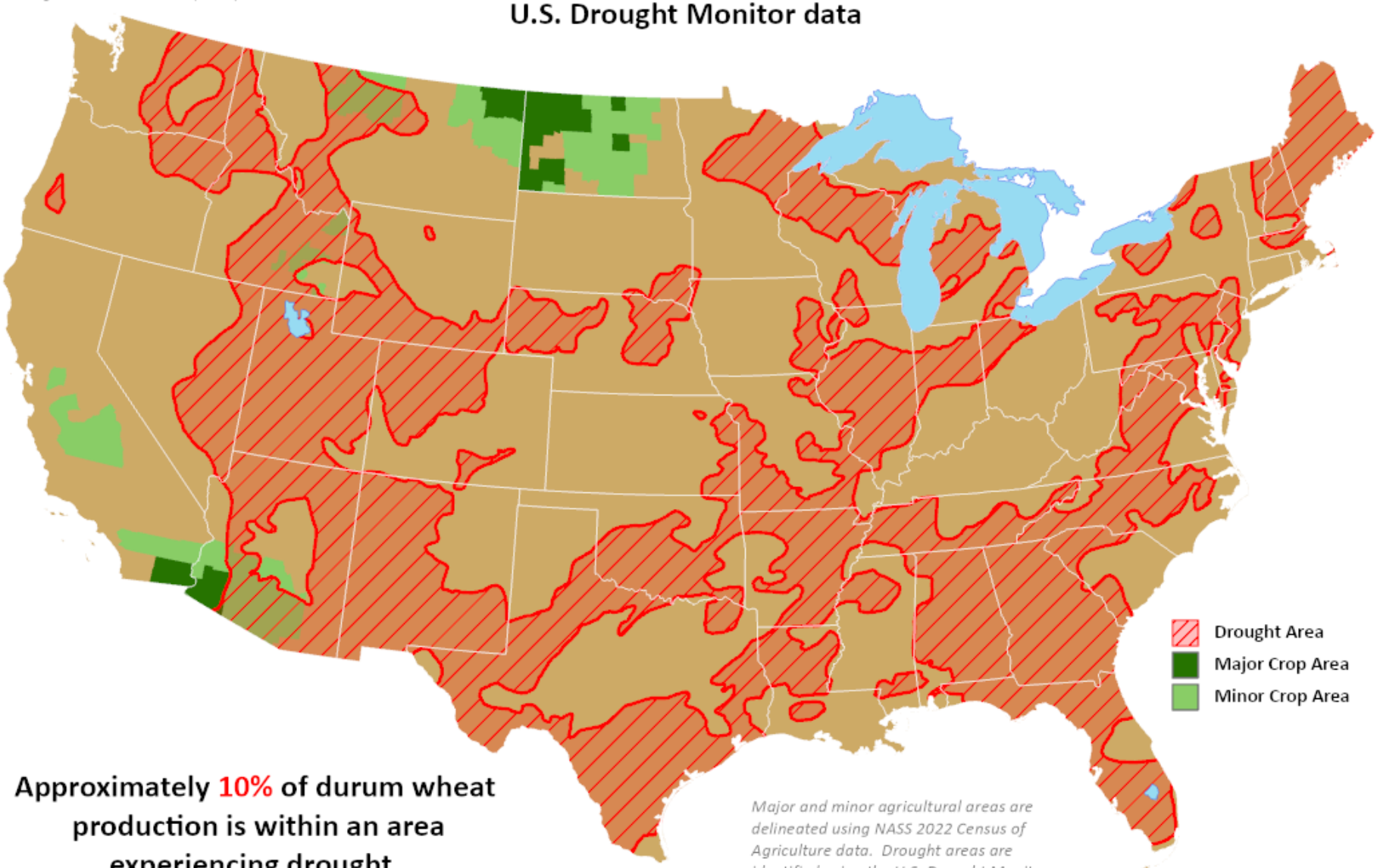

Approximately 10% of durum wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Durum Wheat Located in Drought

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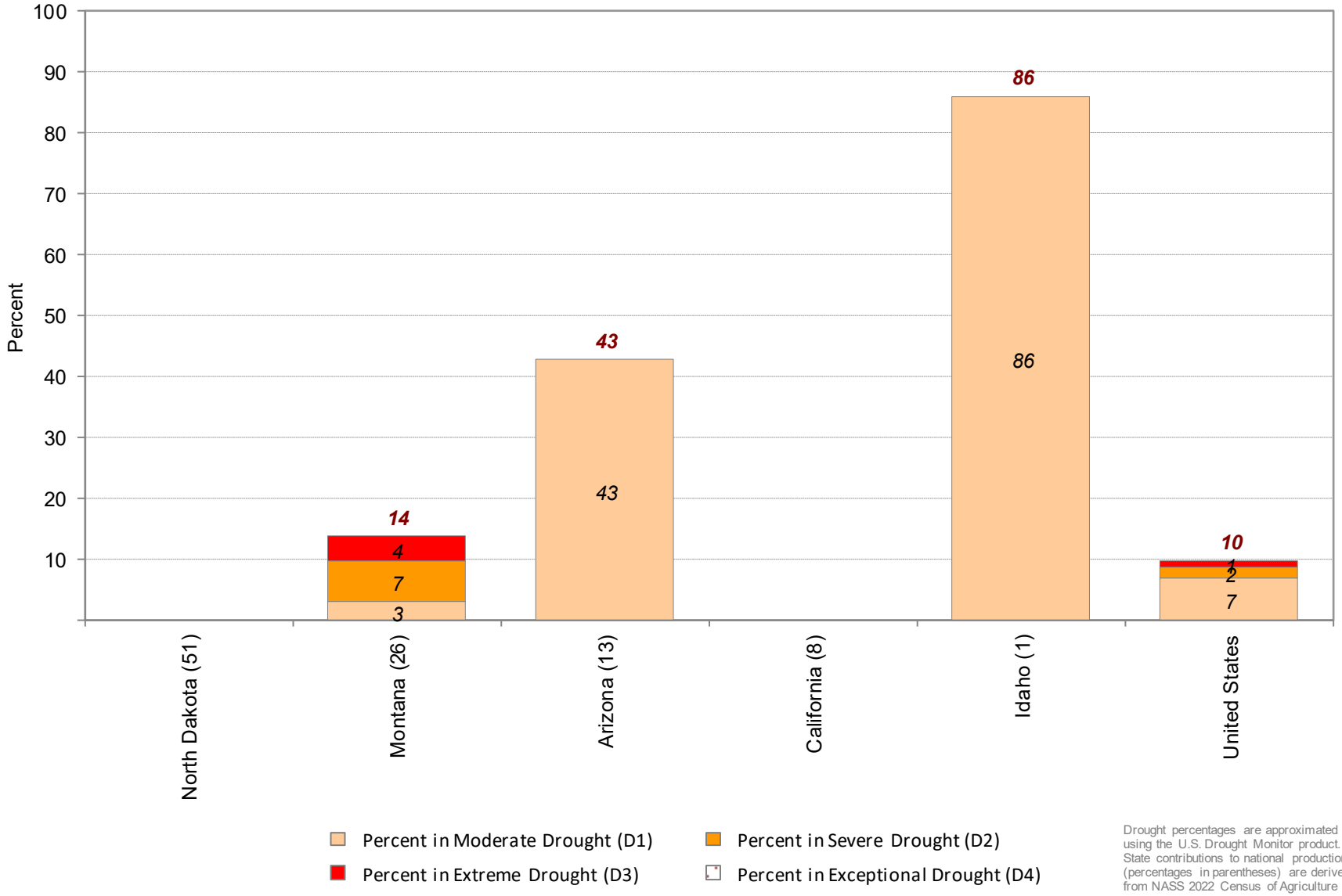

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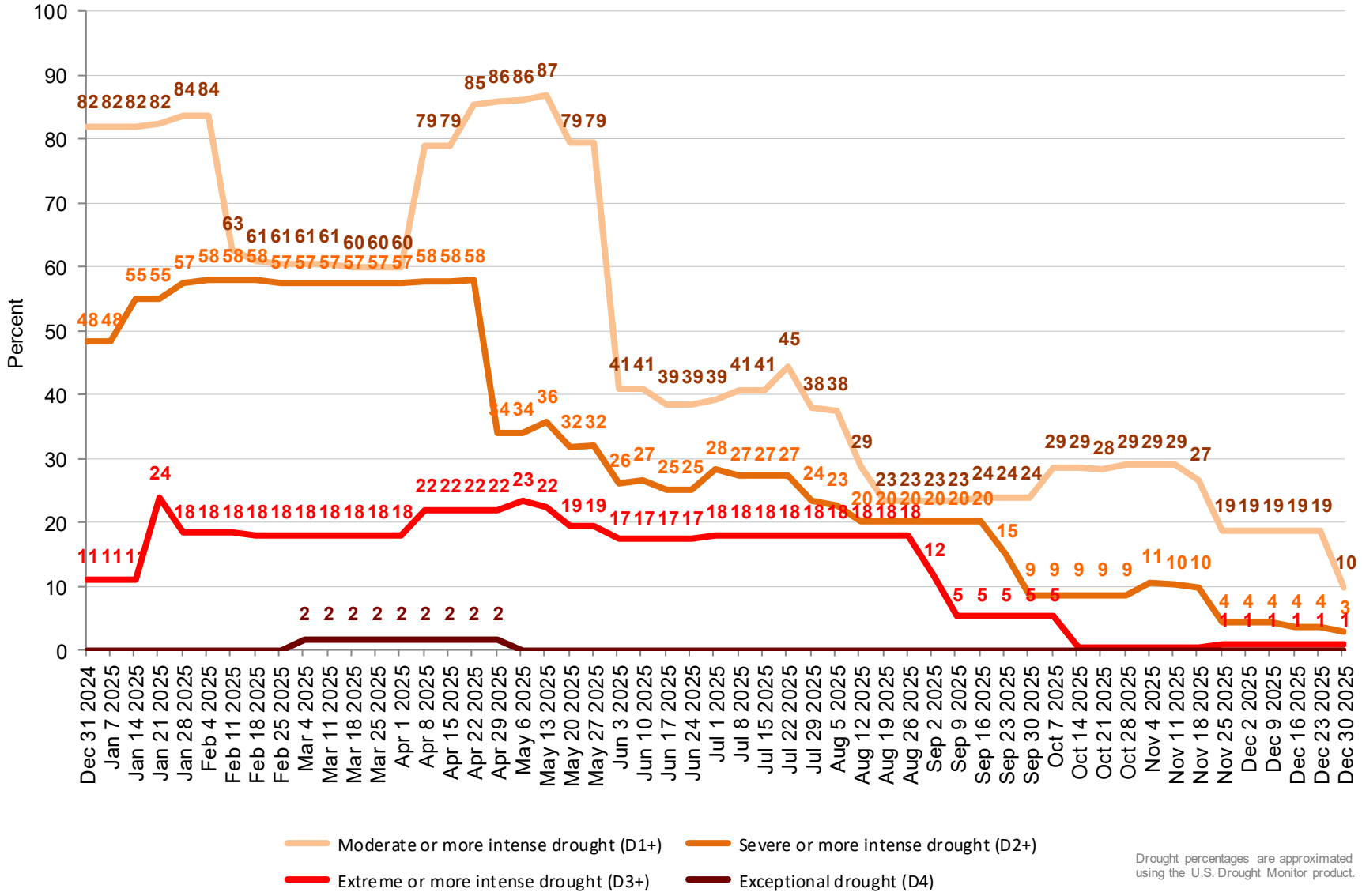
Percent of United States Durum Wheat Located in Drought



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Spring Wheat Areas in Drought

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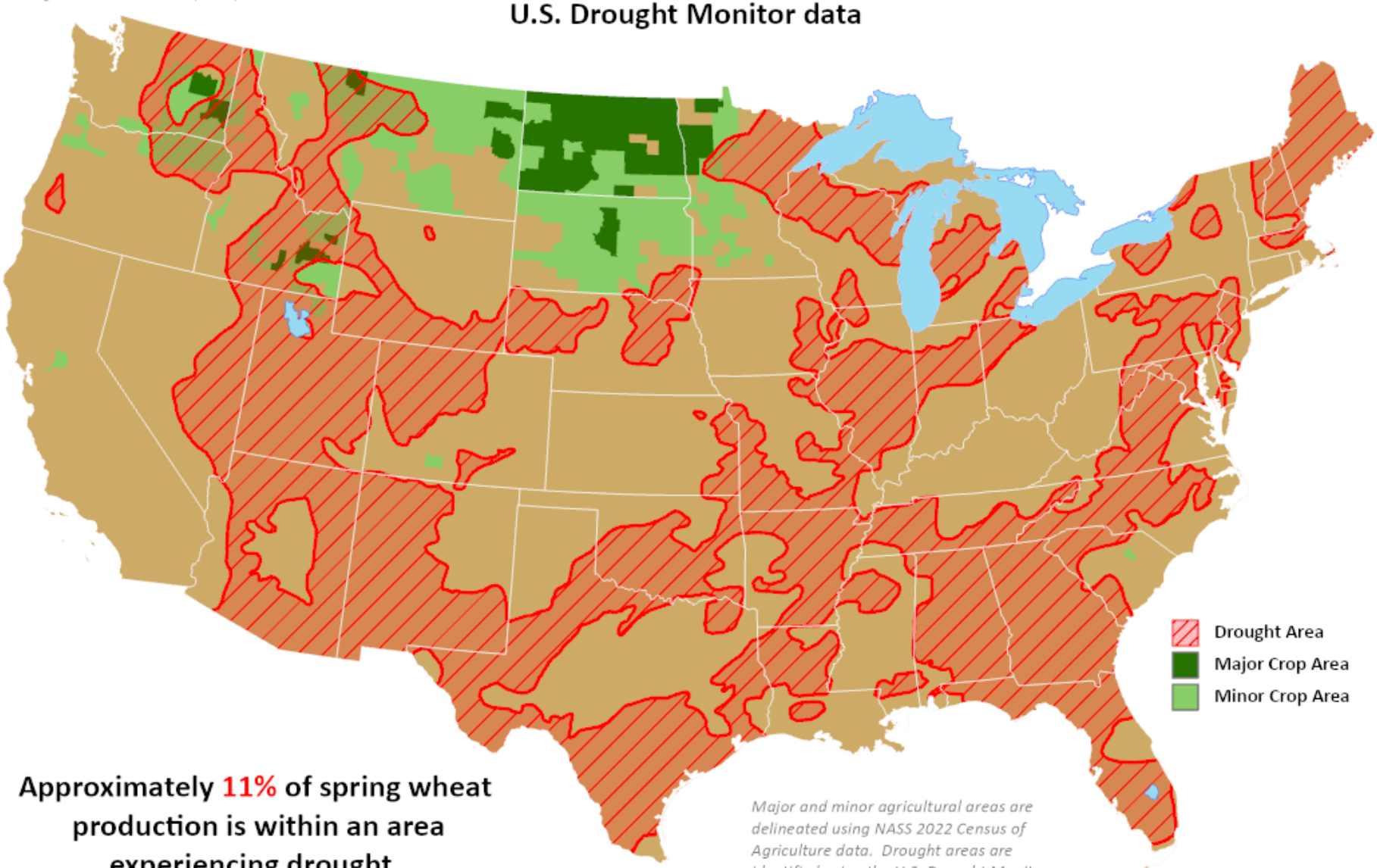

Approximately 11% of spring wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Spring Wheat Located in Drought

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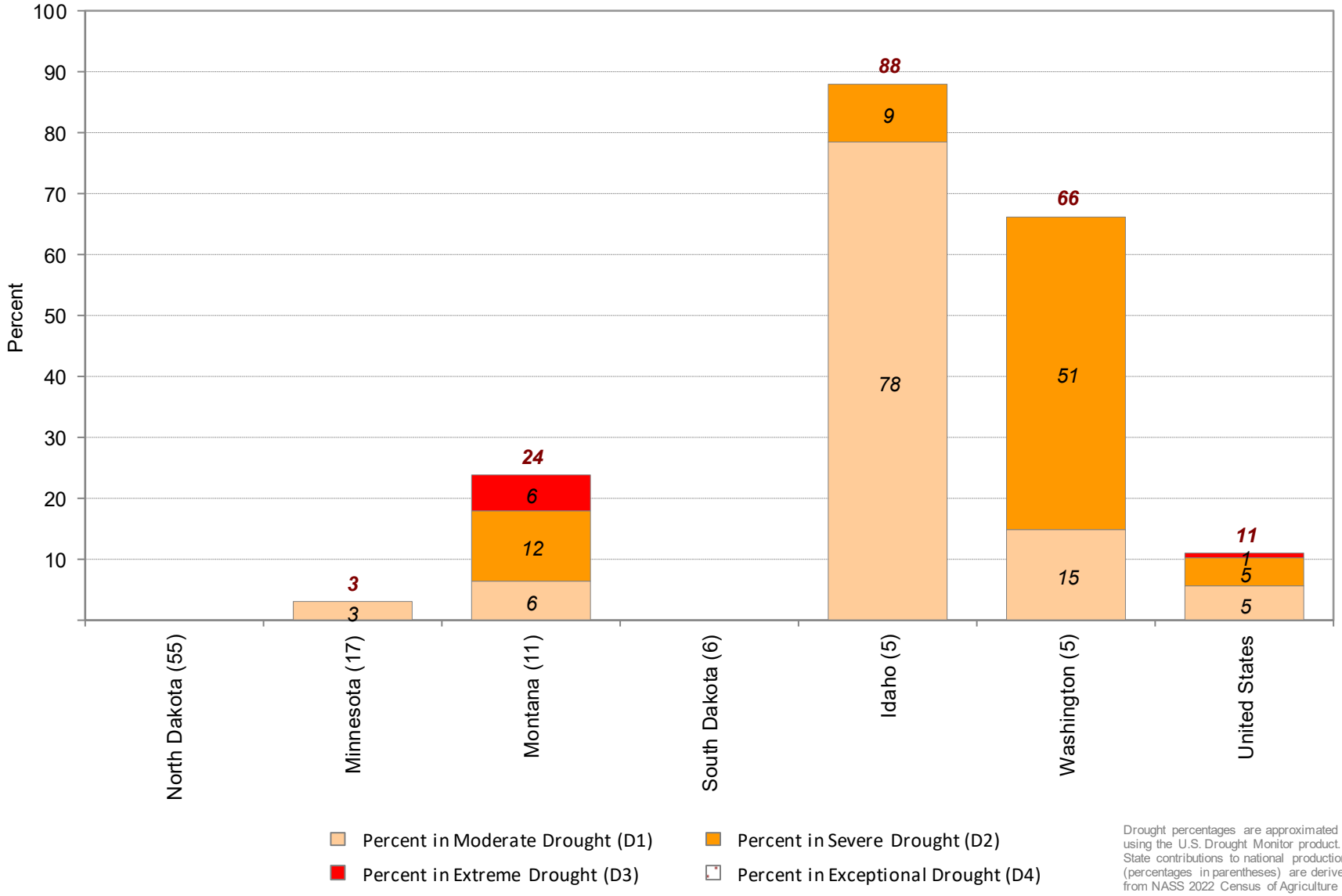

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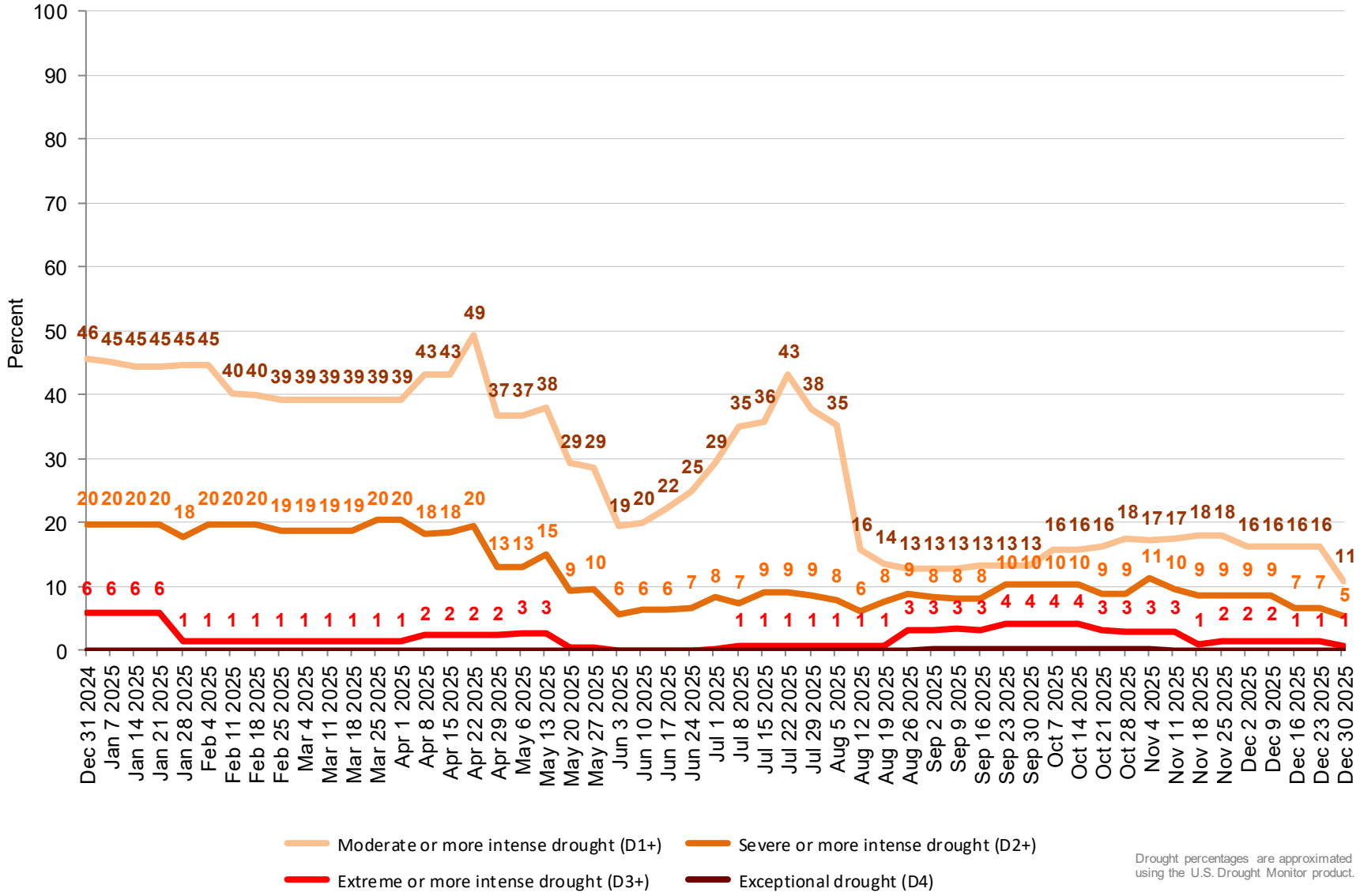

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Winter Wheat Areas in Drought

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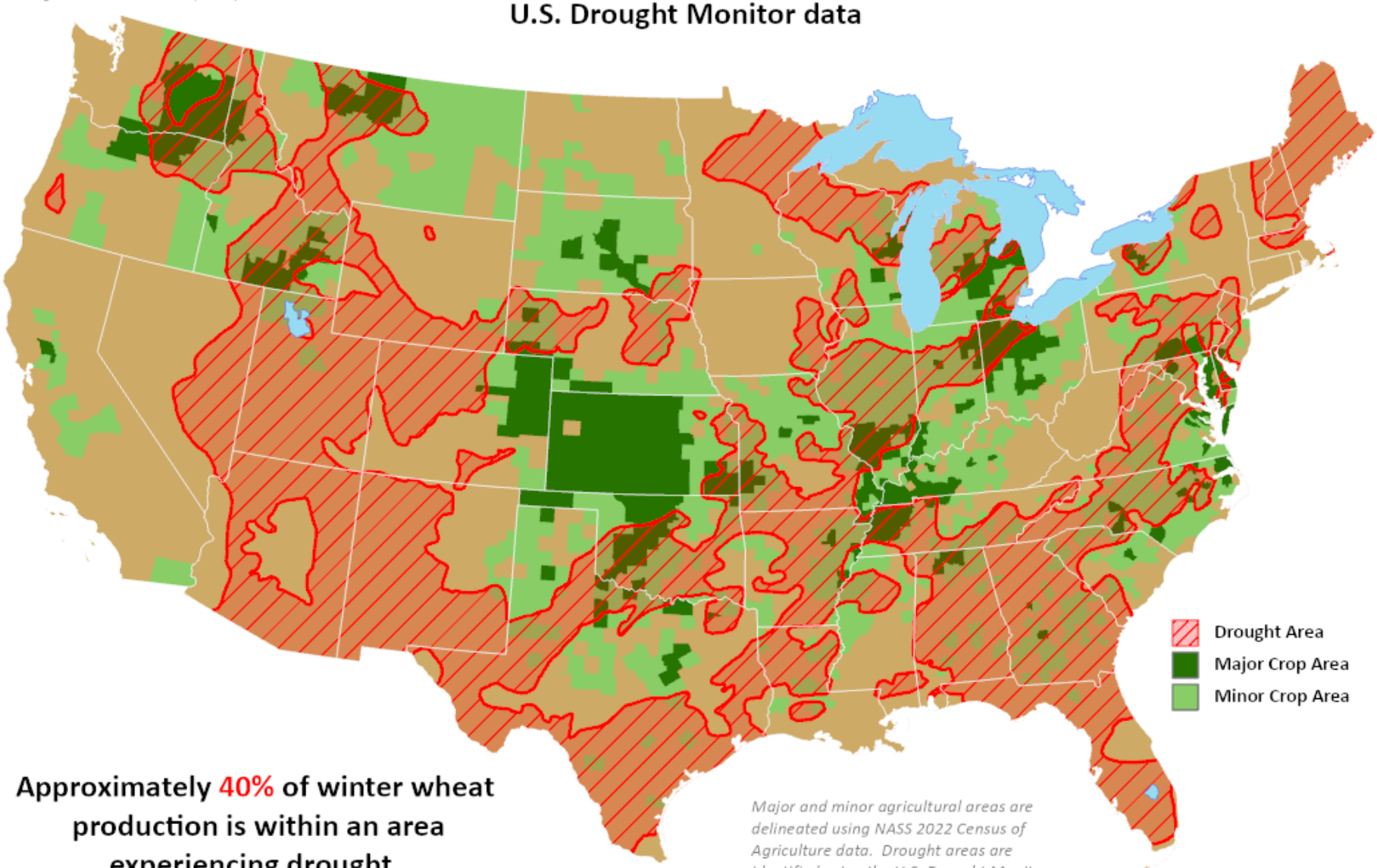

Approximately 40% of winter wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Winter Wheat Located in Drought

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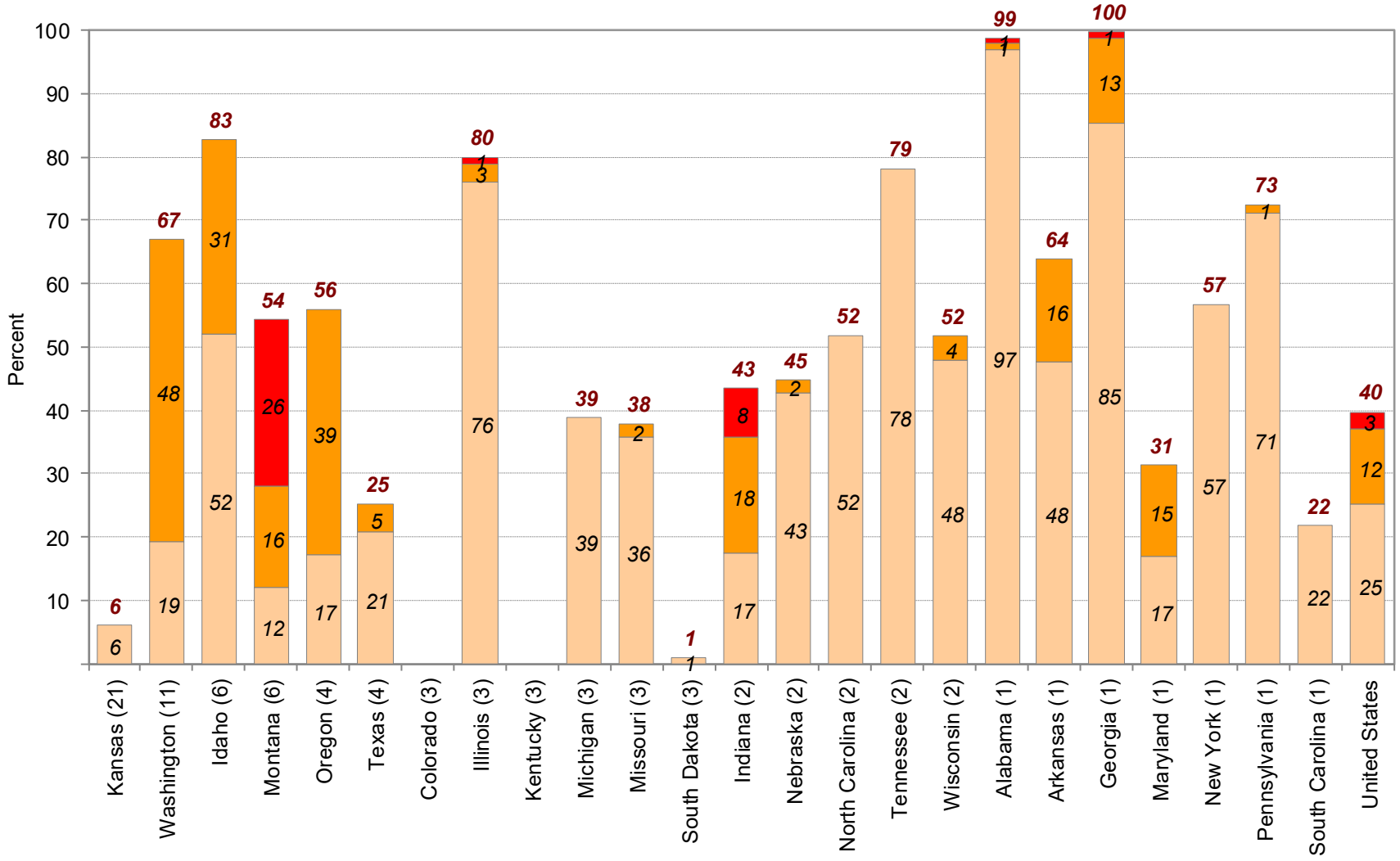

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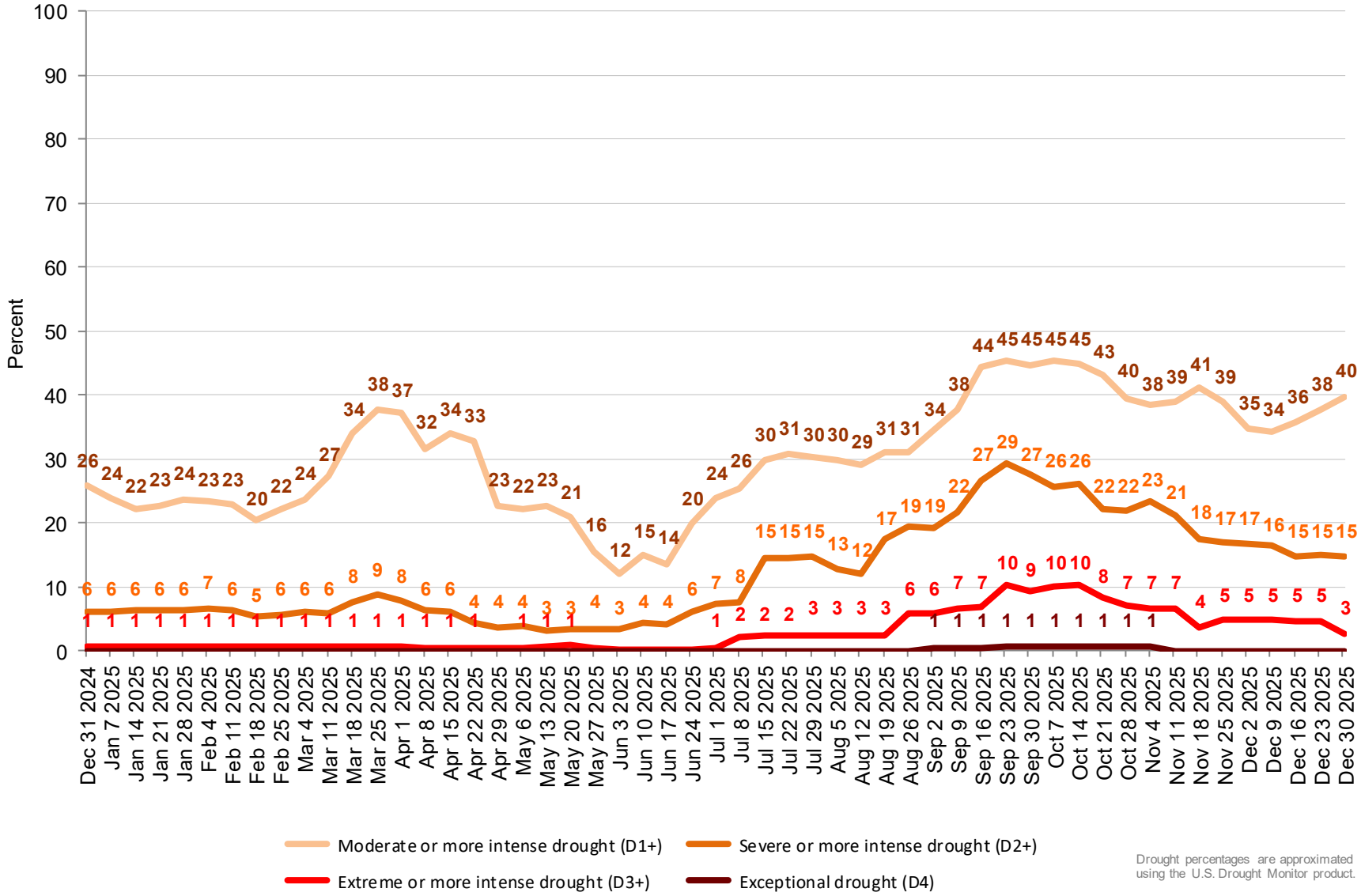
Percent of United States Winter Wheat Located in Drought



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Hay Areas in Drought

Reflects December 30, 2025
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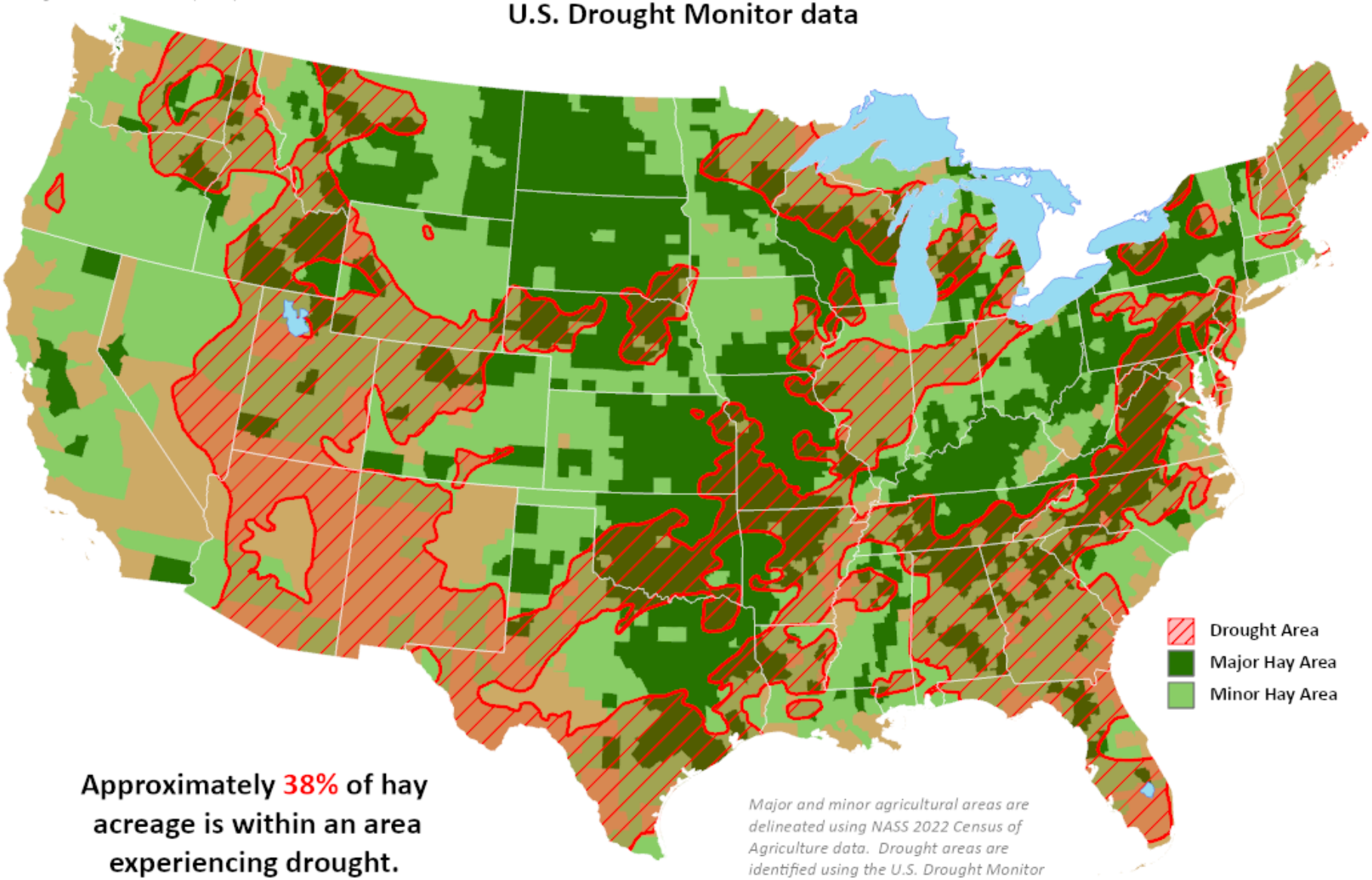

Approximately 38% of hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Hay Located in Drought

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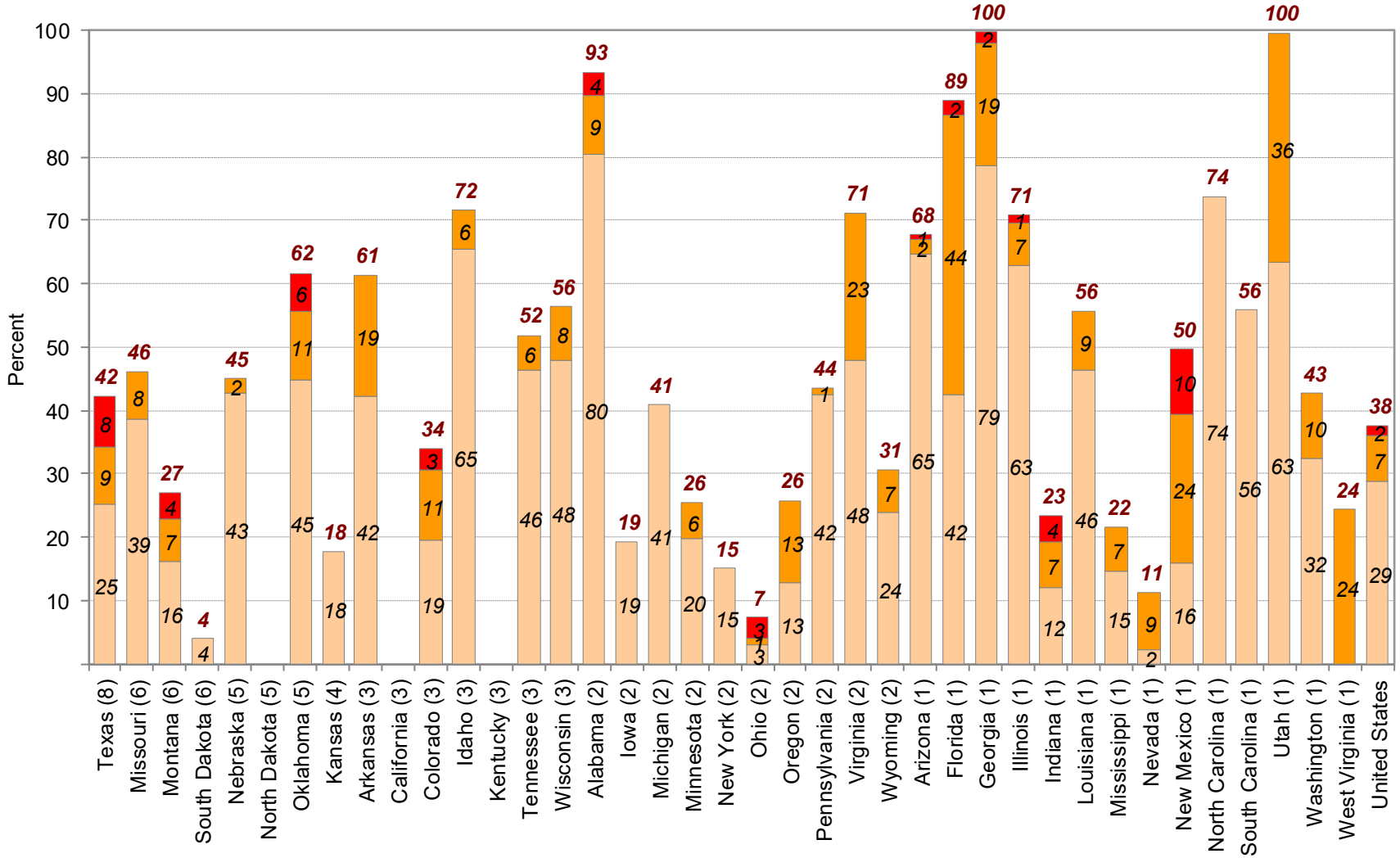

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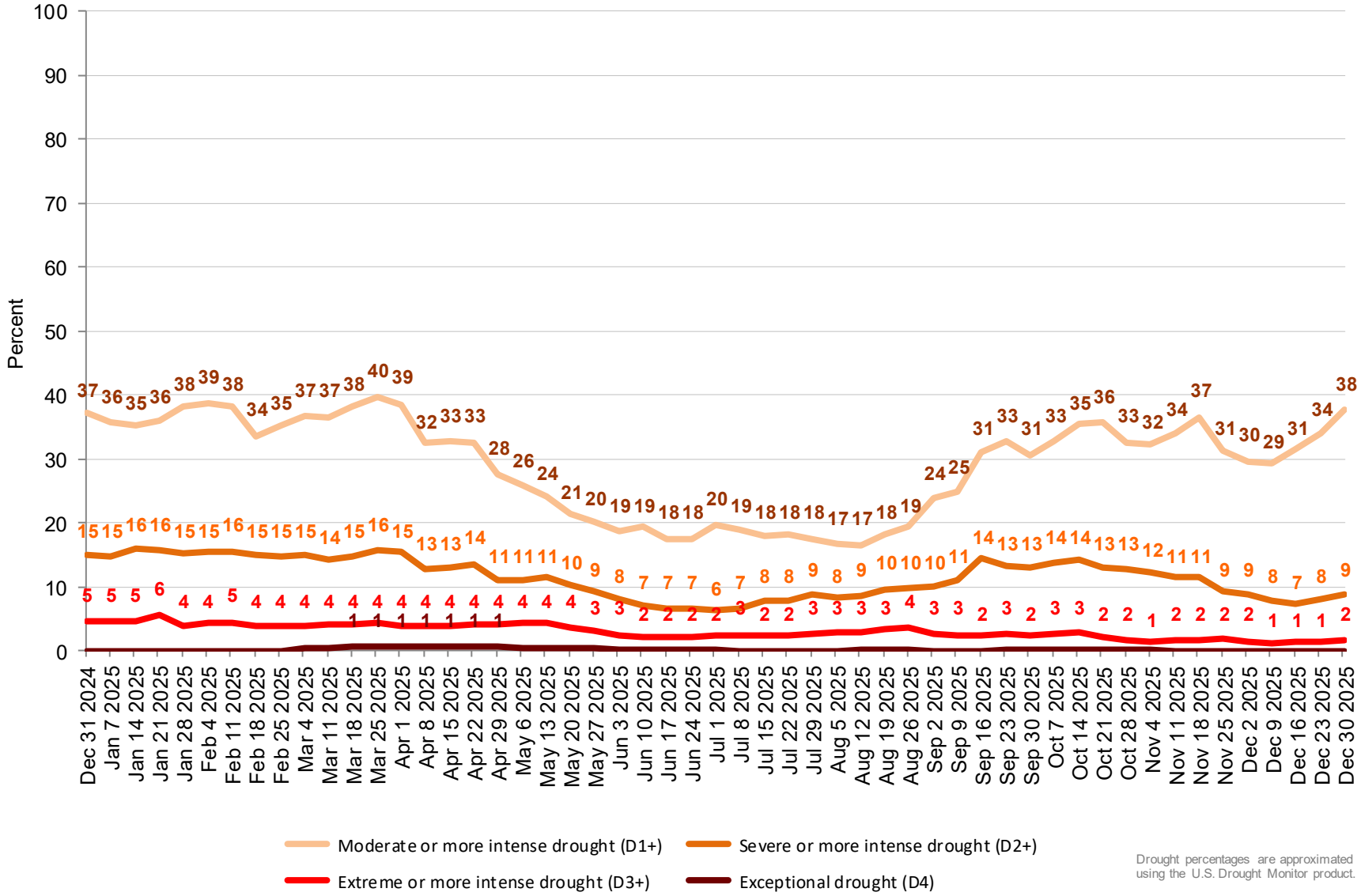
Percent of United States Hay Located in Drought



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Alfalfa Hay Areas in Drought

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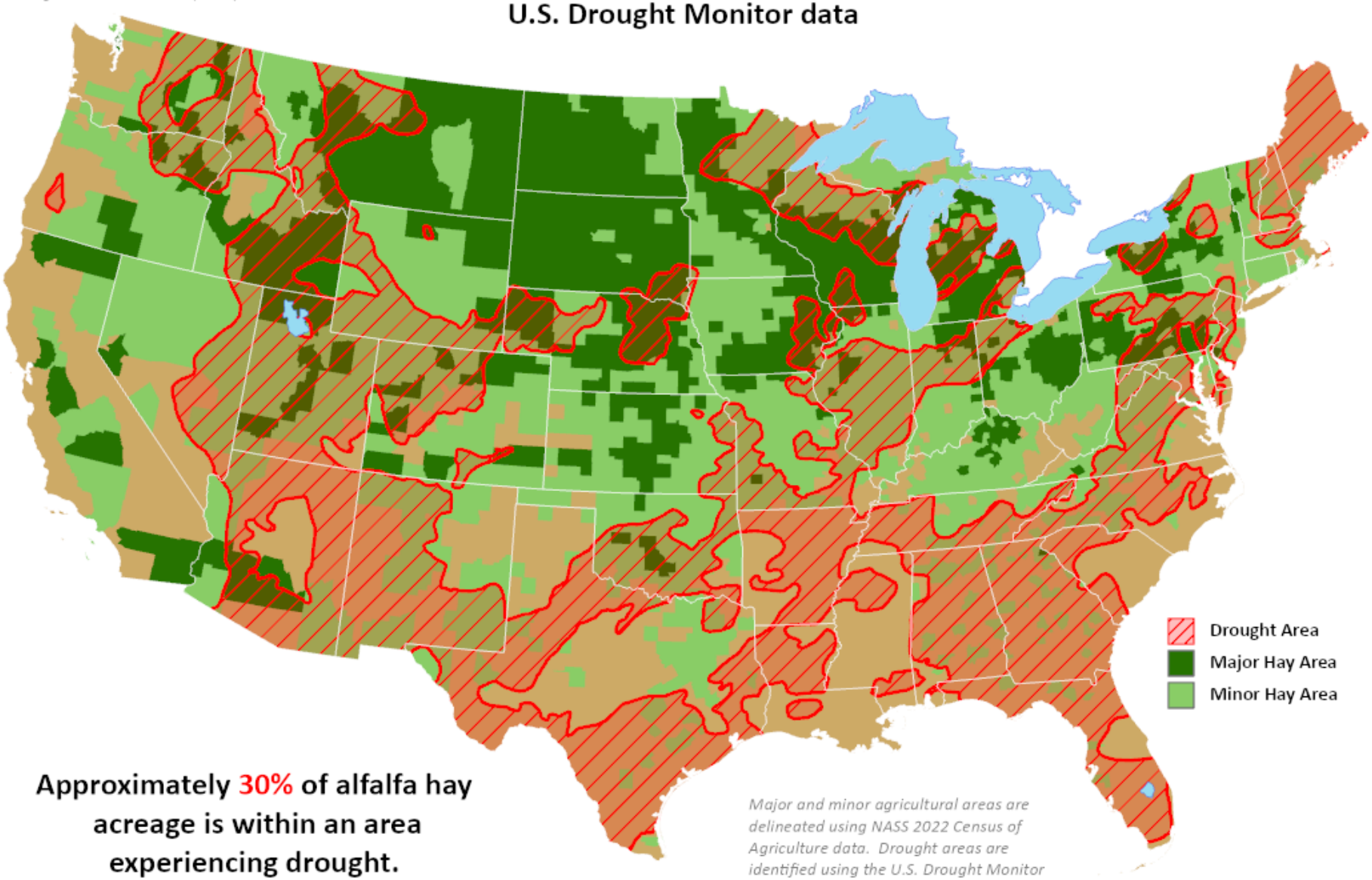

Approximately 30% of alfalfa hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought

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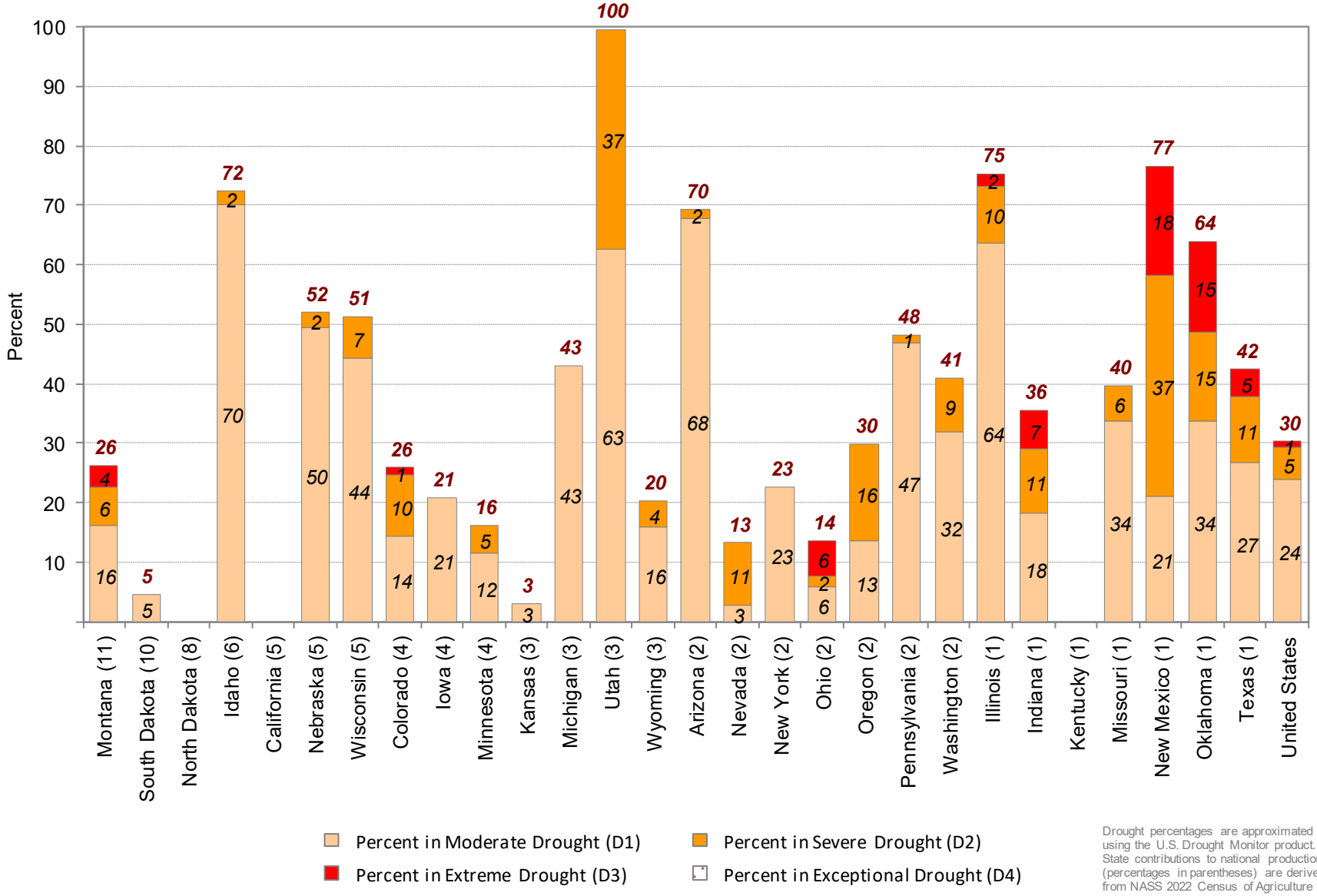

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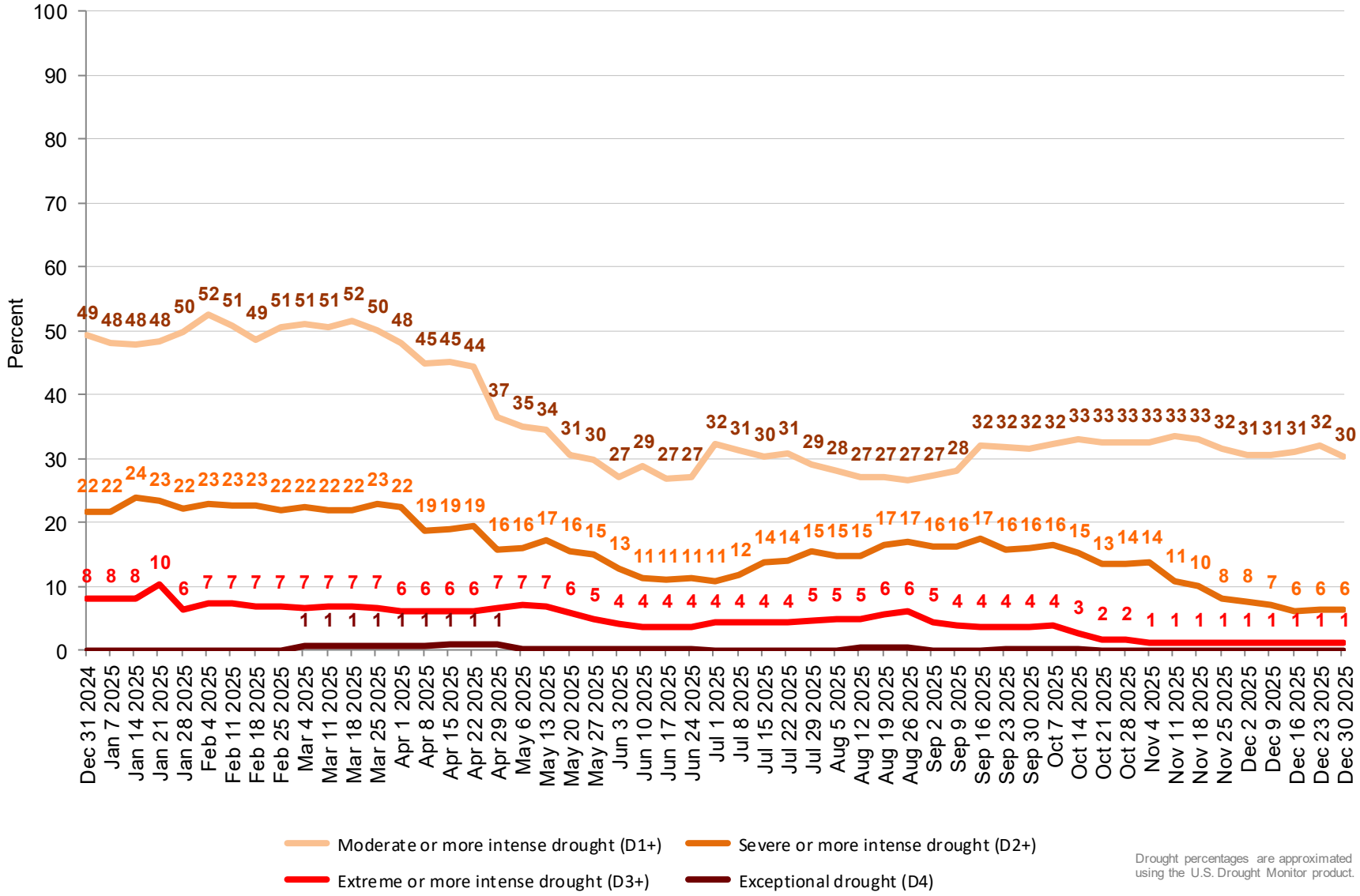
Percent of United States Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought



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Hog Areas in Drought

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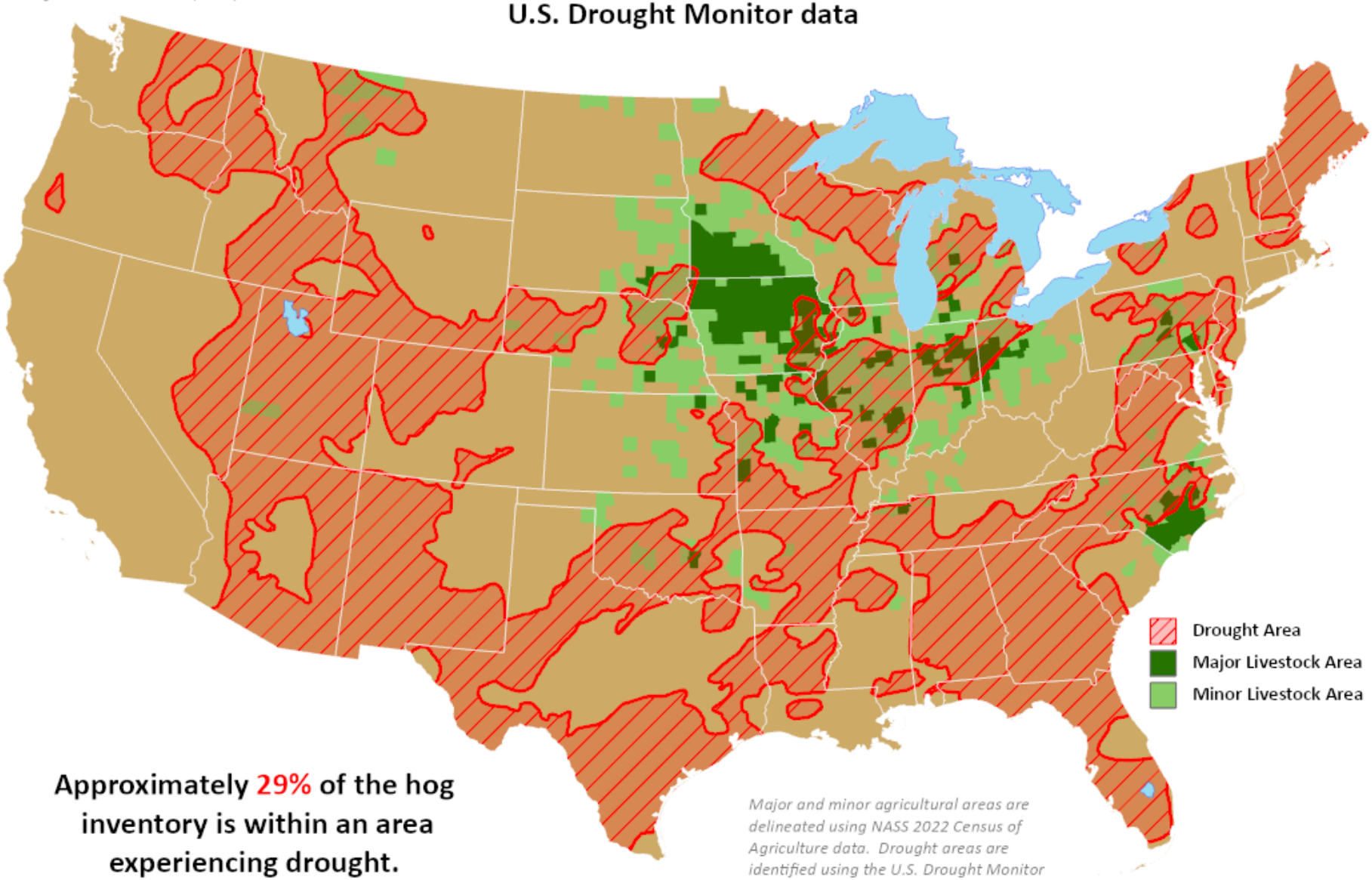

Approximately 29% of the hog inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Hogs Located in Drought

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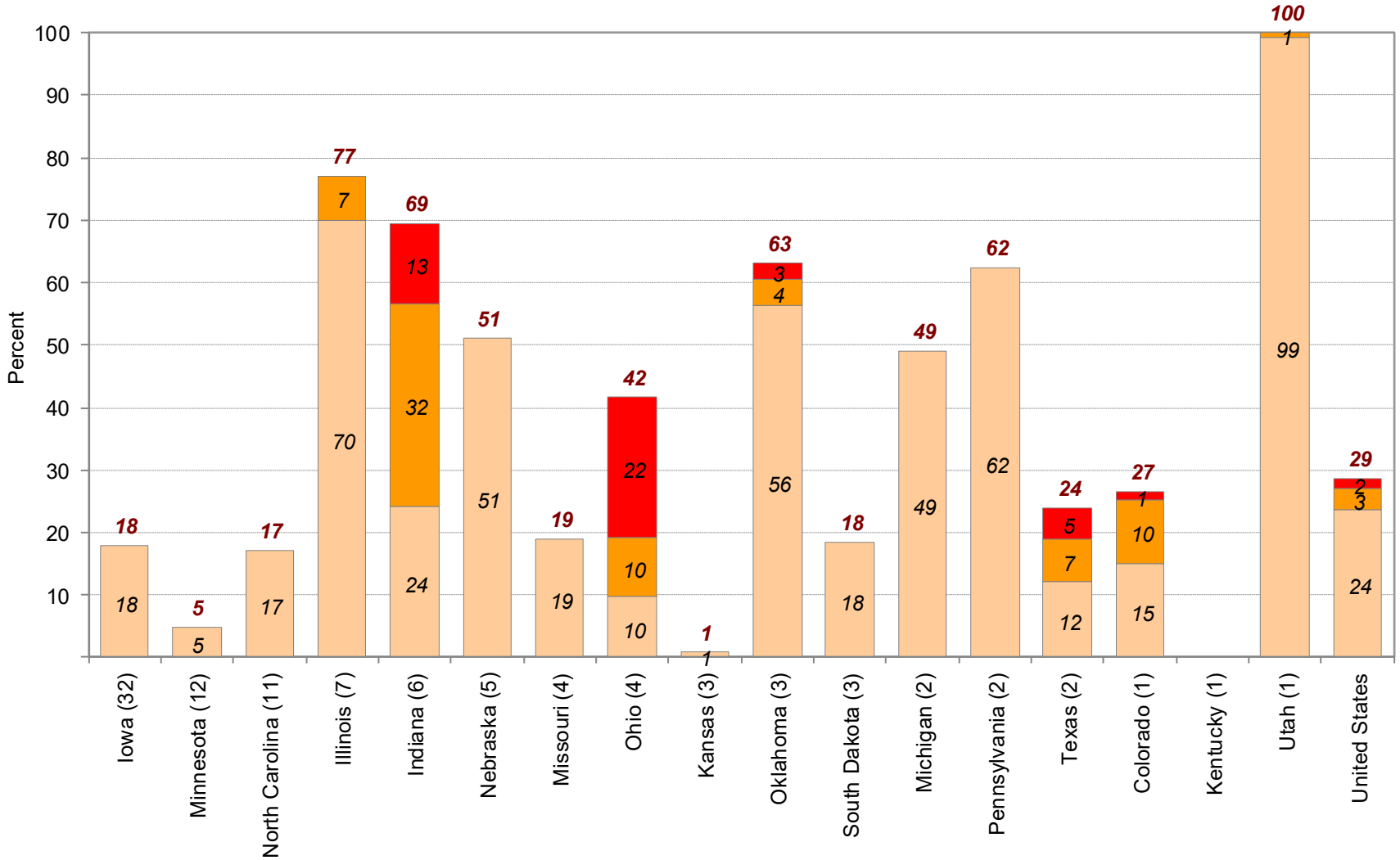

Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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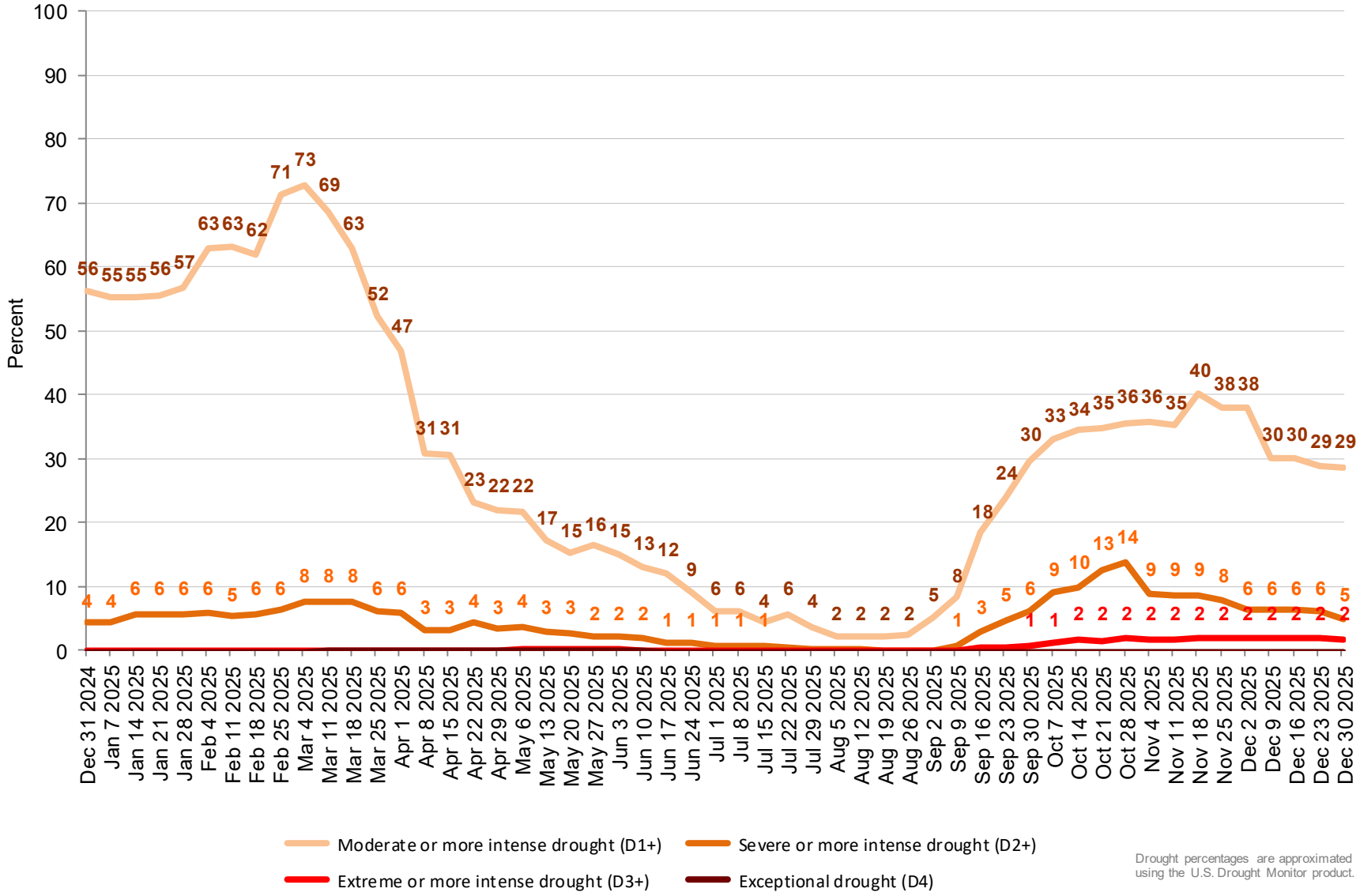
Percent of United States Hogs Located in Drought



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Cattle Areas in Drought

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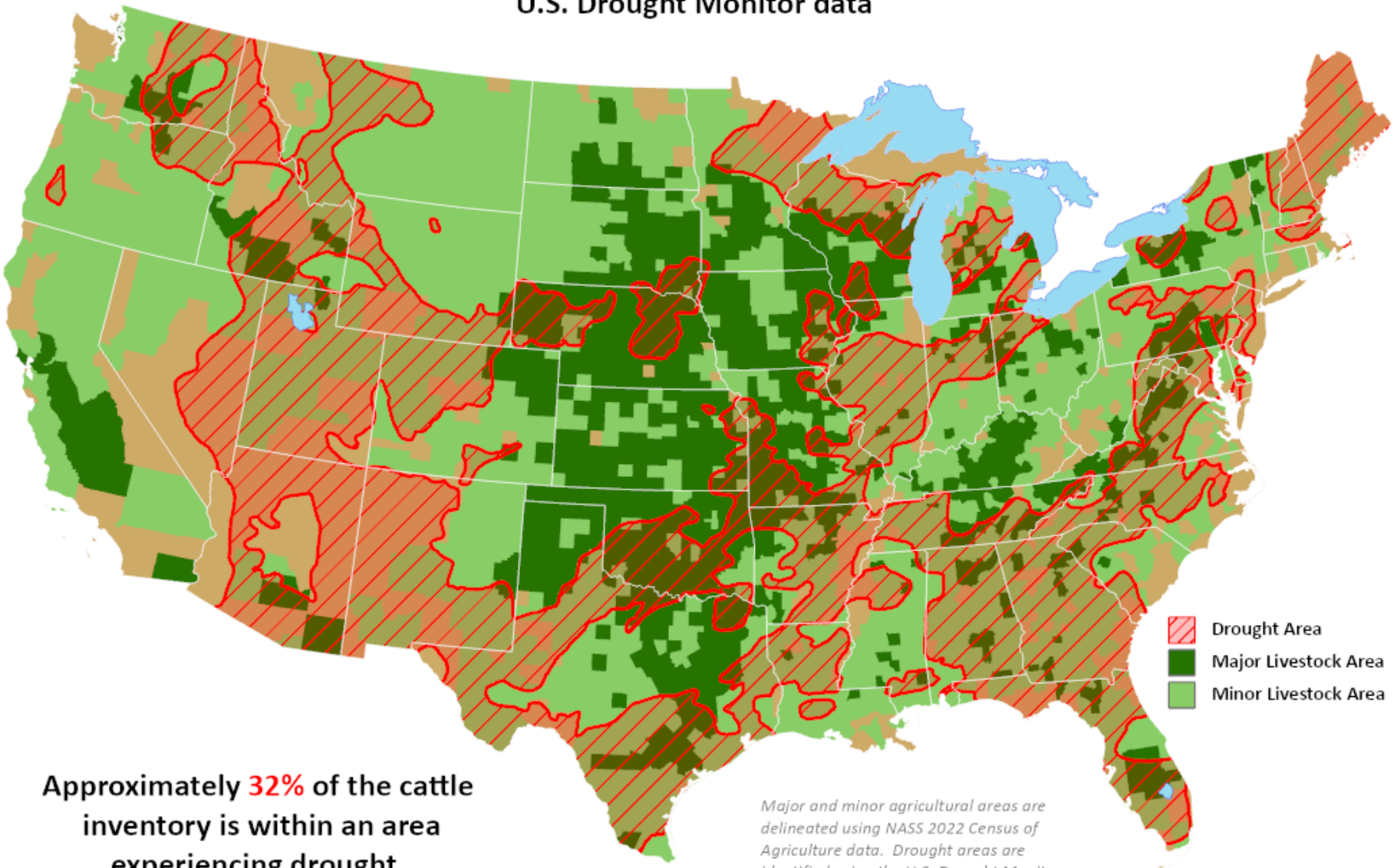
U.S. Drought Monitor data



Approximately 32% of the cattle inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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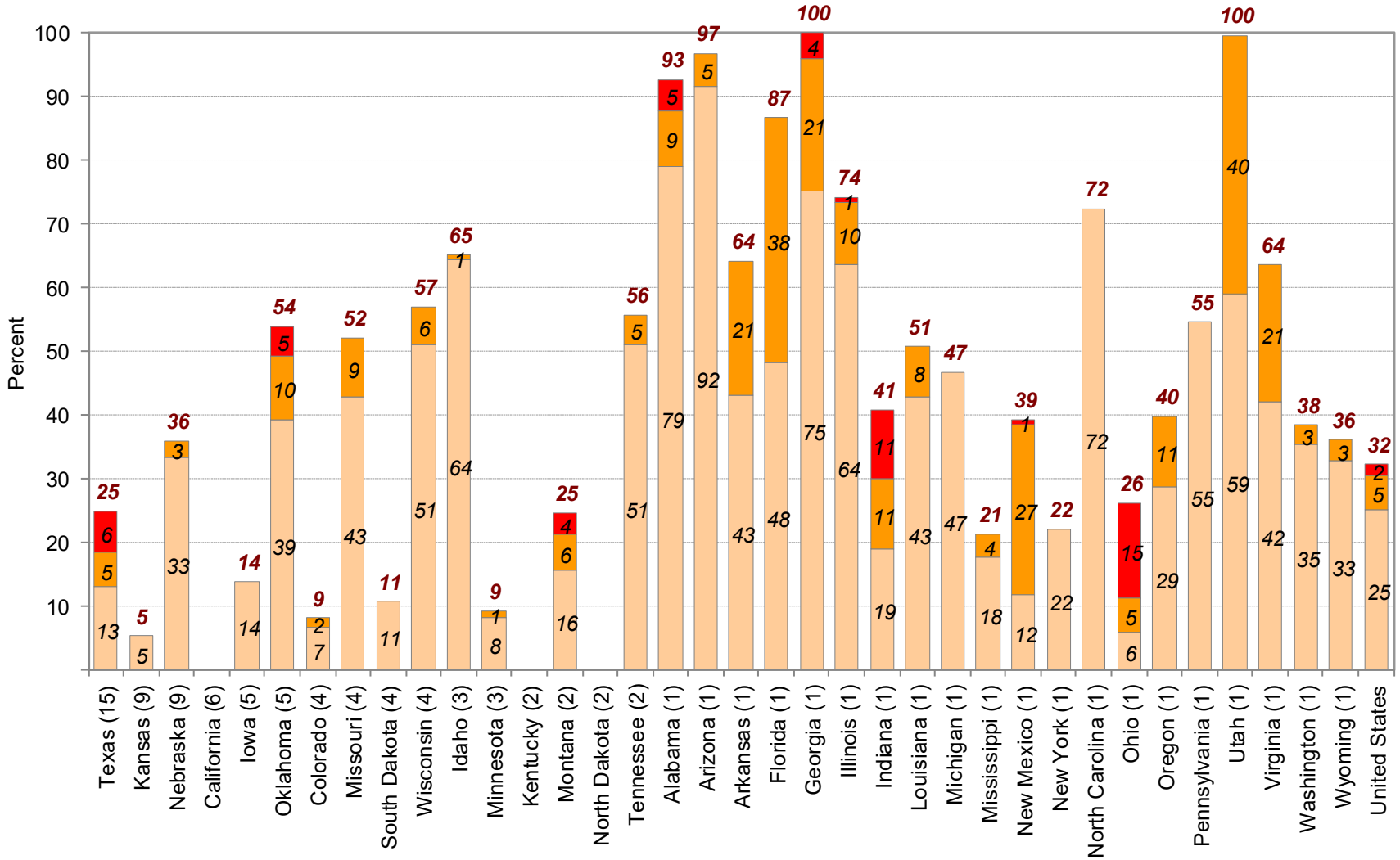
Percent of Cattle Located in Drought

December 30, 2025



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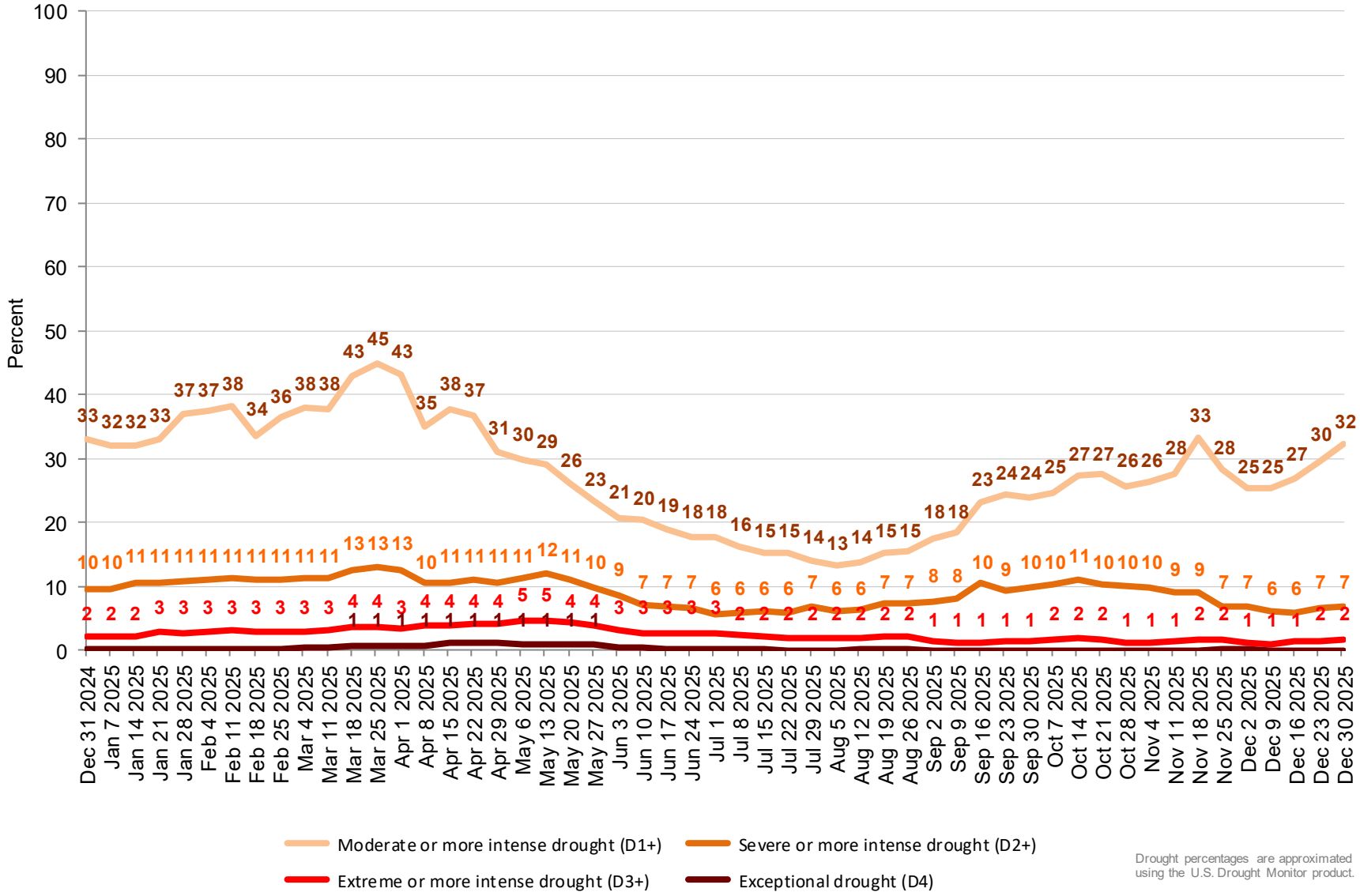
Percent of United States Cattle Located in Drought



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Milk Cow Areas in Drought

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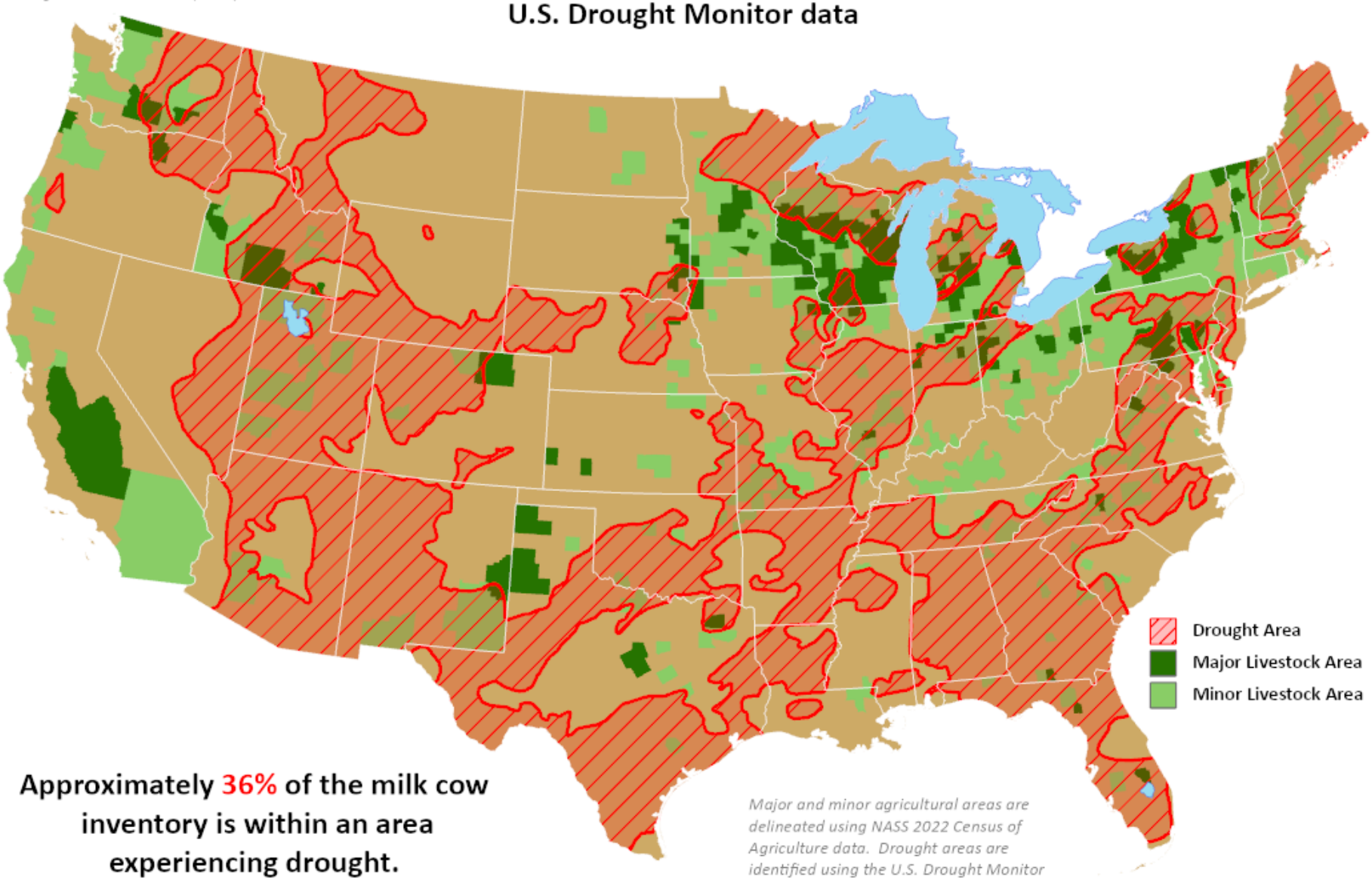

Approximately 36% of the milk cow inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Milk Cows Located in Drought

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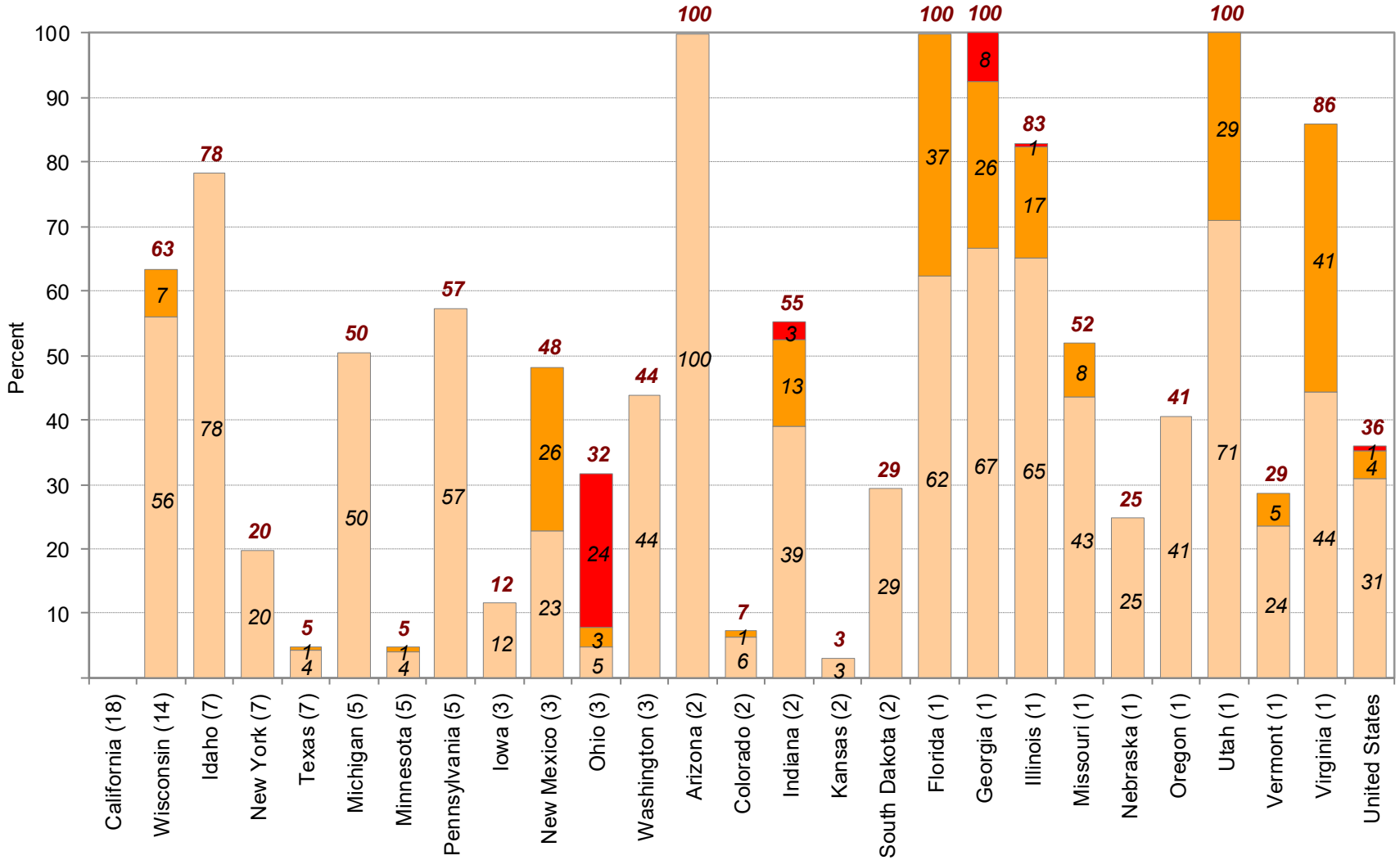

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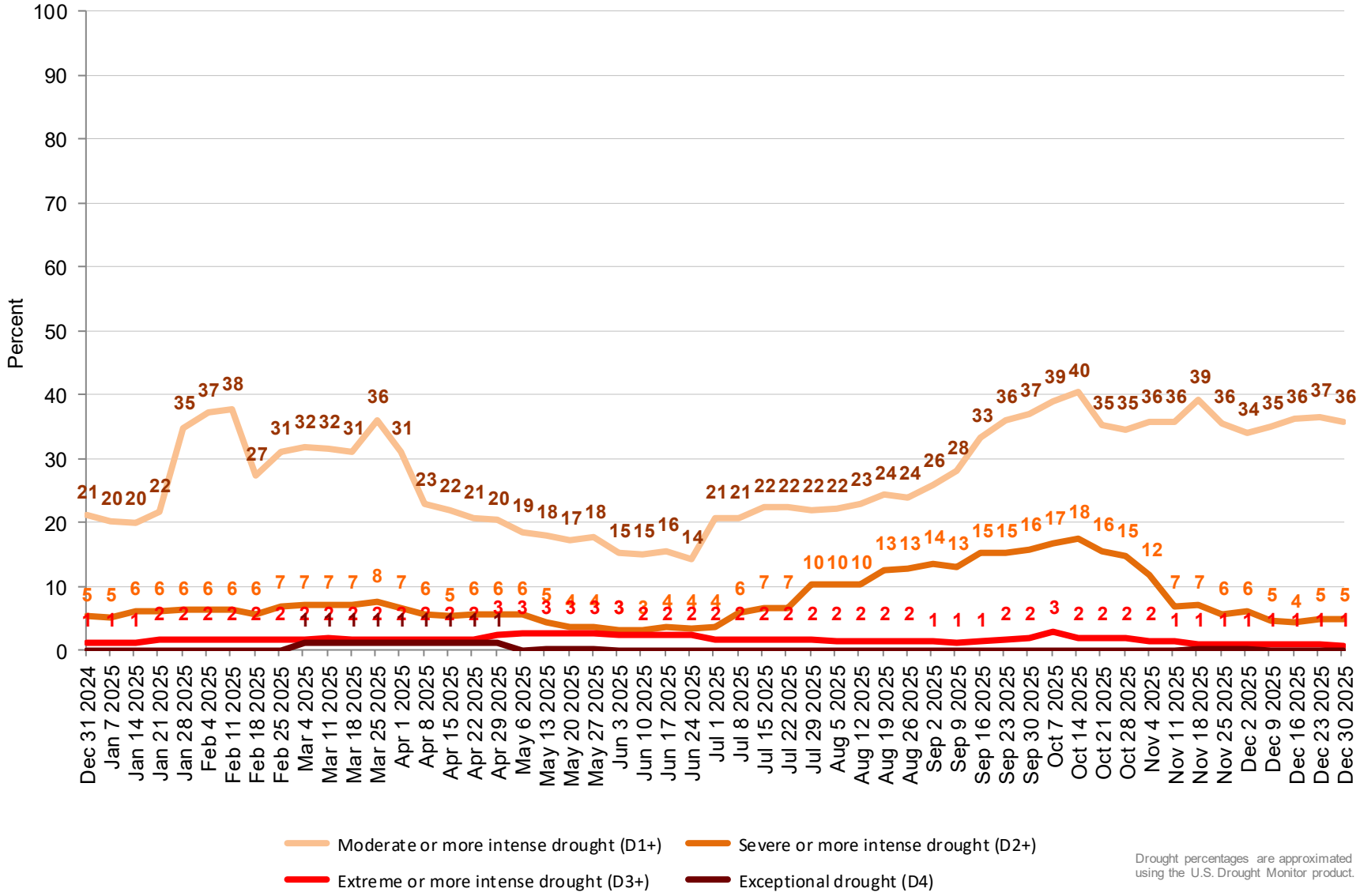
Percent of United States Milk Cows Located in Drought



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Sheep Areas in Drought

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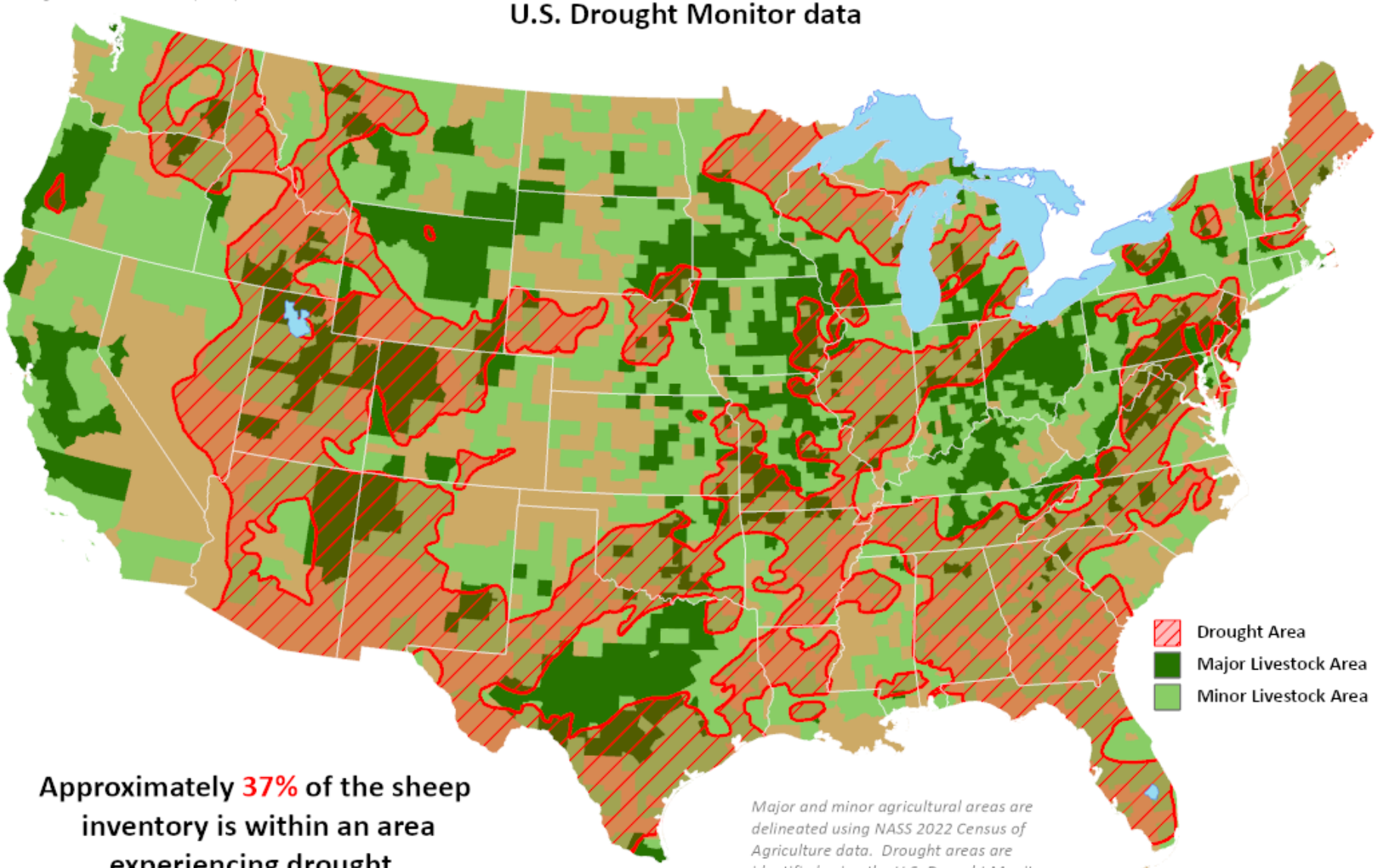

Approximately 37% of the sheep inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sheep Located in Drought

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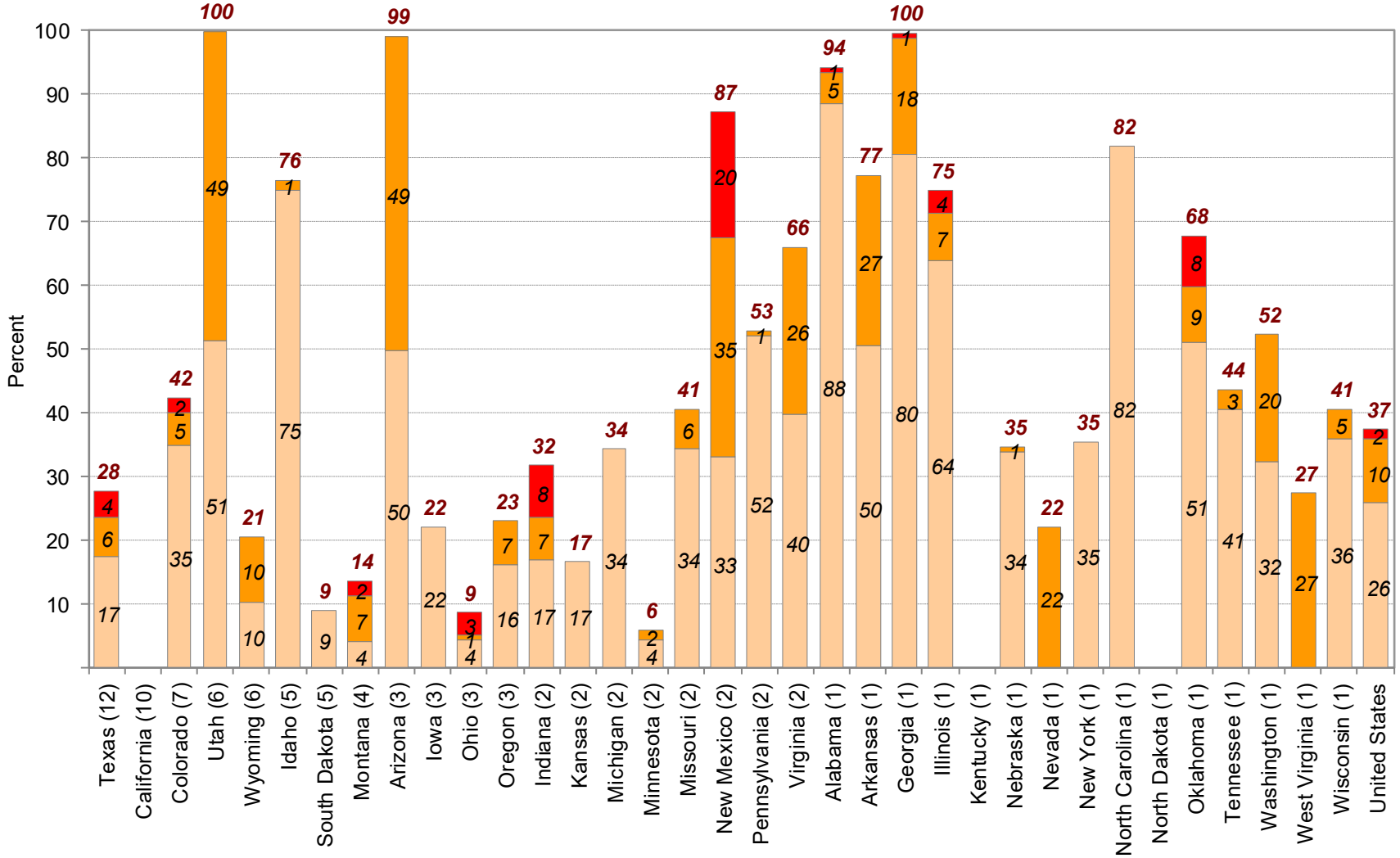

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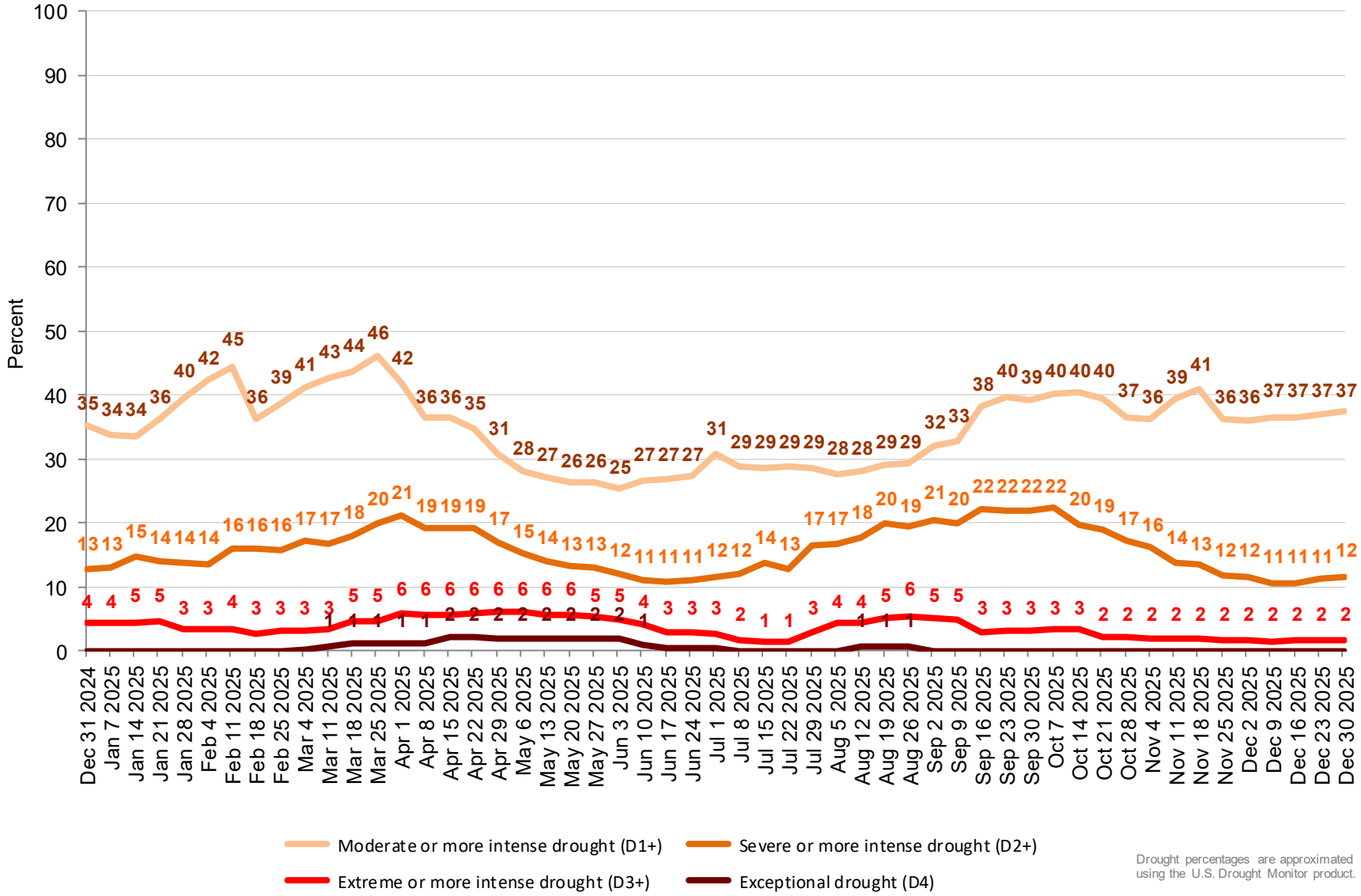

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Sugarbeet Areas in Drought

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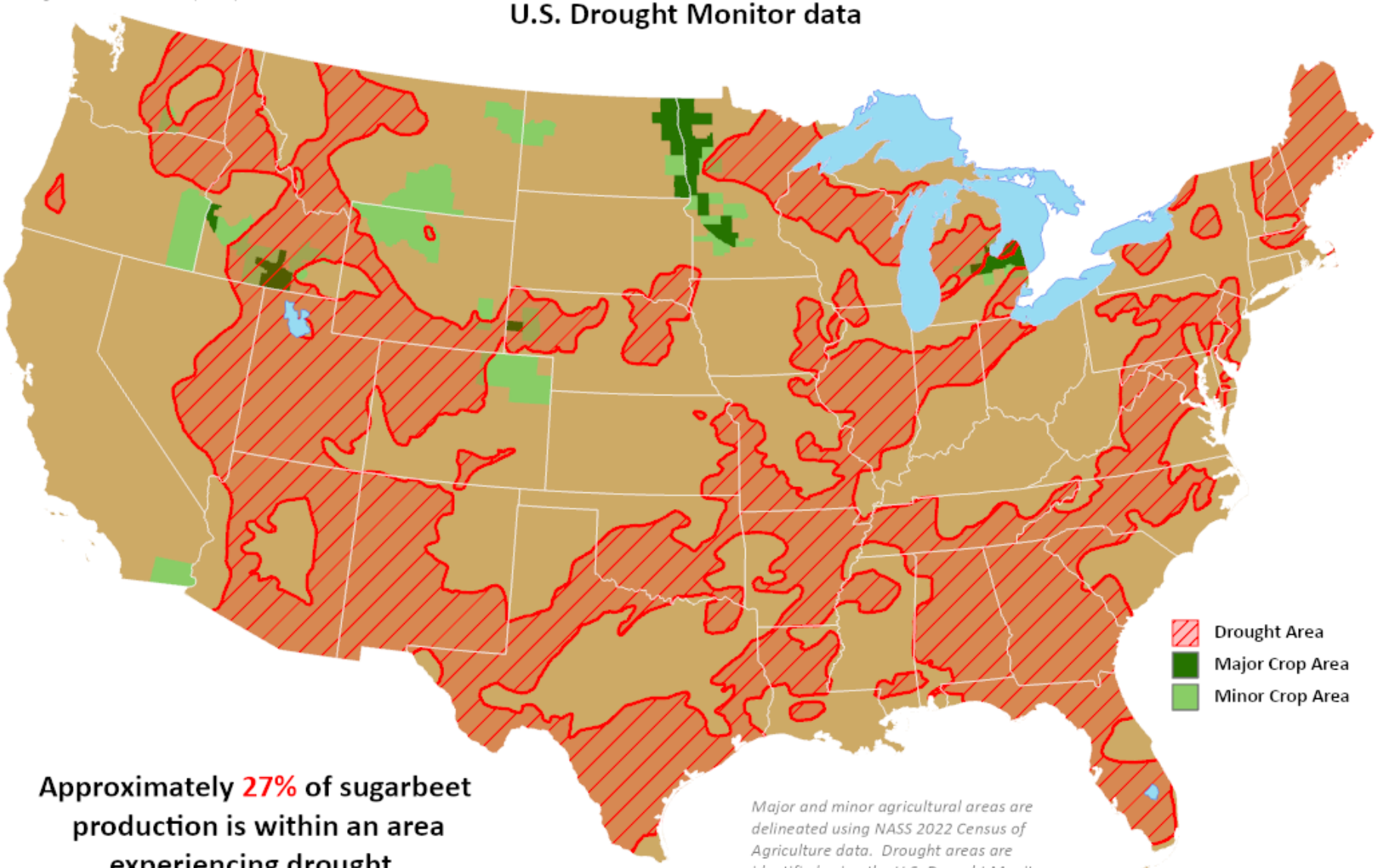

Approximately 27% of sugarbeet production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sugarbeets Located in Drought

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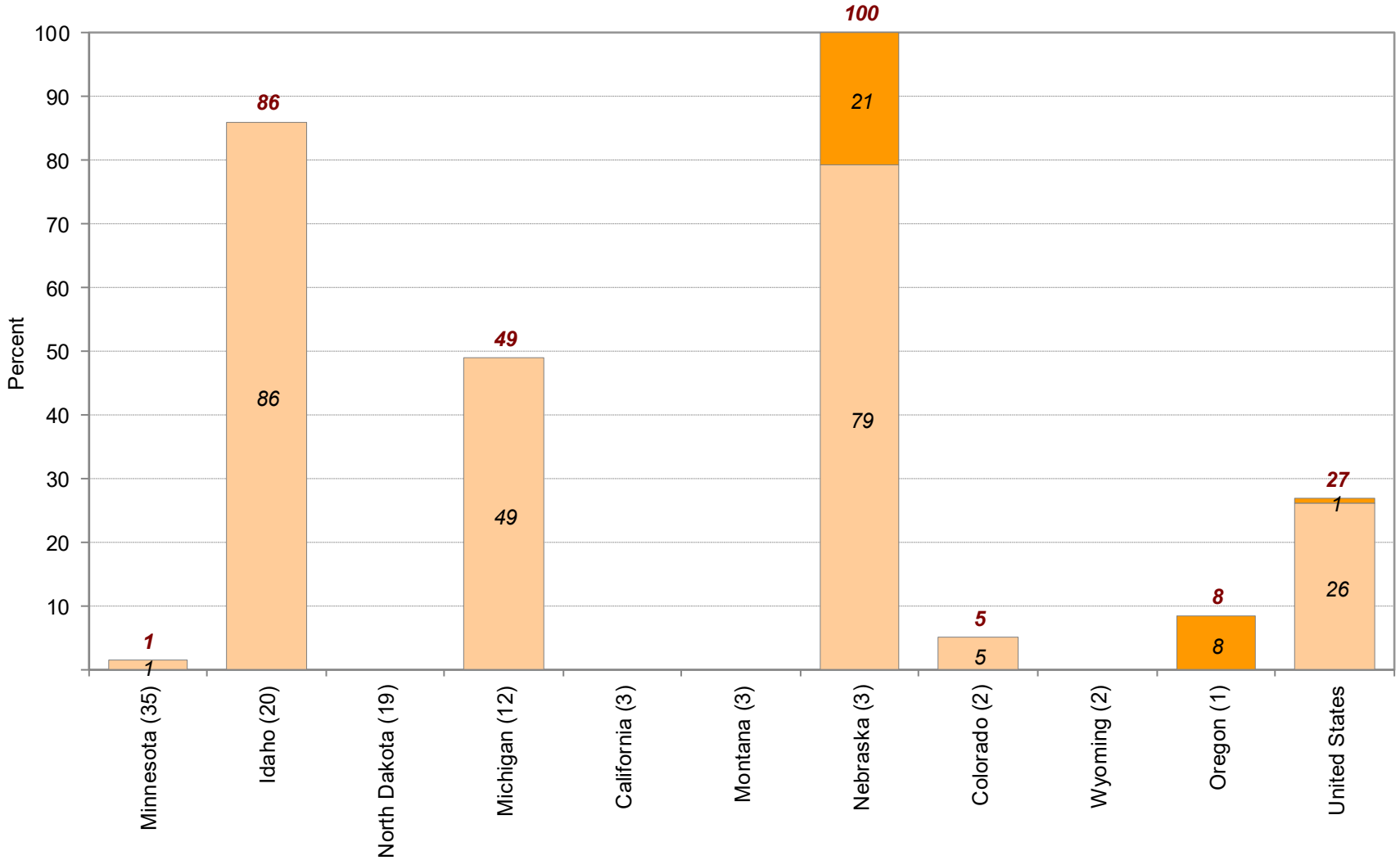

Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)

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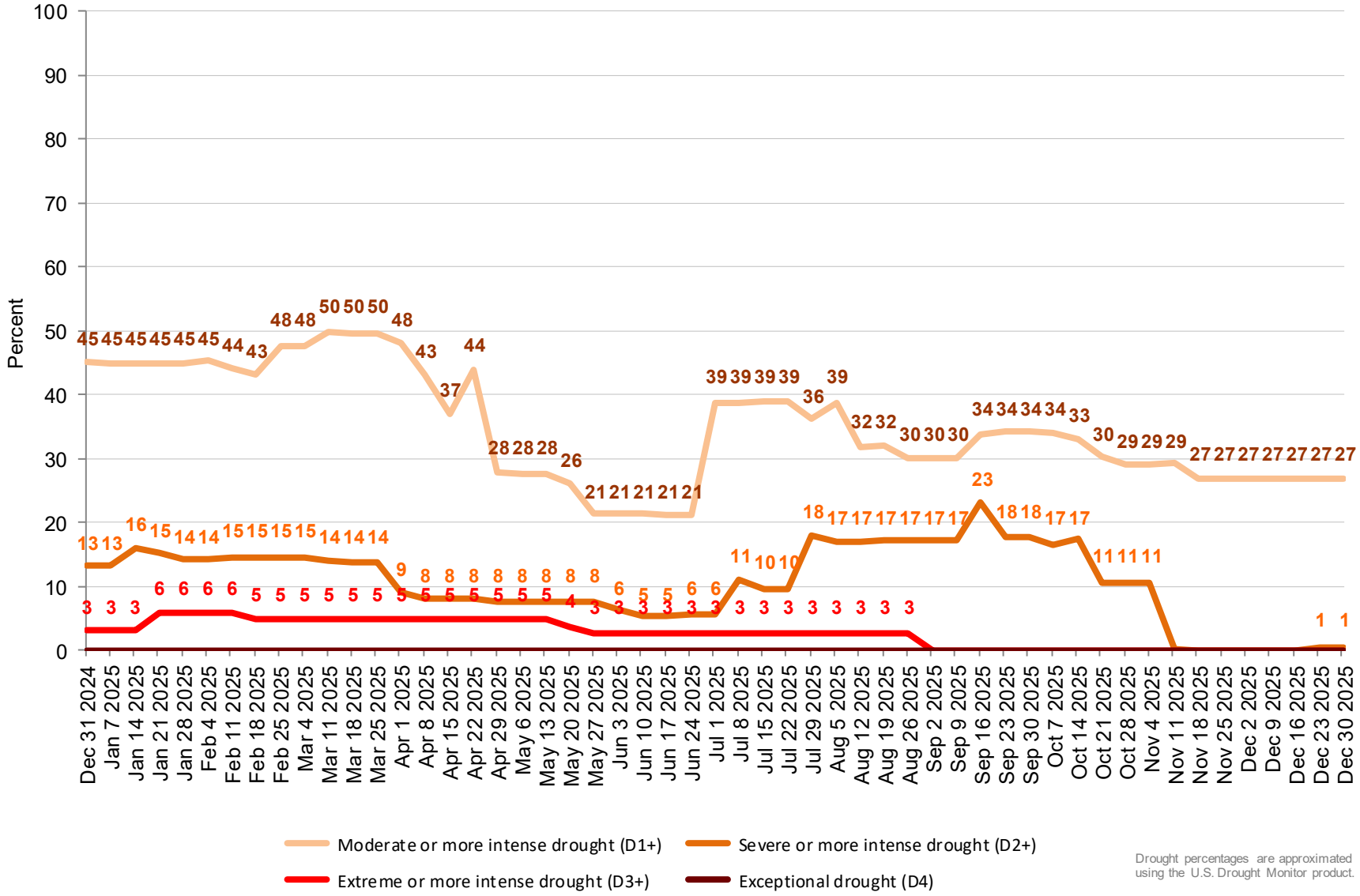
Percent of United States Sugarbeets Located in Drought



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Sugarcane Areas in Drought

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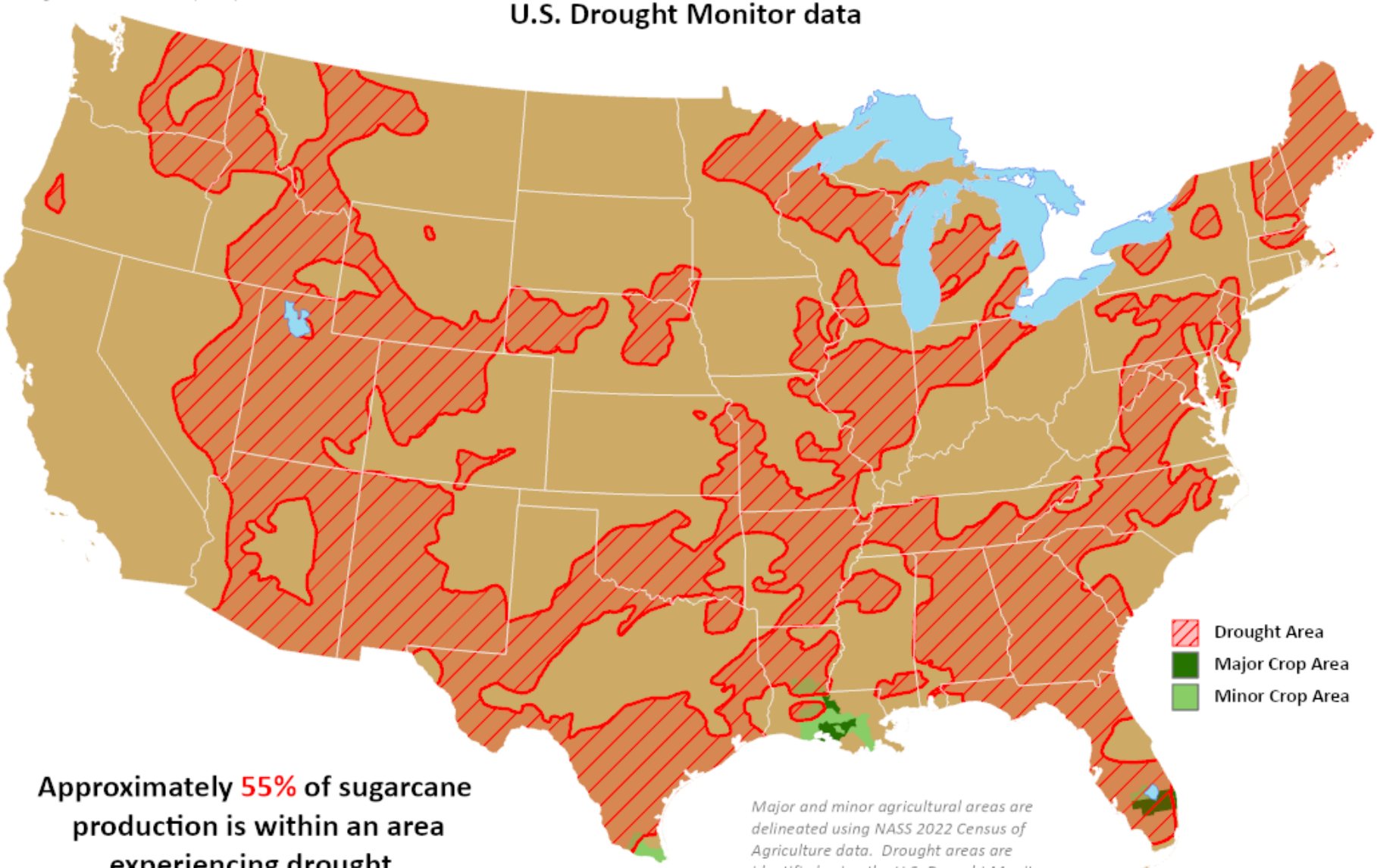

Approximately 55% of sugarcane production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sugarcane Located in Drought

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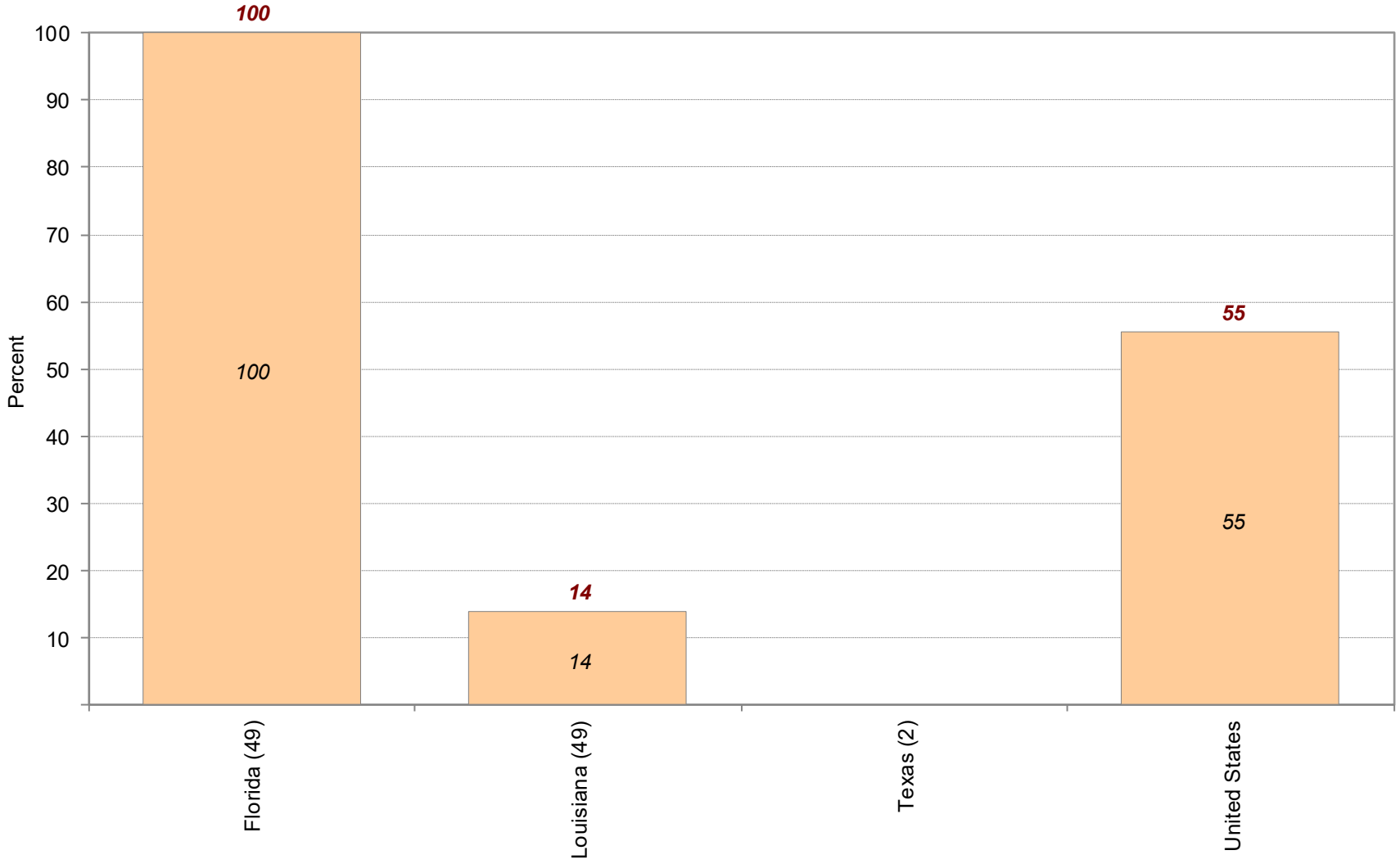

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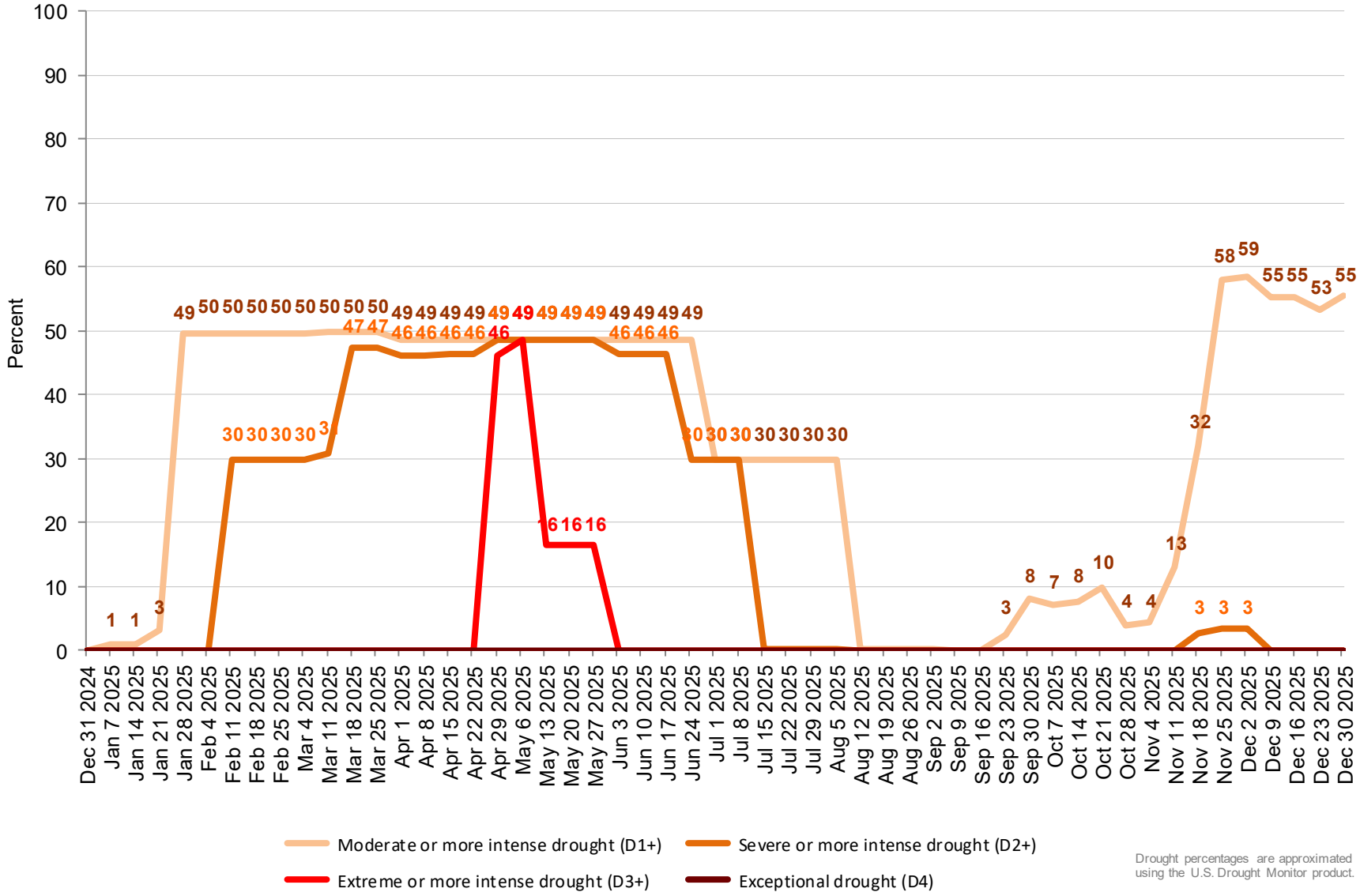

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