U.S. Drought Monitor

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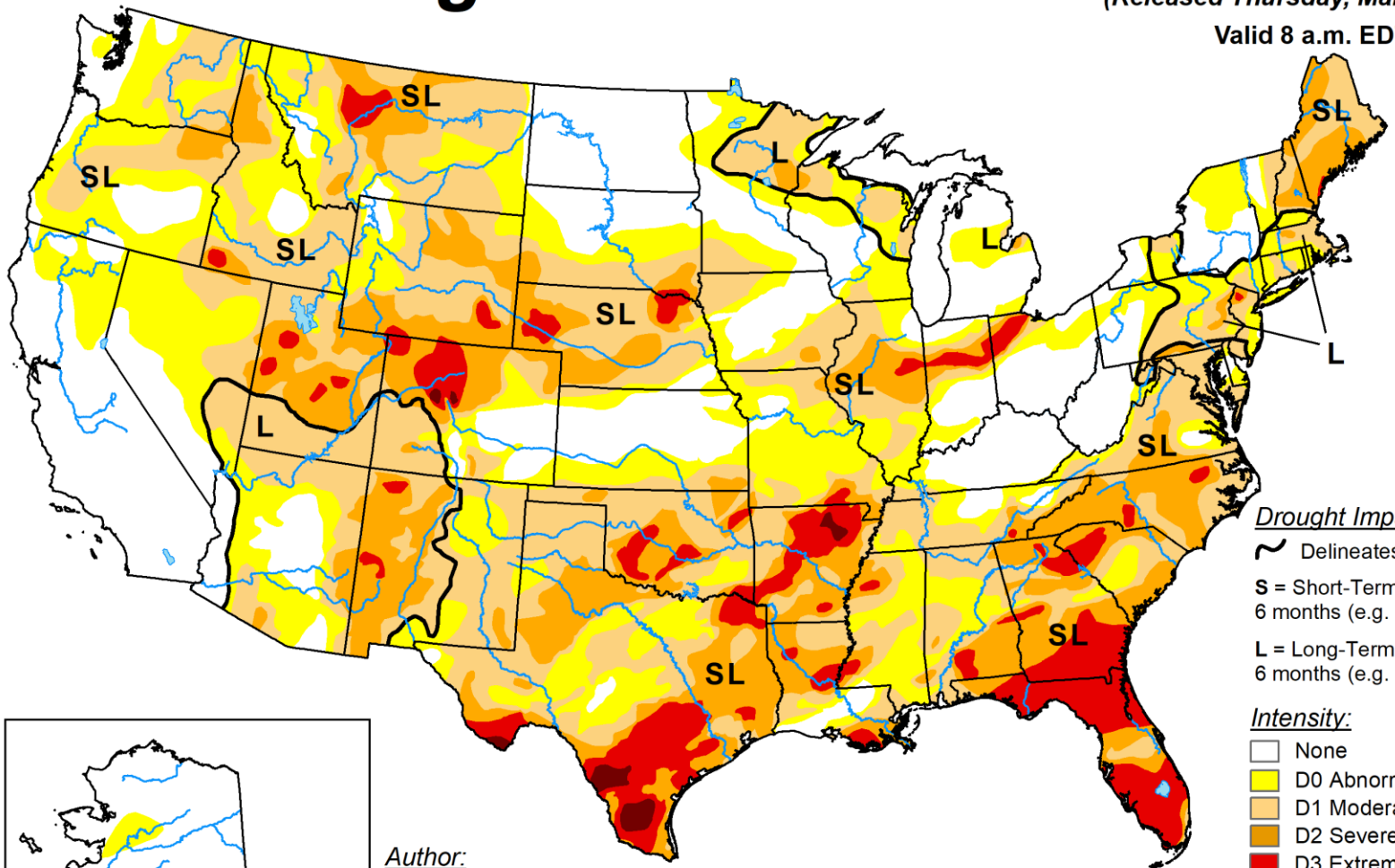

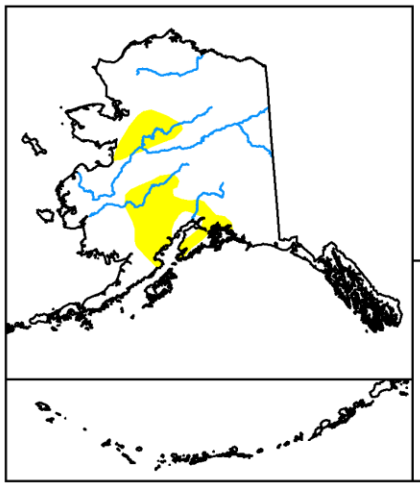

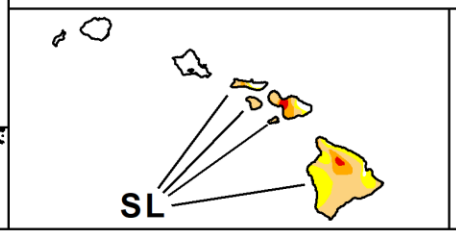

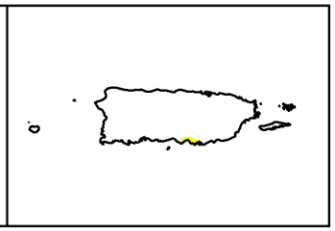

Drought Impact Types:

~ 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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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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Agriculture in Drought*

	Mar 10	Previous		Change		
	2026	Week	Year	Week	Year	
Corn	46%	51%	55%	-5%	-9%	(summer crops)
Soybeans	47%	53%	46%	-6%	1%	
Cotton	88%	89%	33%	-1%	55%	
Peanuts	94%	94%	38%	0%	56%	
Rice	79%	80%	7%	-1%	72%	
Sunflowers	6%	6%	73%	0%	-67%	
Barley	57%	57%	24%	0%	33%	
Sorghum	38%	38%	43%	0%	-5%	
Durum Wheat	27%	27%	61%	0%	-34%	
Spring Wheat	21%	19%	39%	2%	-18%	
Winter Wheat	55%	56%	27%	-1%	28%	(winter crop)
Hay	51%	54%	37%	-3%	14%	(forage)
Alfalfa Hay	42%	42%	51%	0%	-9%	
Cattle	54%	57%	38%	-3%	16%	(livestock)
Milk Cows	36%	38%	32%	-2%	4%	
Hogs	58%	62%	69%	-4%	-11%	
Sheep	53%	54%	43%	-1%	10%	
Sugarbeets	31%	31%	50%	0%	-19%	(sugar)
Sugarcane	71%	77%	50%	-6%	21%	

*** 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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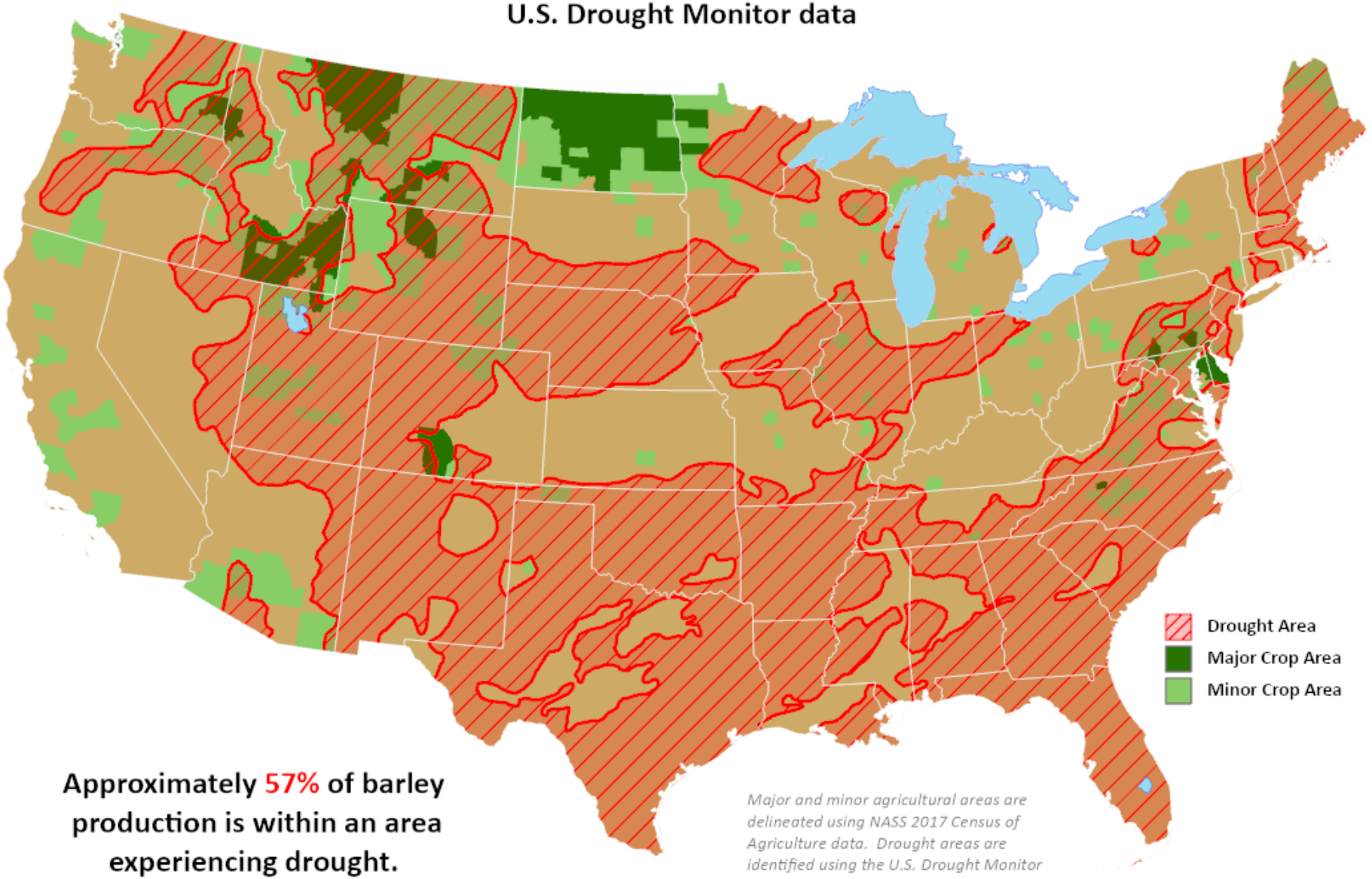

Approximately 57% of barley production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Barley Located in Drought

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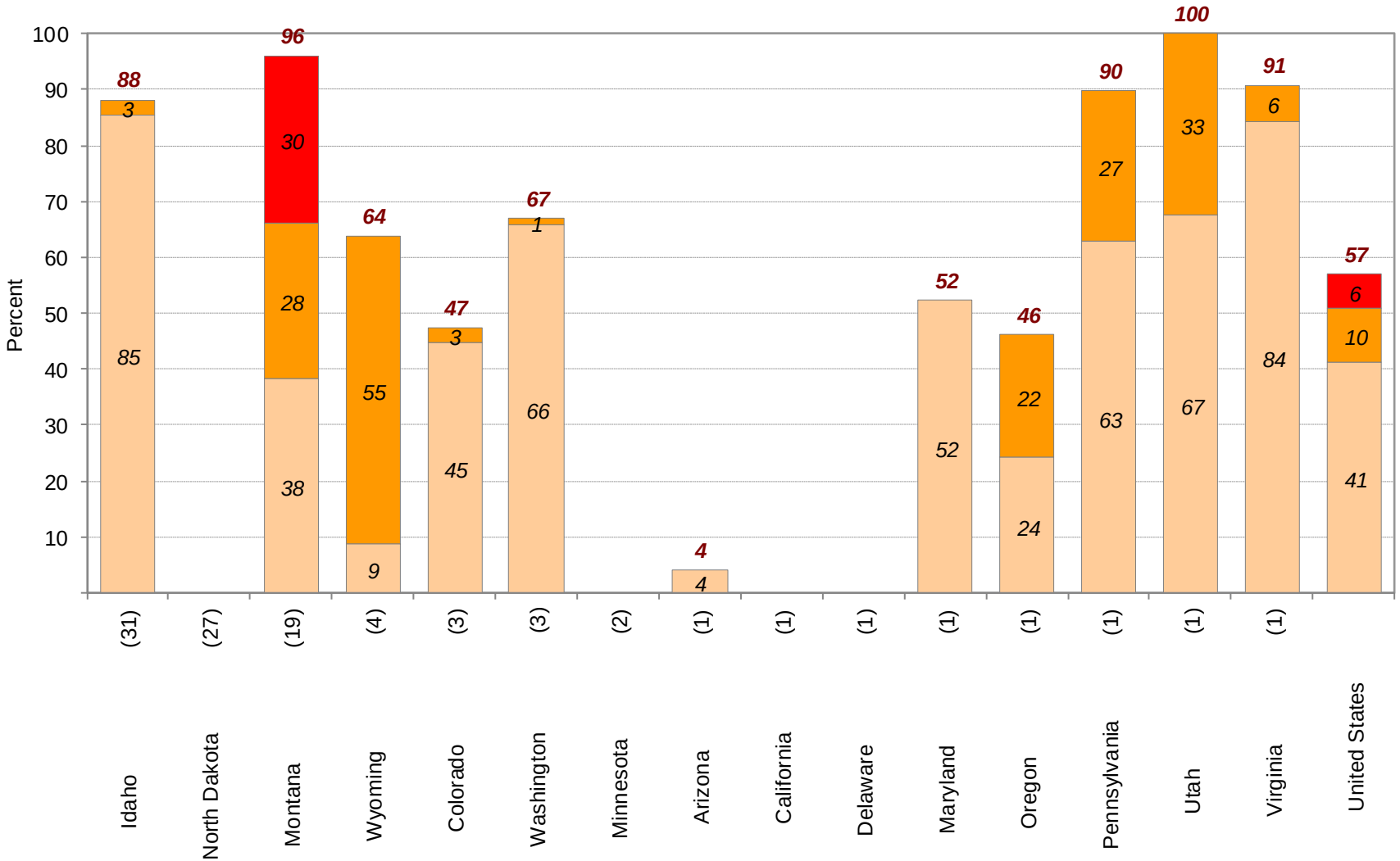

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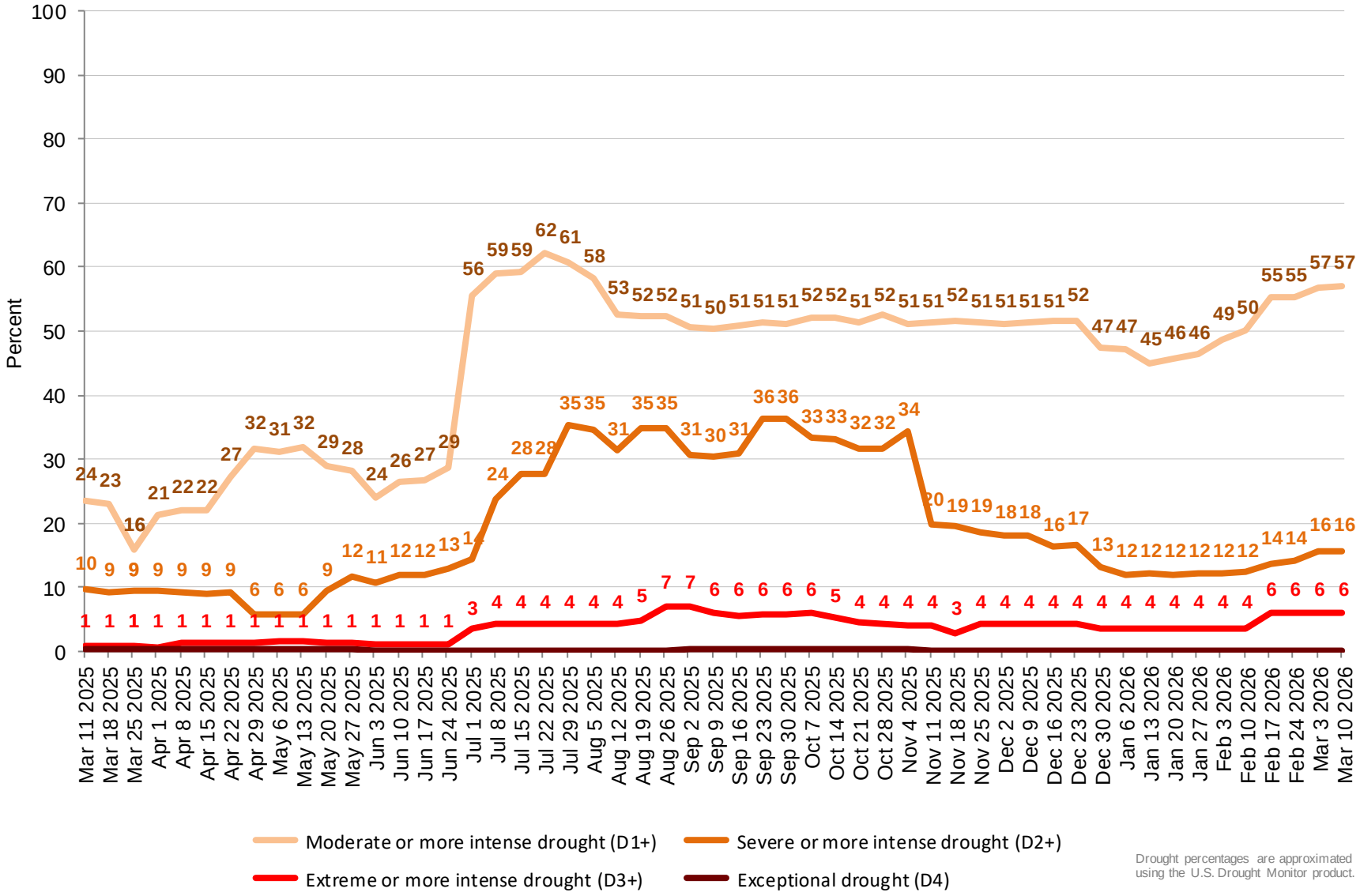
Percent of United States Barley Located in Drought



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Corn Areas in Drought

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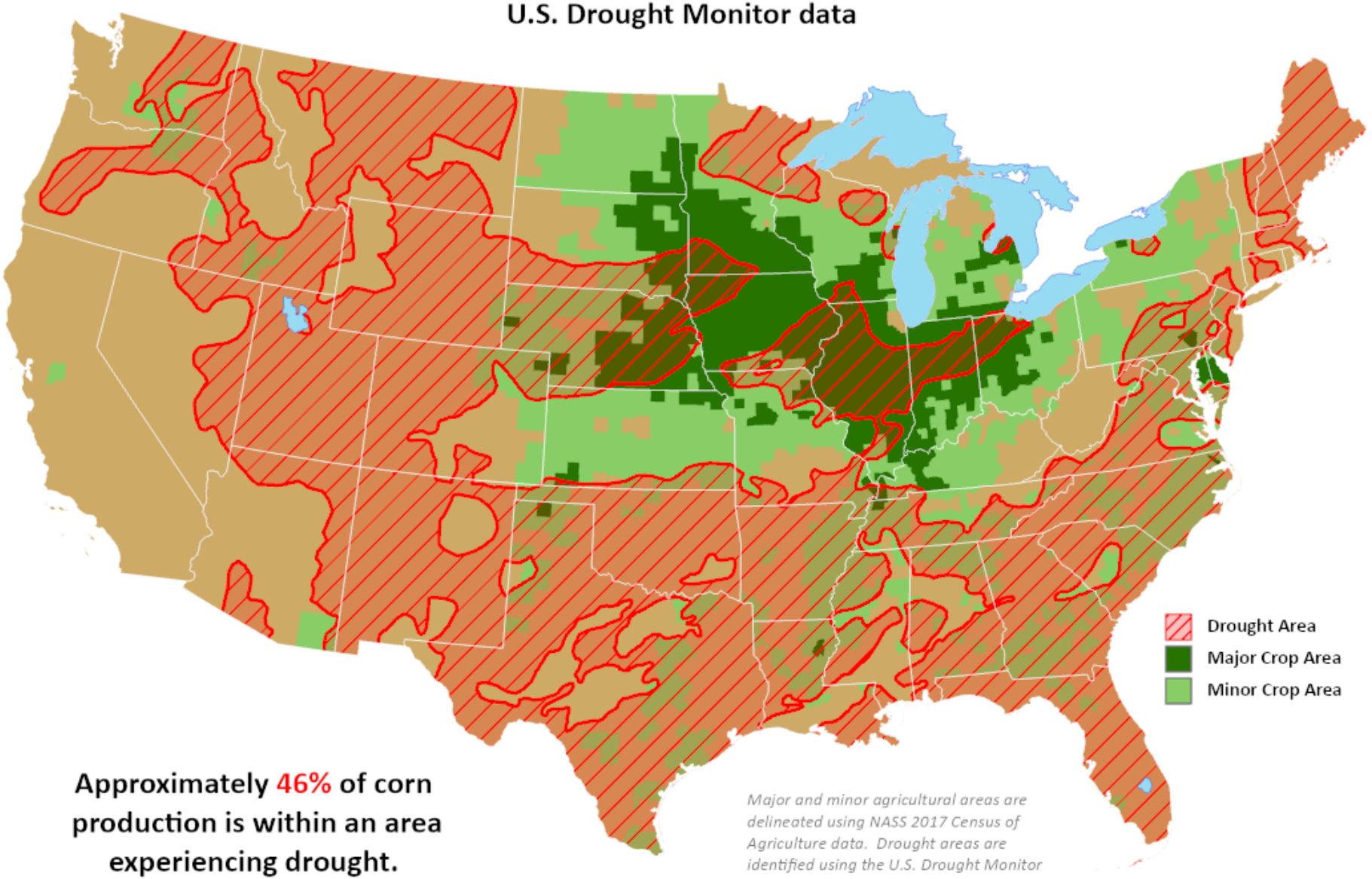

Approximately 46% of corn production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Corn Located in Drought

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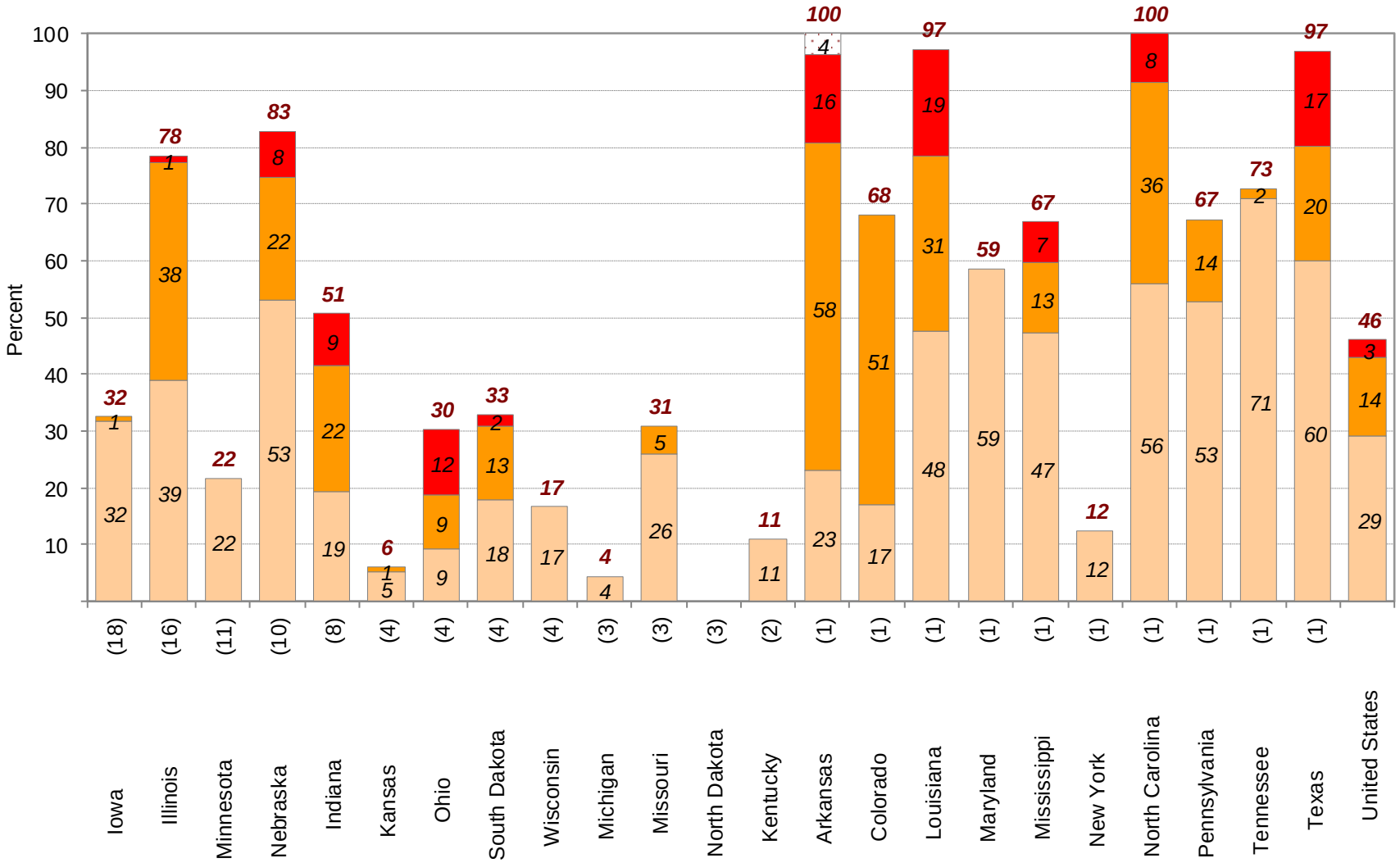

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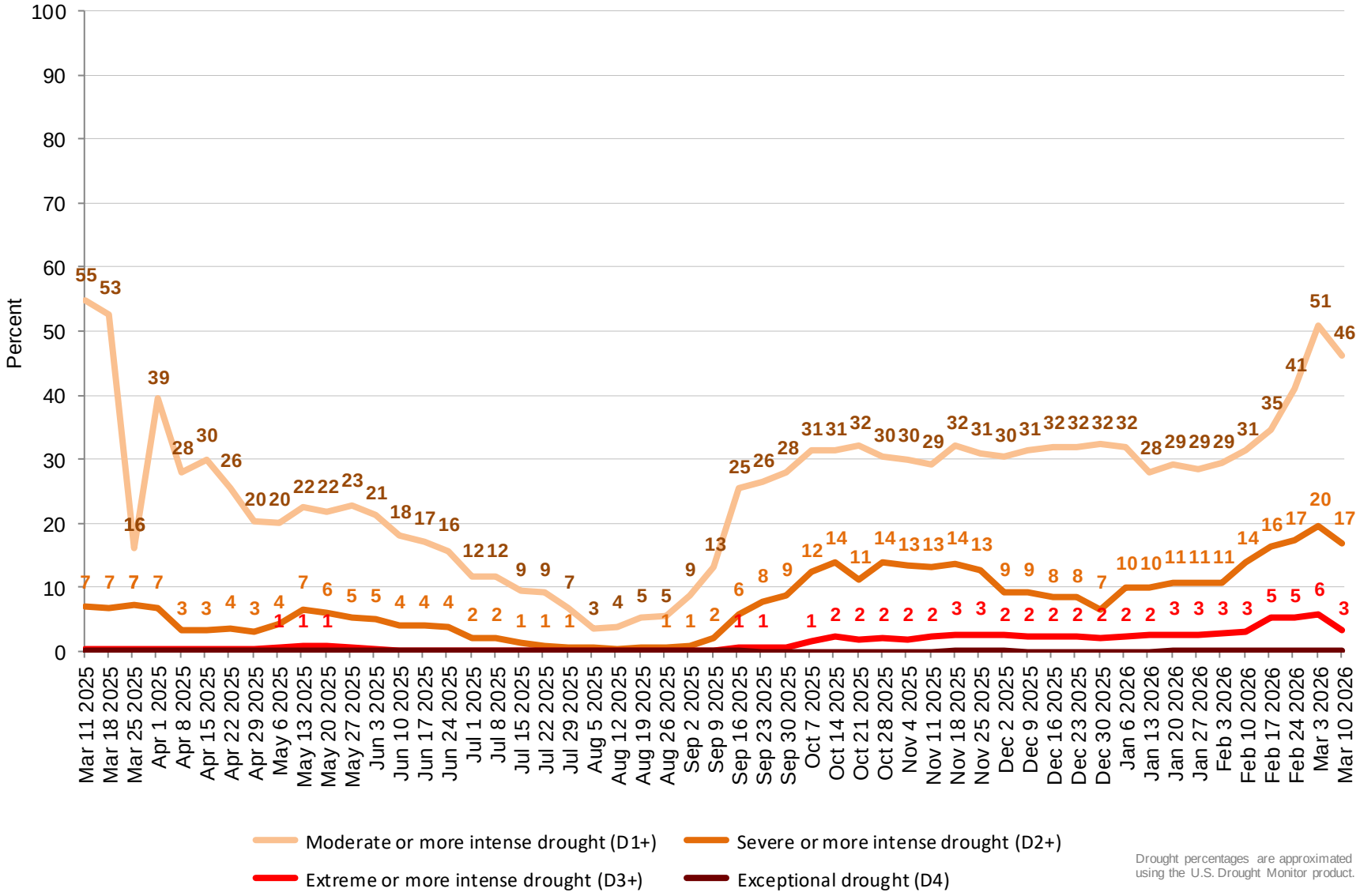

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Cotton Areas in Drought

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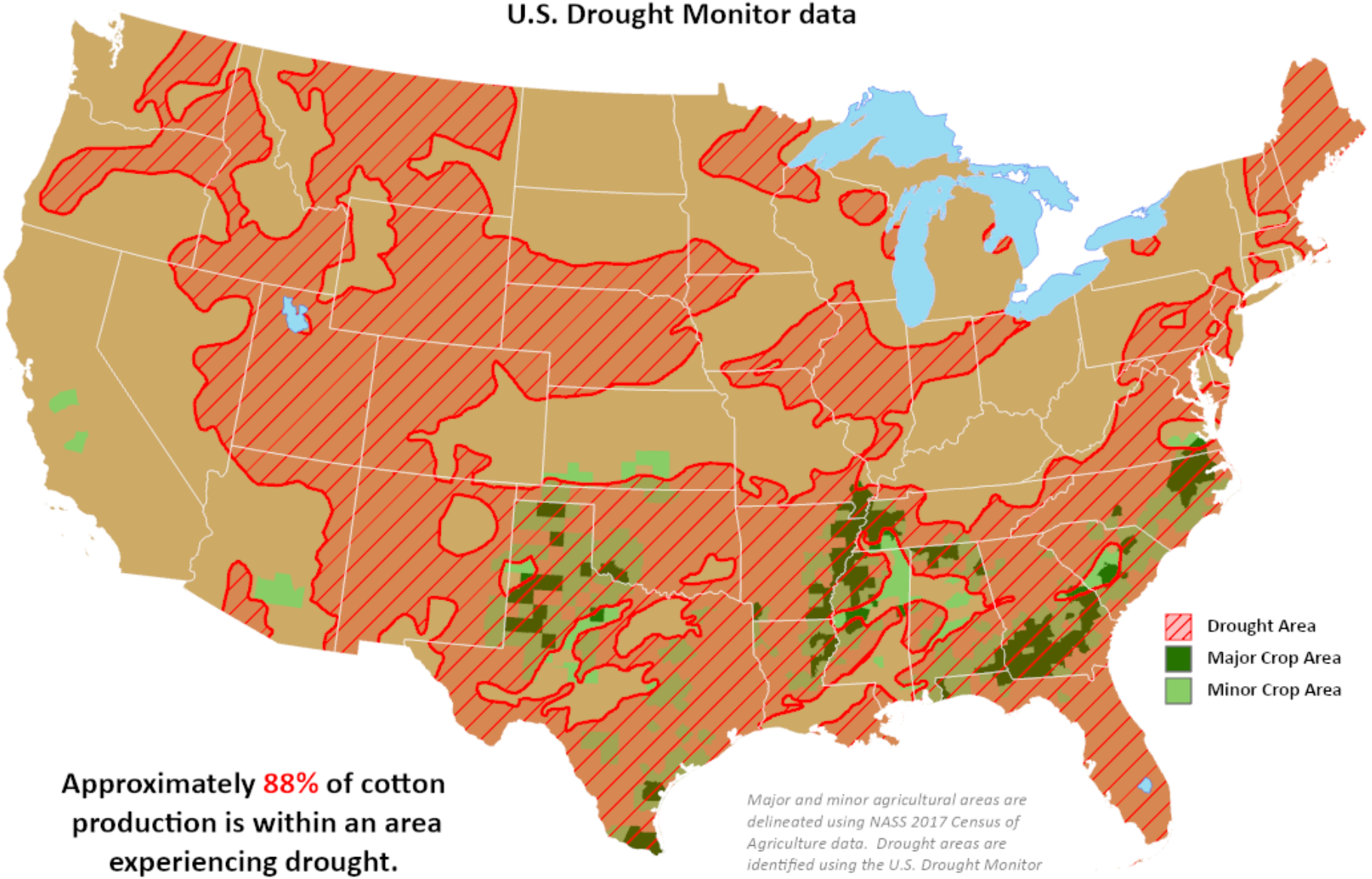

Approximately 88% of cotton production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Cotton Located in Drought

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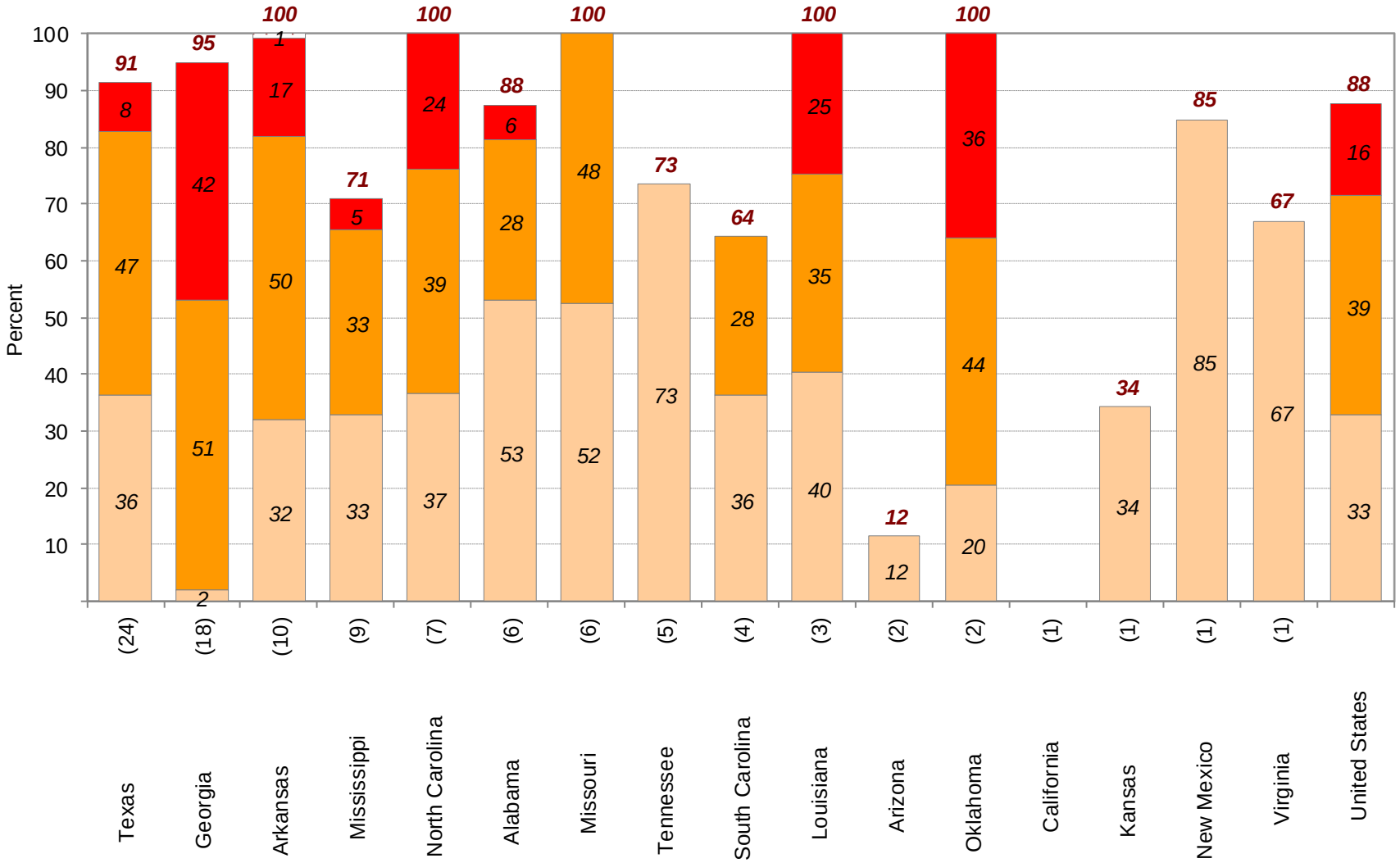

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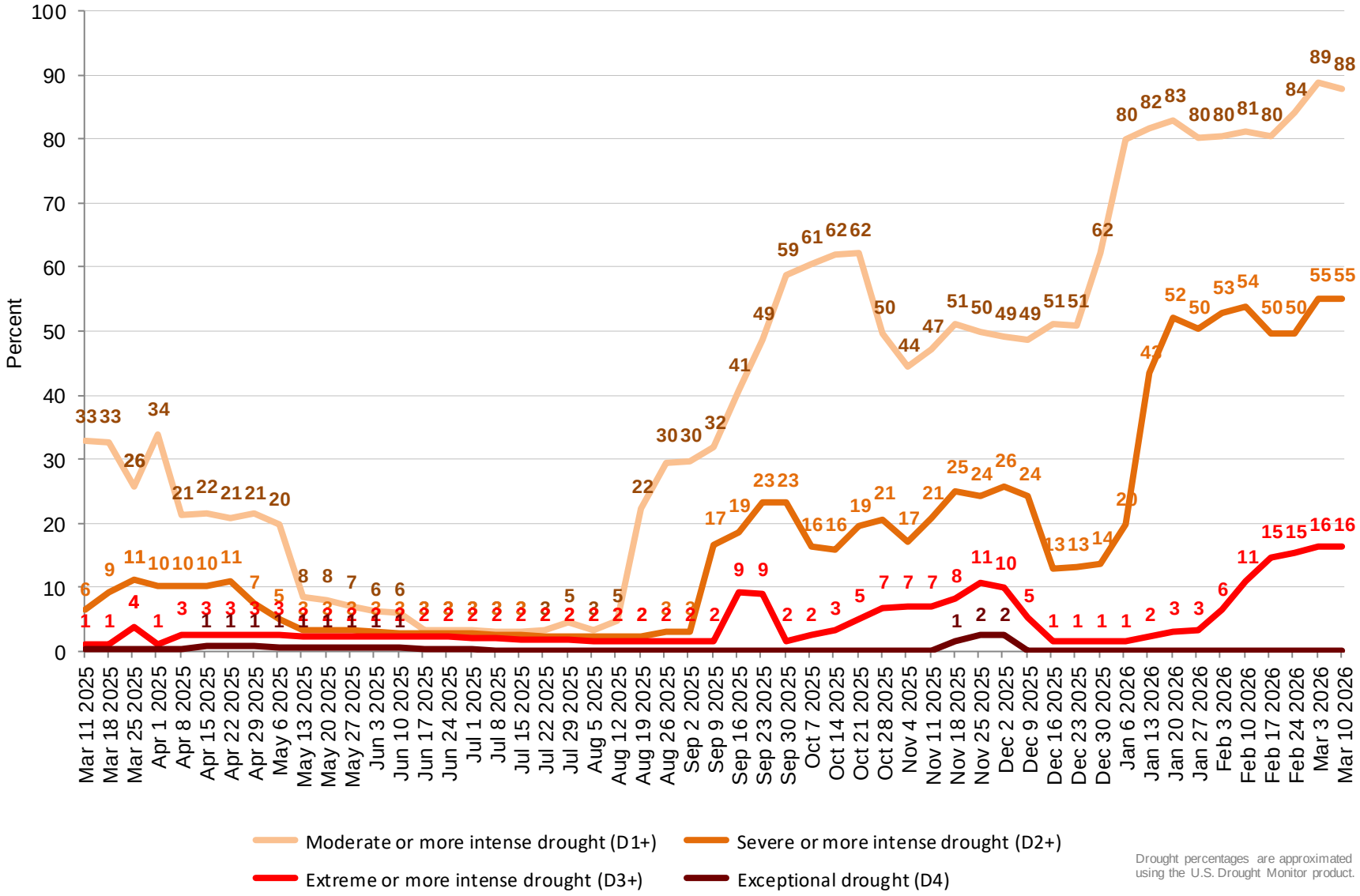

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Peanut Areas in Drought

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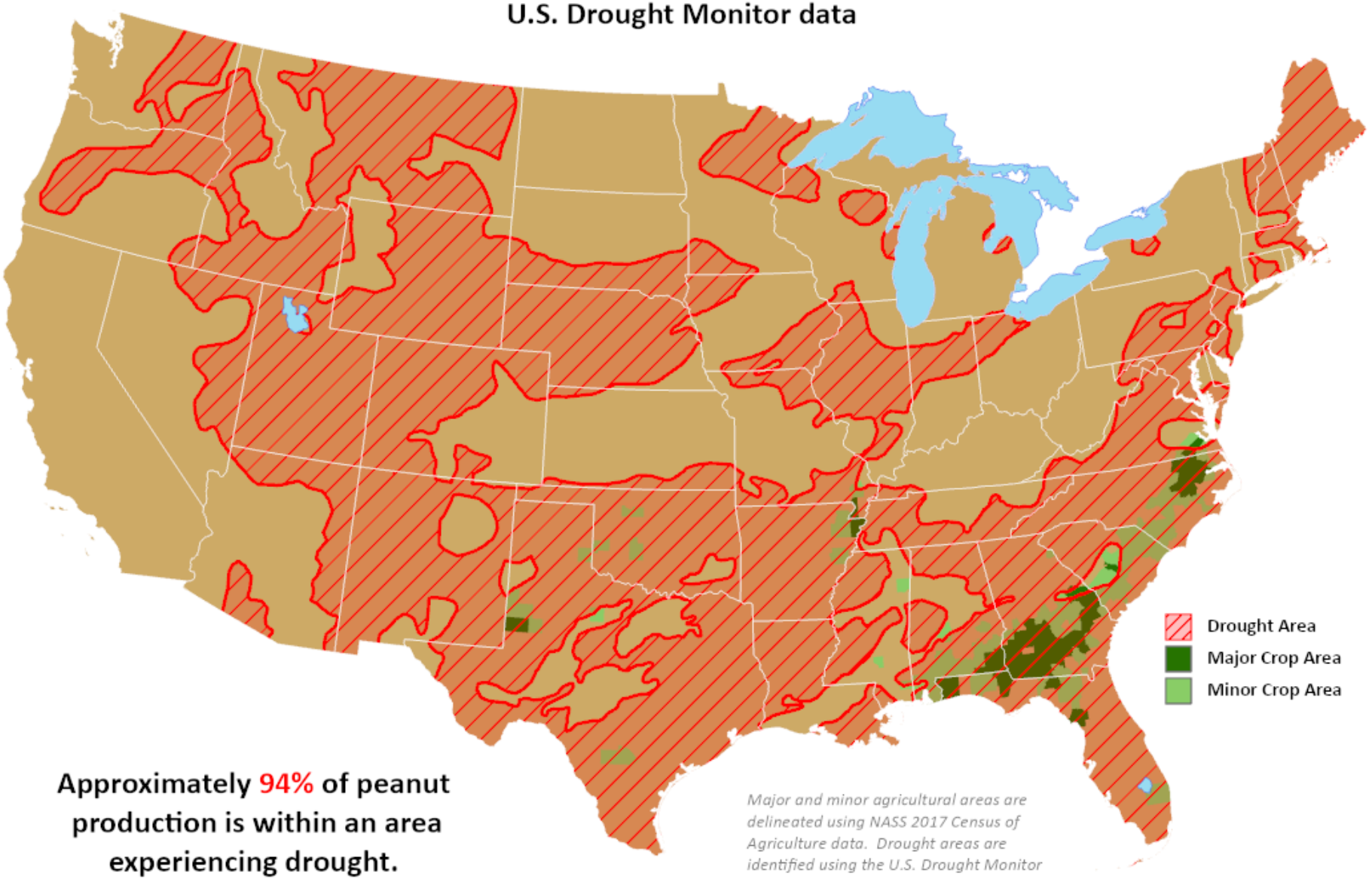

Approximately 94% of peanut production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Peanuts Located in Drought

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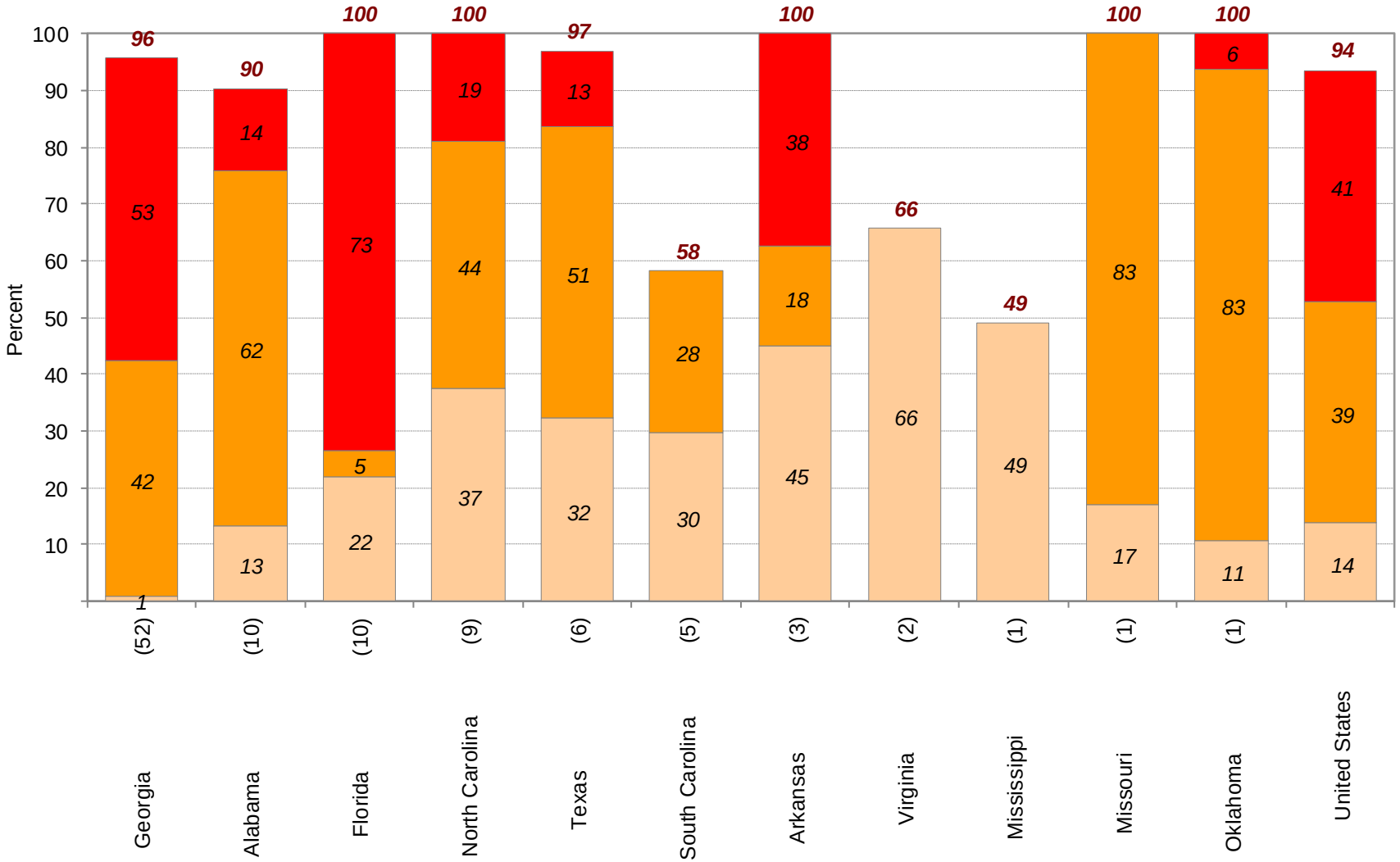

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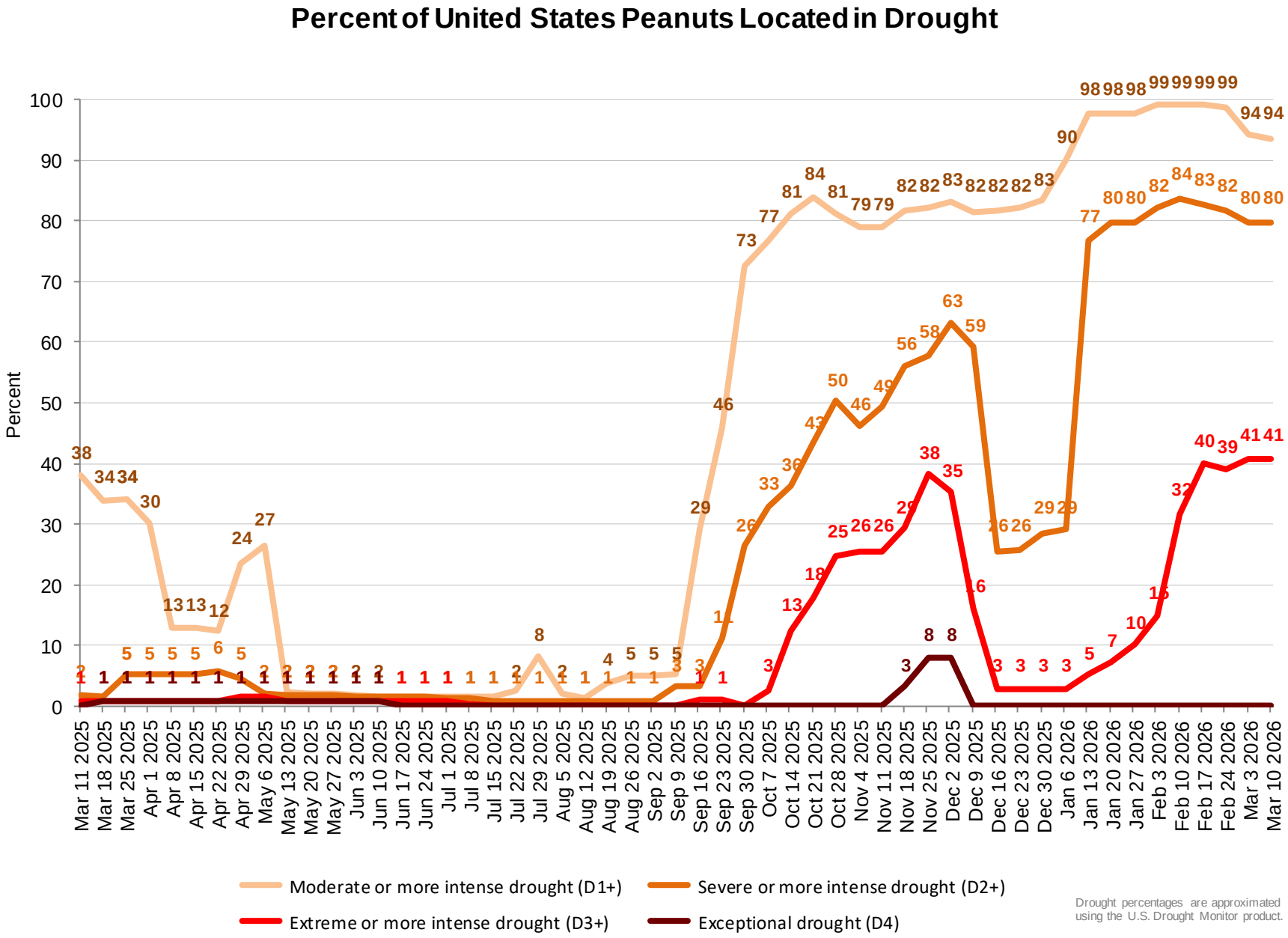
Percent of United States Peanuts Located in Drought
Percent
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Jan 27 2026
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Feb 17 2026
Feb 24 2026
Mar 3 2026
Mar 10 2026
Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
Exceptional drought (D4)
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Rice Areas in Drought

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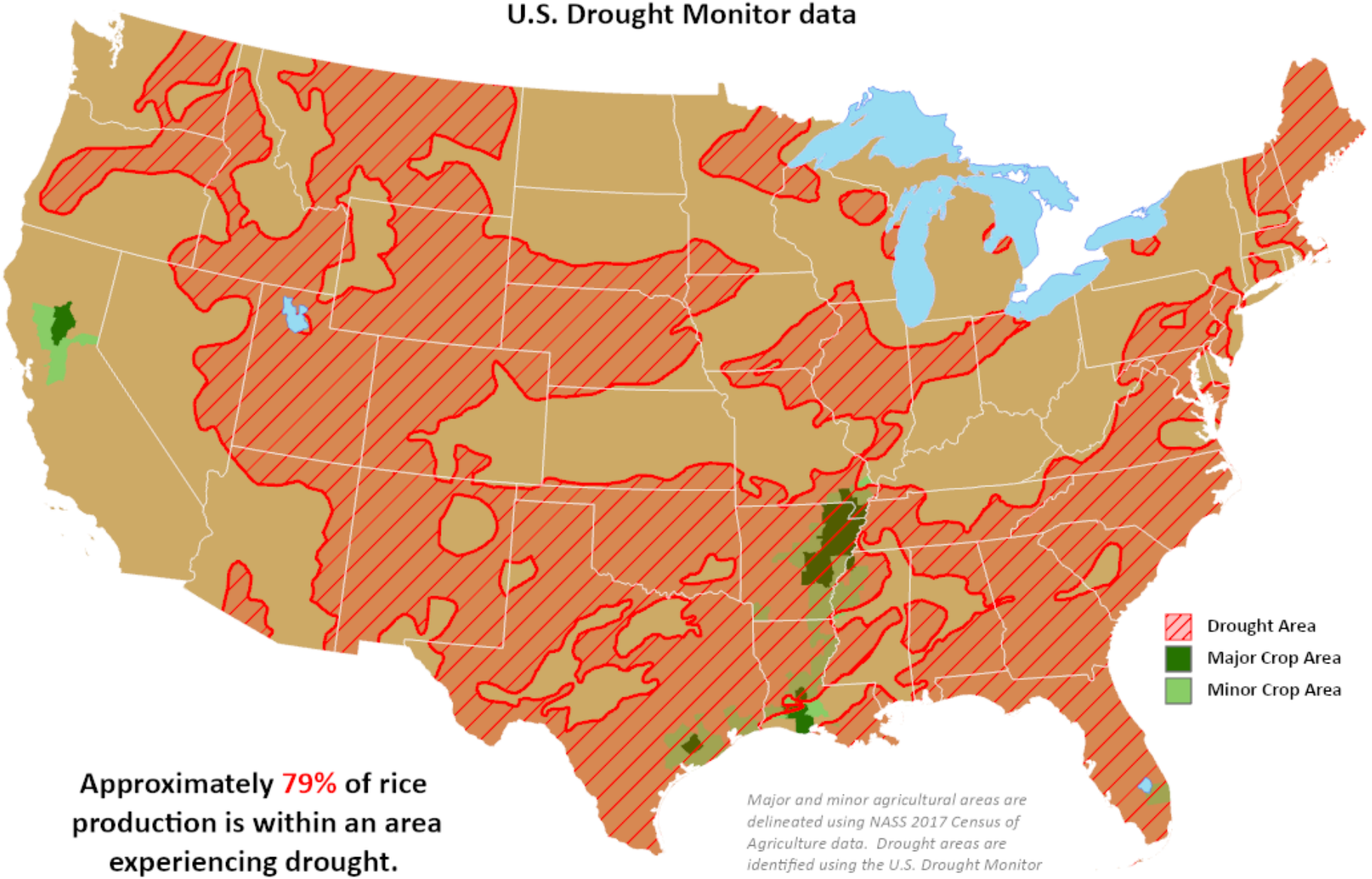

Approximately 79% of rice production is within an area experiencing drought.

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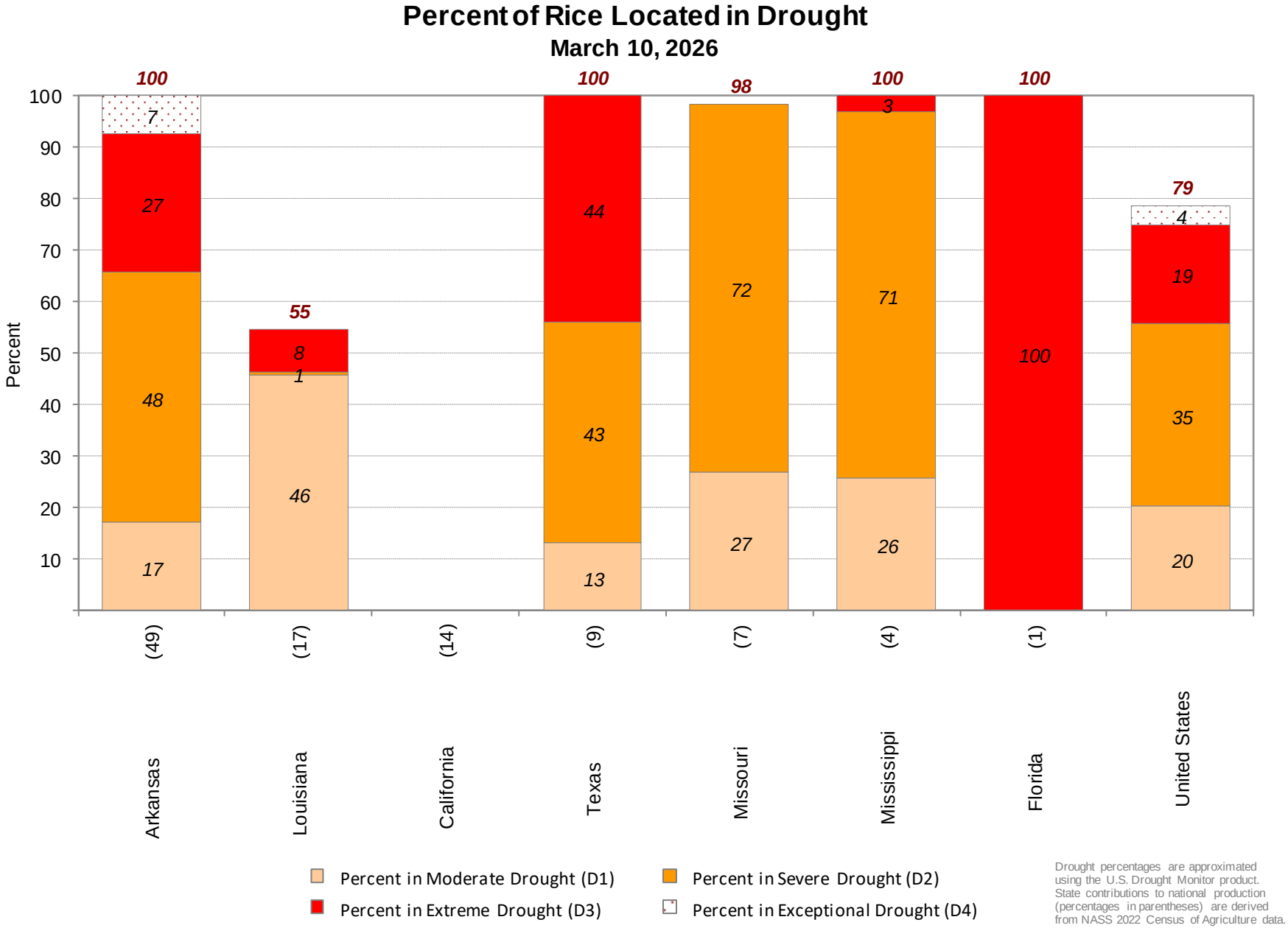

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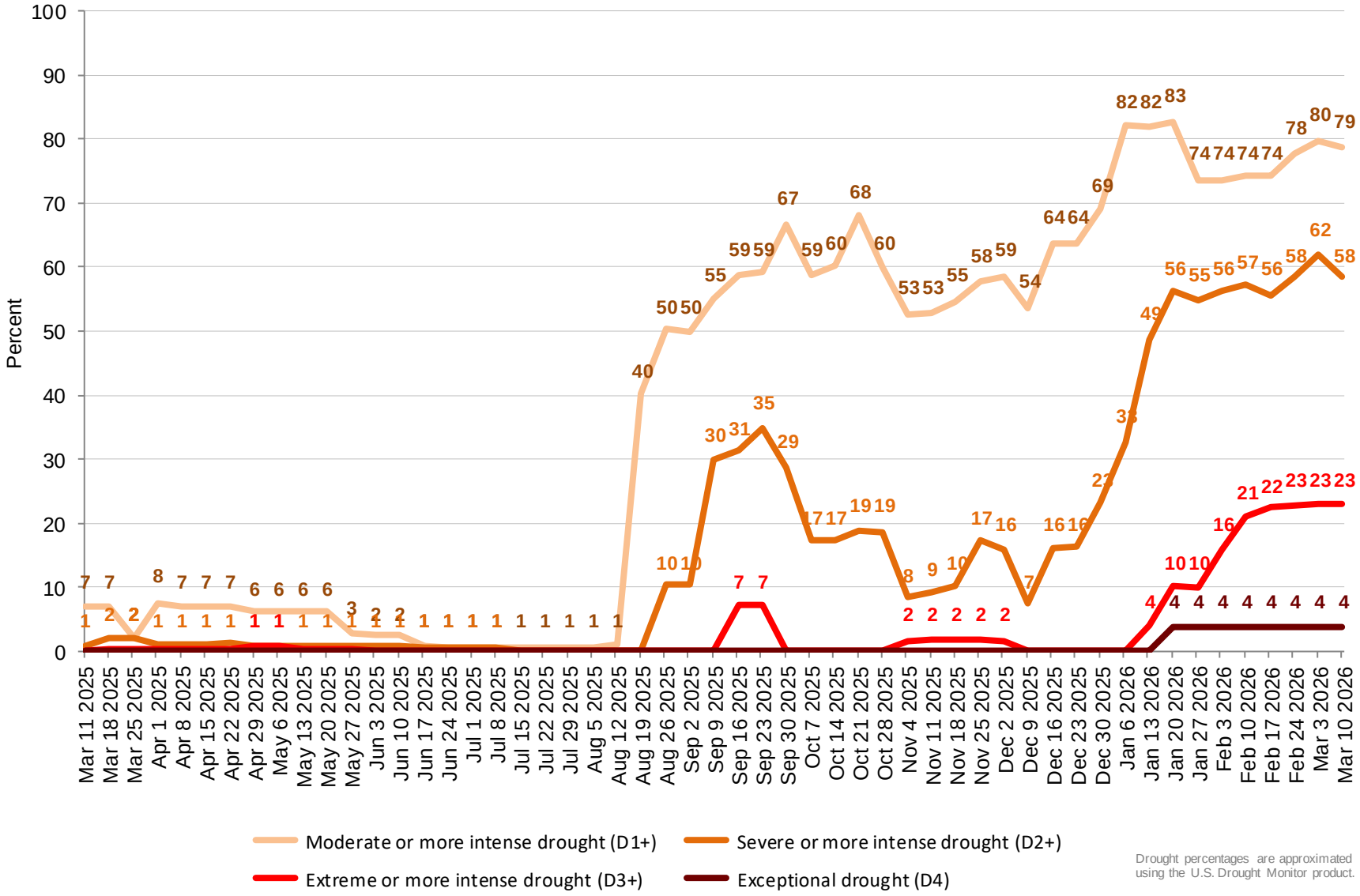
Percent of United States Rice Located in Drought



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Sorghum Areas in Drought

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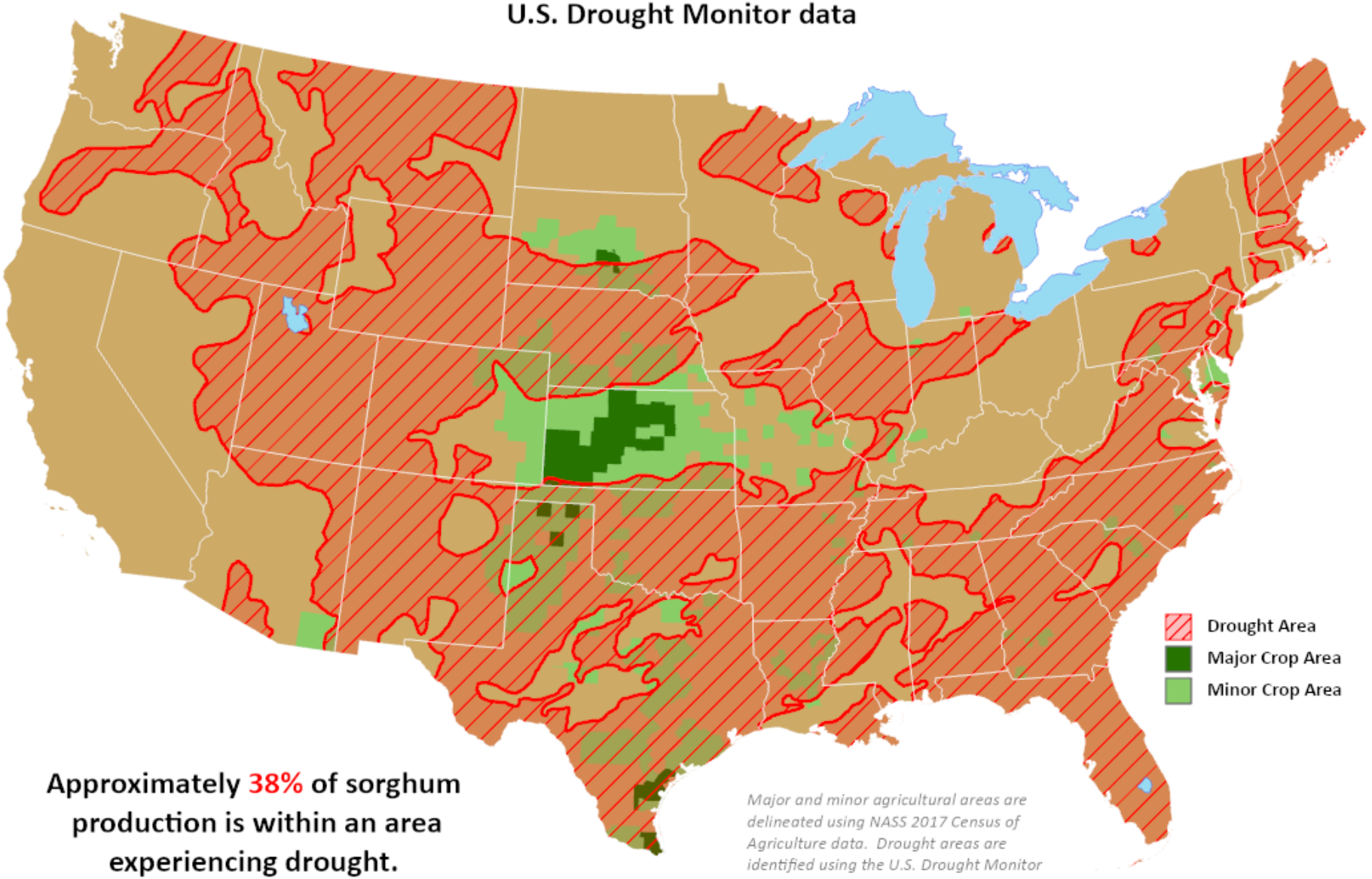

Approximately 38% of sorghum production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sorghum Located in Drought

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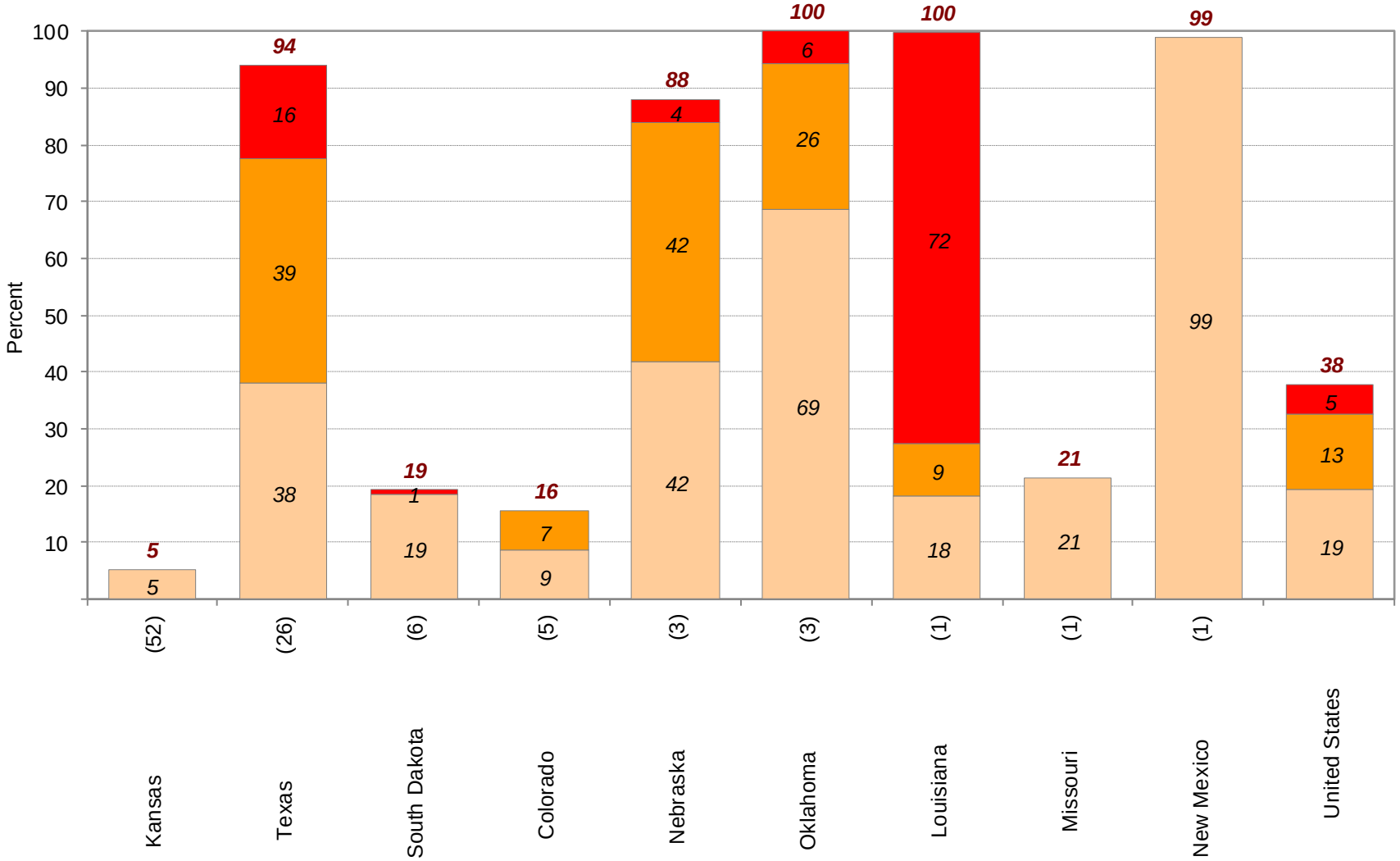

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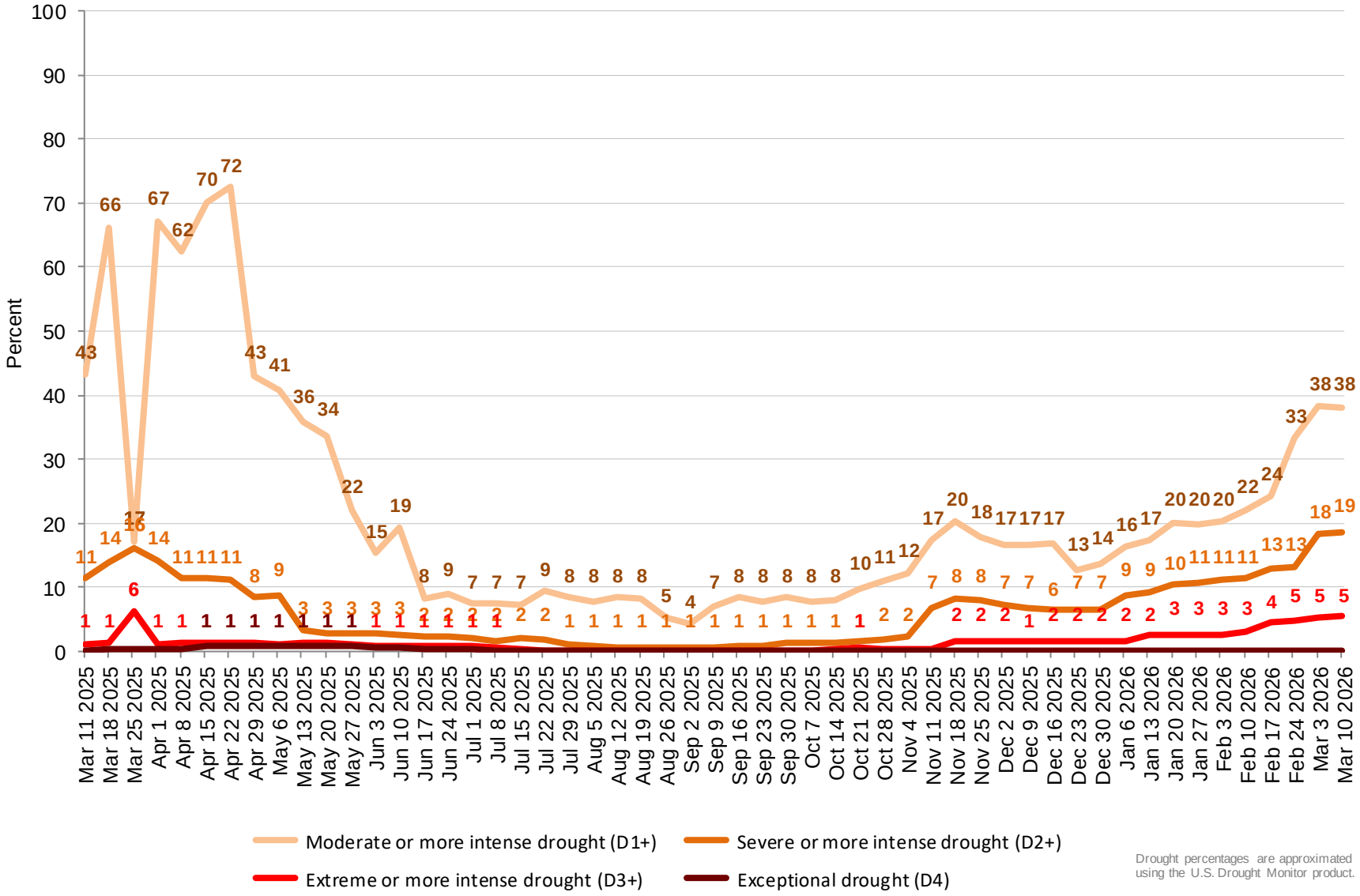
Percent of United States Sorghum Located in Drought



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Soybean Areas in Drought

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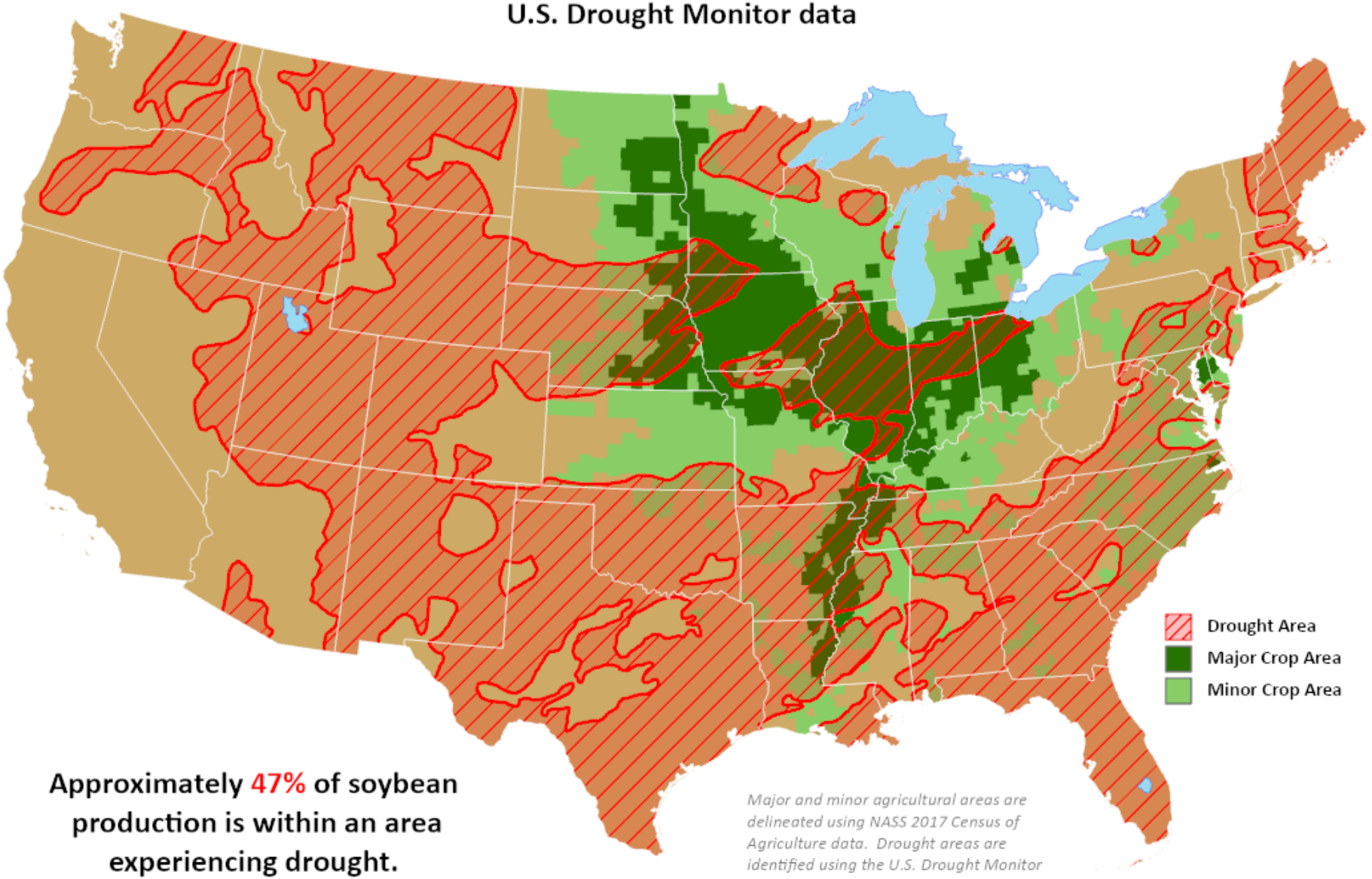

Approximately 47% of soybean production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Soybeans Located in Drought

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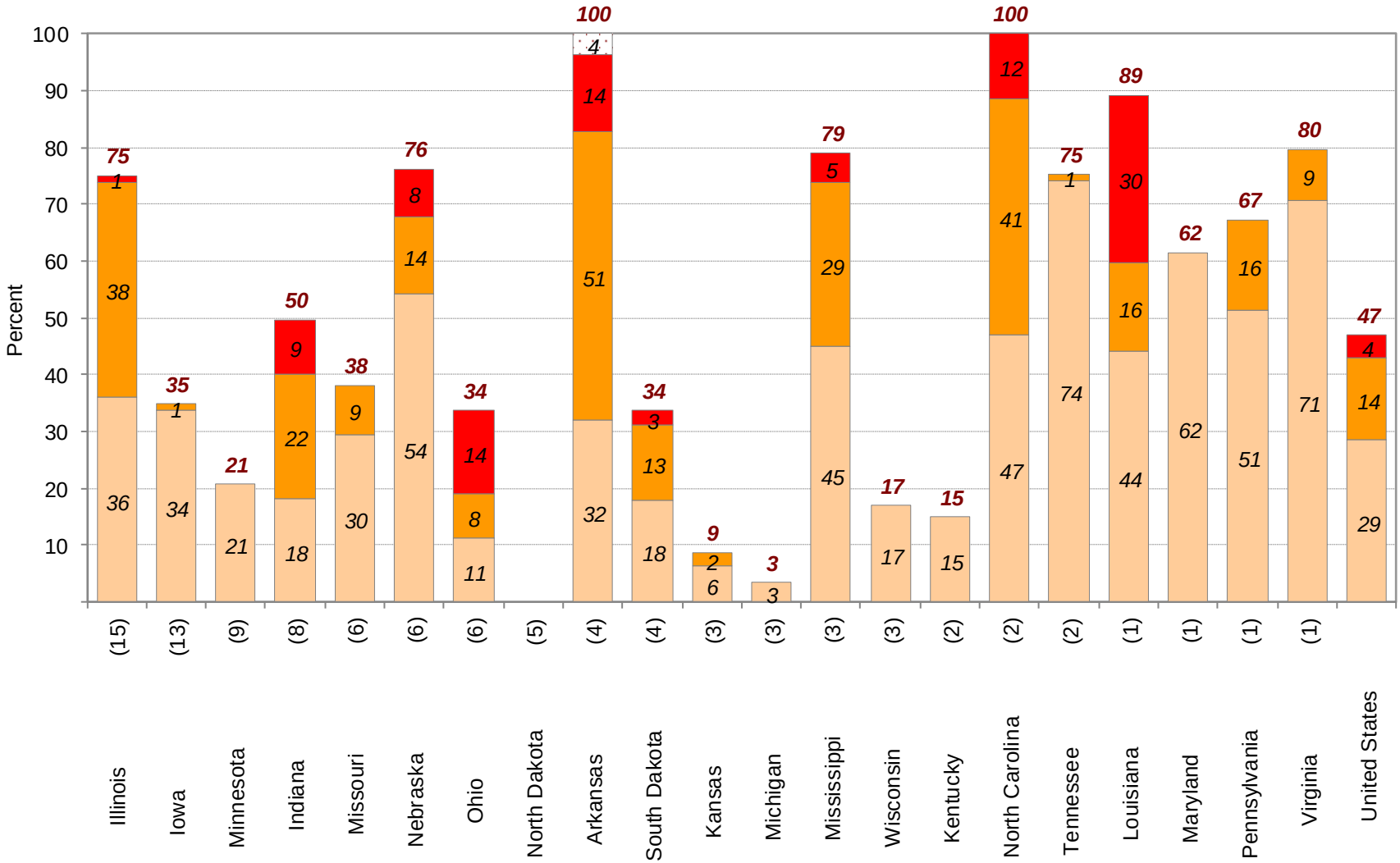

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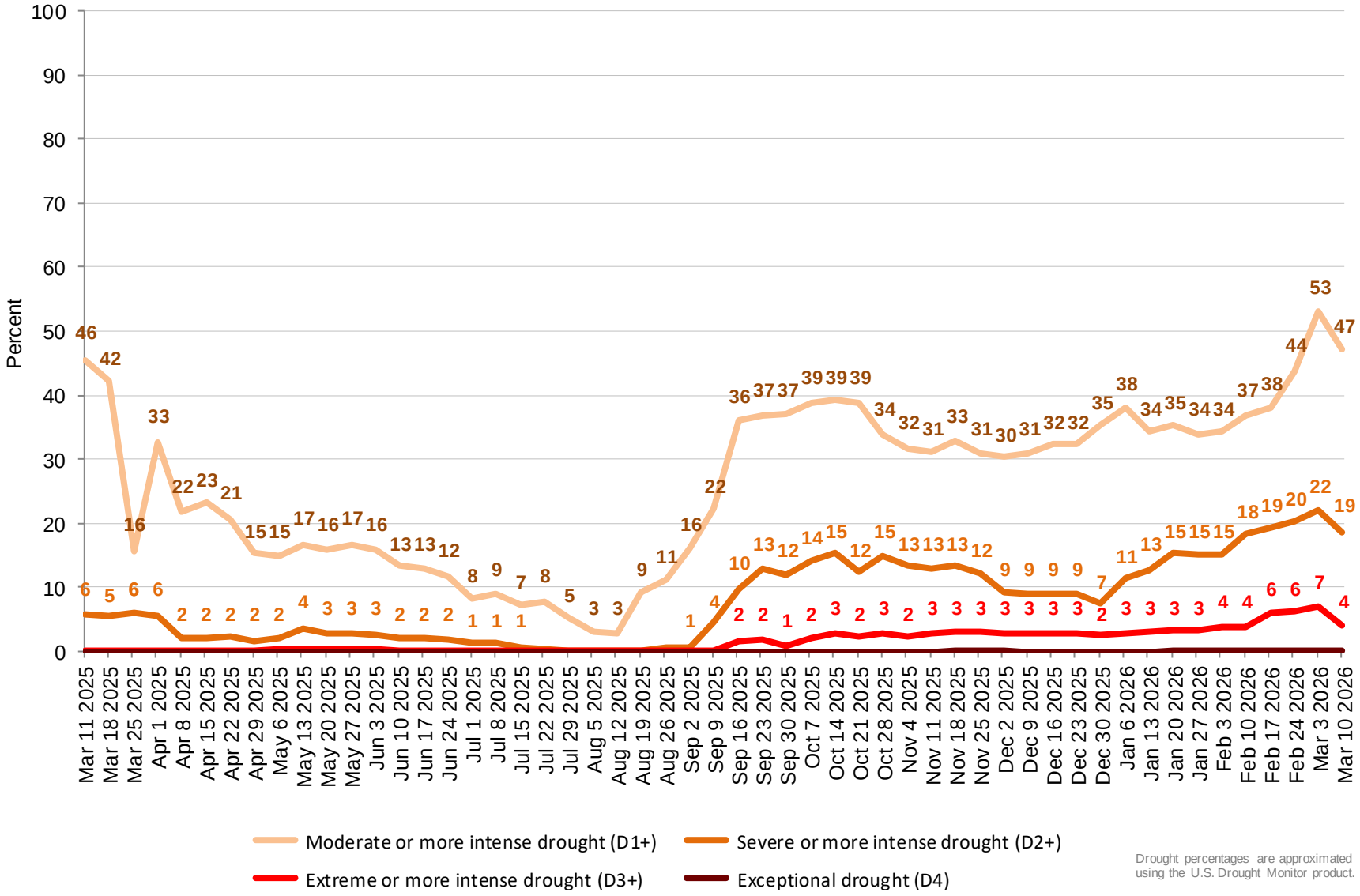
Percent of United States Soybeans Located in Drought



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Sunflower Areas in Drought

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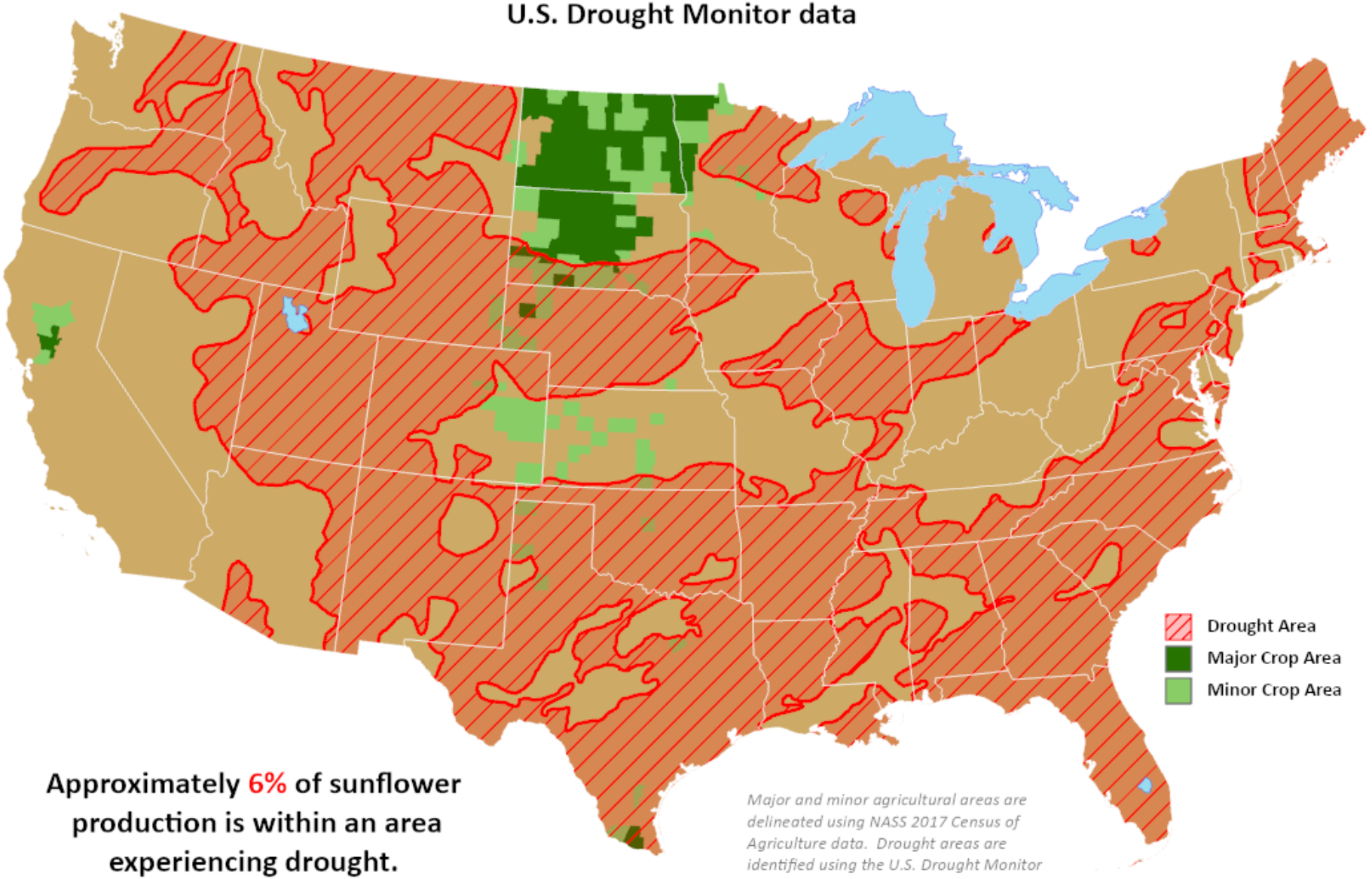

Approximately 6% of sunflower production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sunflowers Located in Drought

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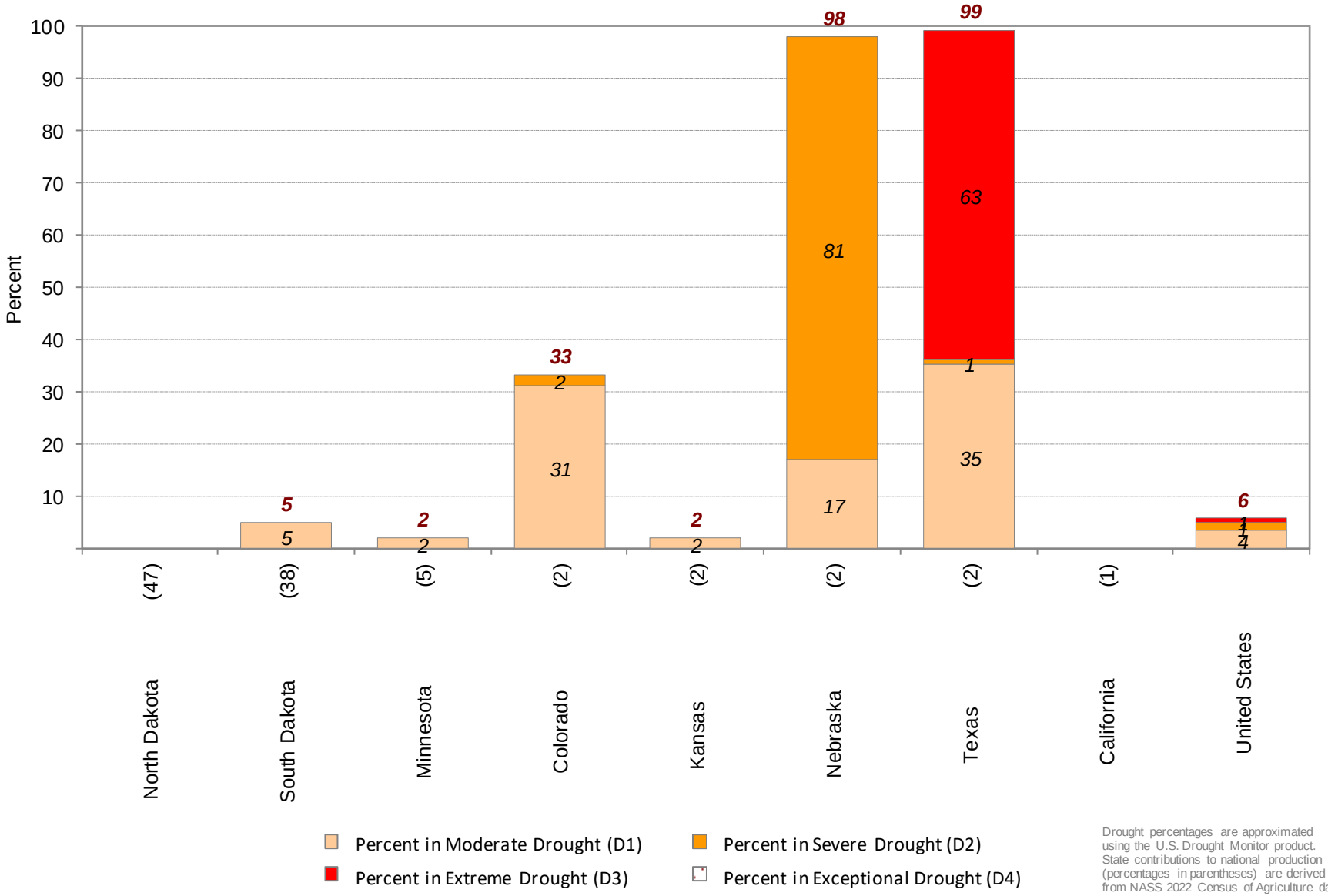

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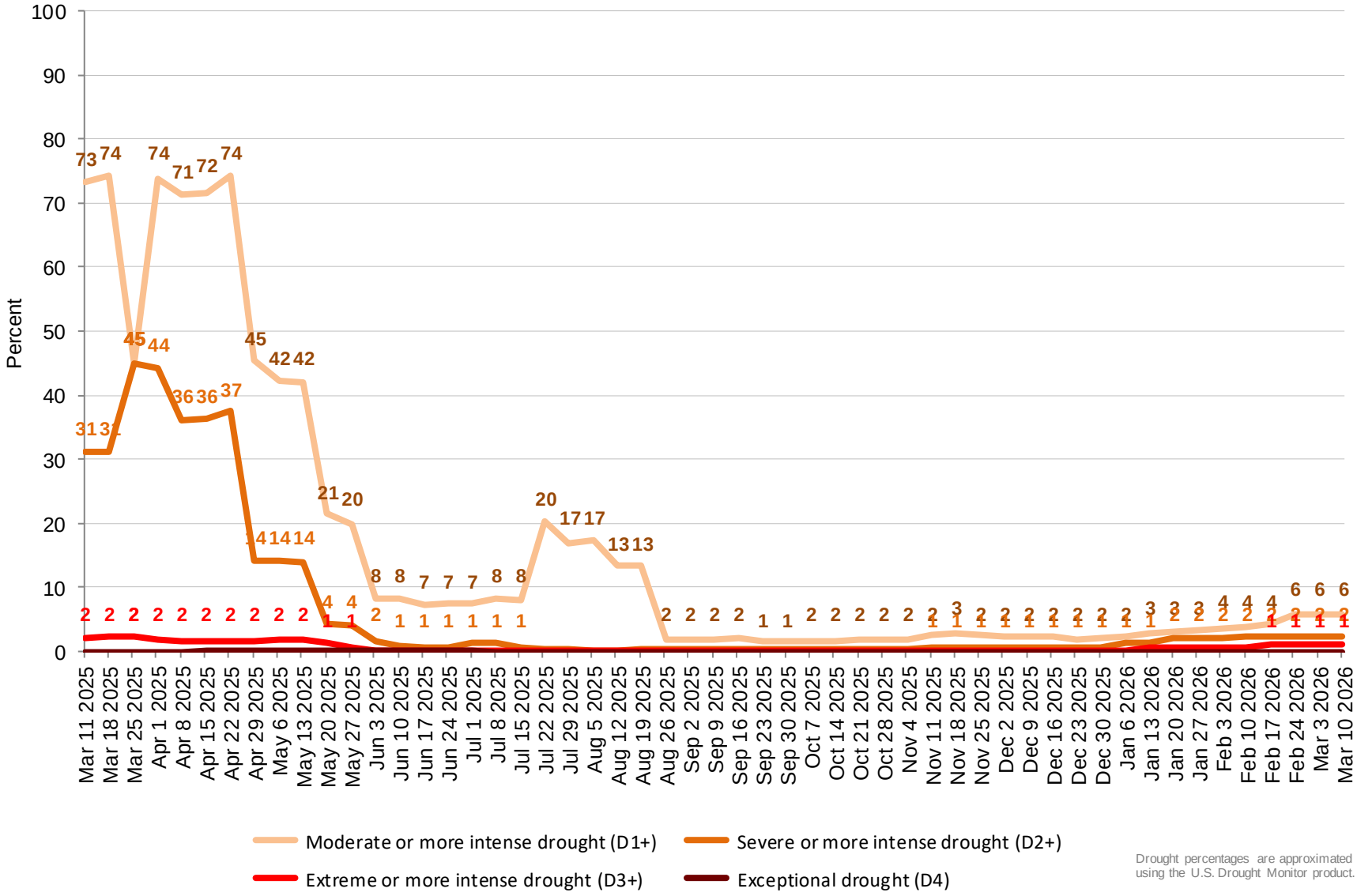
Percent of United States Sunflowers Located in Drought



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Durum Wheat Areas in Drought

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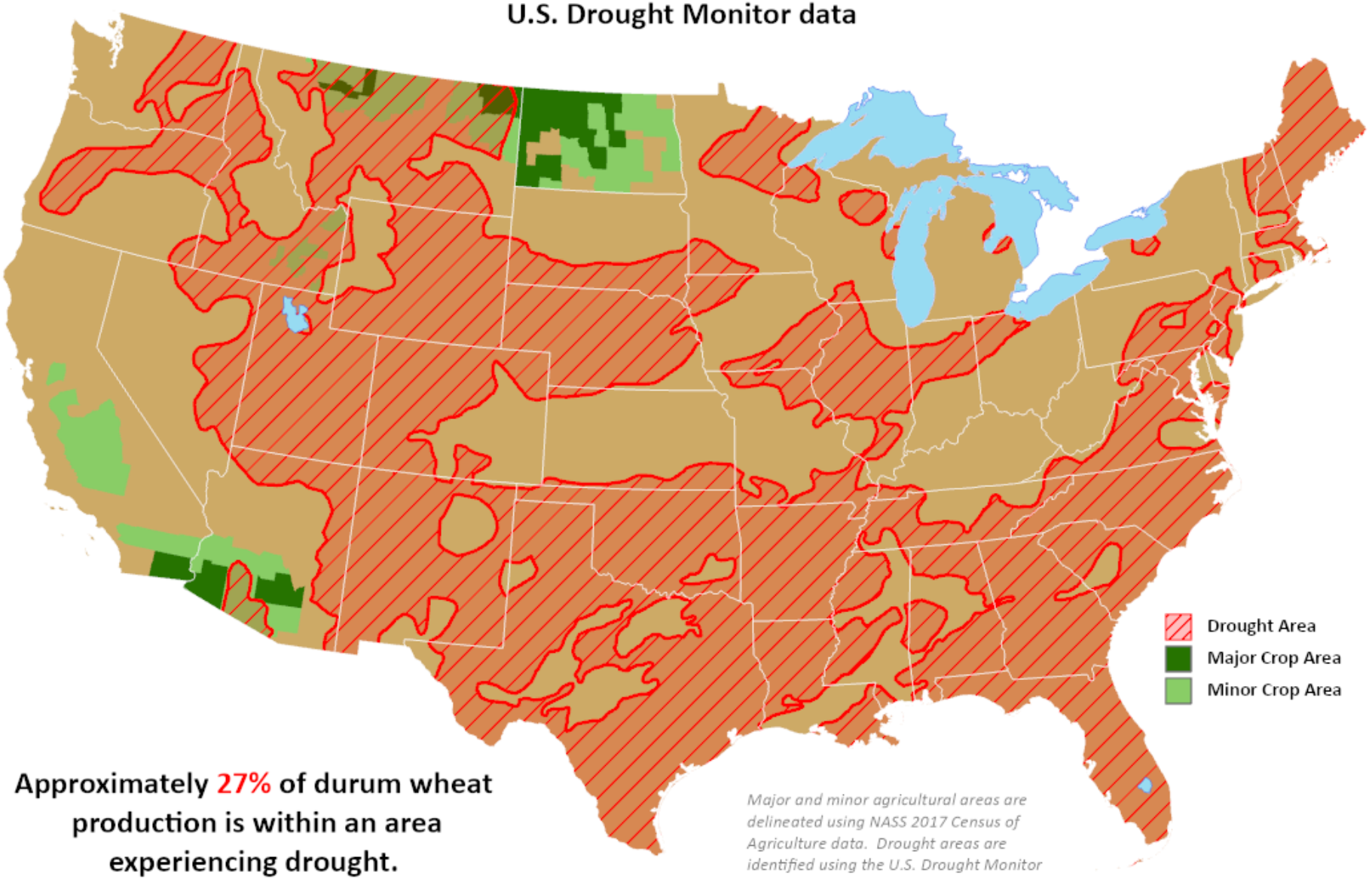

Approximately 27% of durum wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Durum Wheat Located in Drought

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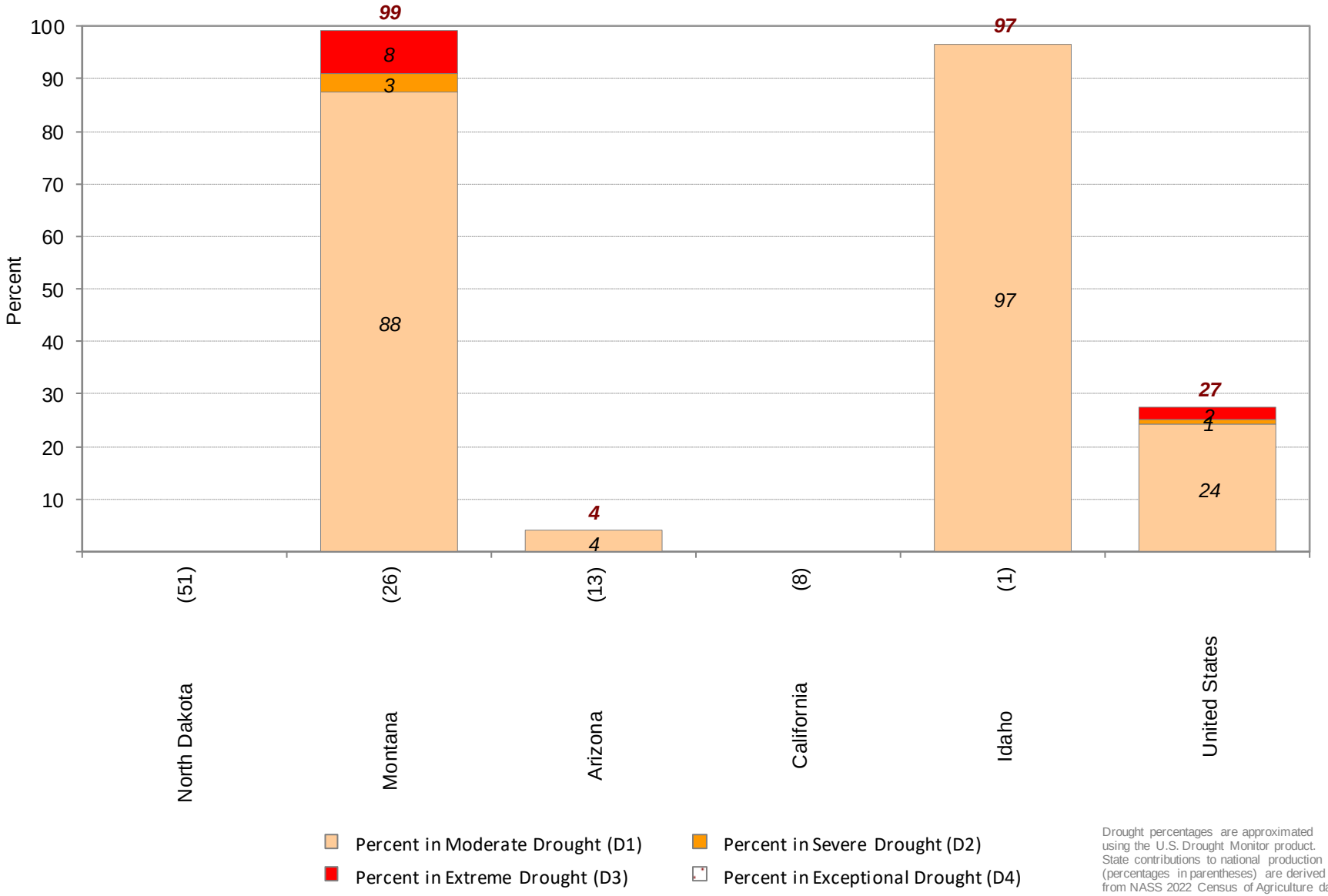

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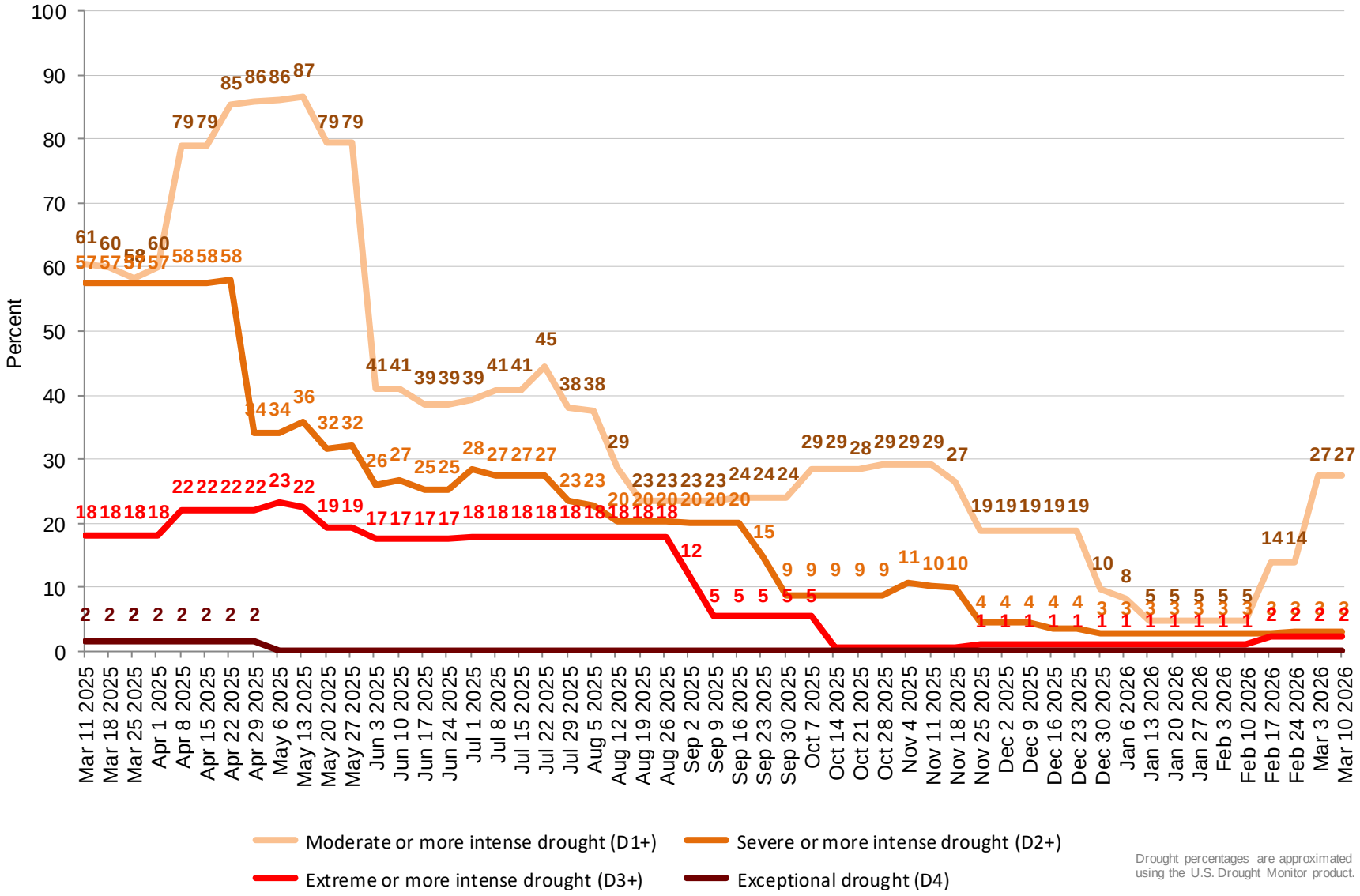
Percent of United States Durum Wheat Located in Drought



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Spring Wheat Areas in Drought

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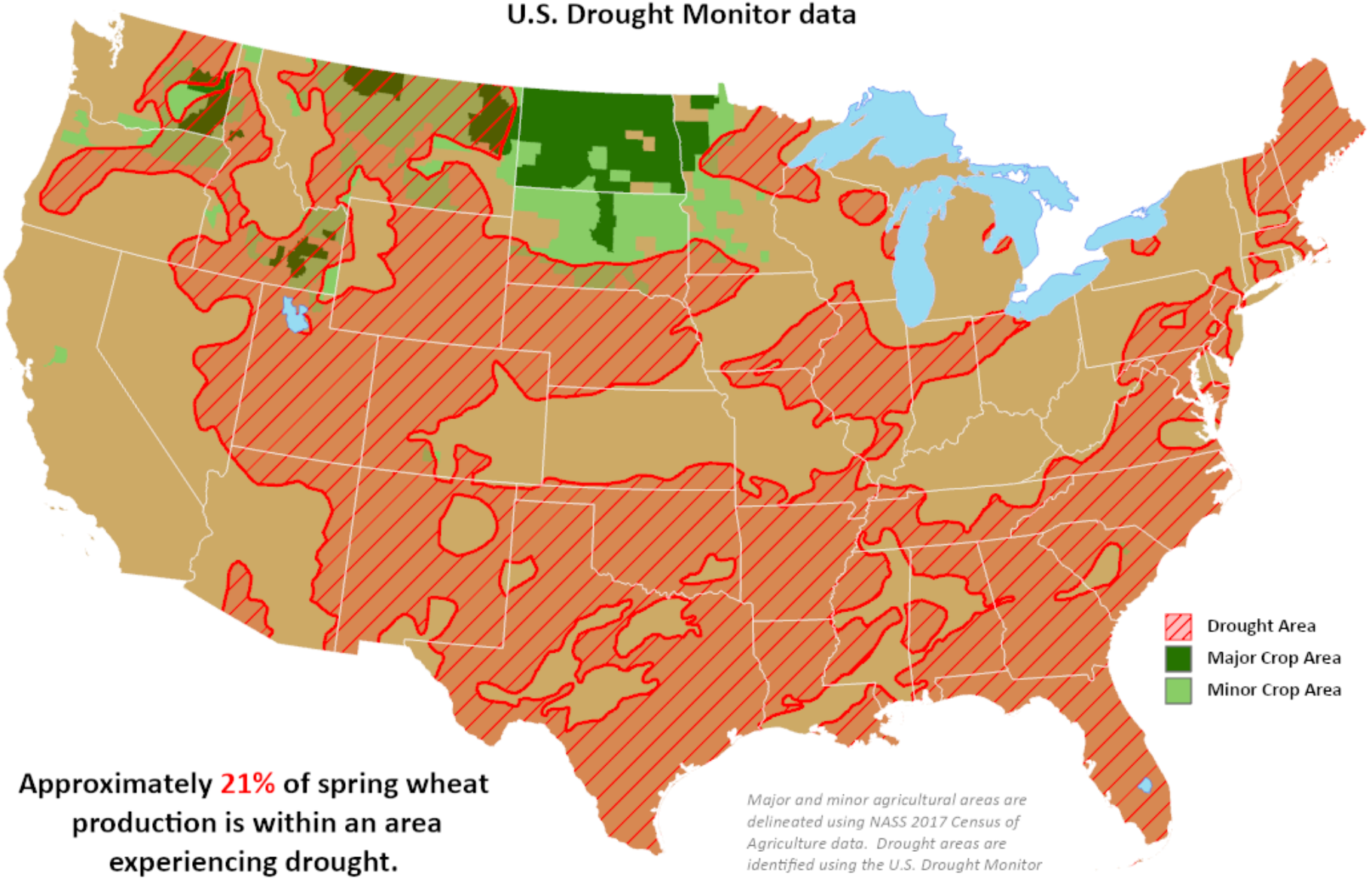

Approximately 21% of spring wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Spring Wheat Located in Drought

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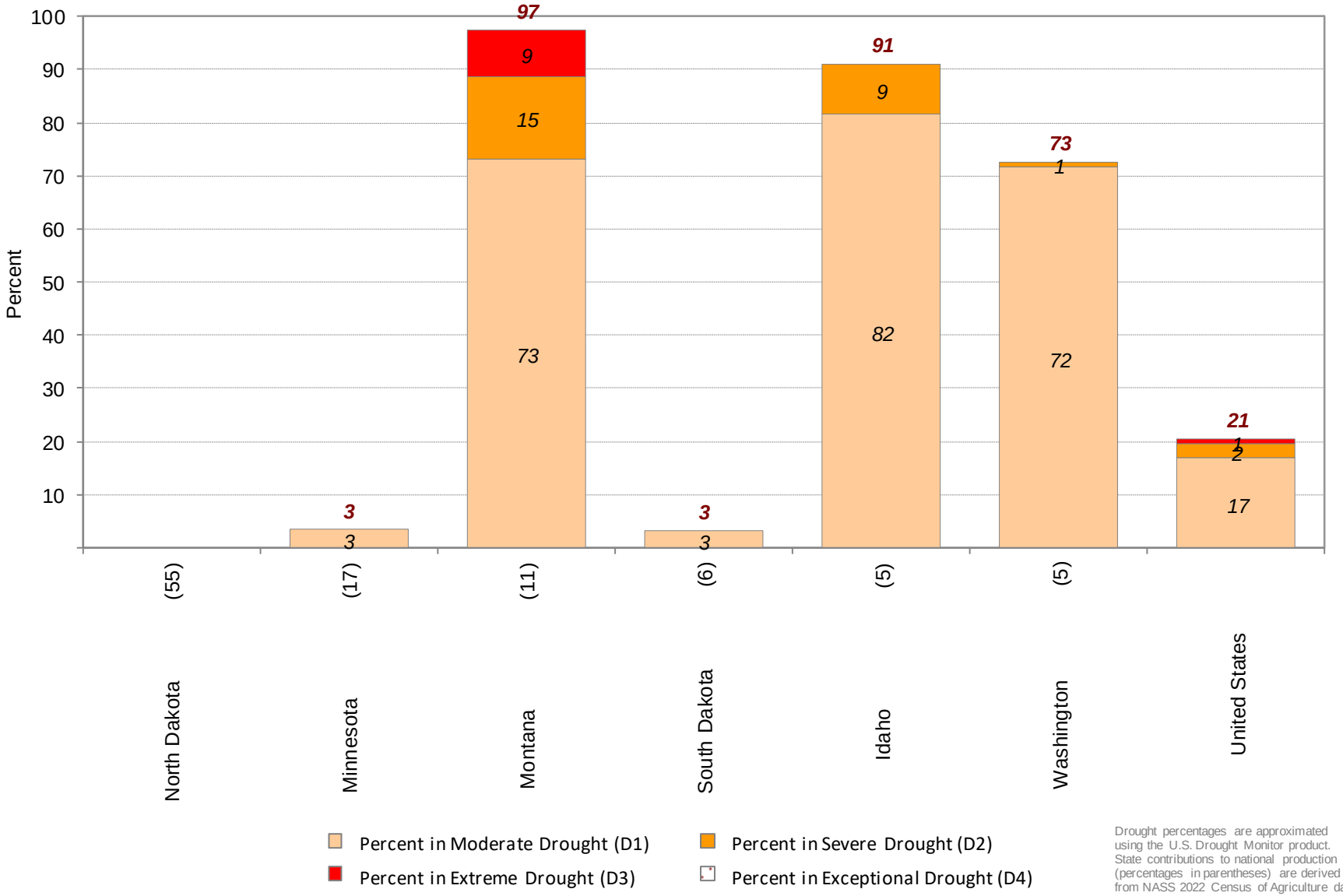

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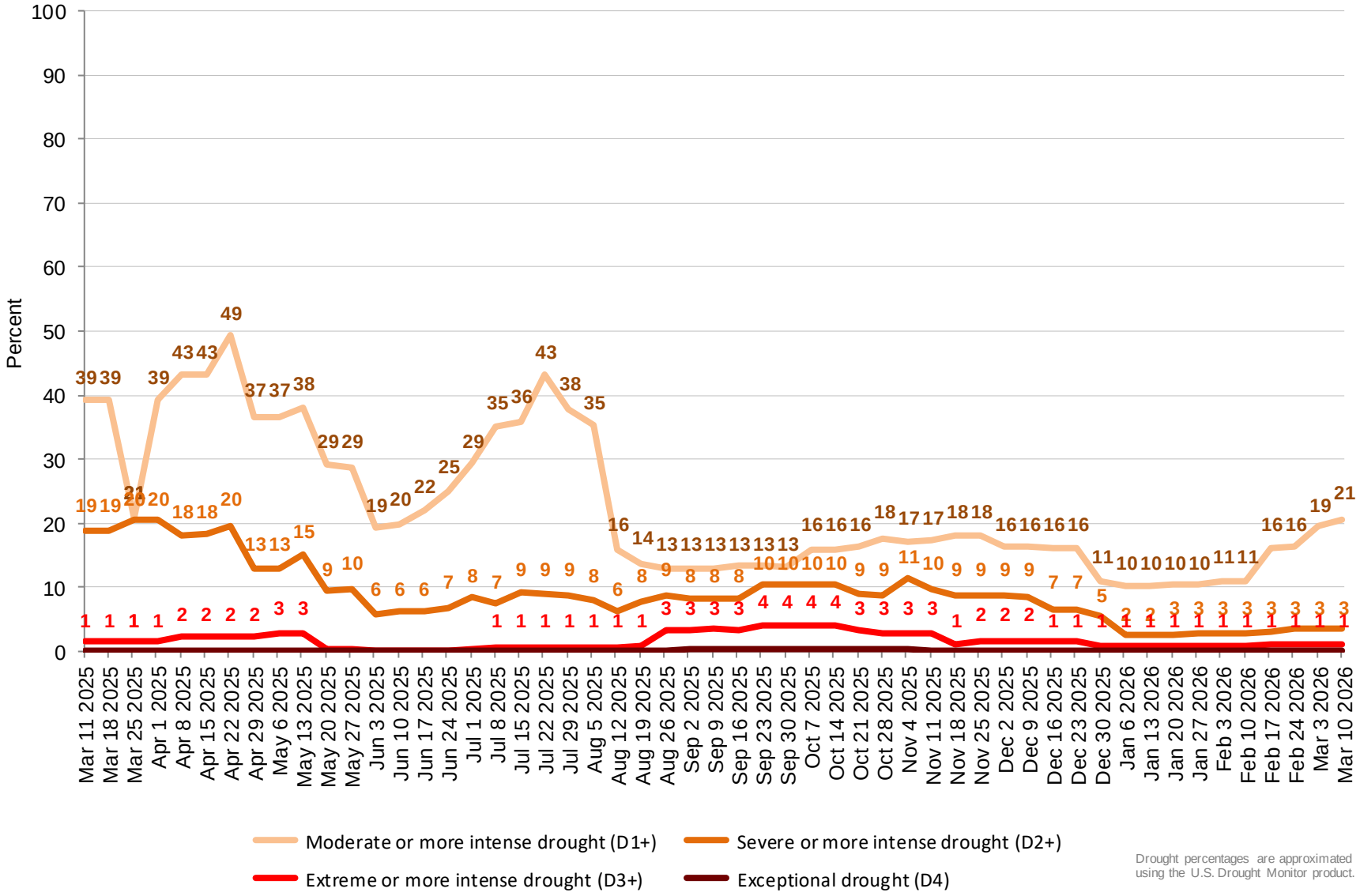
Percent of United States Spring Wheat Located in Drought



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Winter Wheat Areas in Drought

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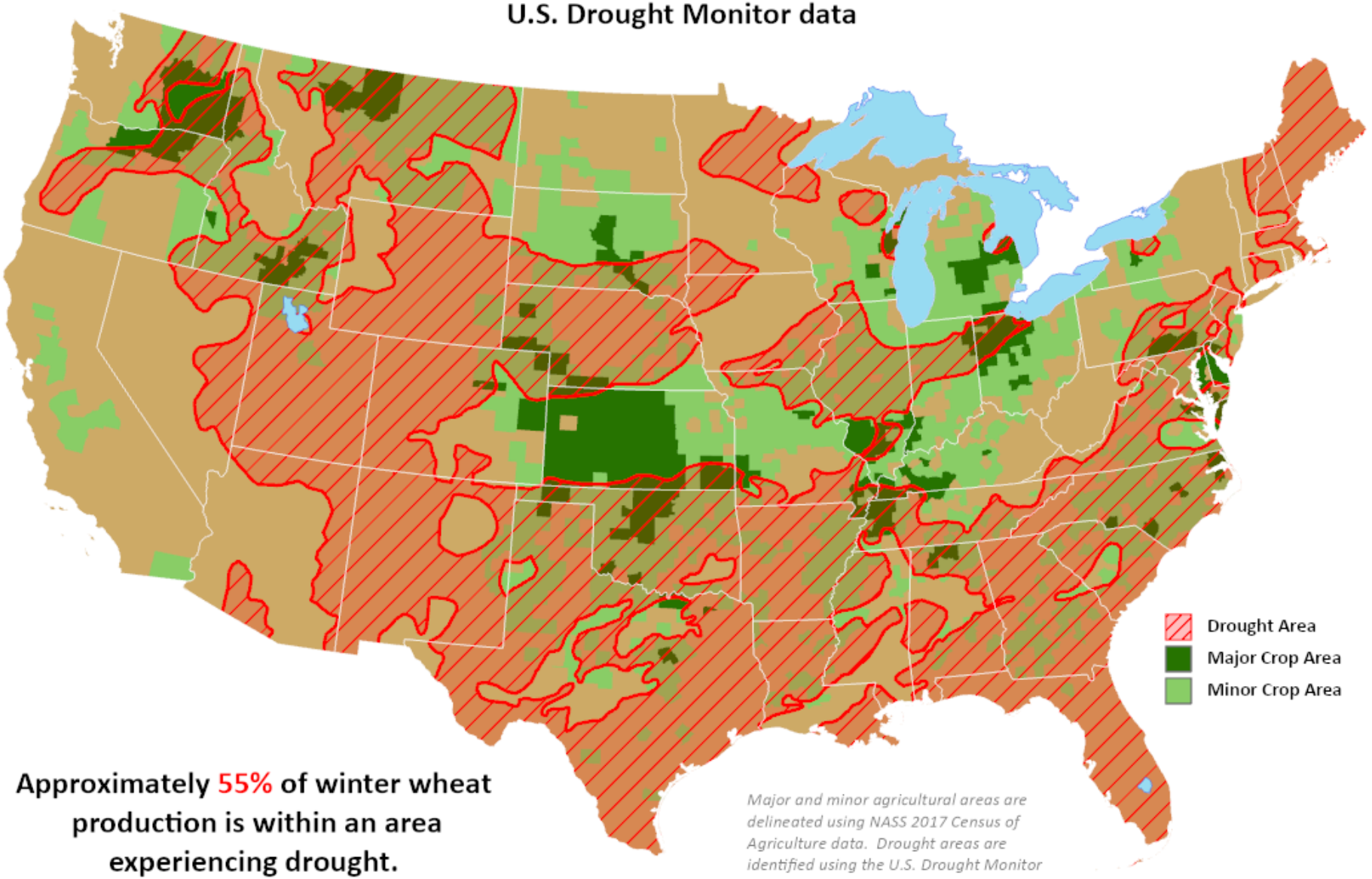

Approximately 55% of winter wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Winter Wheat Located in Drought

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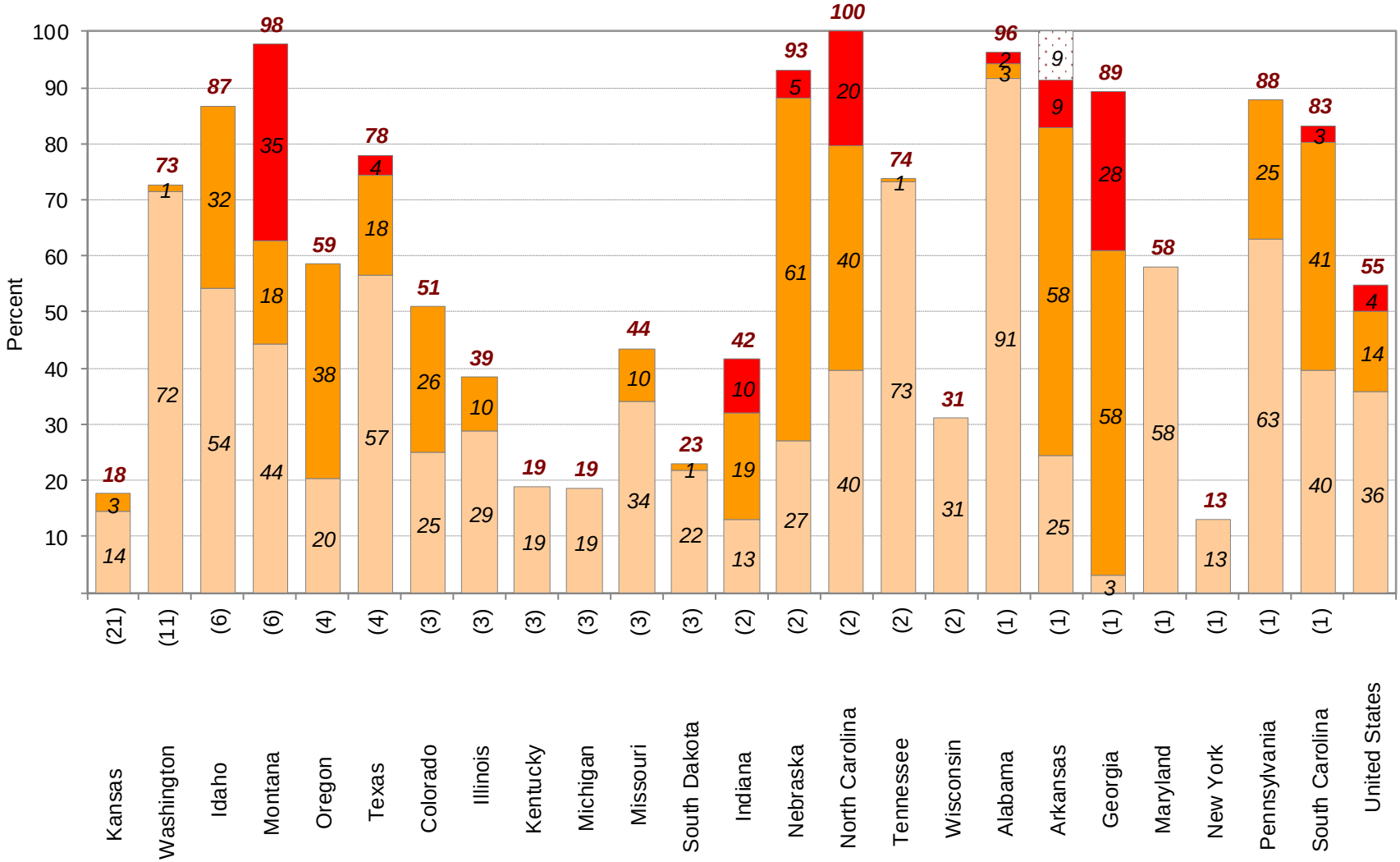

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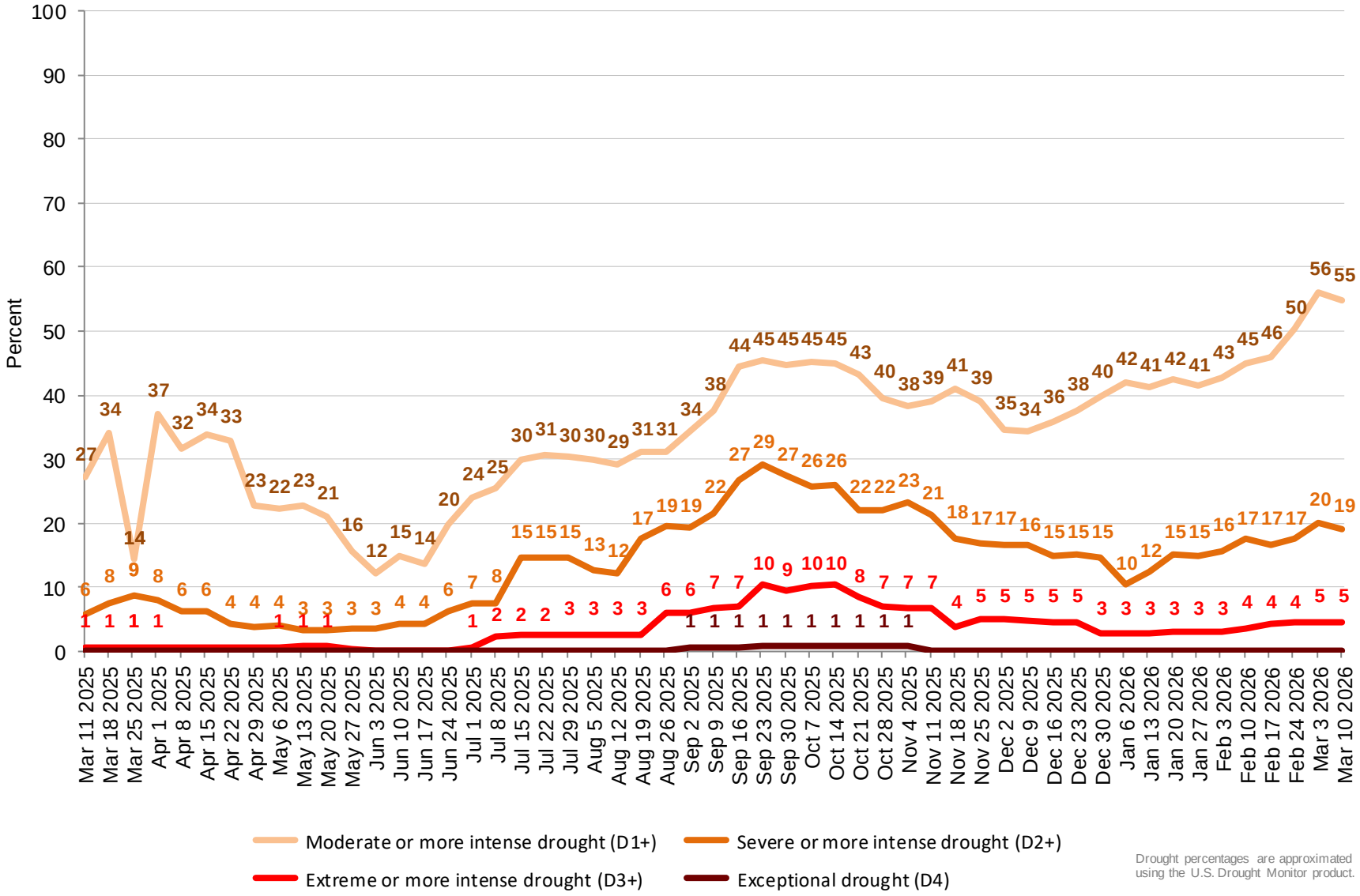

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Hay Areas in Drought

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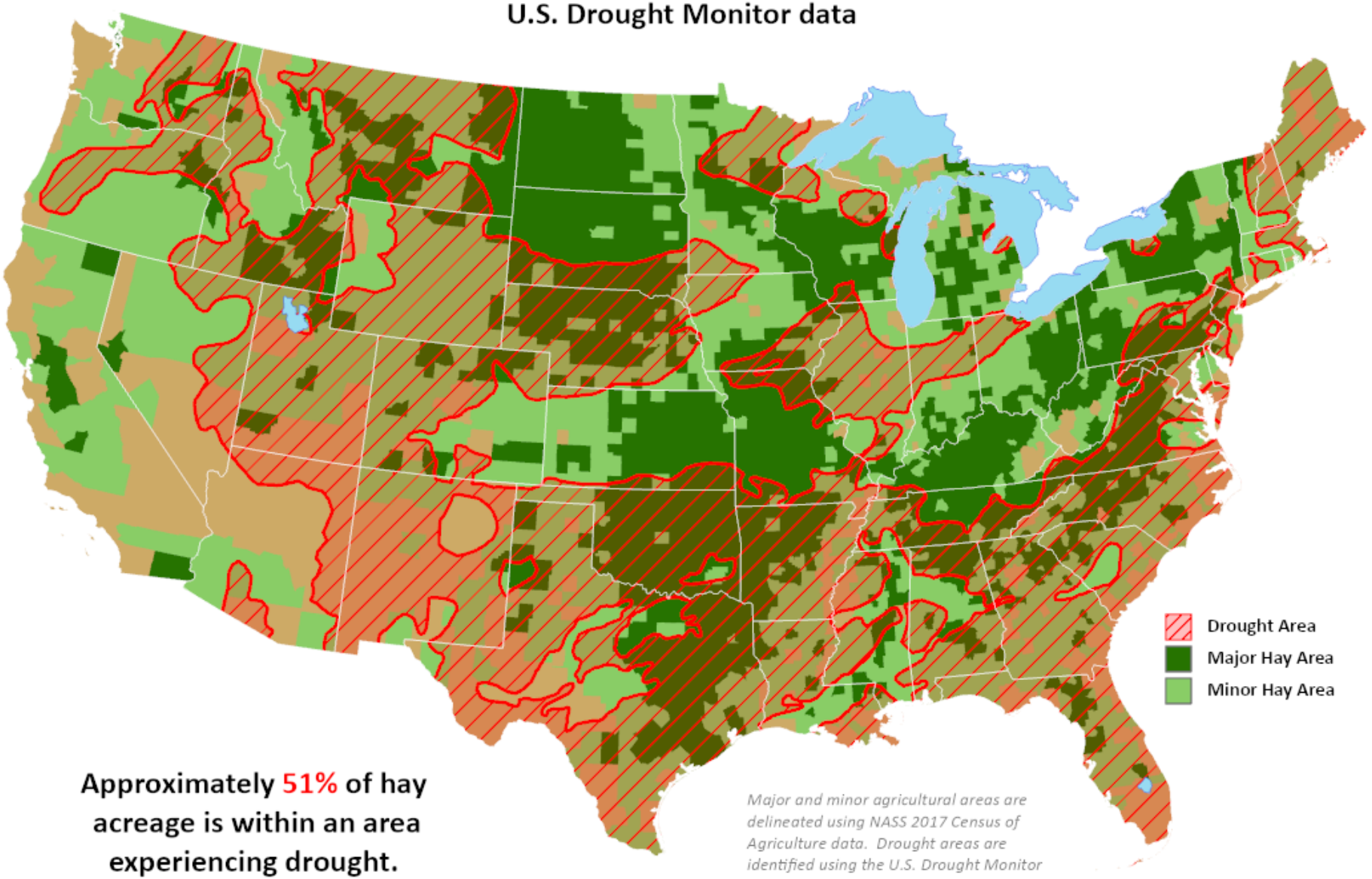

Approximately 51% of hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Hay Located in Drought

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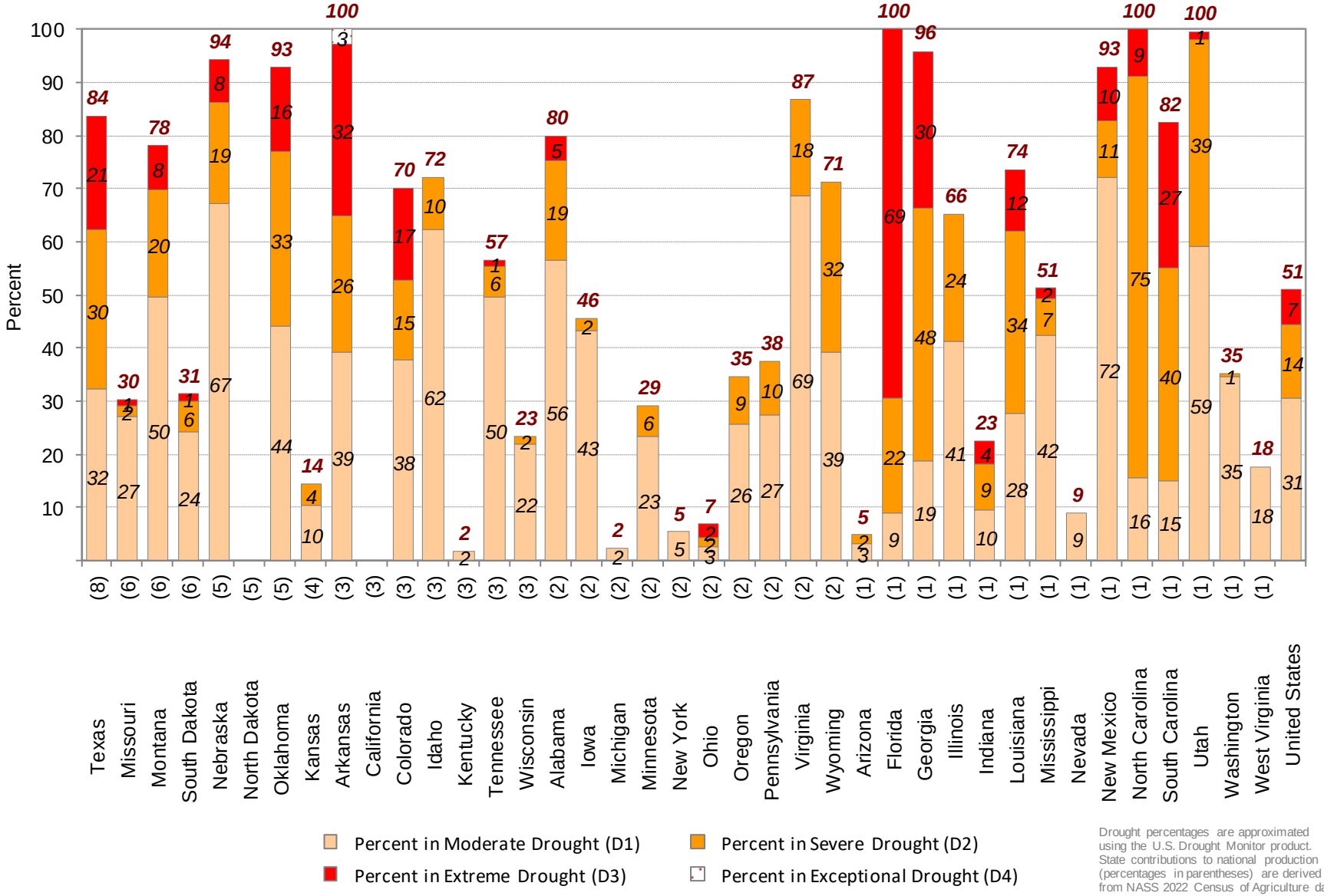

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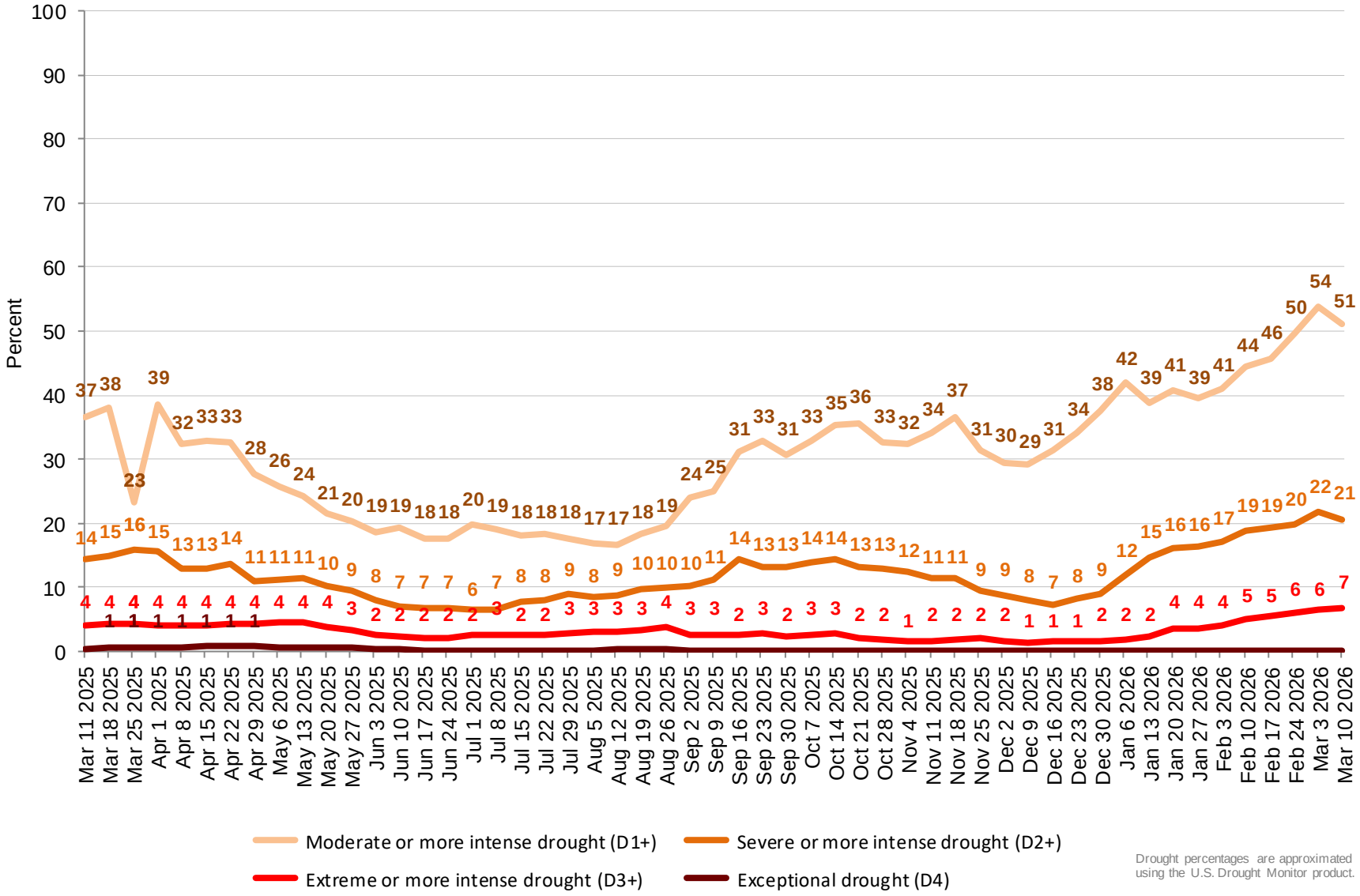
Percent of United States Hay Located in Drought



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Alfalfa Hay Areas in Drought

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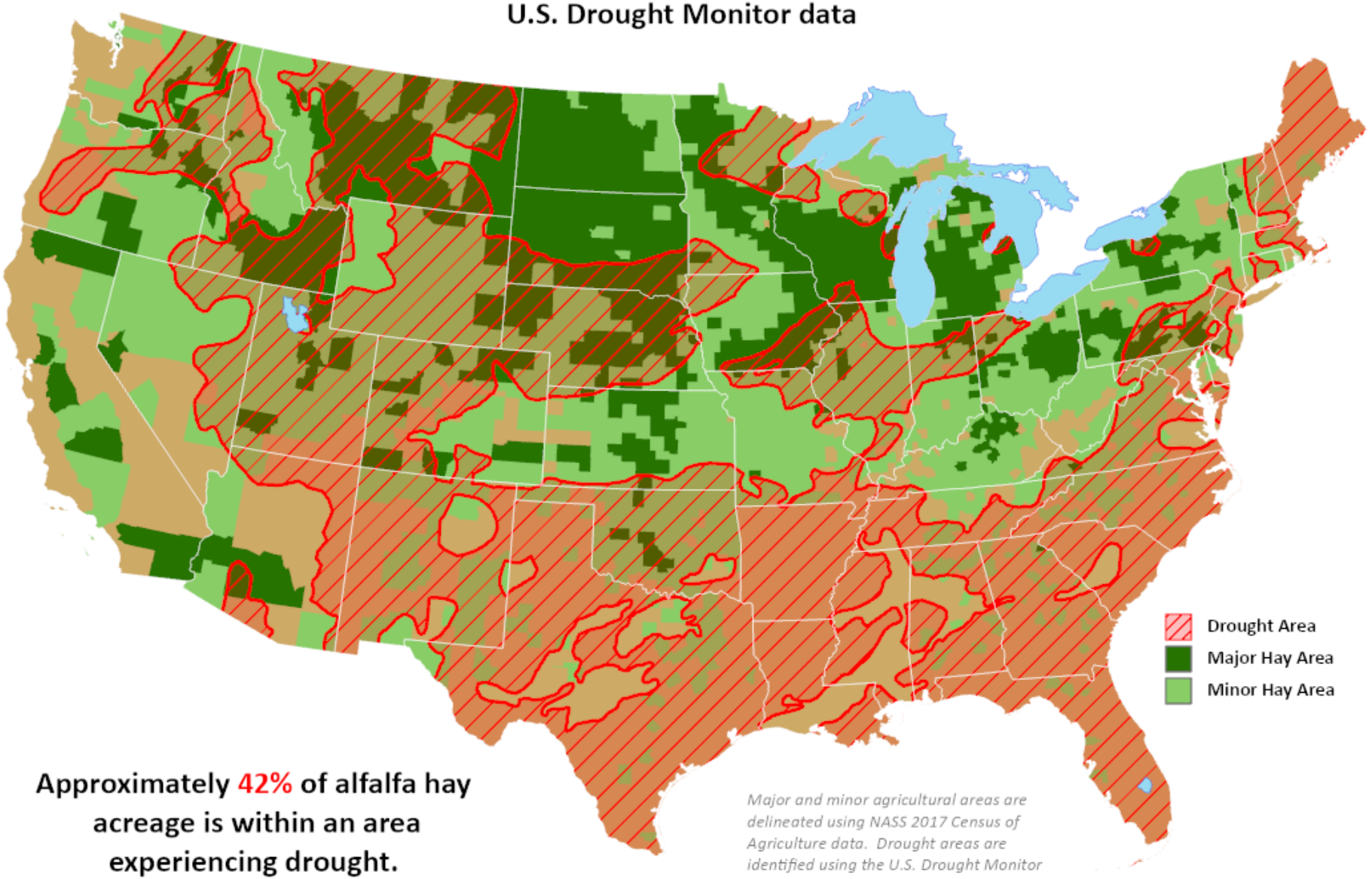

Approximately 42% of alfalfa hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought

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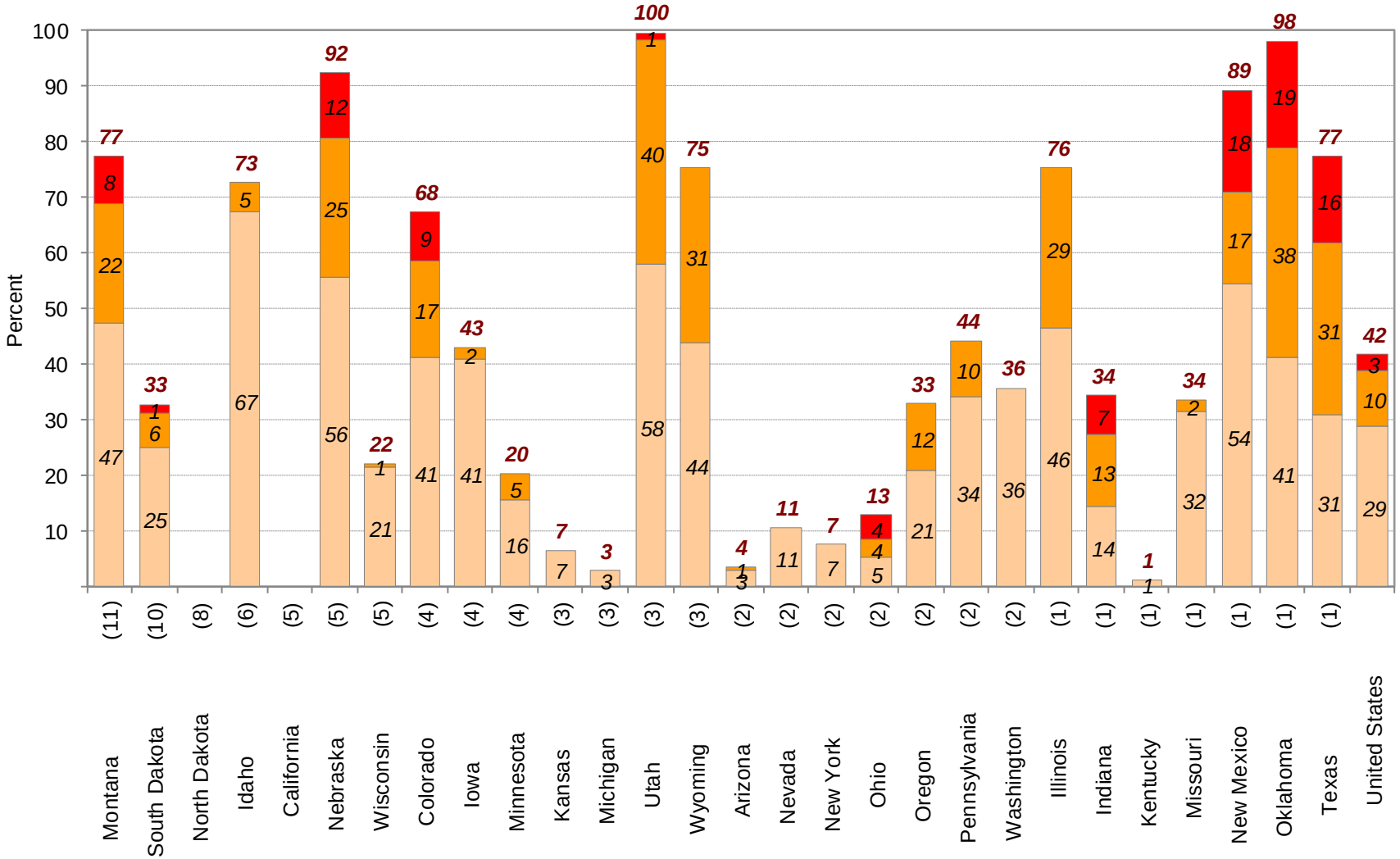

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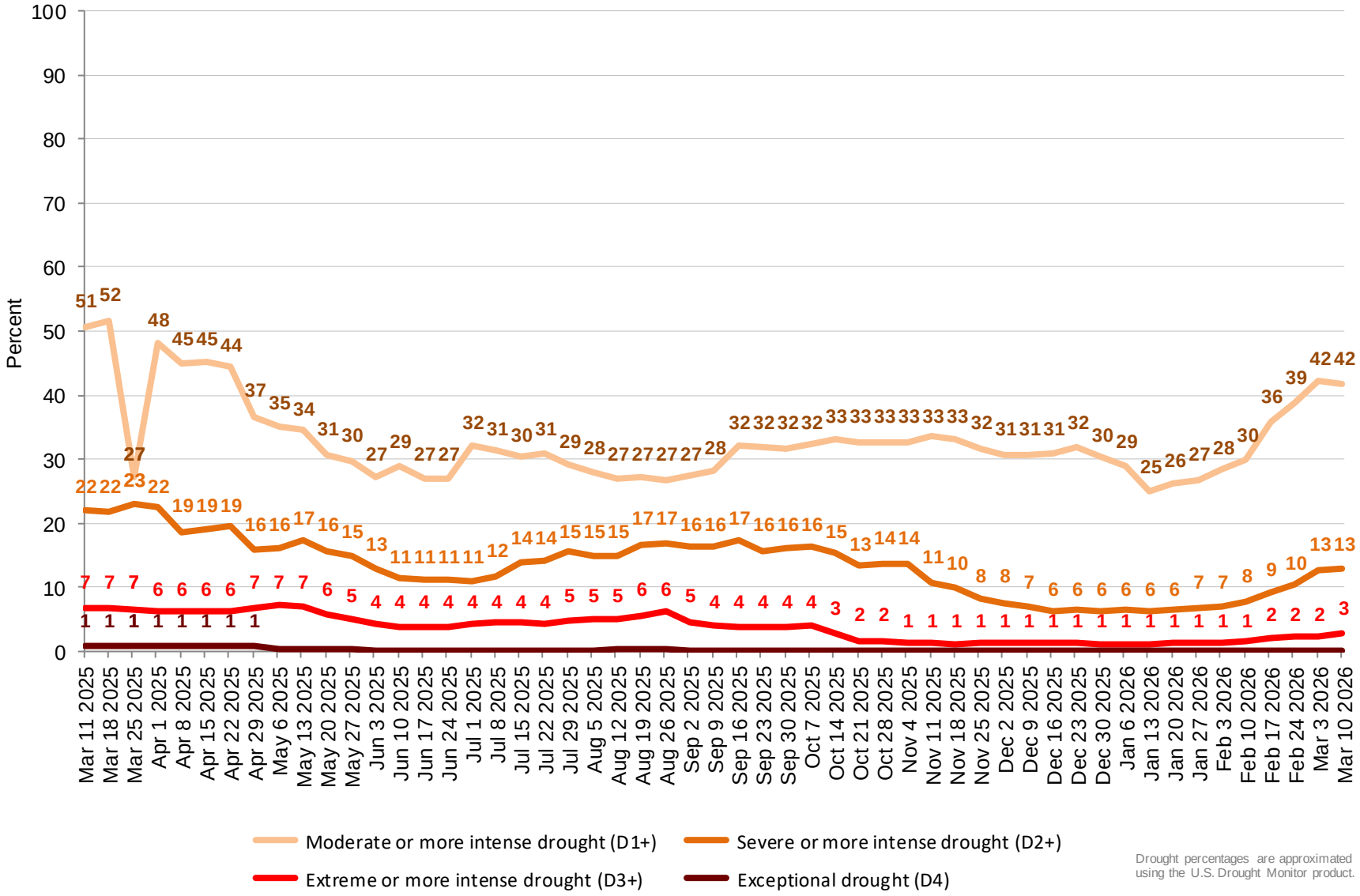
Percent of United States Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought



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Hog Areas in Drought

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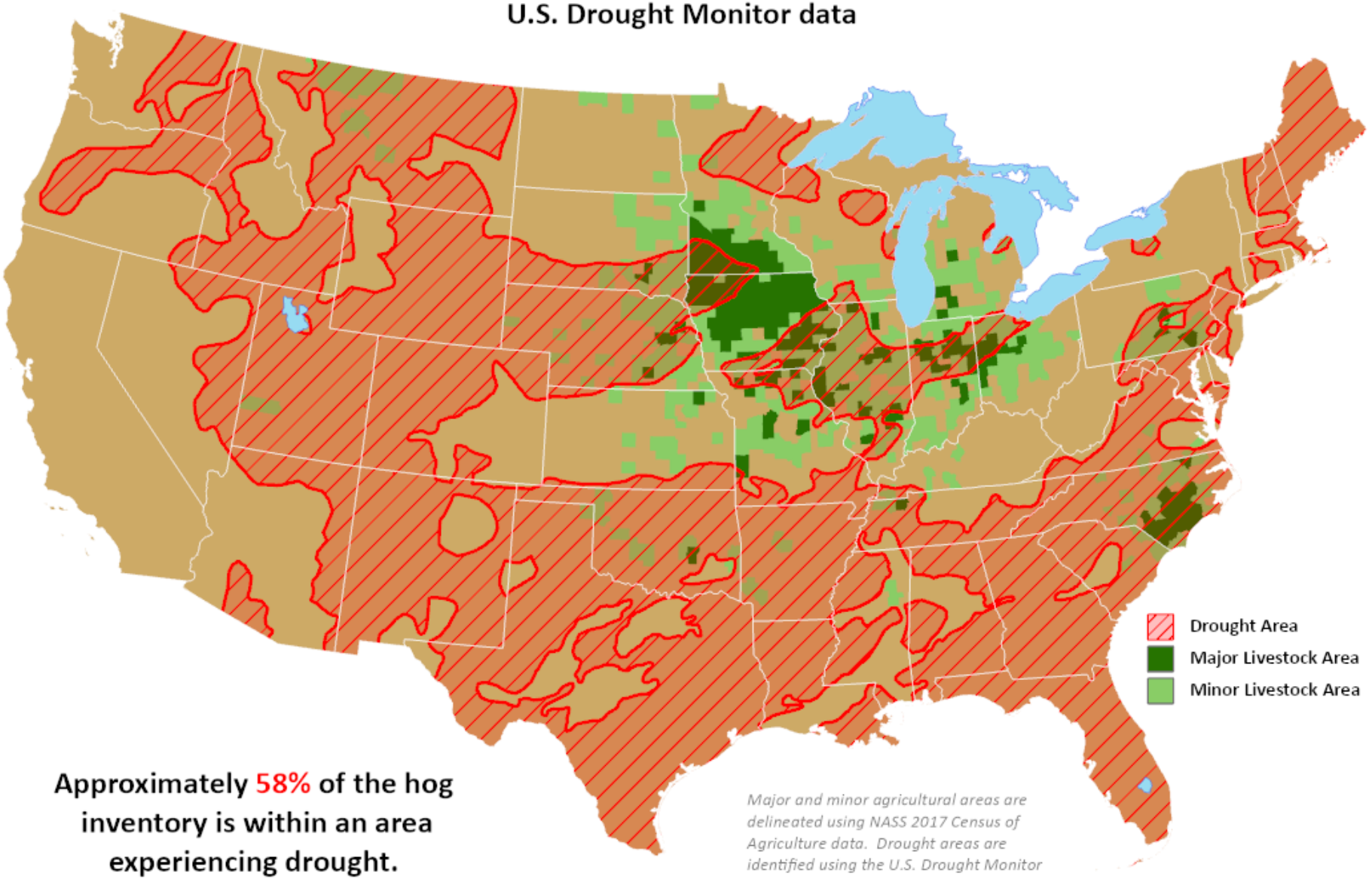

Approximately 58% of the hog inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Hogs Located in Drought

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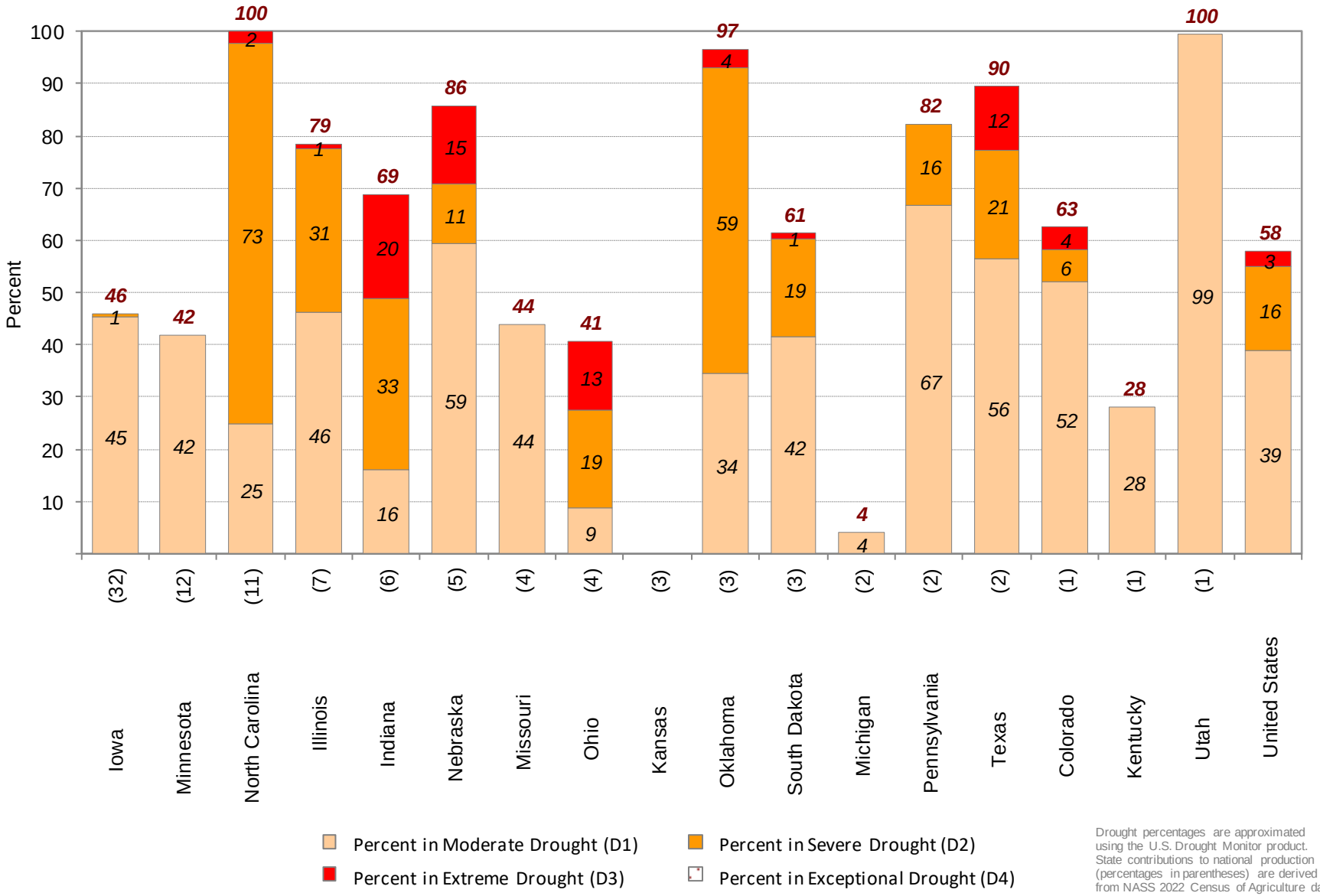

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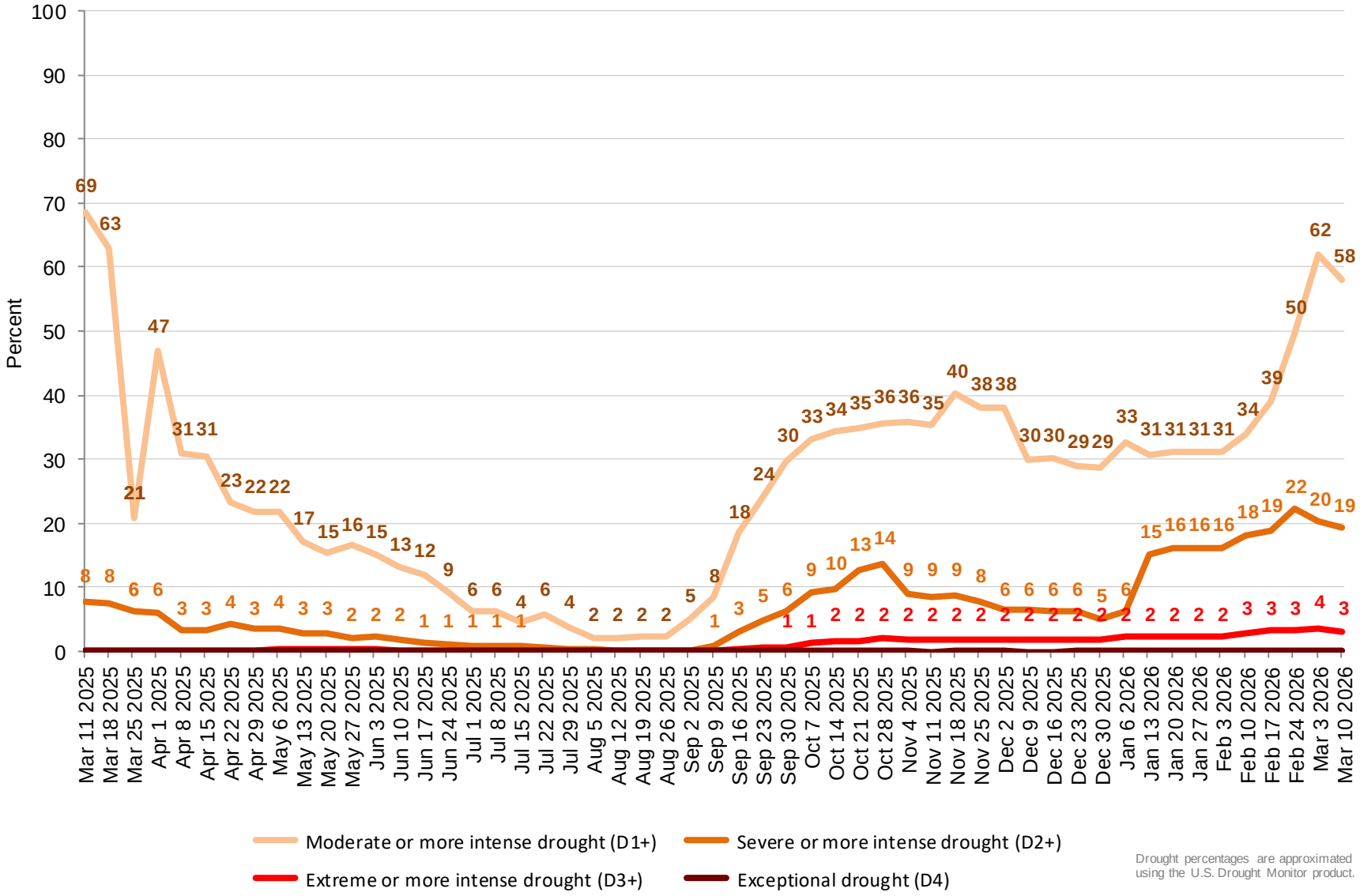

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Cattle Areas in Drought

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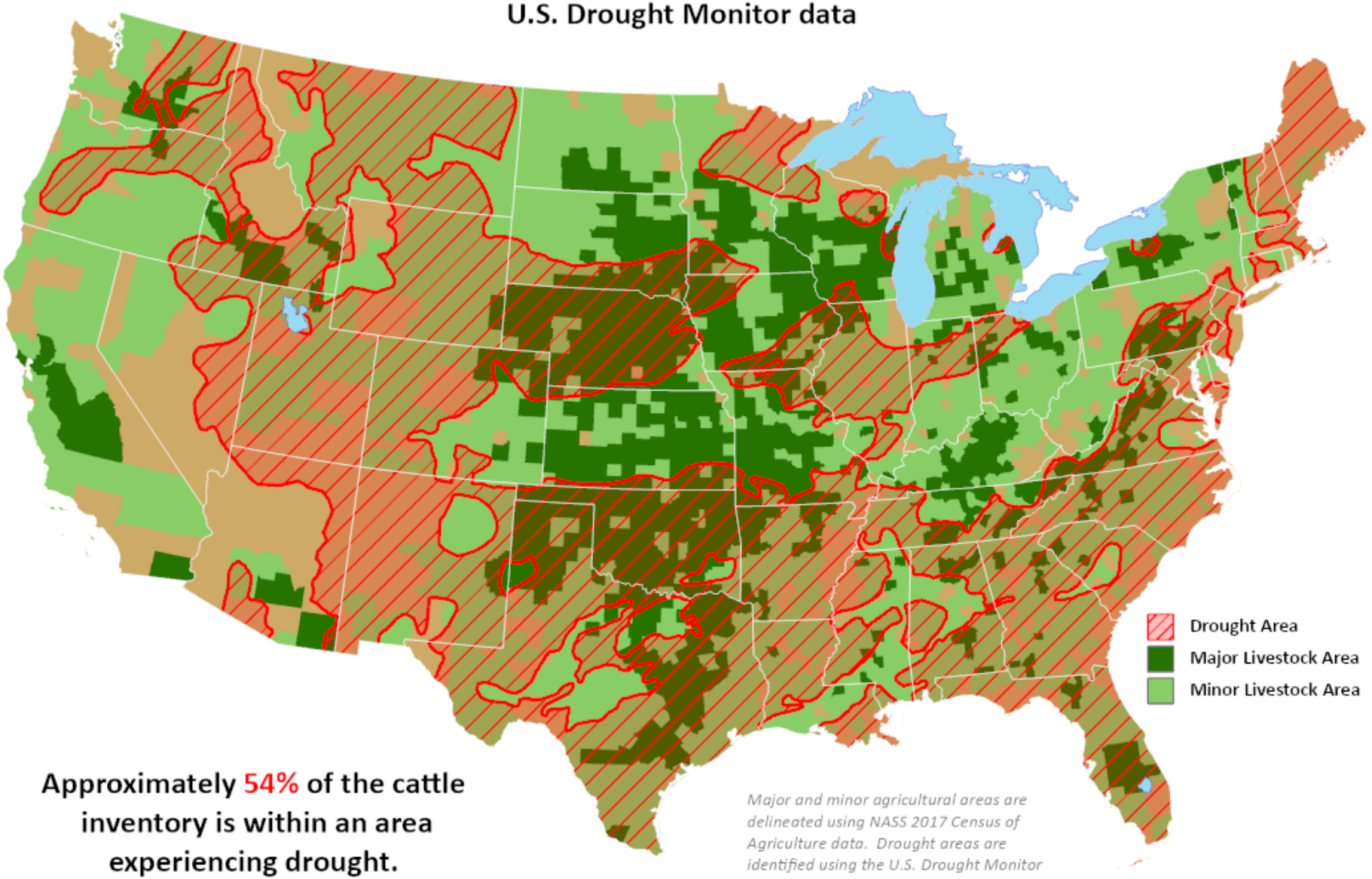

Approximately 54% of the cattle inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Cattle Located in Drought

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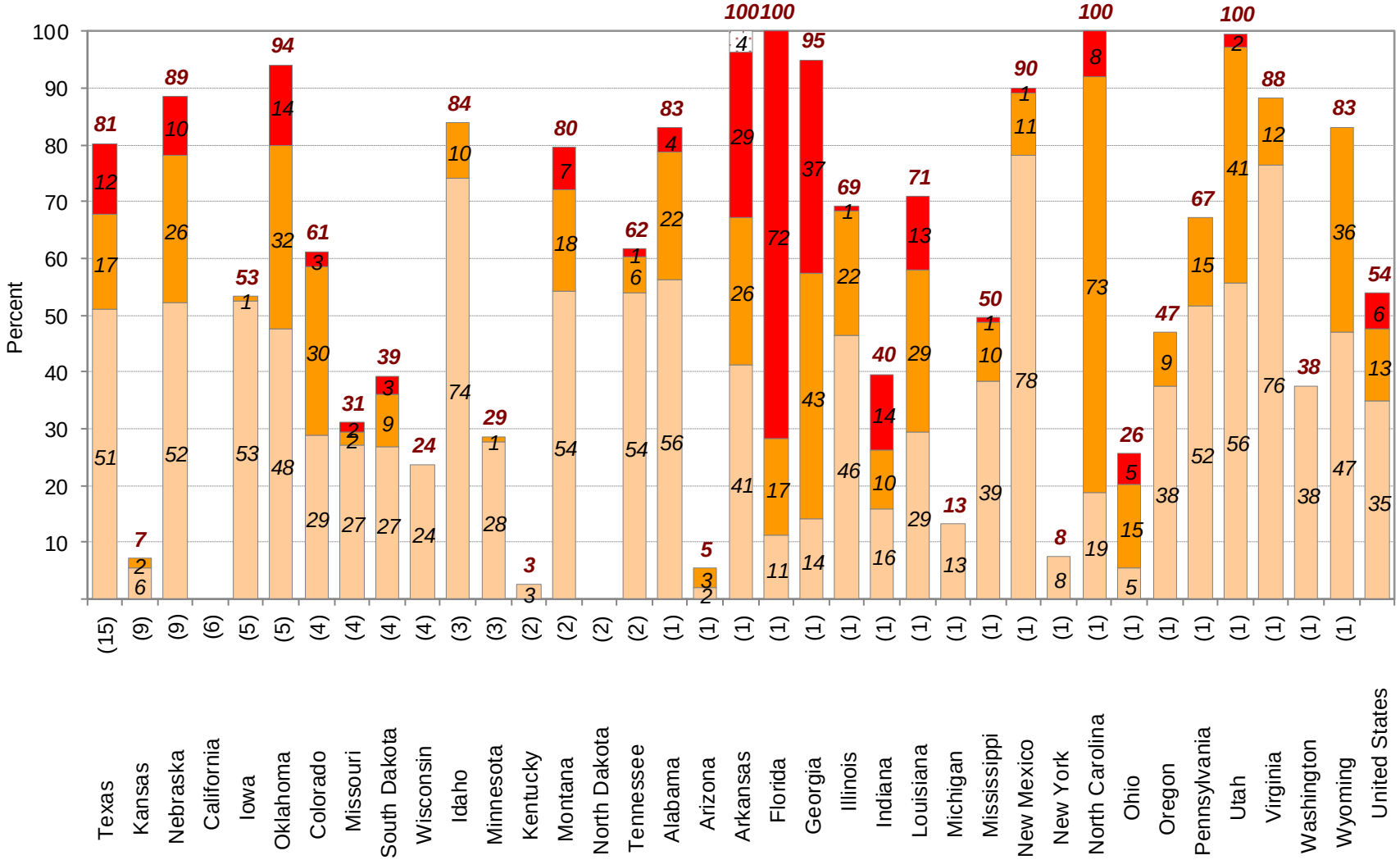

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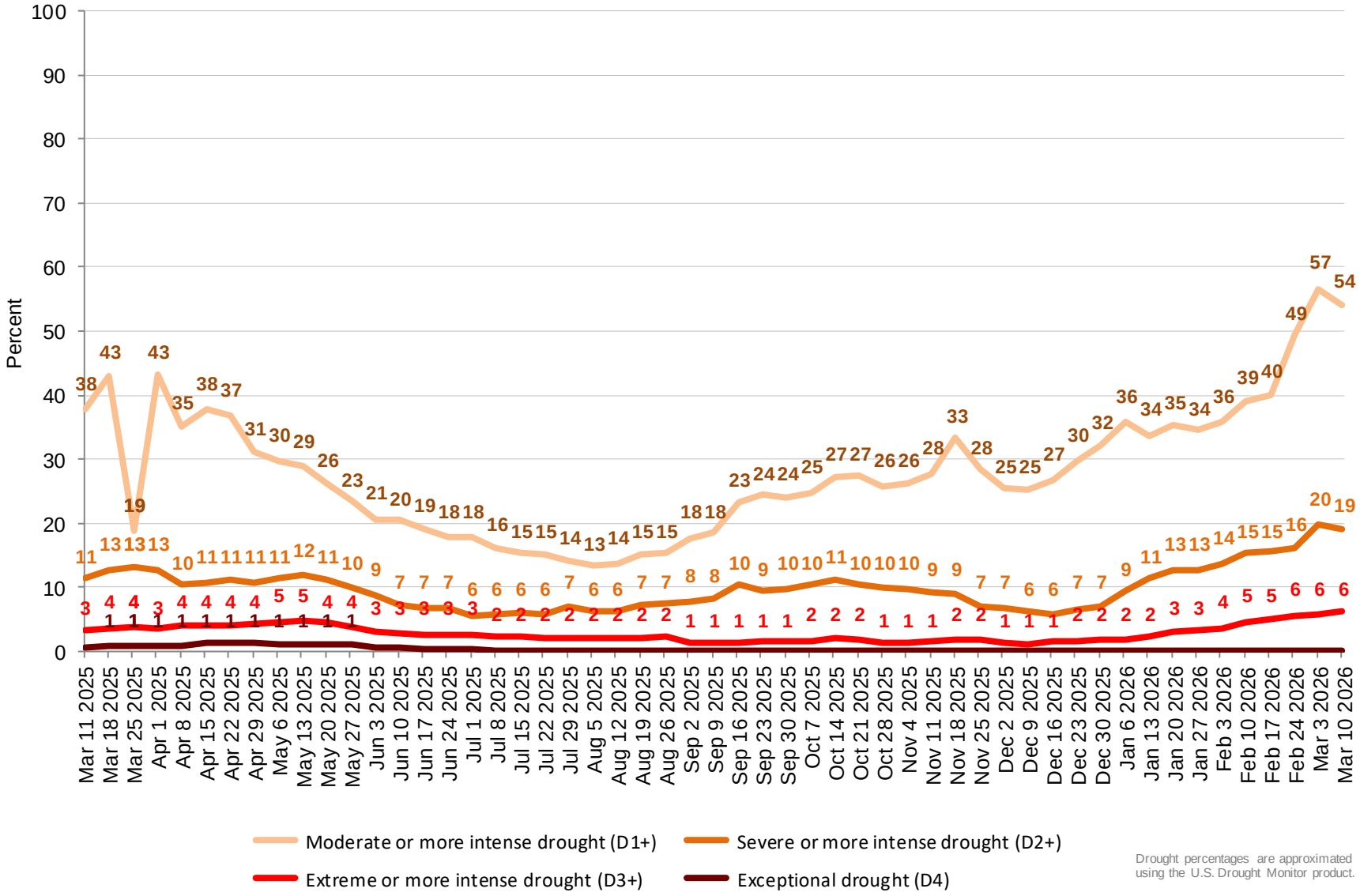
Percent of United States Cattle Located in Drought



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Milk Cow Areas in Drought

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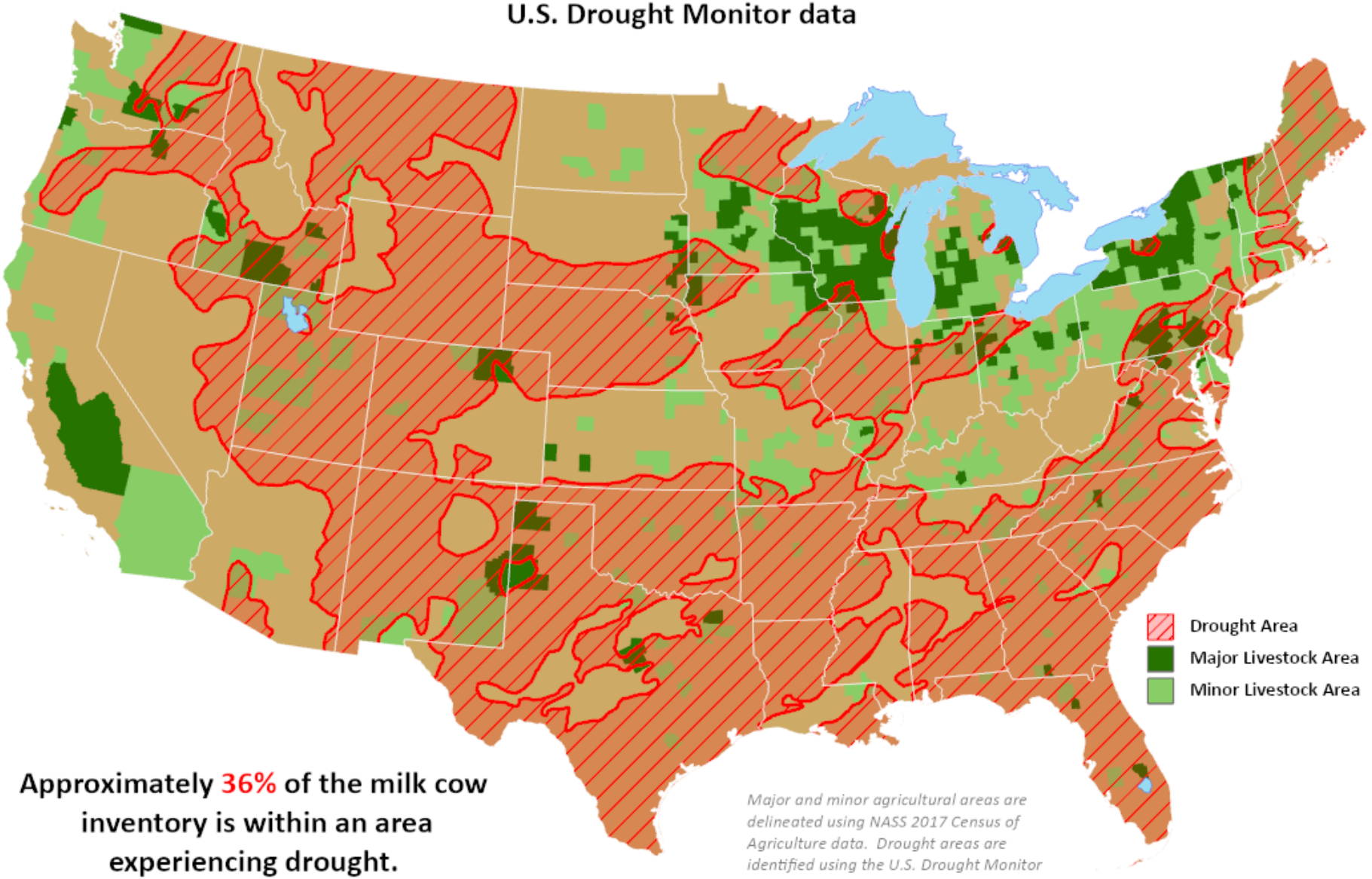

Approximately 36% of the milk cow inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Milk Cows Located in Drought

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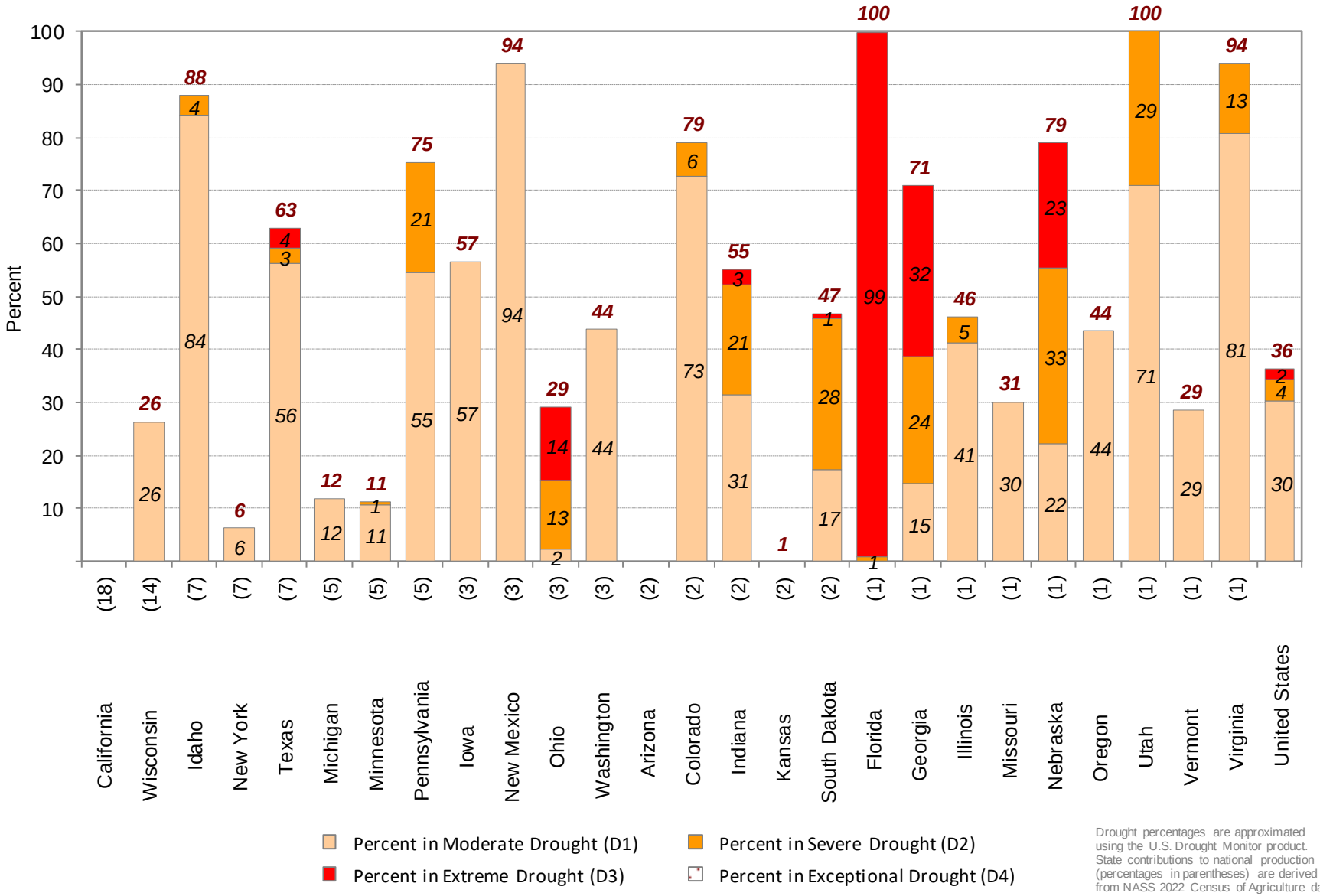

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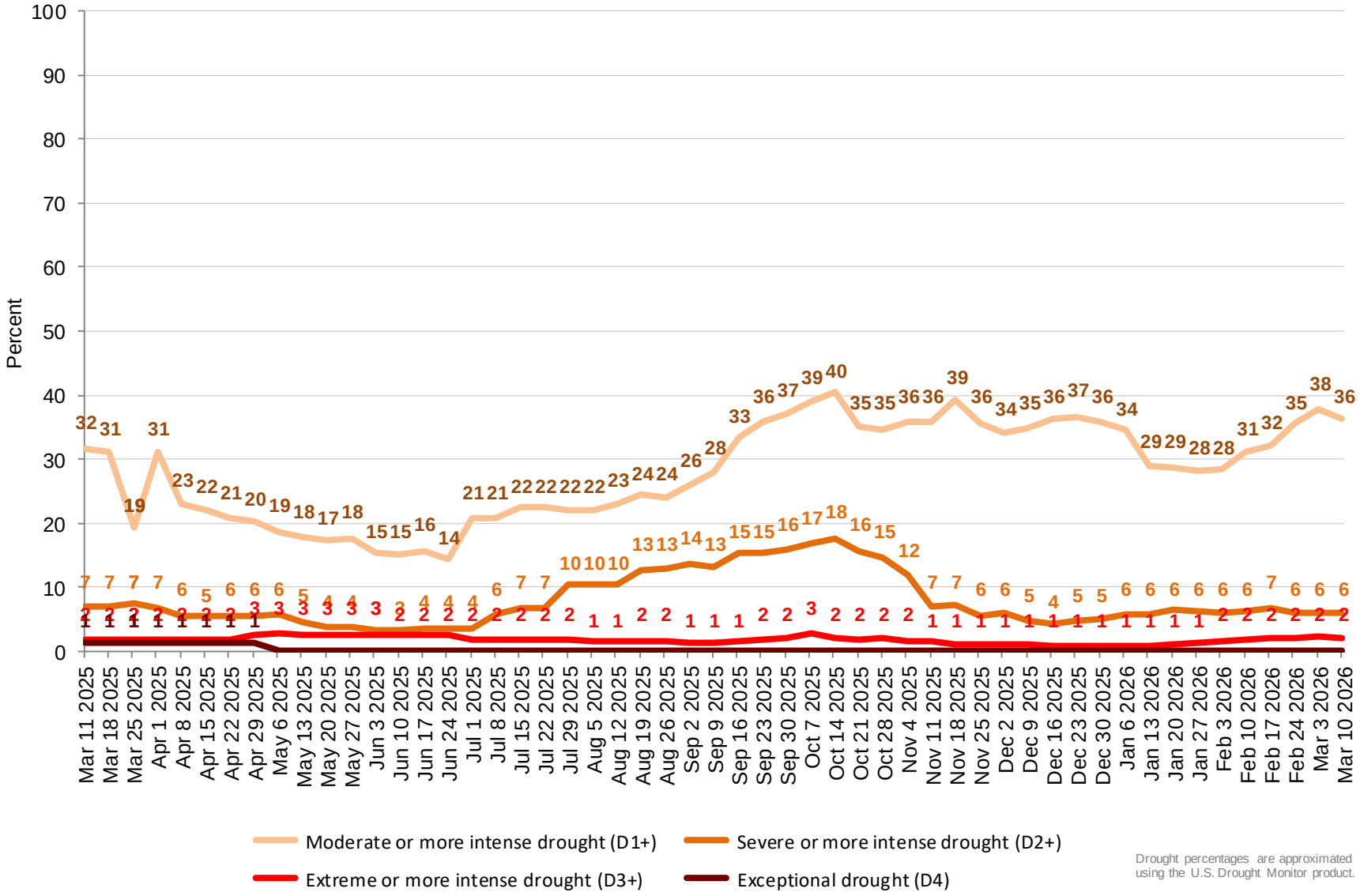
Percent of United States Milk Cows Located in Drought



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Sheep Areas in Drought

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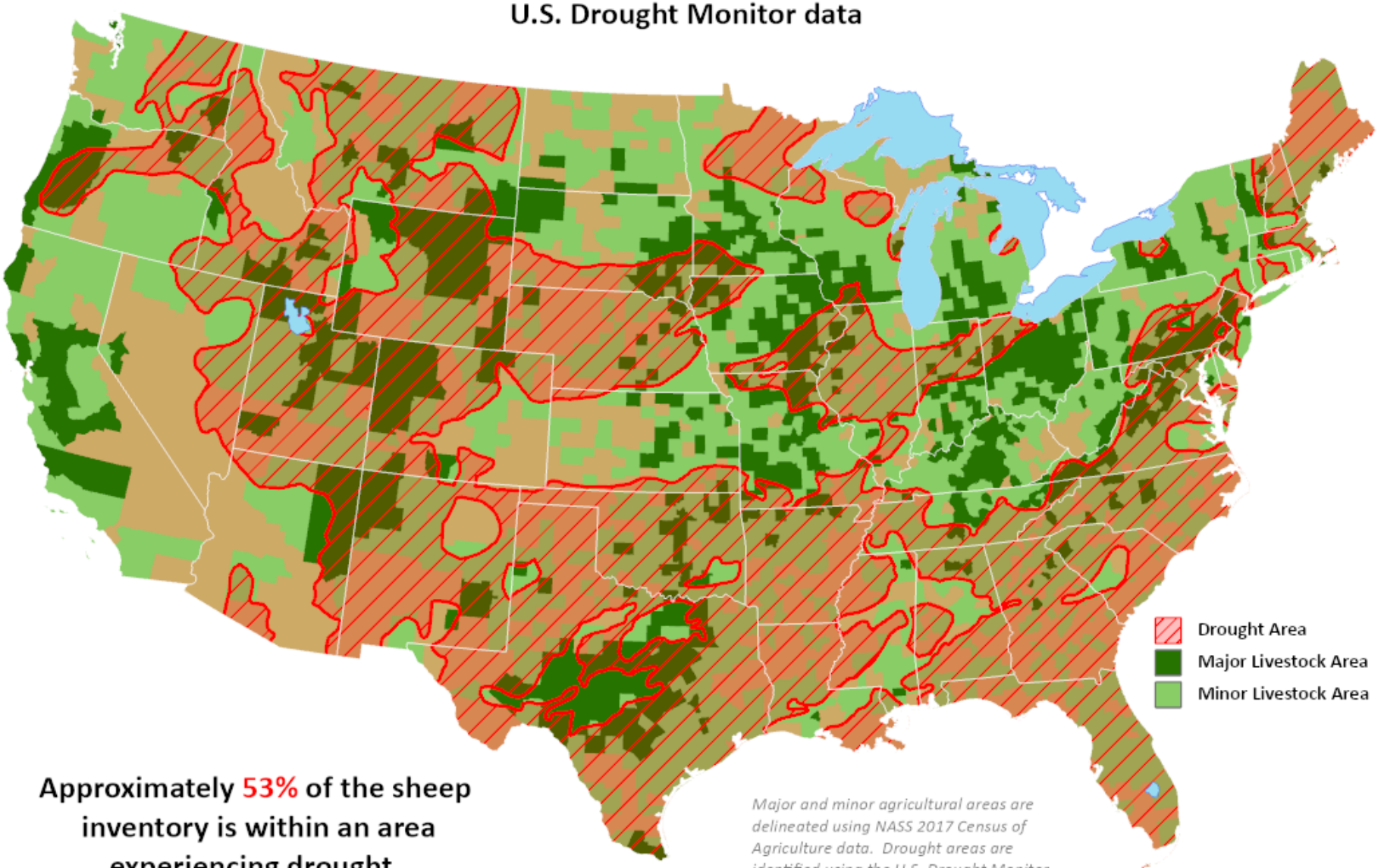

Approximately 53% of the sheep inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sheep Located in Drought

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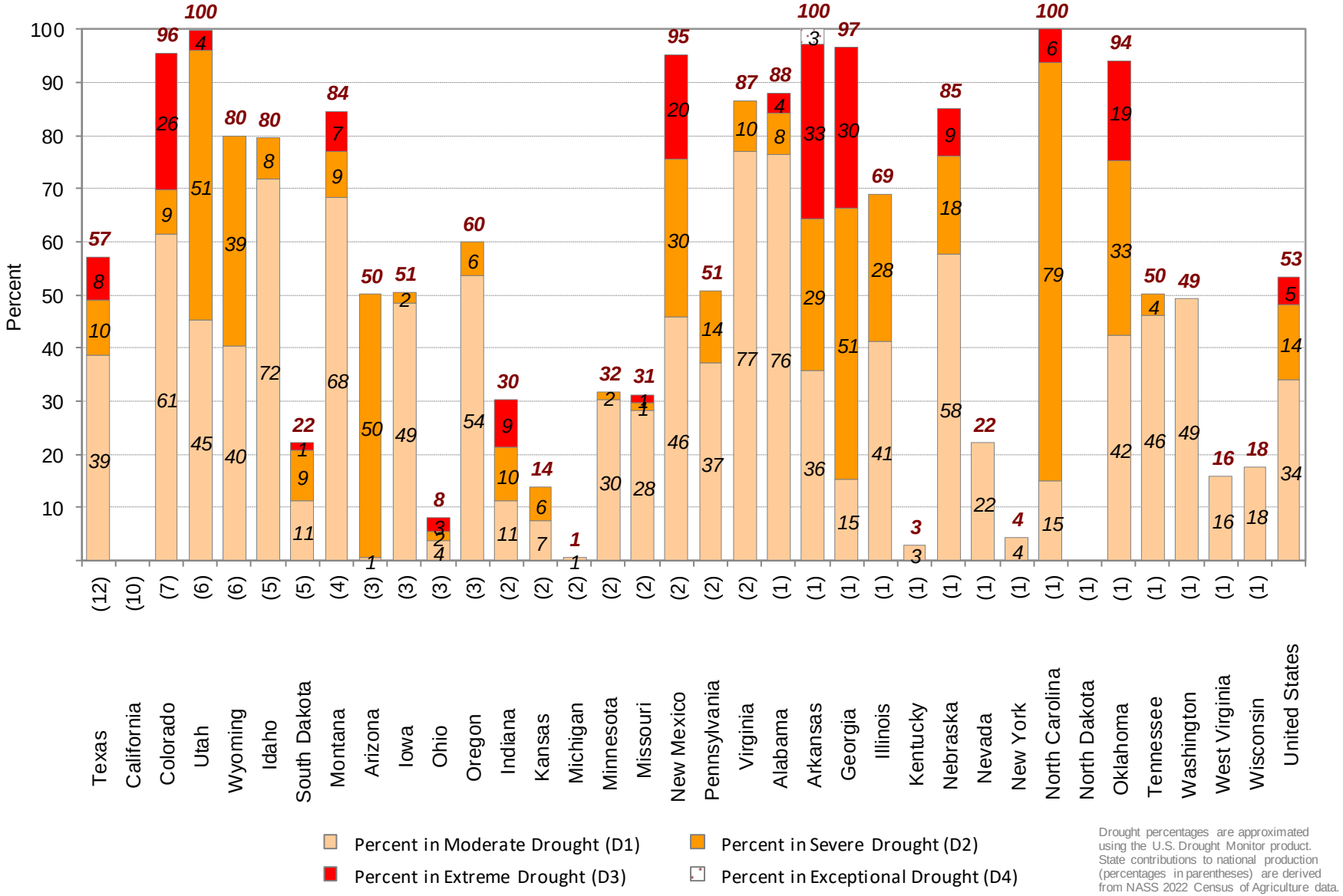

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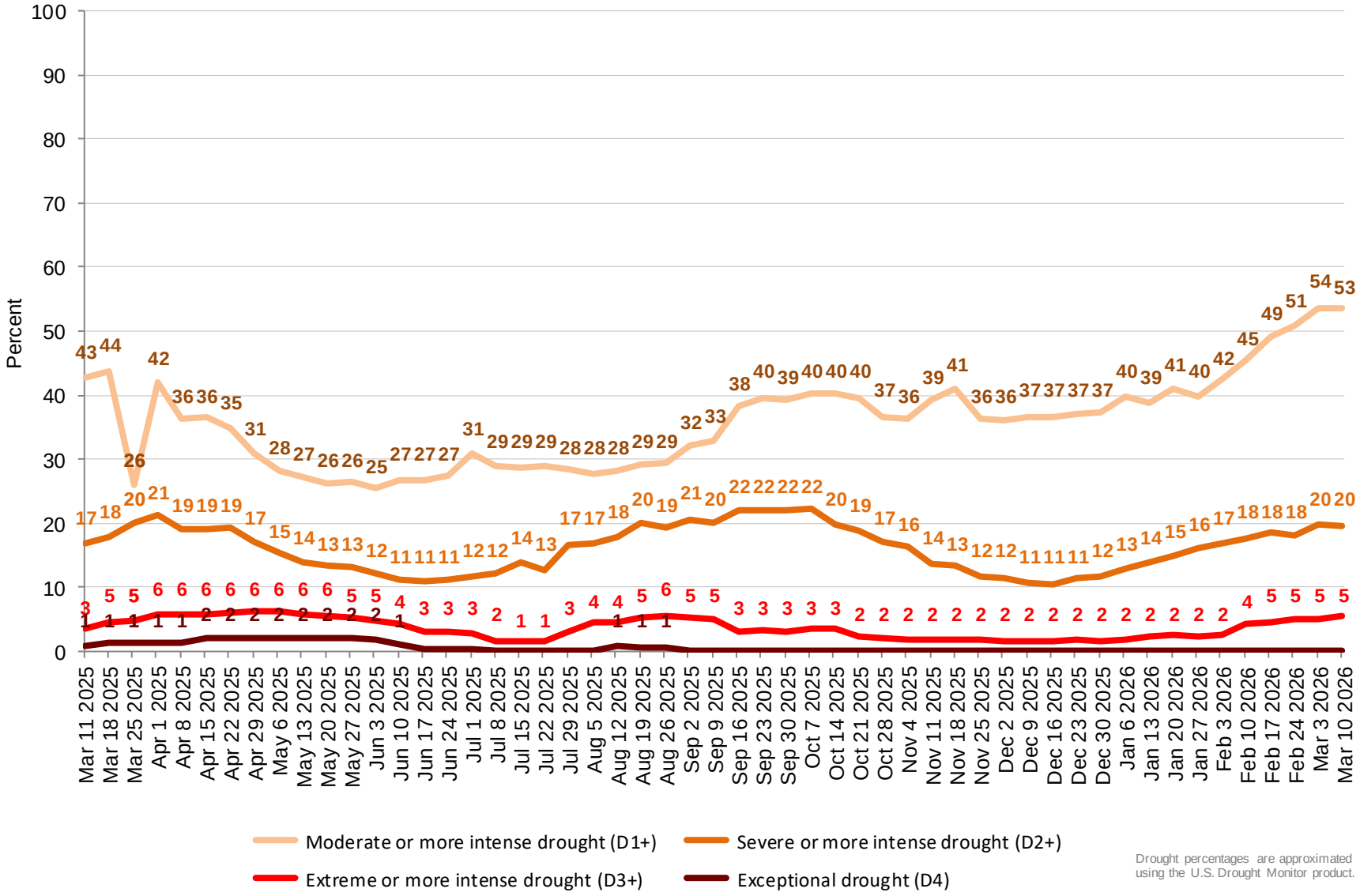

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Sugarbeet Areas in Drought

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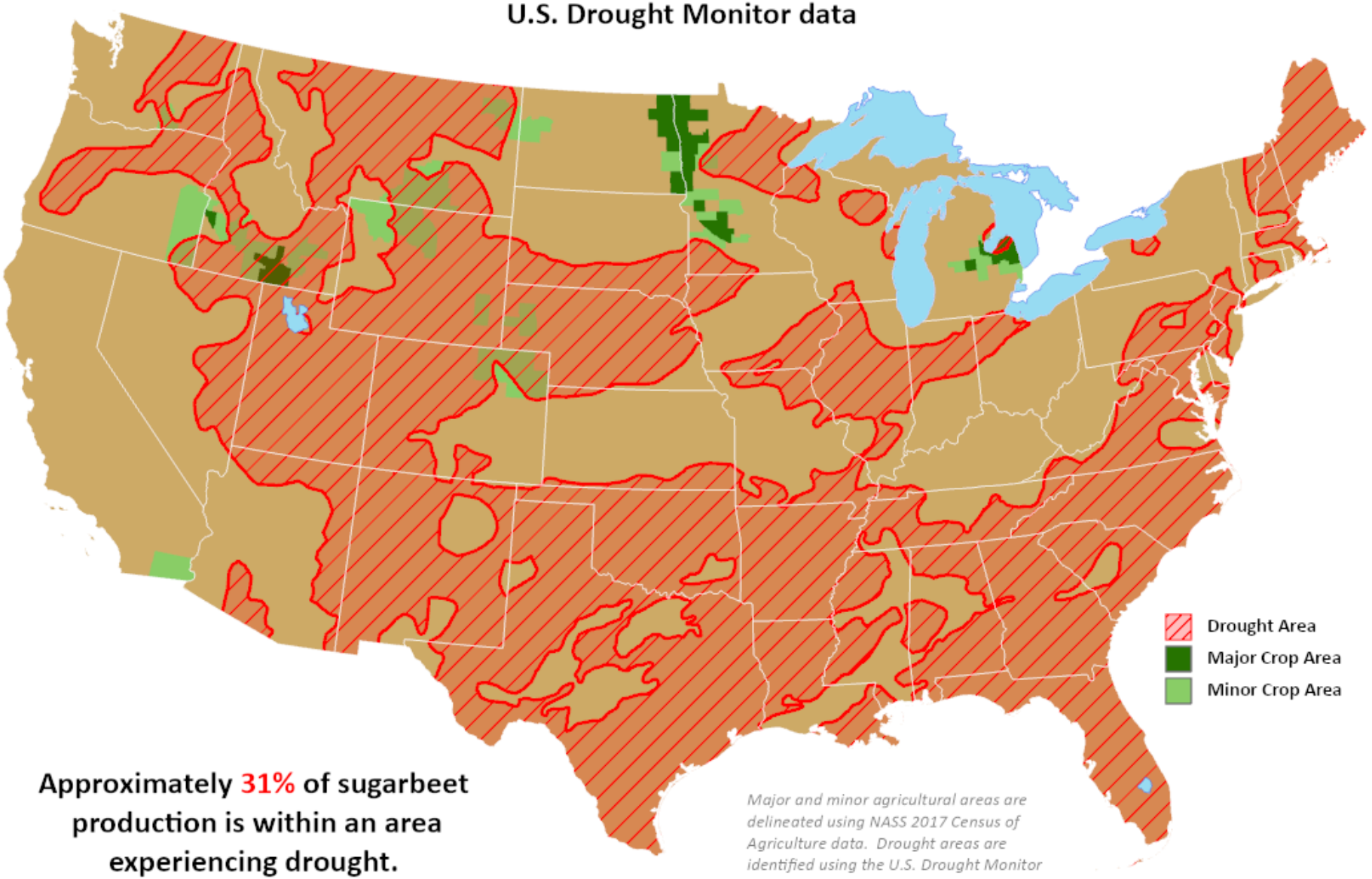

Approximately 31% of sugarbeet production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sugarbeets Located in Drought

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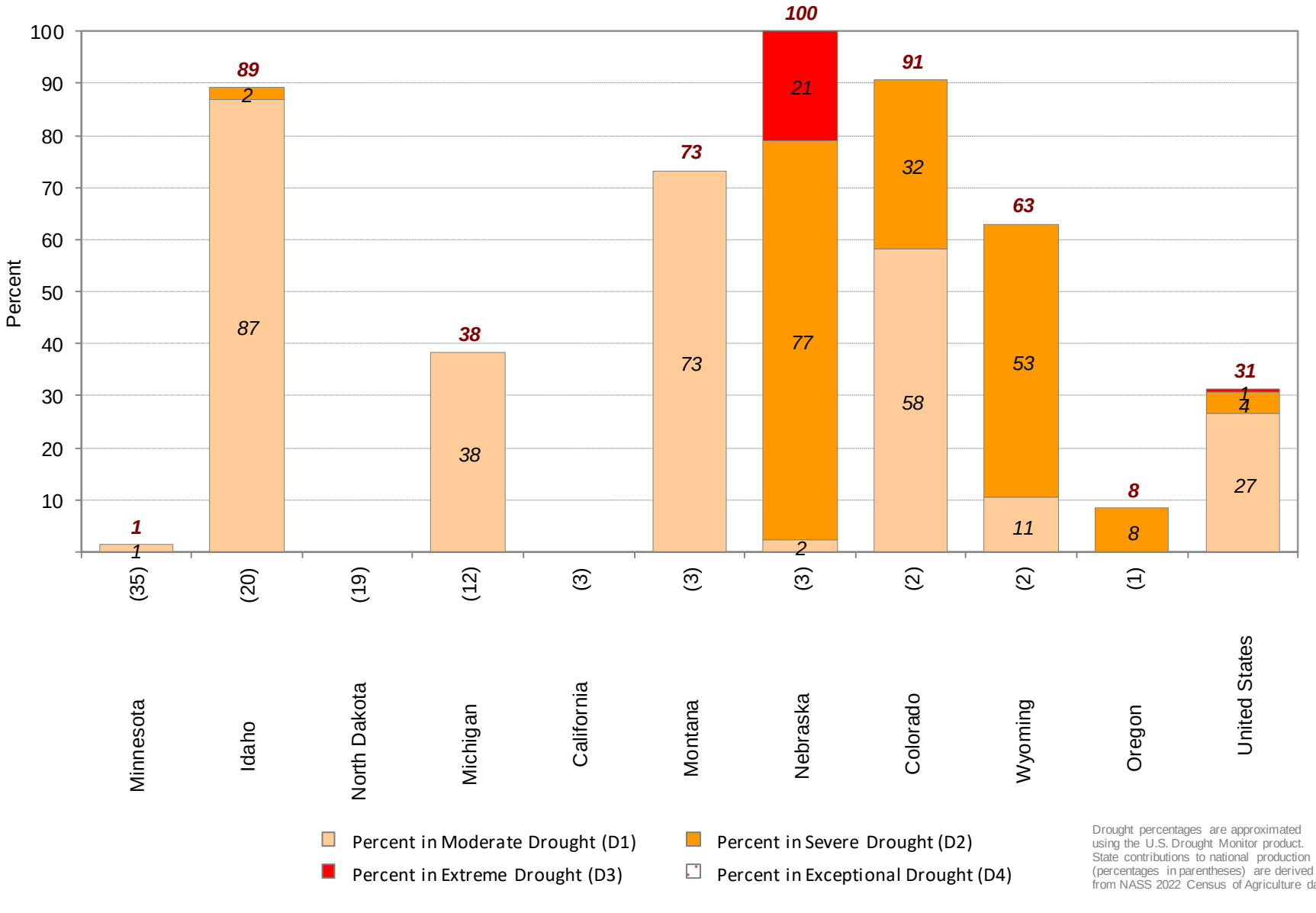

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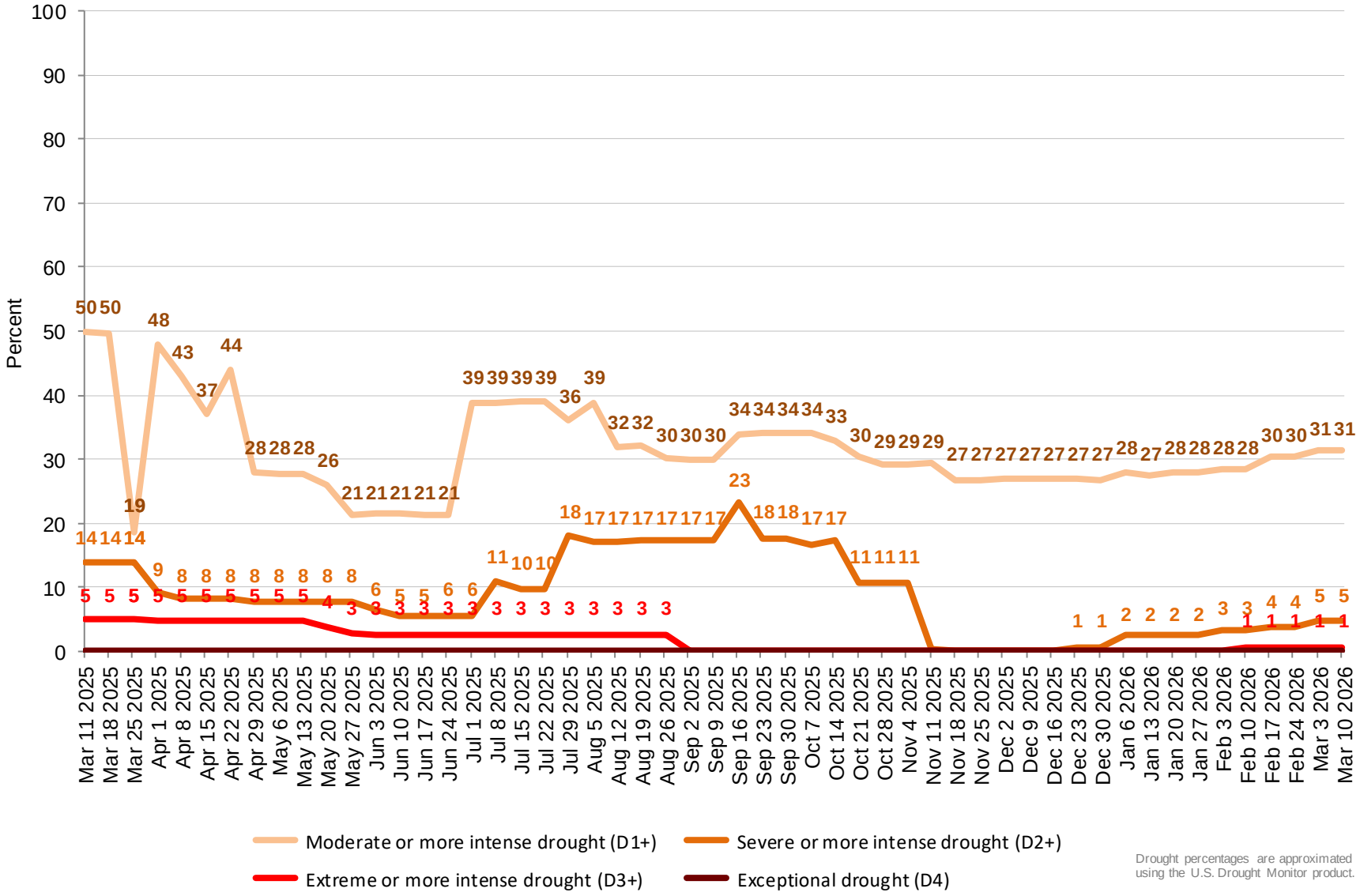
Percent of United States Sugarbeets Located in Drought



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Sugarcane Areas in Drought

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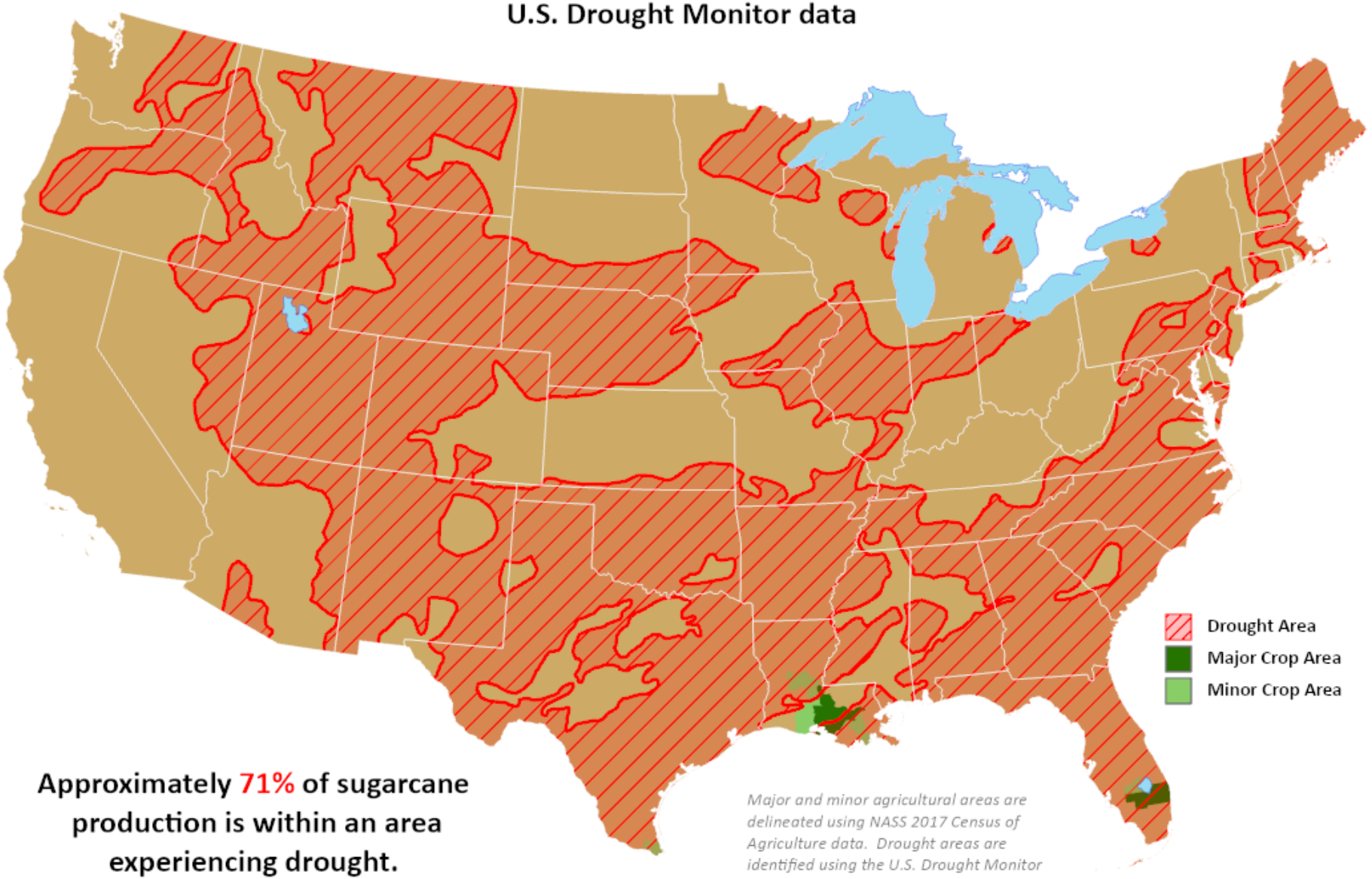

Approximately 71% of sugarcane production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sugarcane Located in Drought

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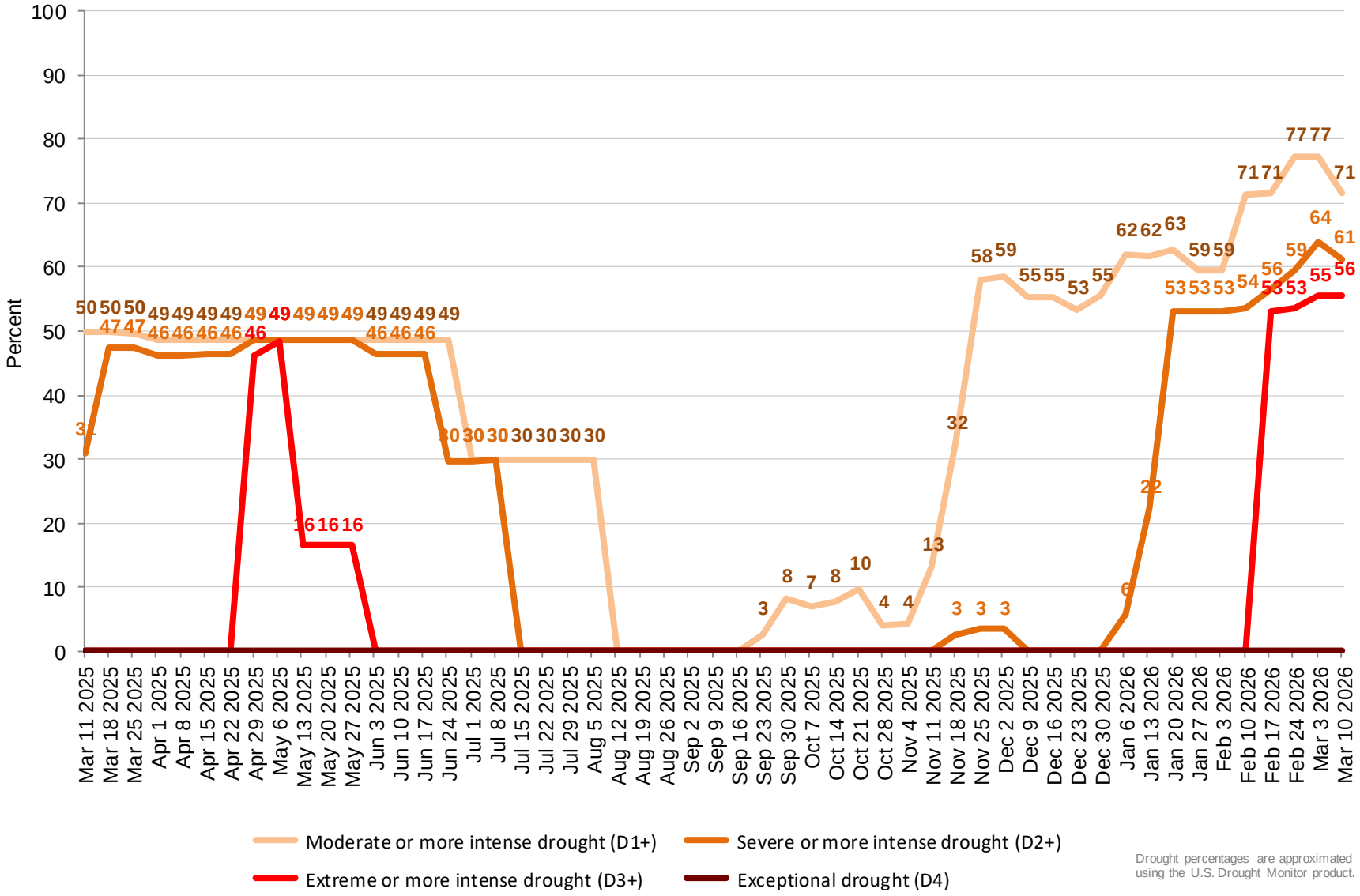
Percent of United States Sugarcane Located in Drought



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