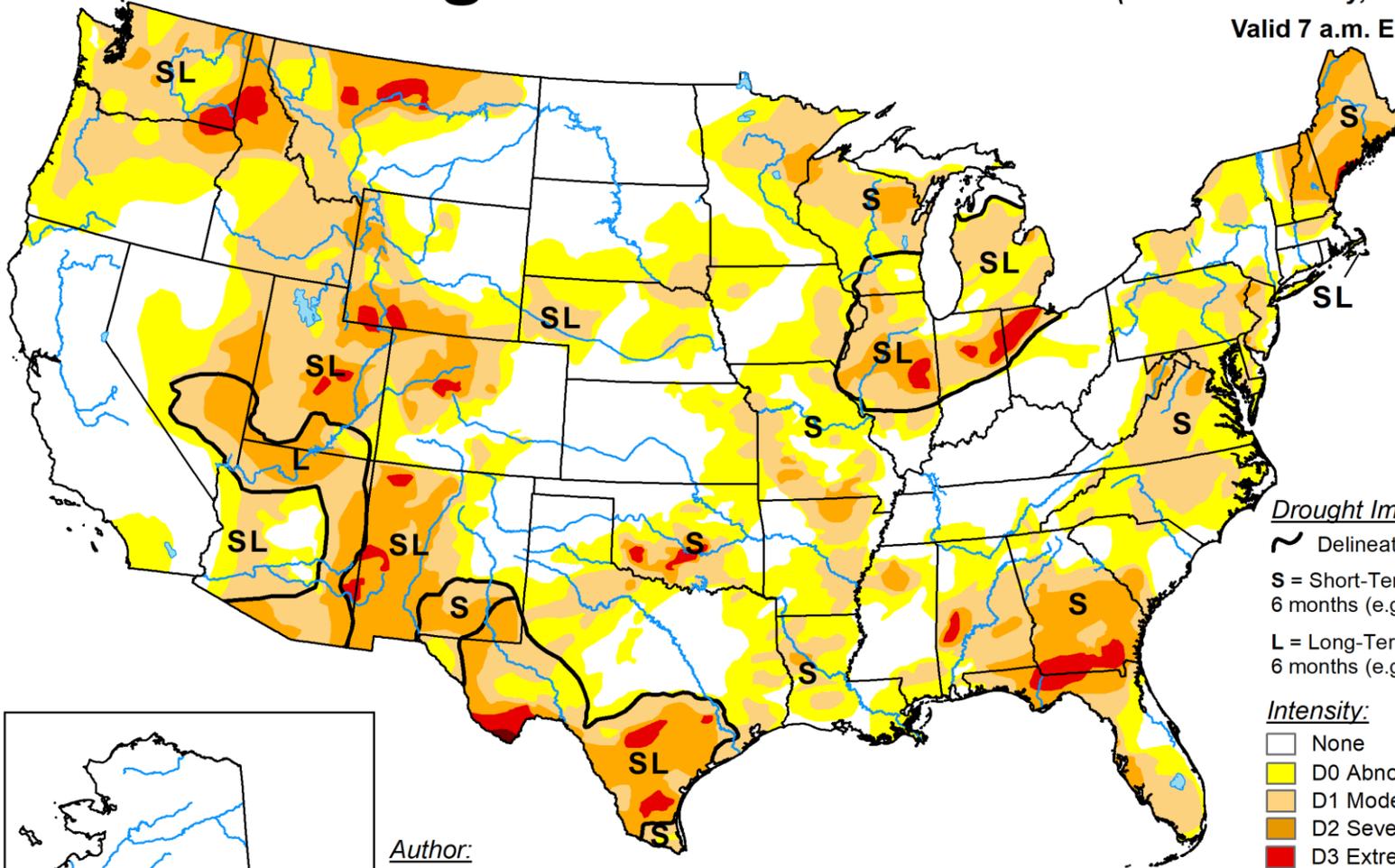


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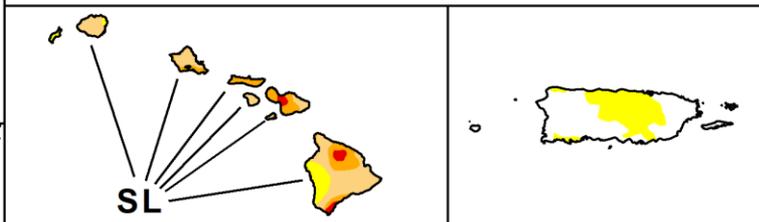
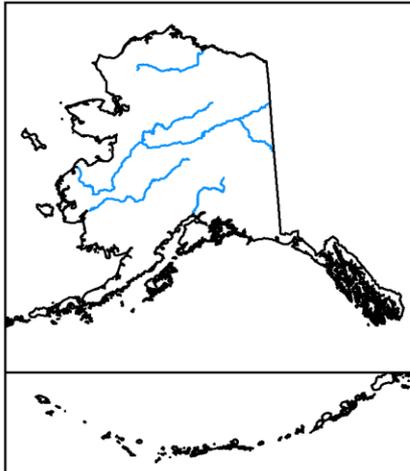
Drought Impact Types:

- ~ 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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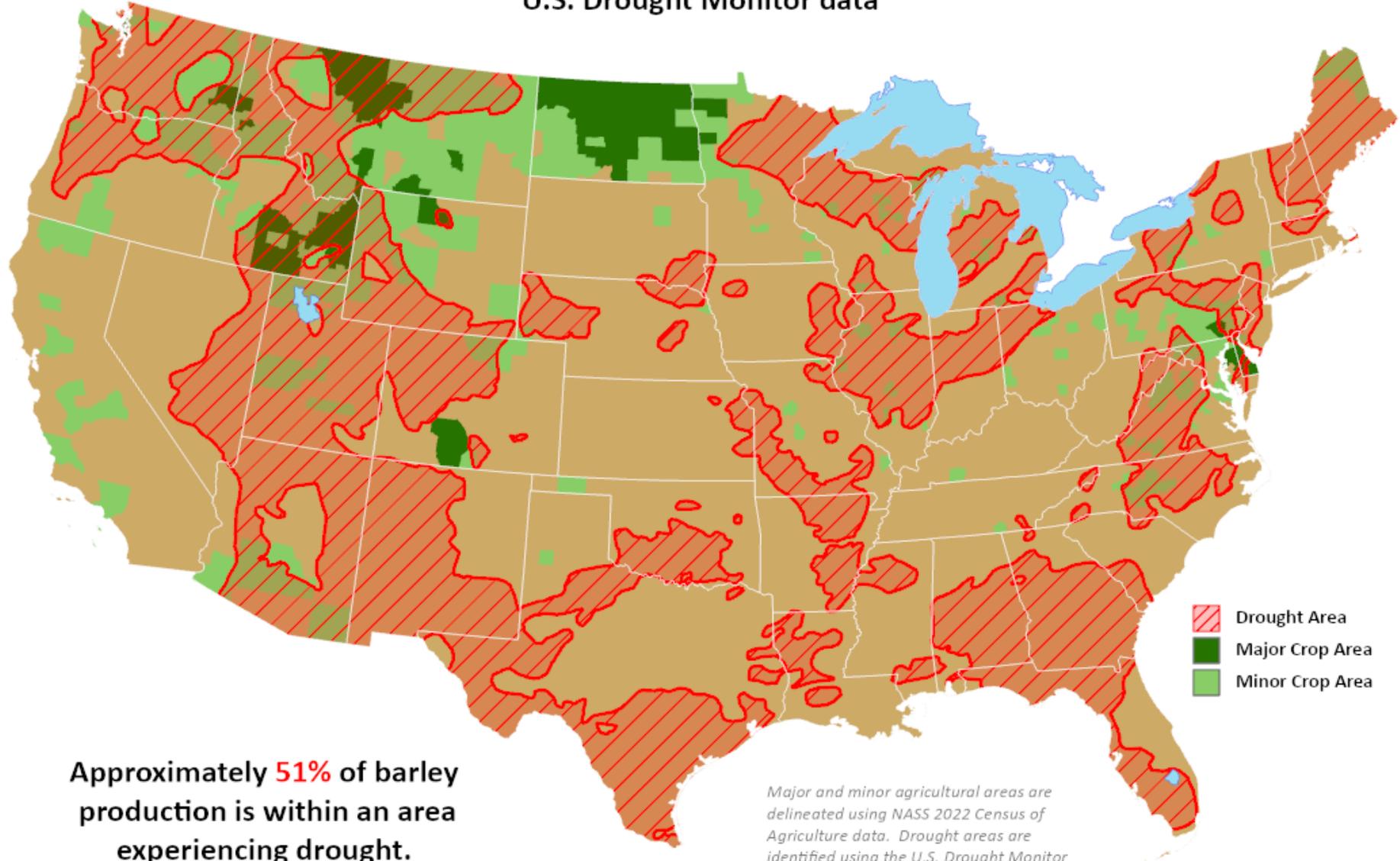
Agriculture in Drought*

	Dec 9	Previous		Change		
	2025	Week	Year	Week	Year	
Corn	31%	30%	57%	1%	-26%	<i>(summer crops)</i>
Soybeans	31%	30%	51%	1%	-20%	
Cotton	49%	49%	25%	0%	24%	
Peanuts	82%	83%	33%	-1%	49%	
Rice	54%	59%	19%	-5%	35%	
Sunflowers	2%	2%	73%	0%	-71%	
Barley	51%	51%	35%	0%	16%	
Sorghum	17%	17%	34%	0%	-17%	
Durum Wheat	19%	19%	78%	0%	-59%	
Spring Wheat	16%	16%	46%	0%	-30%	
Winter Wheat	34%	35%	32%	-1%	2%	<i>(winter crop)</i>
Hay	29%	30%	49%	-1%	-20%	<i>(forage)</i>
Alfalfa Hay	31%	31%	53%	0%	-22%	
Cattle	25%	25%	40%	0%	-15%	<i>(livestock)</i>
Milk Cows	35%	34%	29%	1%	6%	
Hogs	30%	38%	70%	-8%	-40%	
Sheep	37%	36%	39%	1%	-2%	
Sugarbeets	27%	27%	44%	0%	-17%	<i>(sugar)</i>
Sugarcane	55%	59%	0%	-4%	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.

Barley Areas in Drought

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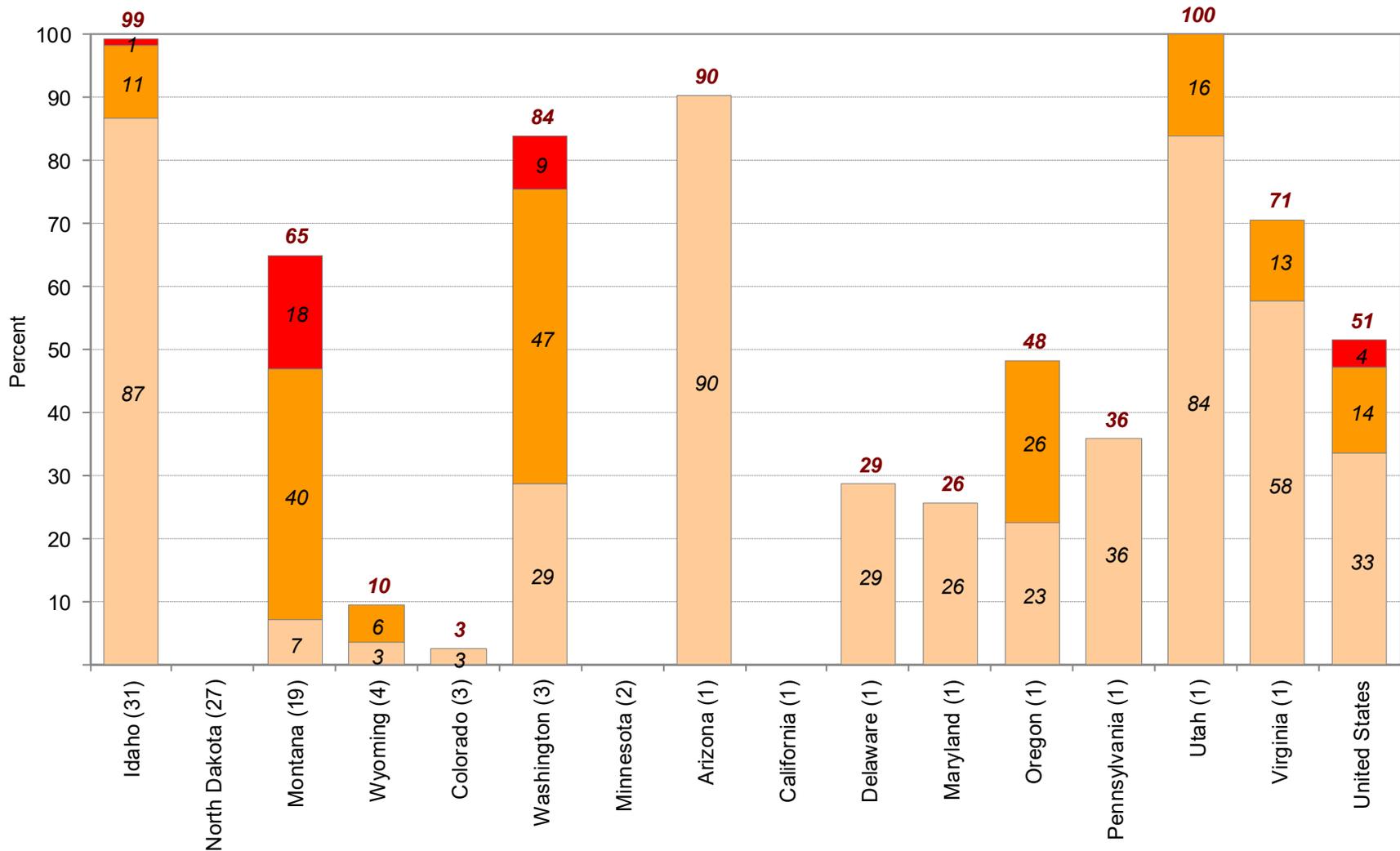


-  Drought Area
-  Major Crop Area
-  Minor Crop Area

Approximately 51% of barley production is within an area experiencing drought.

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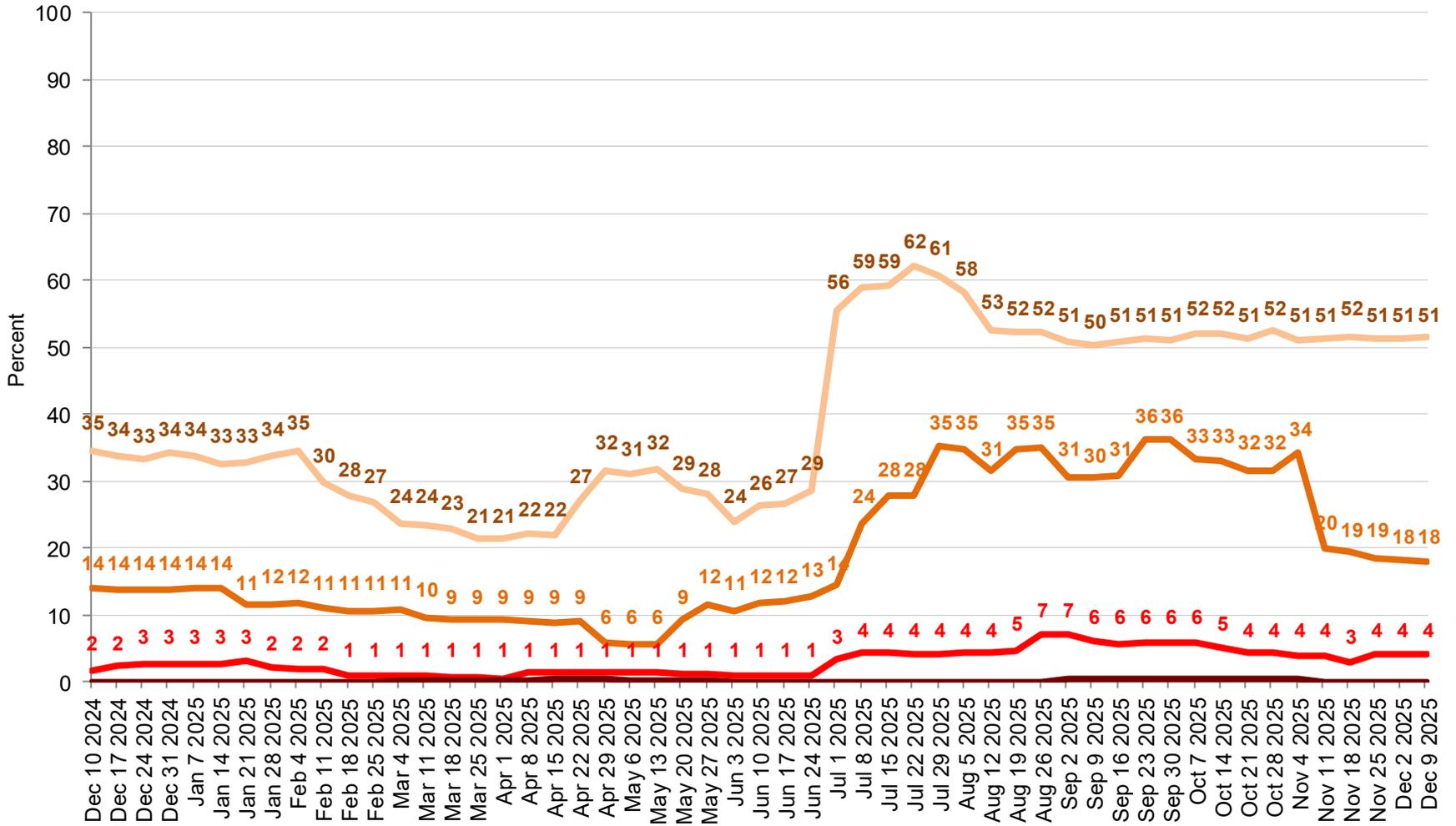
Percent of Barley Located in Drought December 9, 2025



- 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

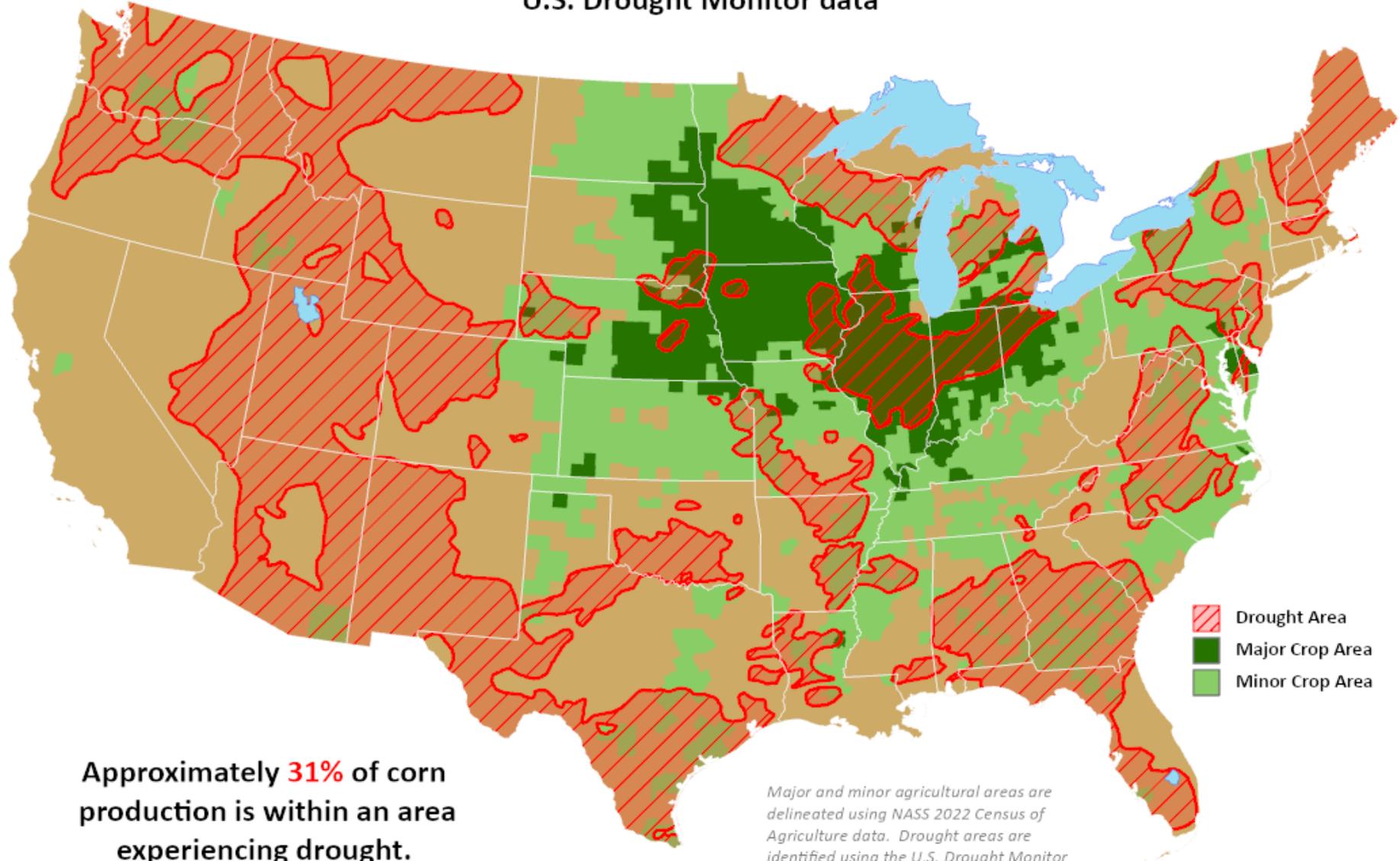


- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

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Corn Areas in Drought

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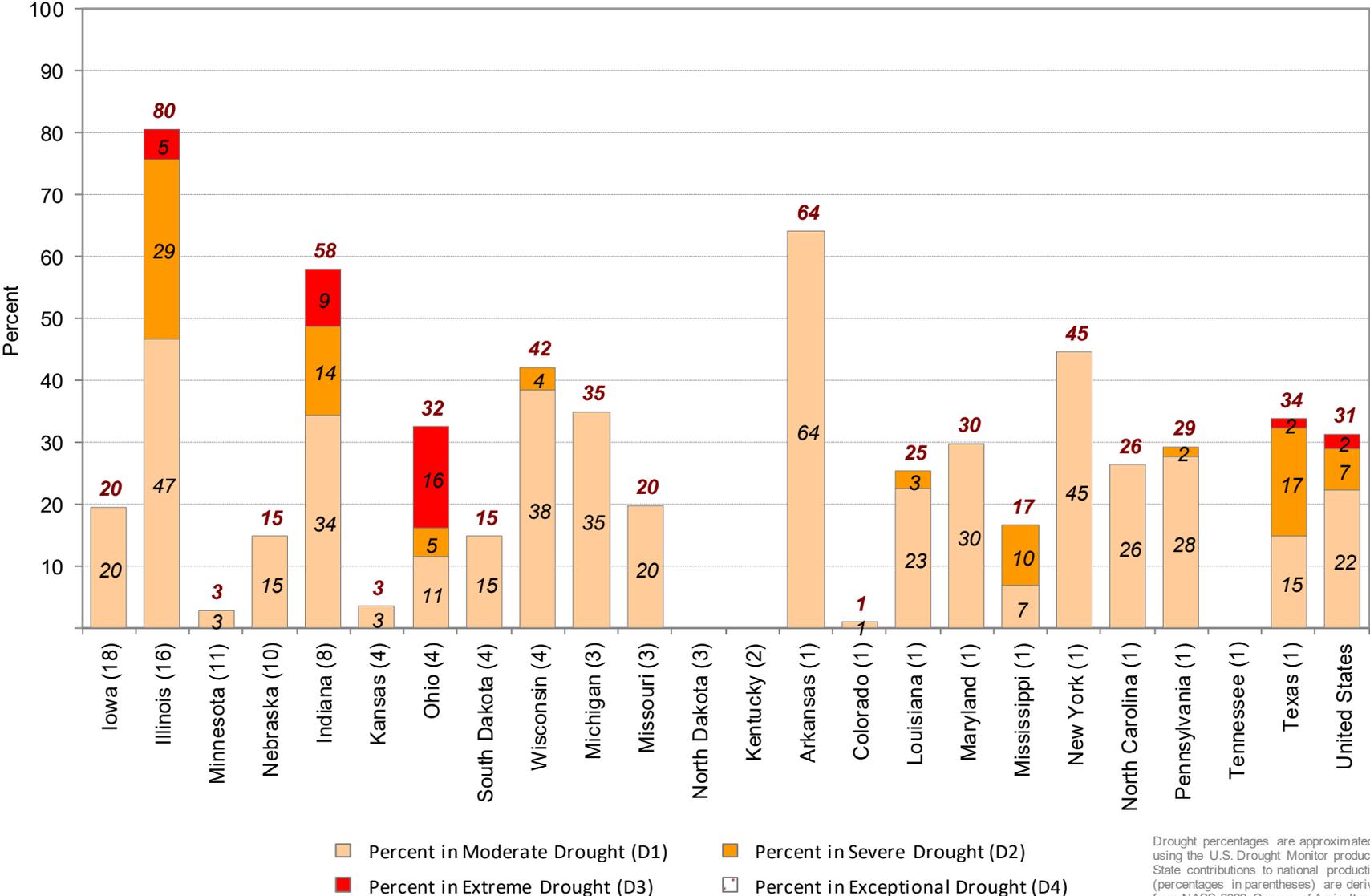
-  Drought Area
-  Major Crop Area
-  Minor Crop Area

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

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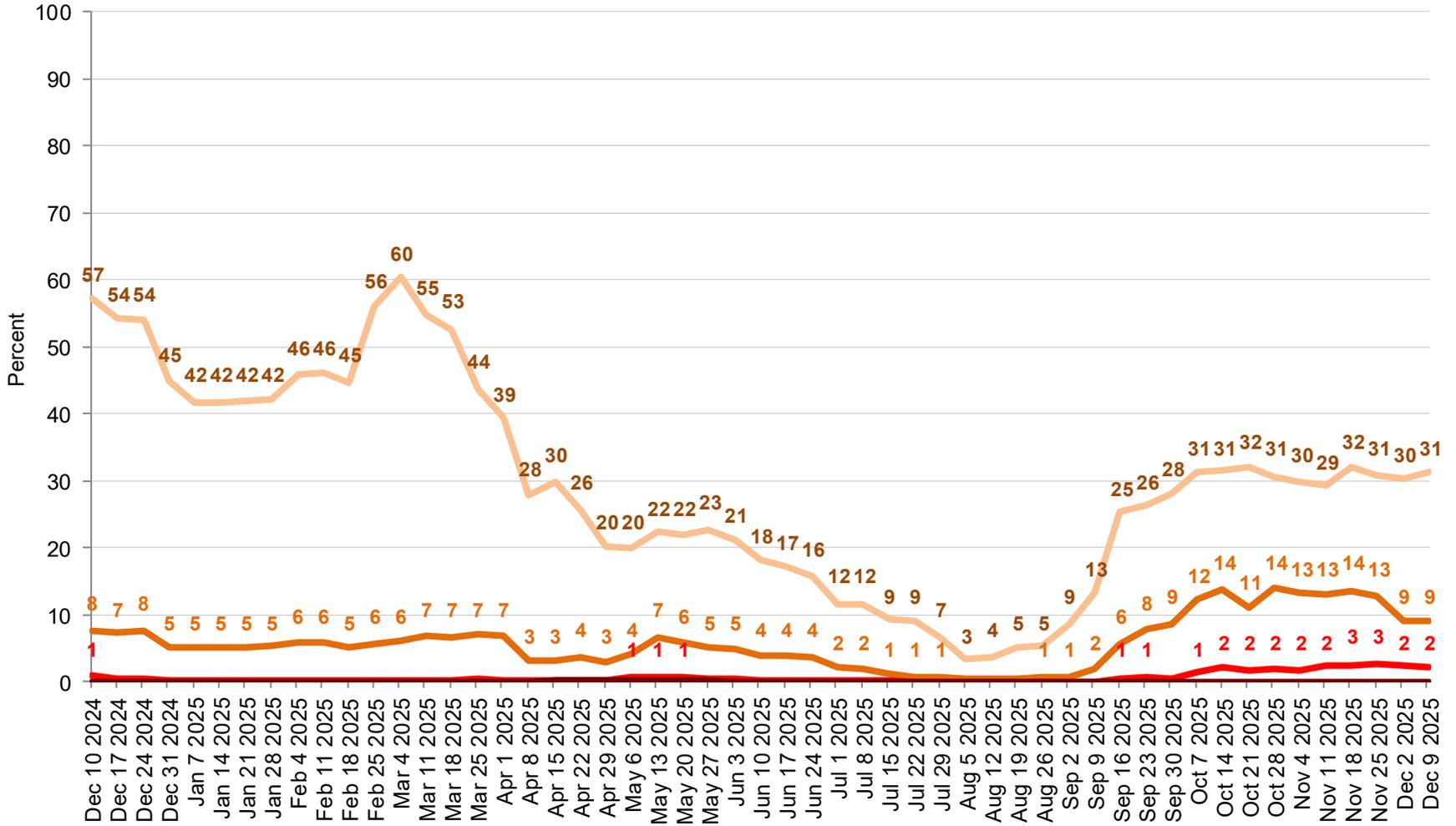
Percent of Corn Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Corn Located in Drought

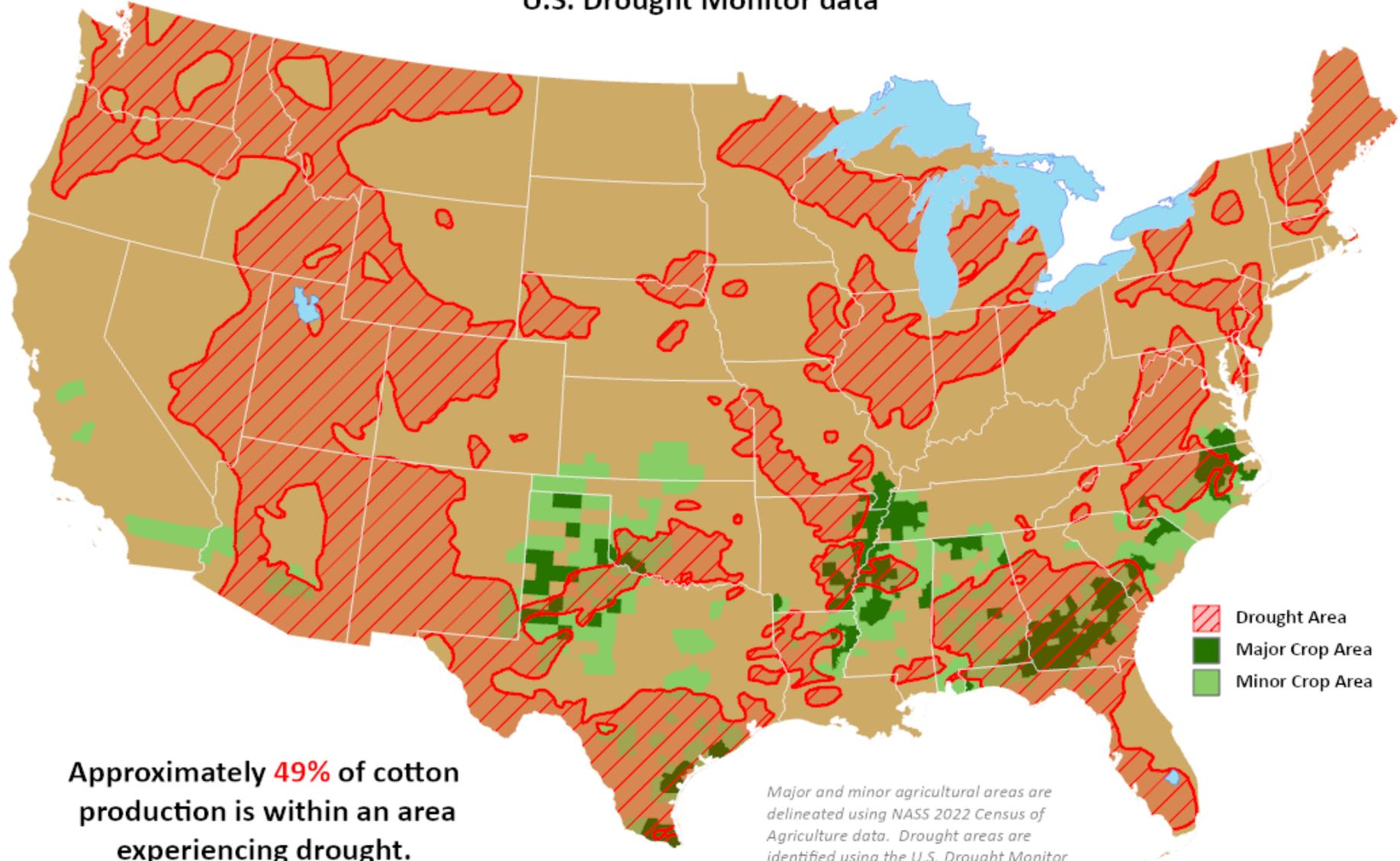


- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

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Cotton Areas in Drought

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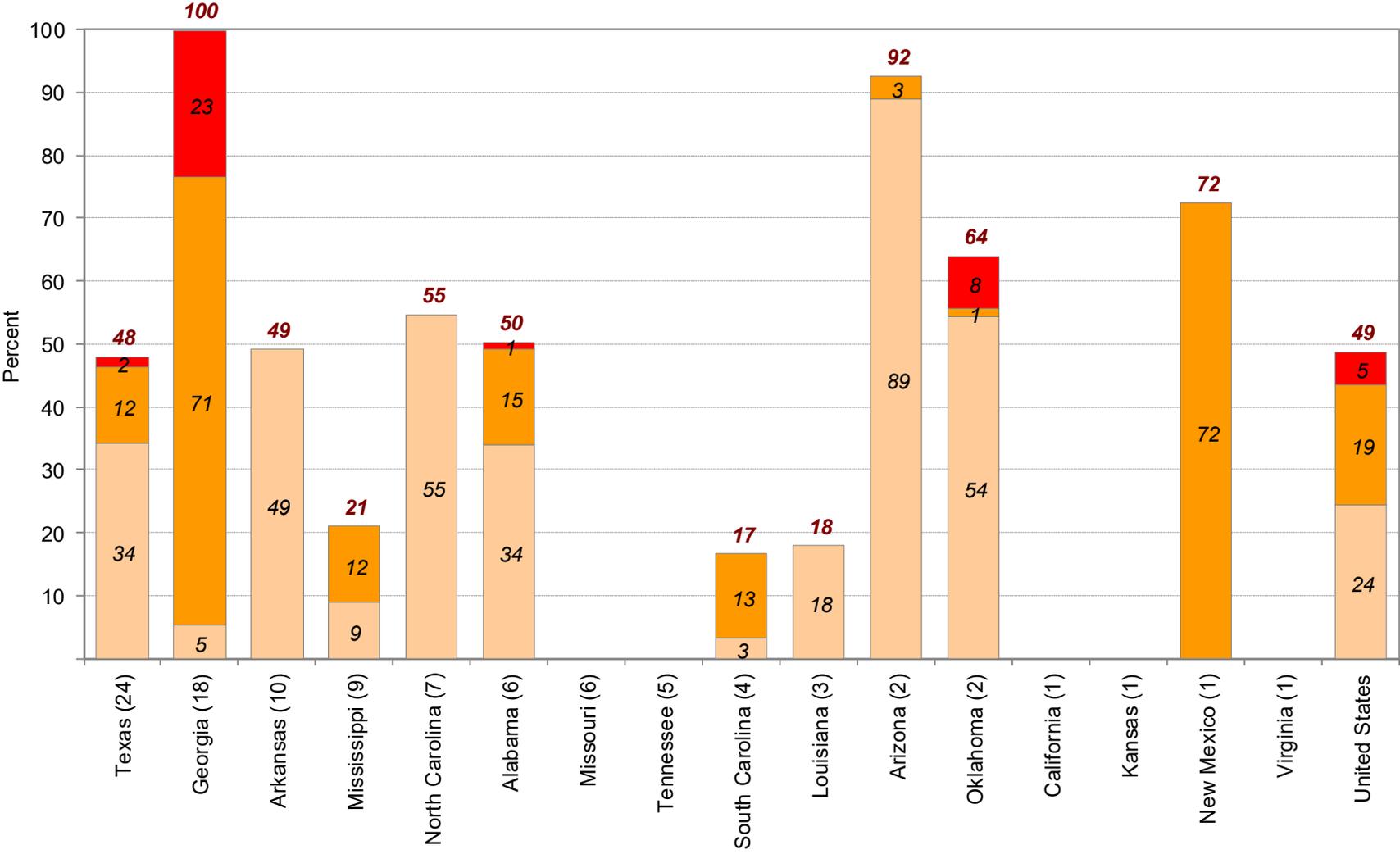


Approximately 49% of cotton production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Cotton Located in Drought

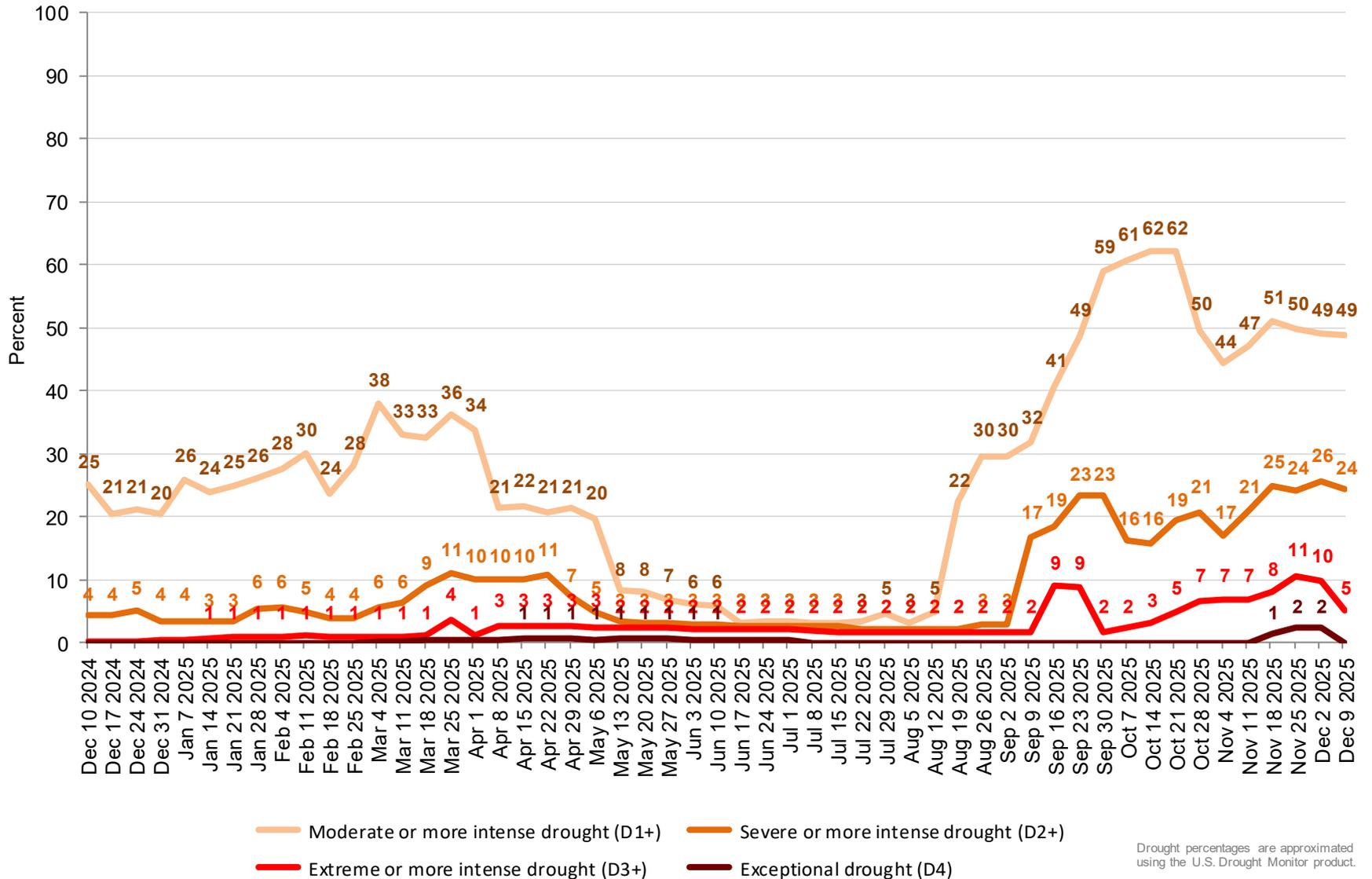
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Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
 Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
 Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
 Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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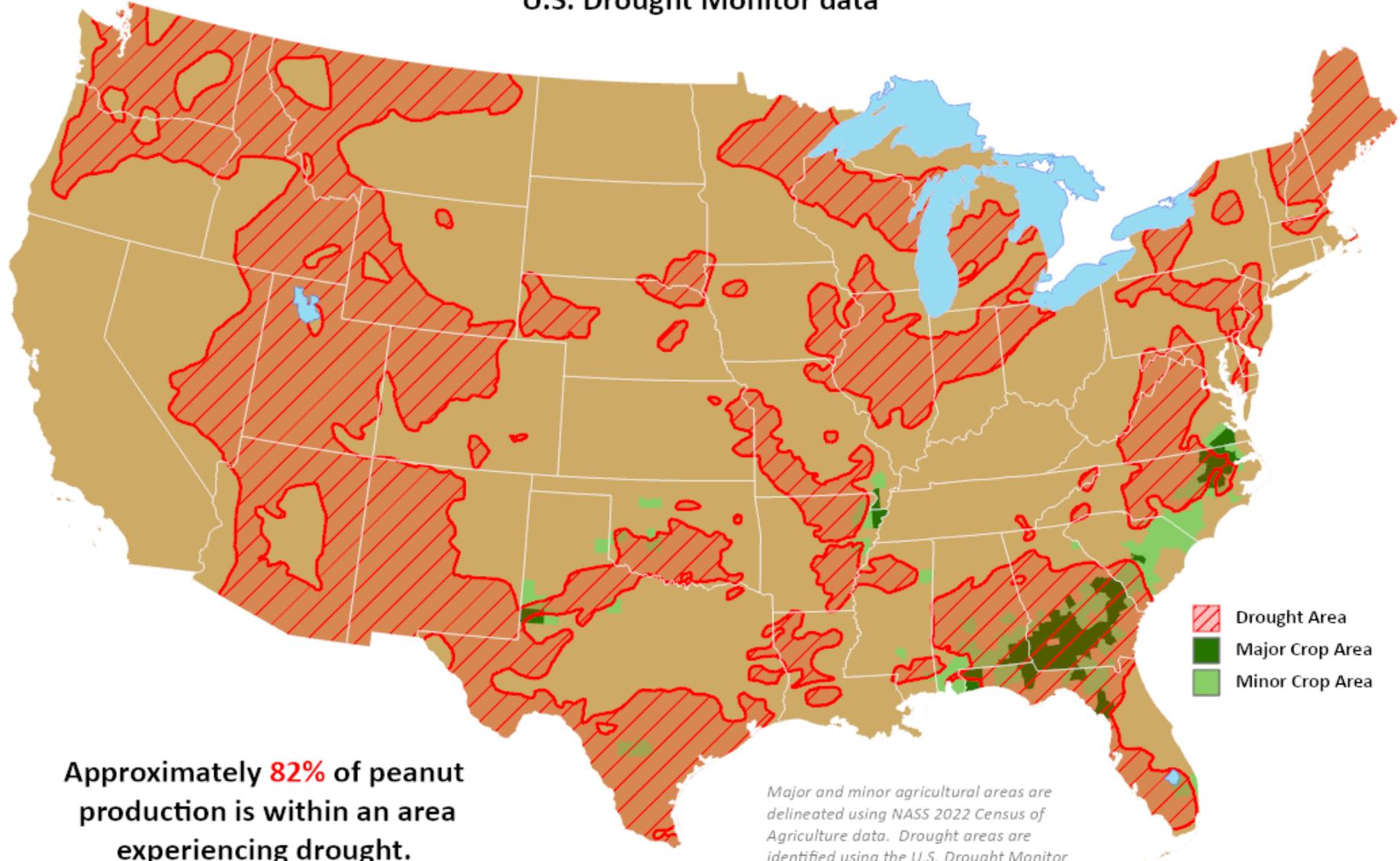
Percent of United States Cotton Located in Drought



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Peanut Areas in Drought

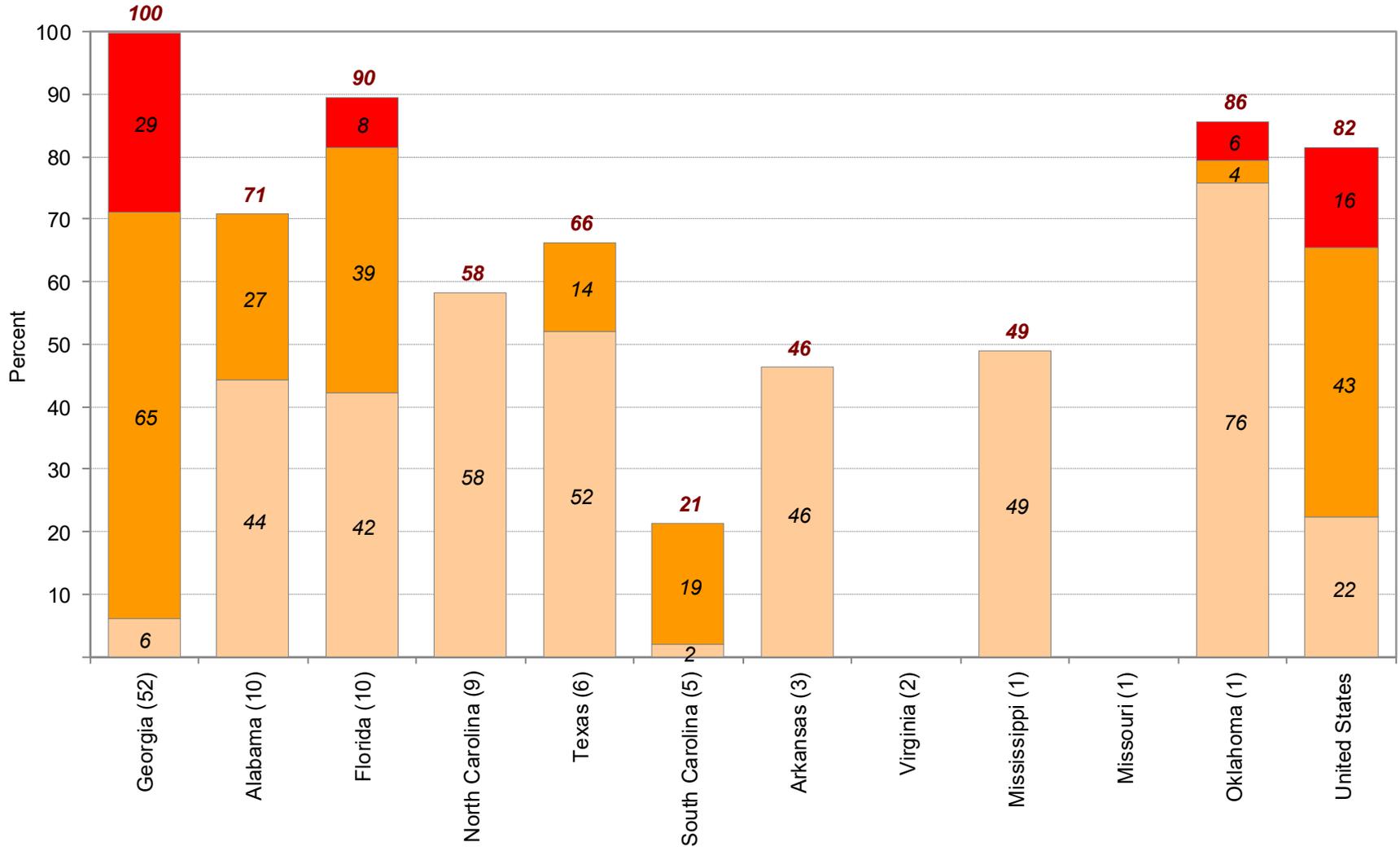
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Approximately **82%** of peanut production is within an area experiencing drought.

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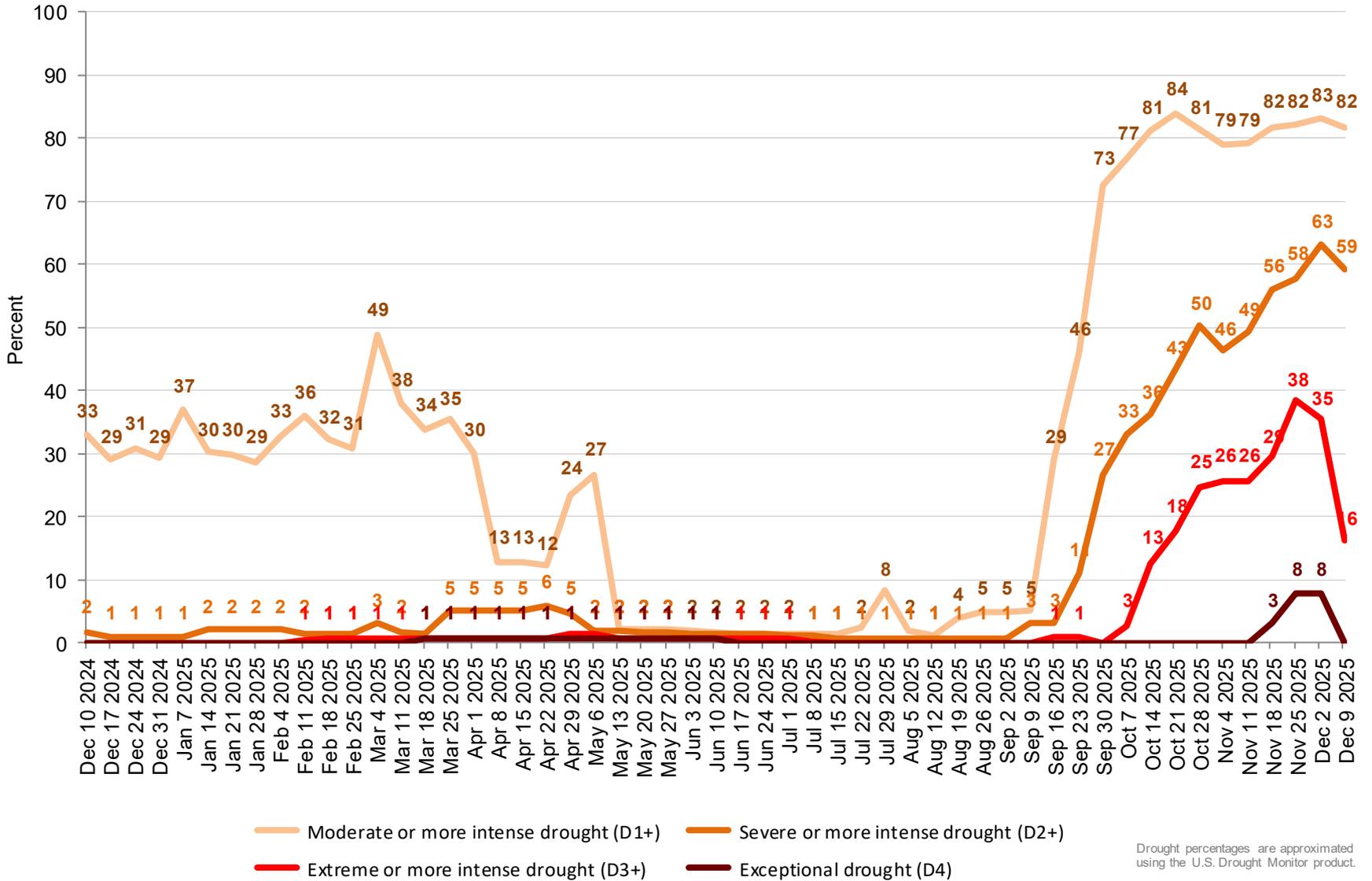
Percent of Peanuts Located in Drought December 9, 2025



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

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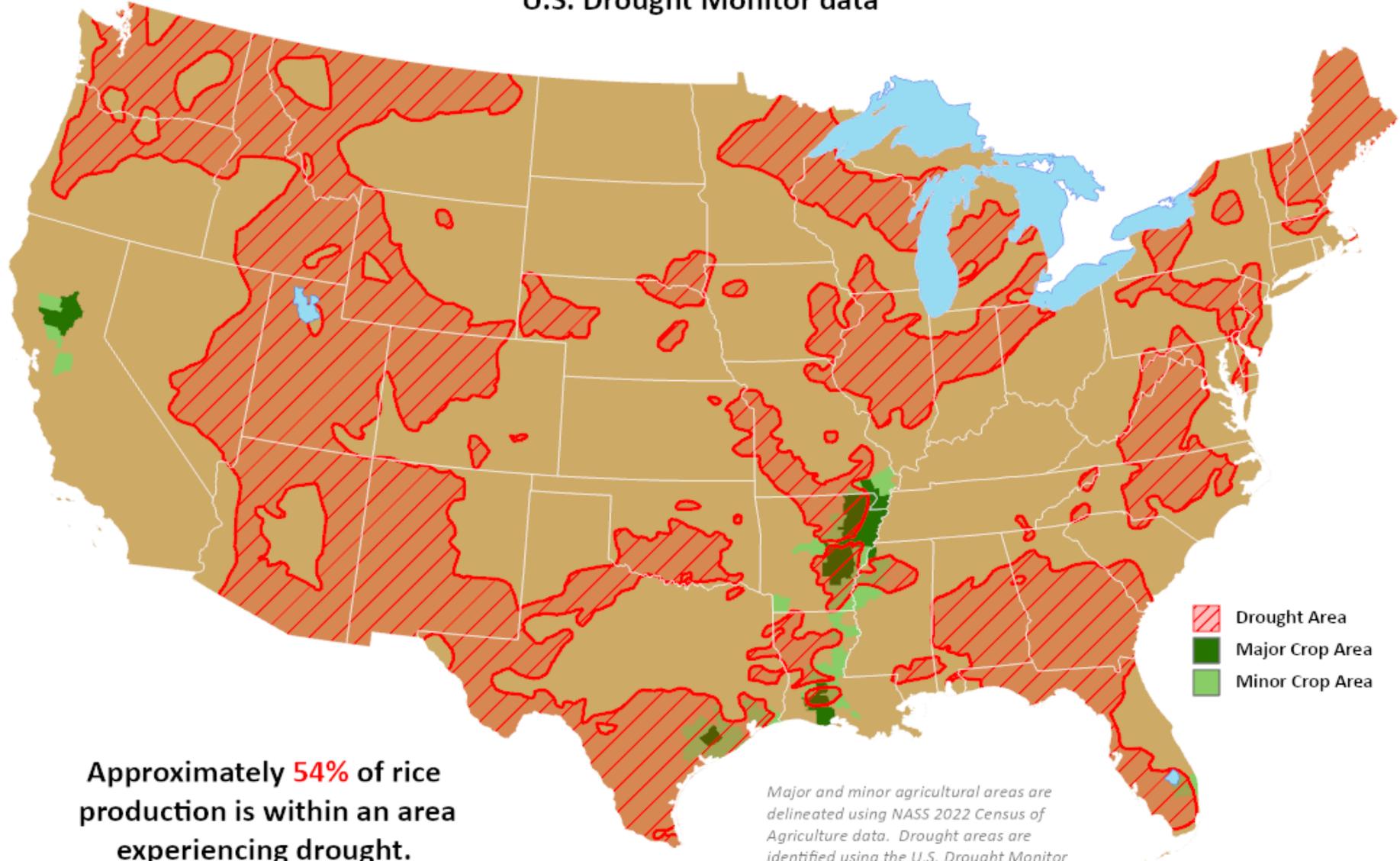
Percent of United States Peanuts Located in Drought



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Rice Areas in Drought

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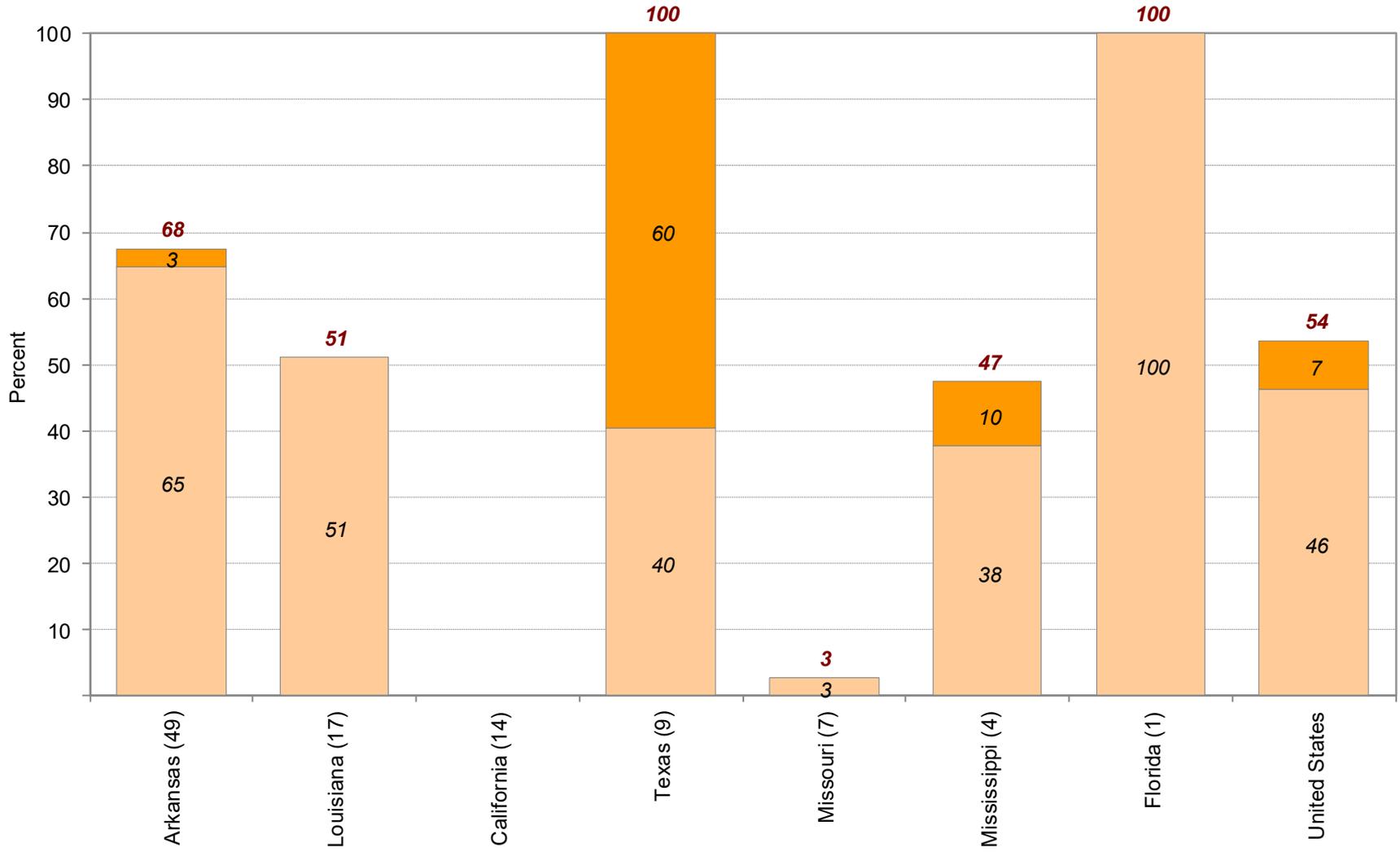


Approximately **54%** of rice production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Rice Located in Drought

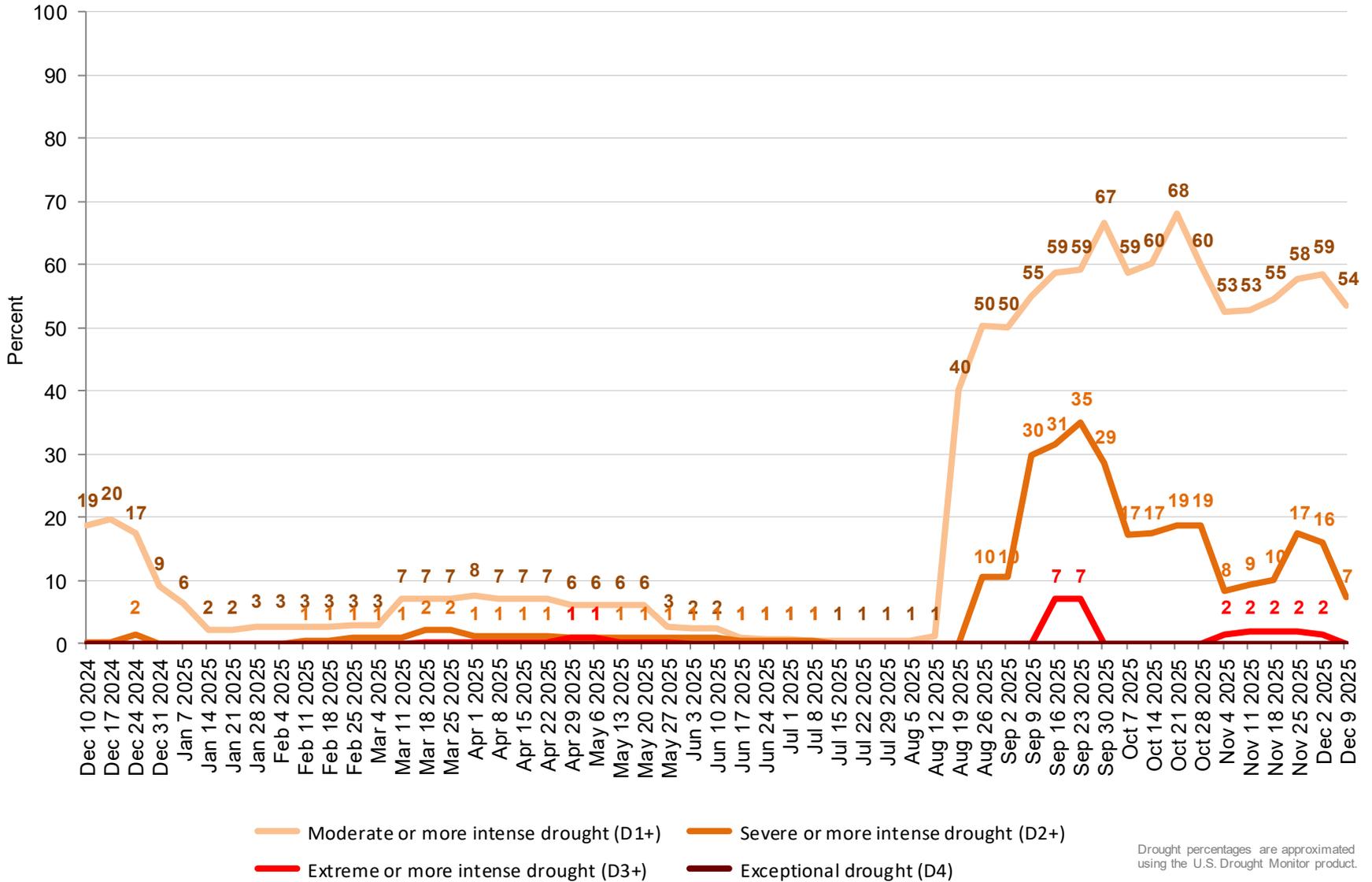
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- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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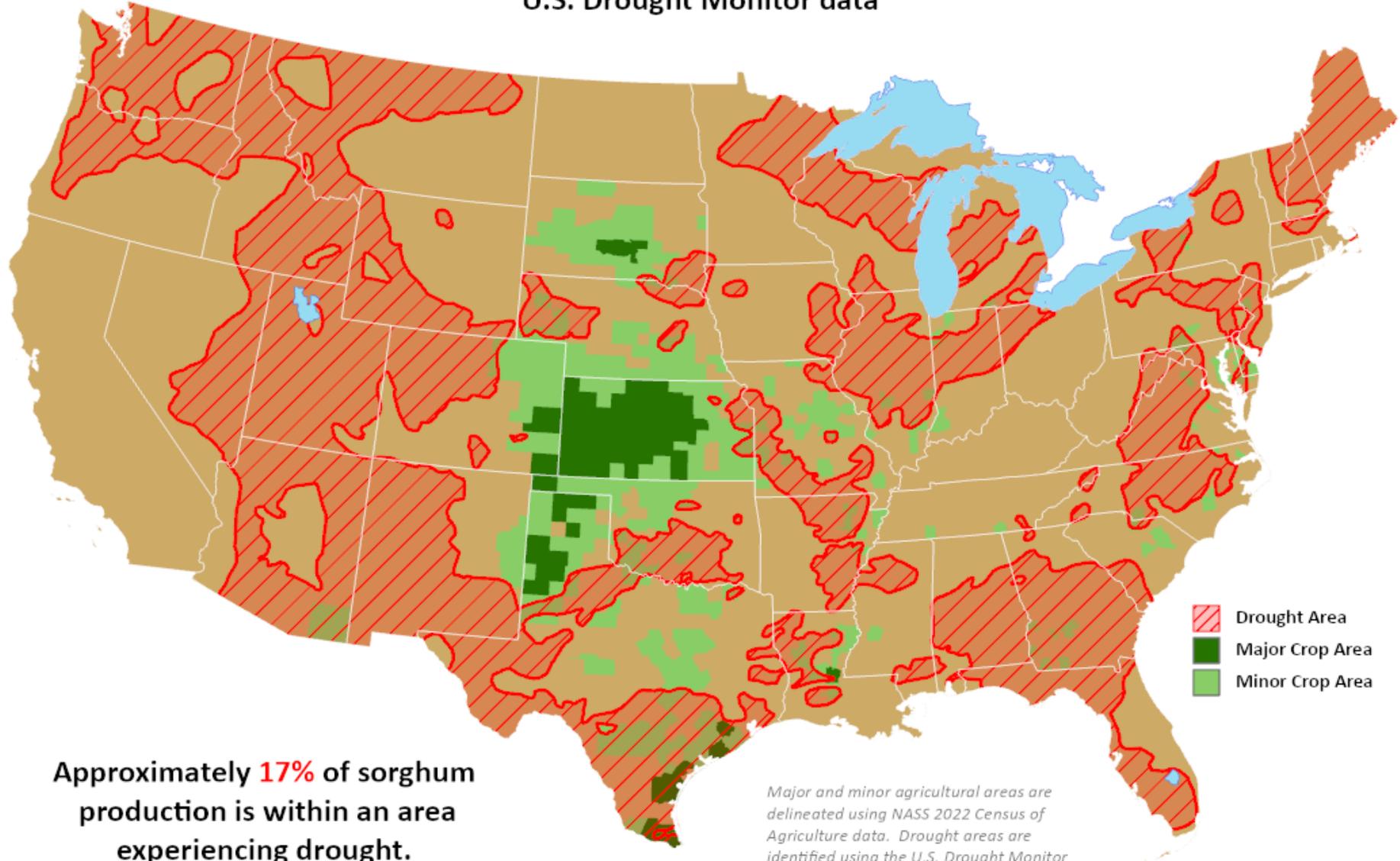
Percent of United States Rice Located in Drought



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Sorghum Areas in Drought

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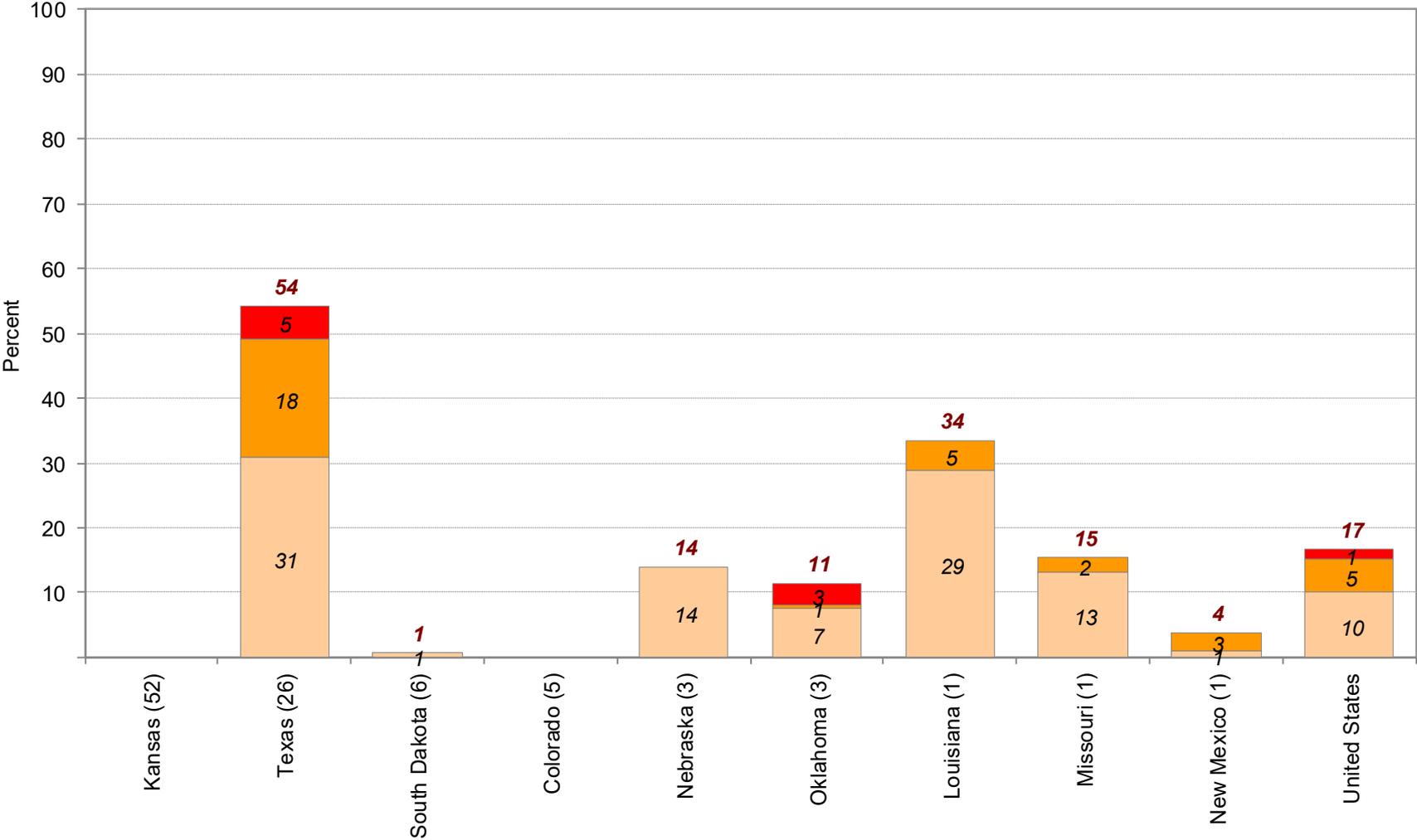
-  Drought Area
-  Major Crop Area
-  Minor Crop Area

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

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Percent of Sorghum Located in Drought

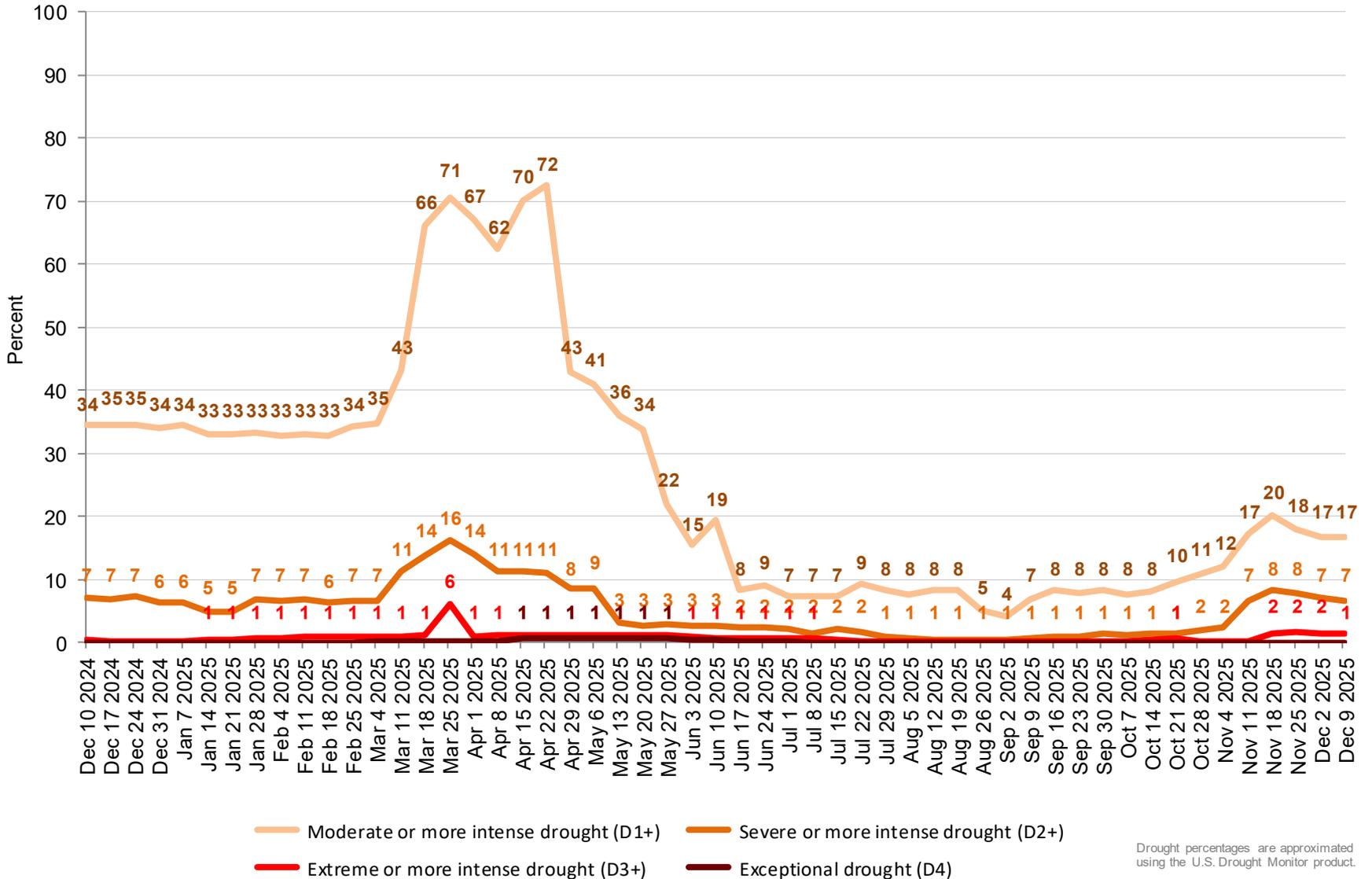
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- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
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- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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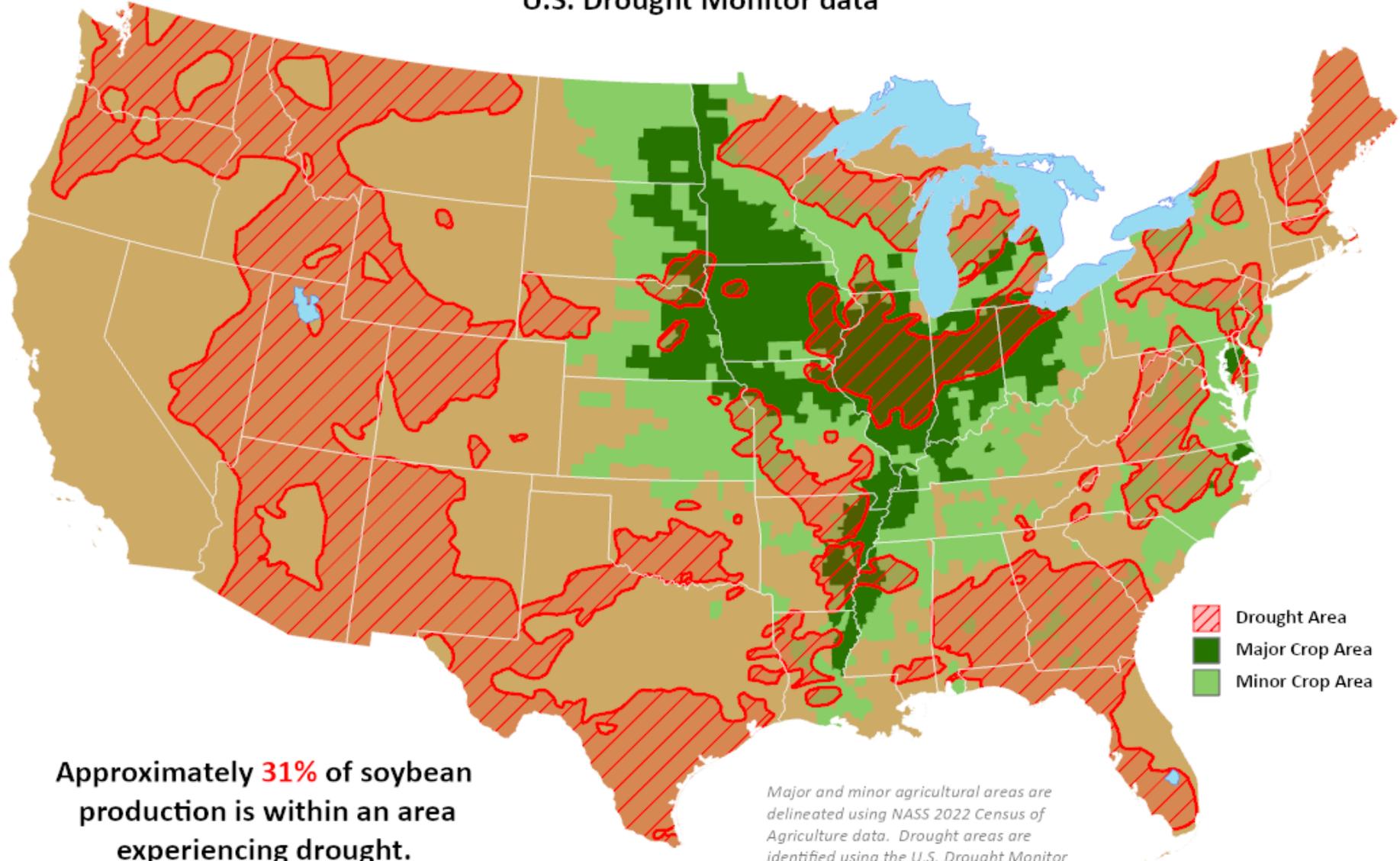
Percent of United States Sorghum Located in Drought



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Soybean Areas in Drought

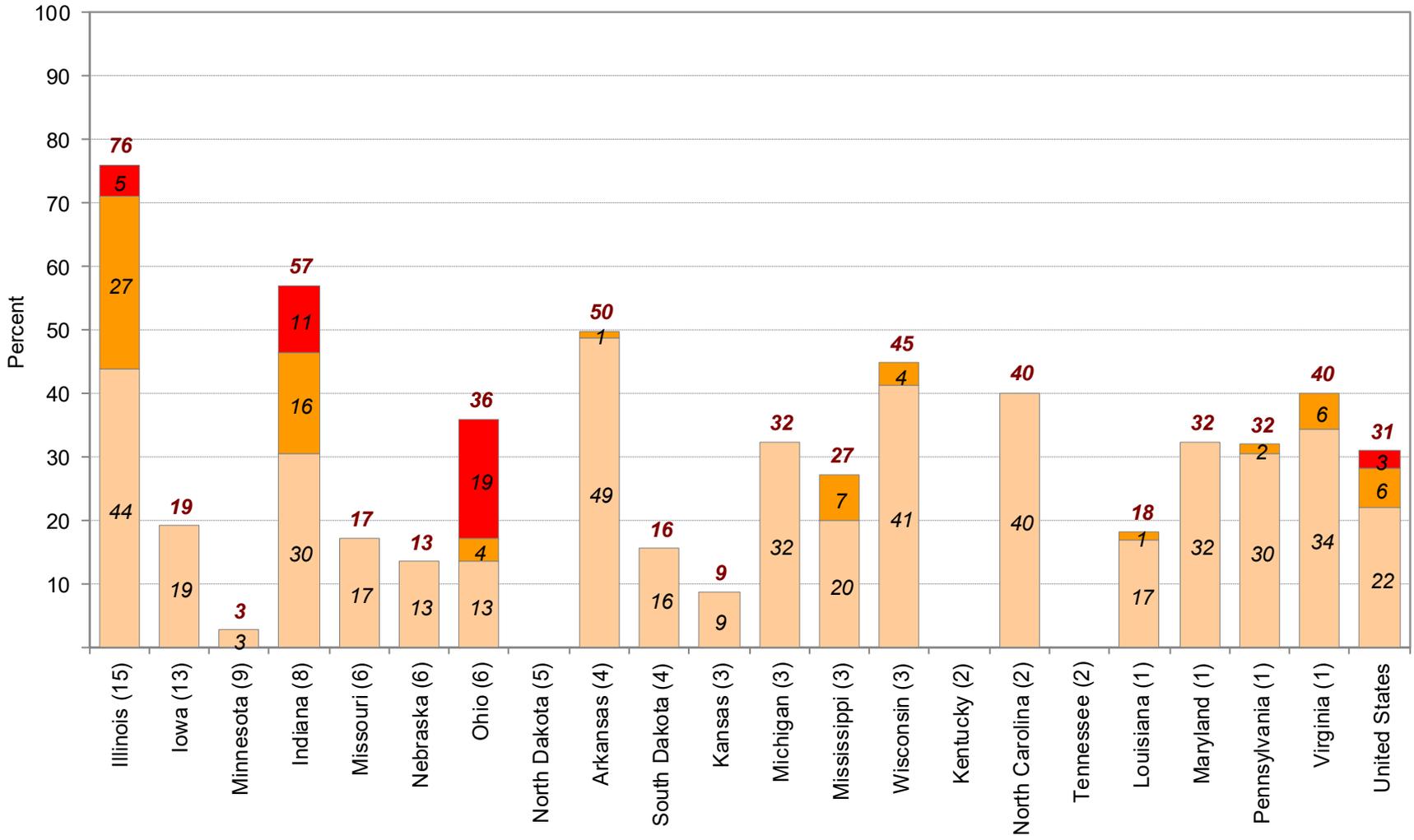
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Approximately **31%** of soybean production is within an area experiencing drought.

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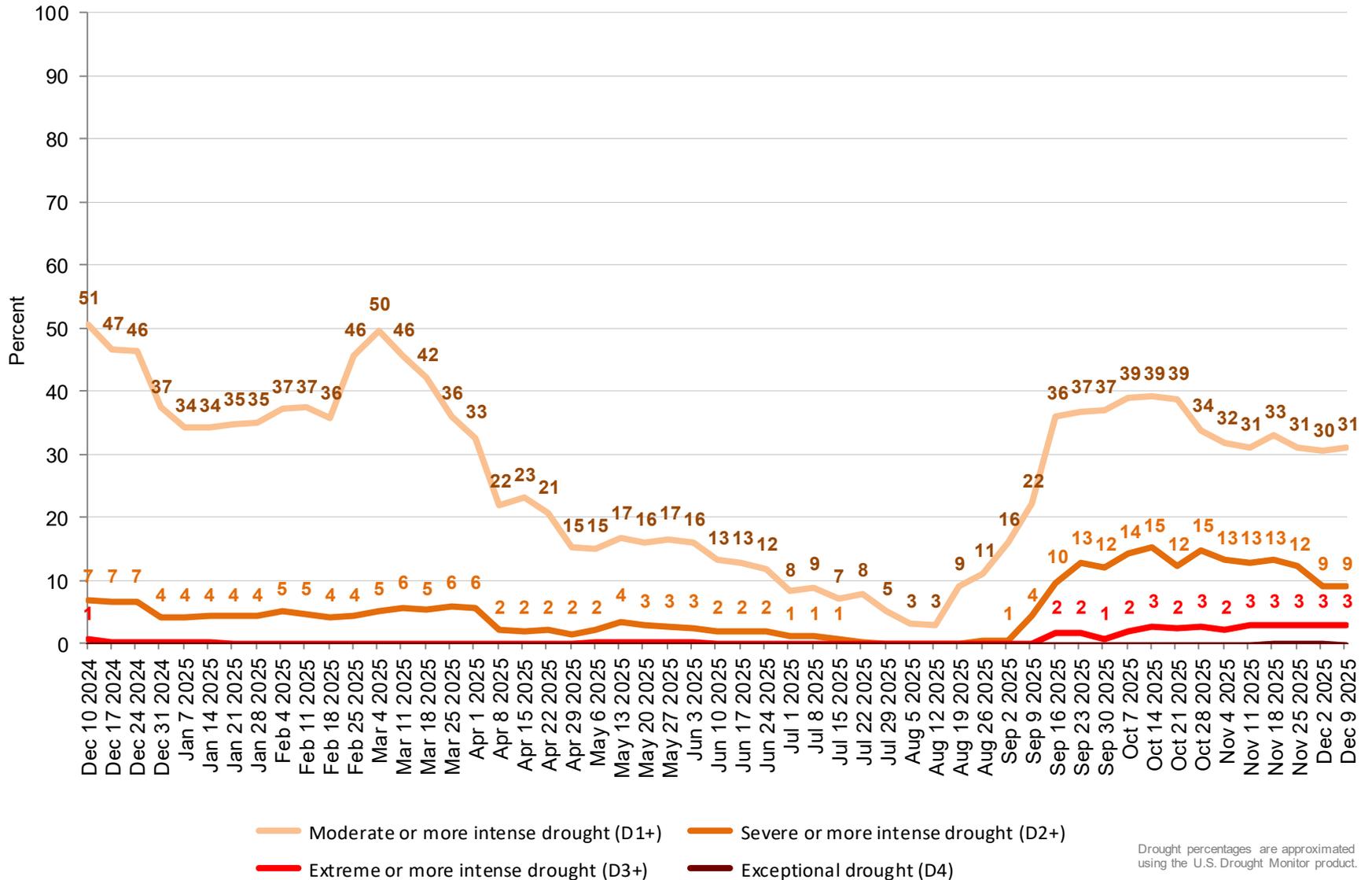
Percent of Soybeans Located in Drought December 9, 2025



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

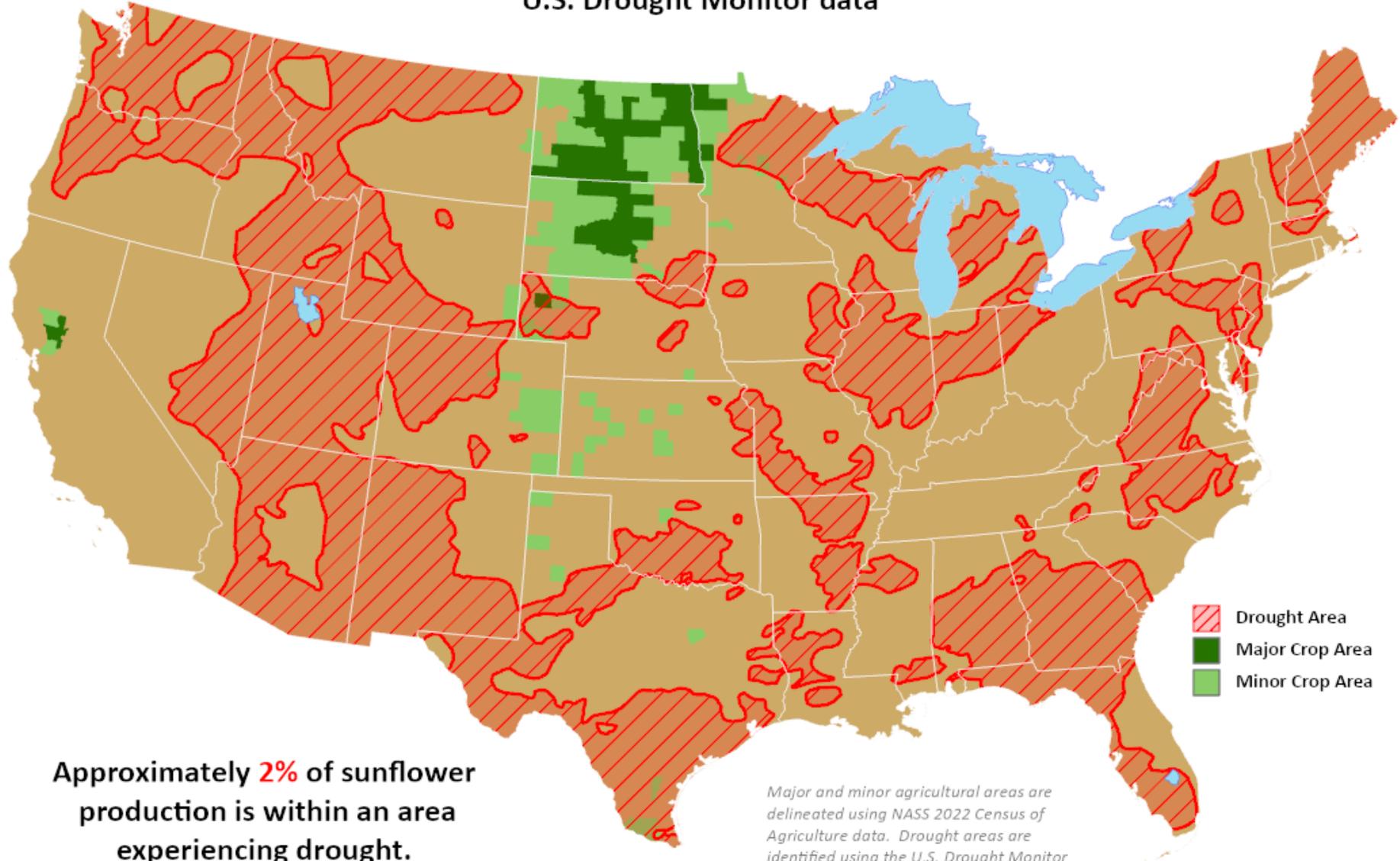


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Sunflower Areas in Drought

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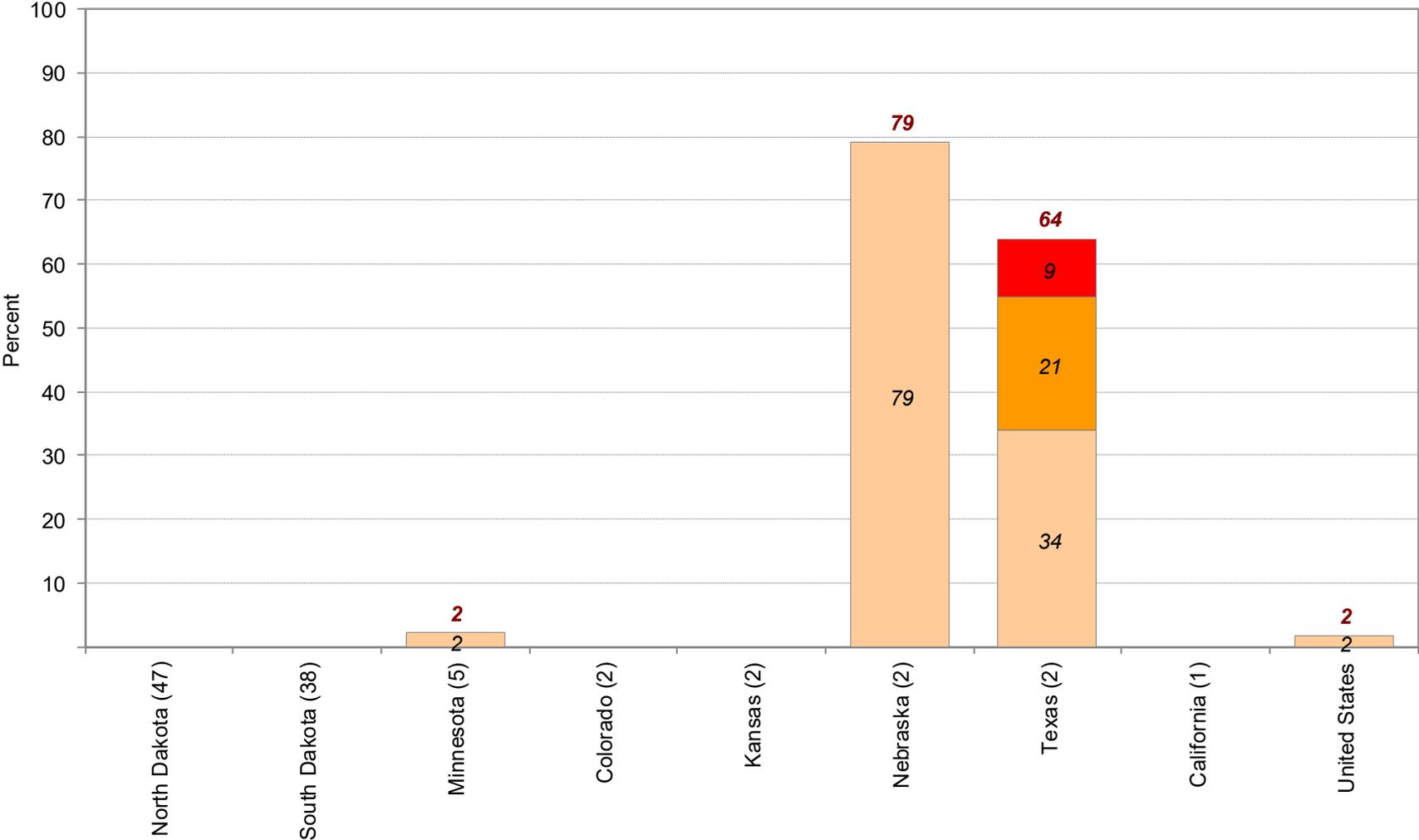
-  Drought Area
-  Major Crop Area
-  Minor Crop Area

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

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Percent of Sunflowers Located in Drought

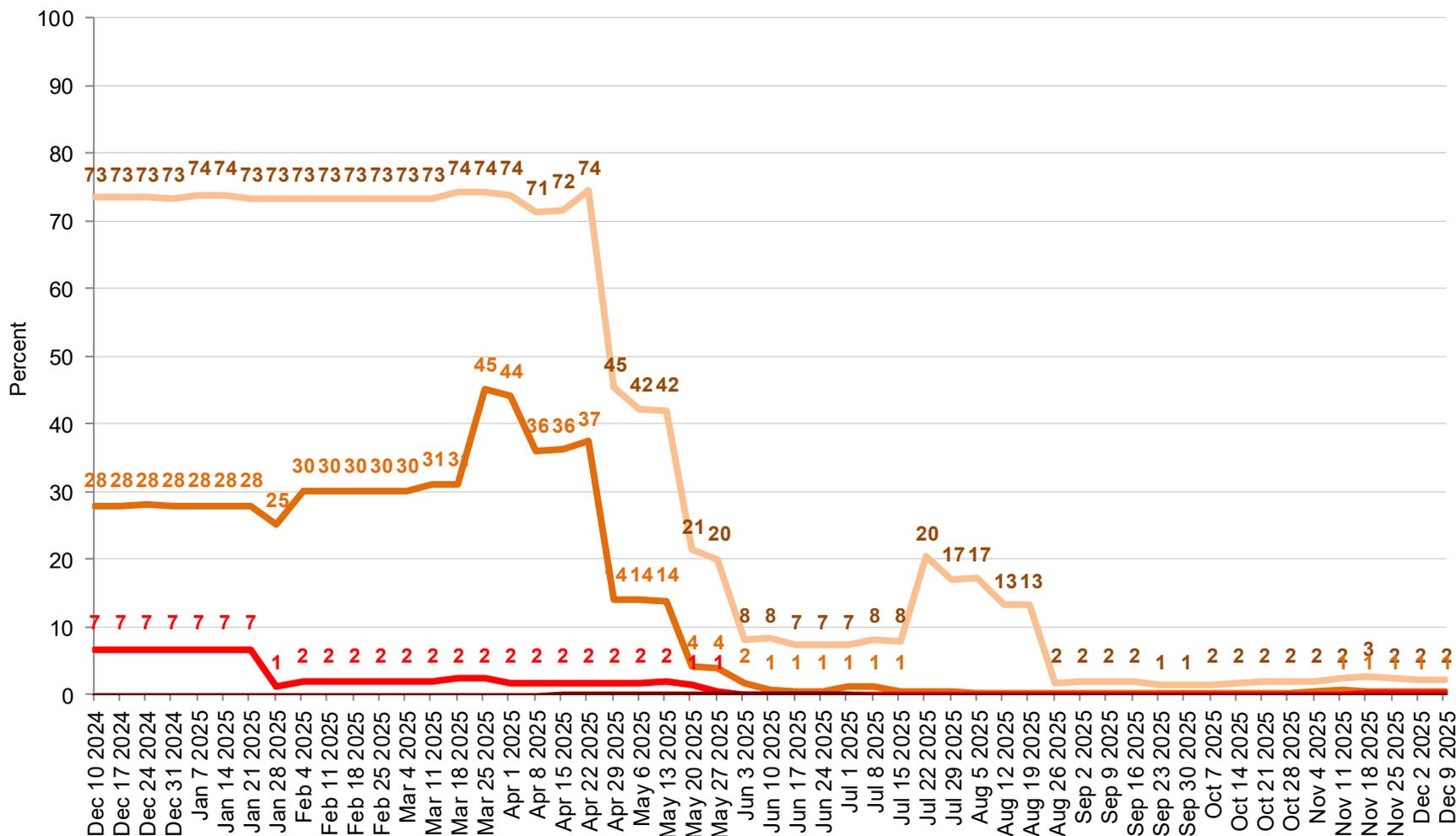
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- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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Percent of United States Sunflowers Located in Drought



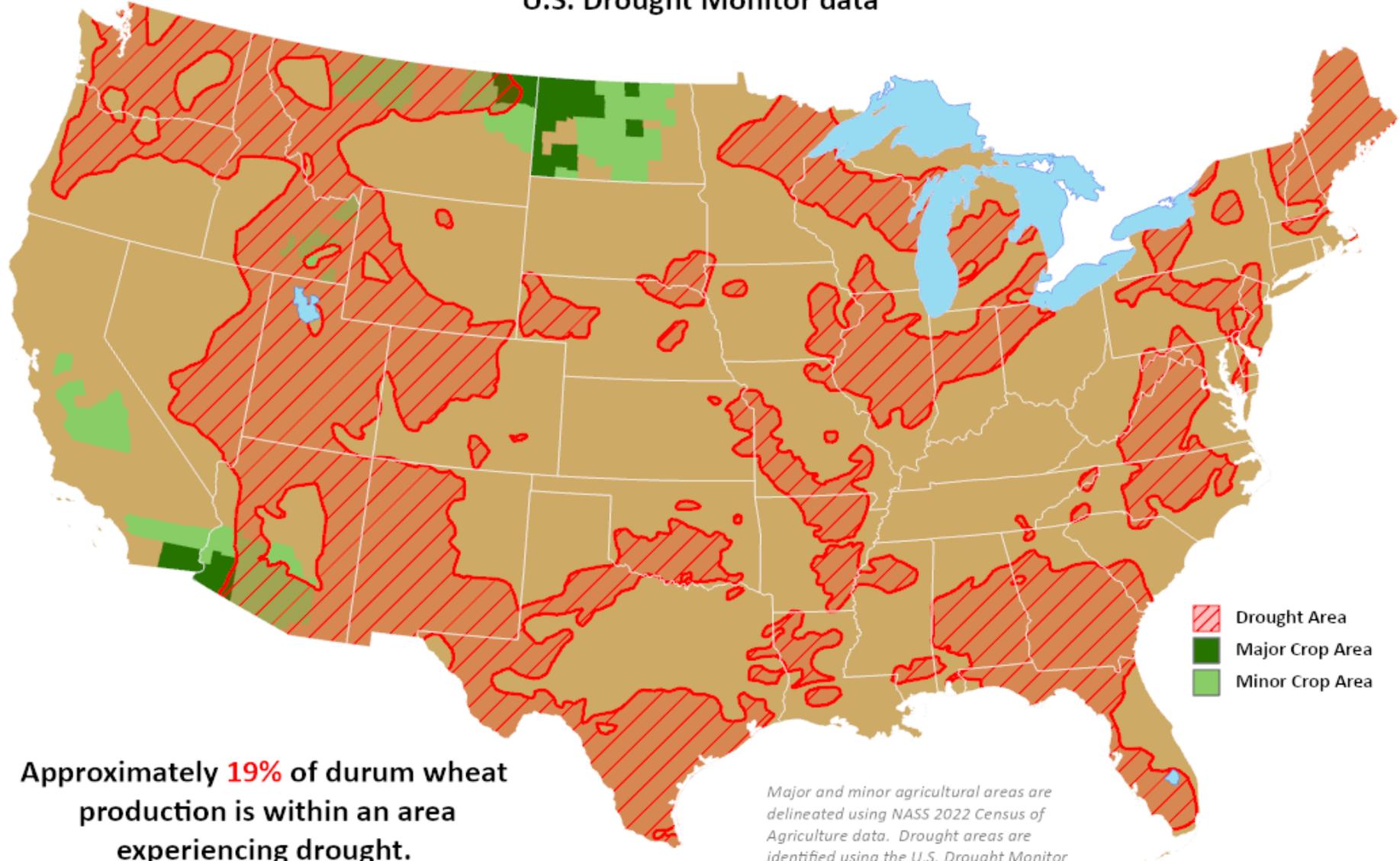
- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

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Durum Wheat Areas in Drought

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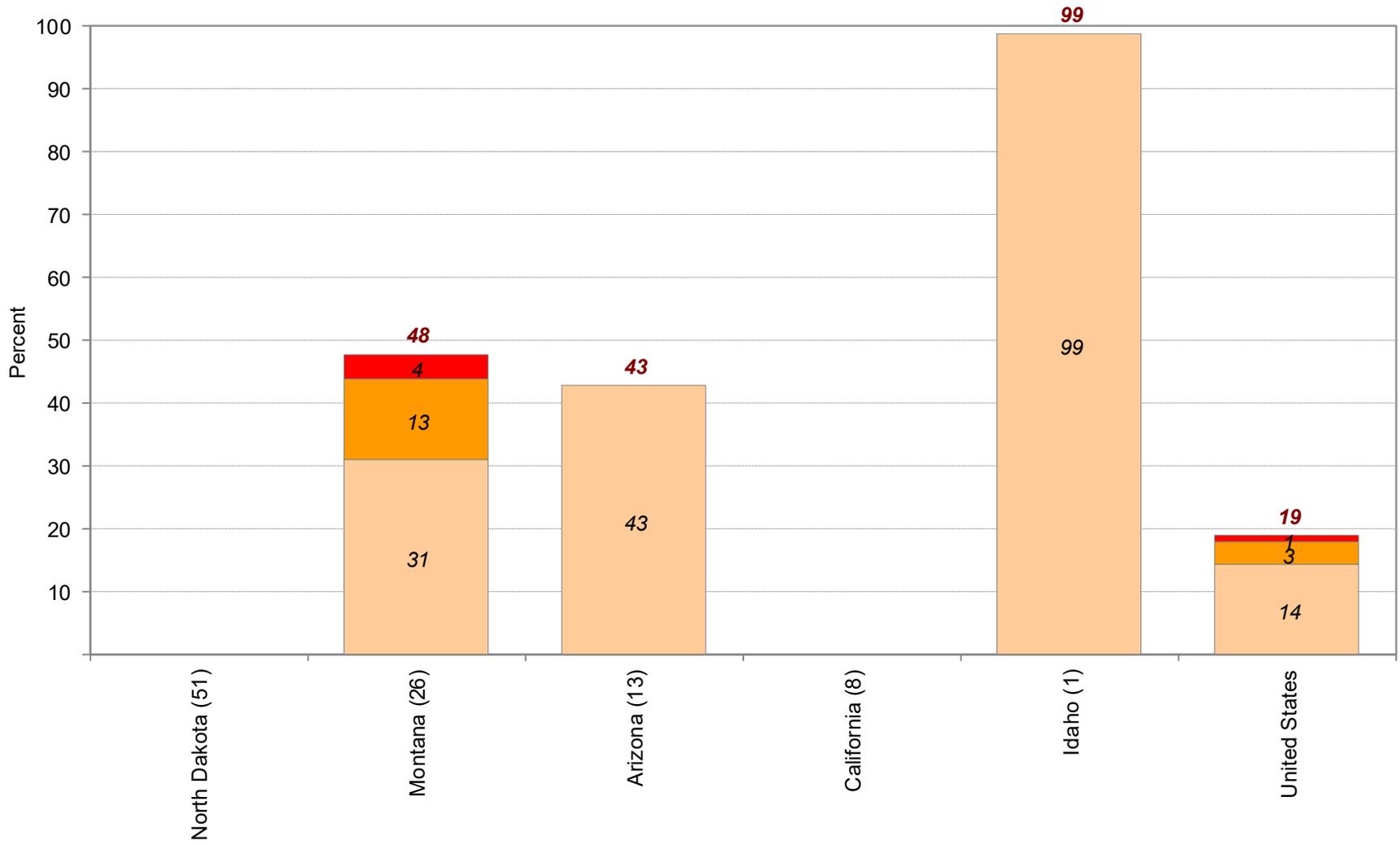
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Approximately **19%** of durum wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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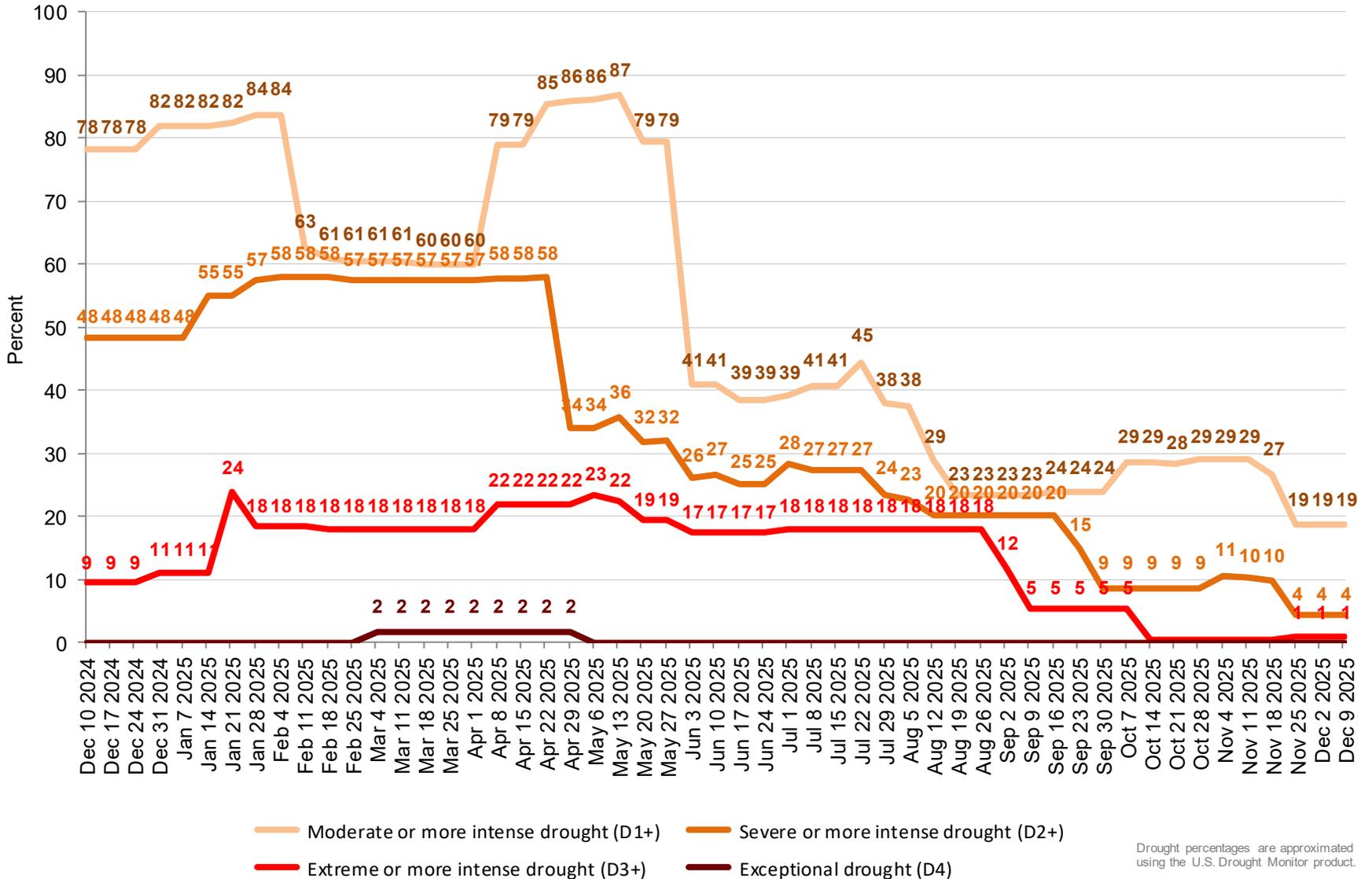
Percent of Durum Wheat Located in Drought December 9, 2025



- 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

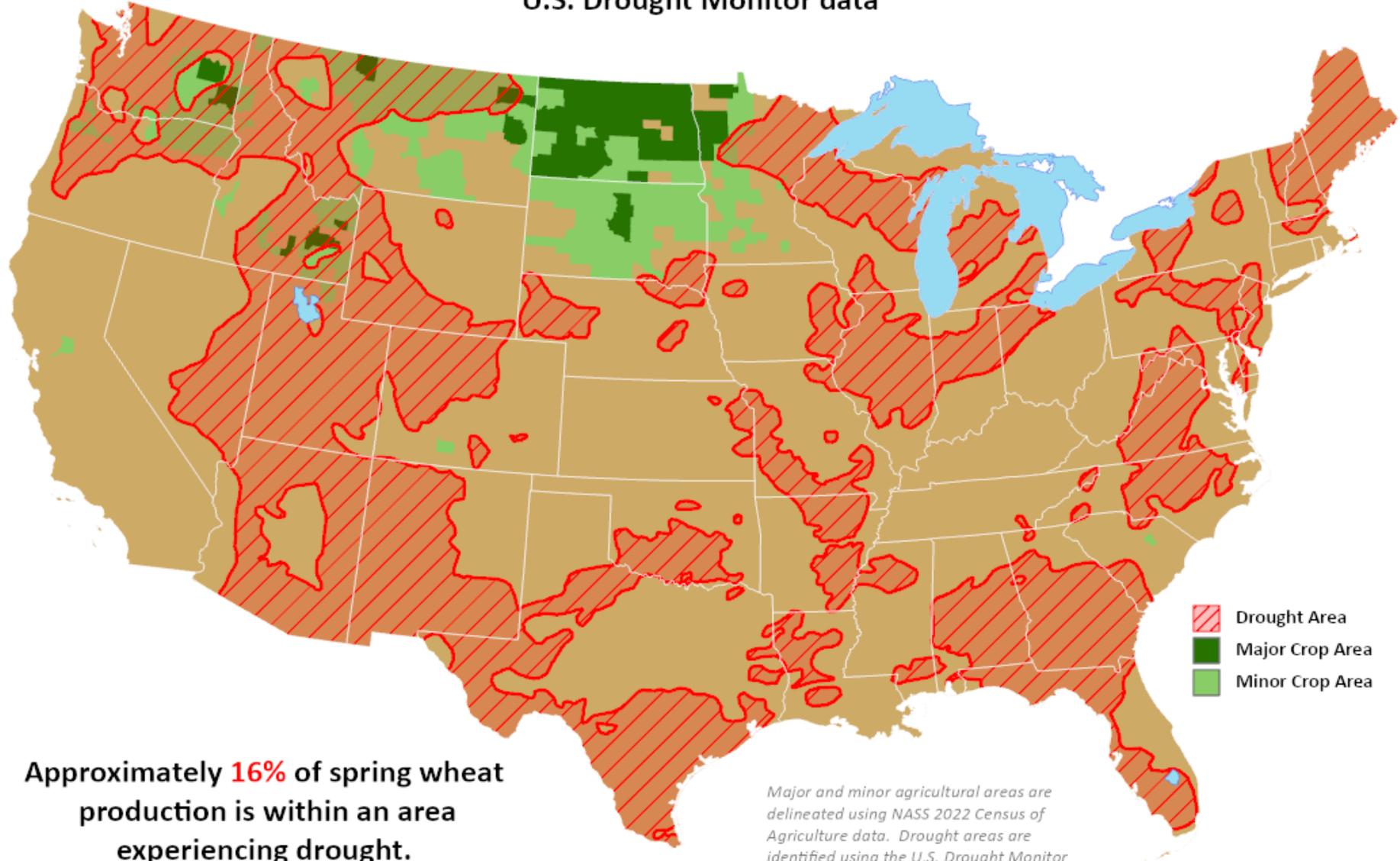


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Spring Wheat Areas in Drought

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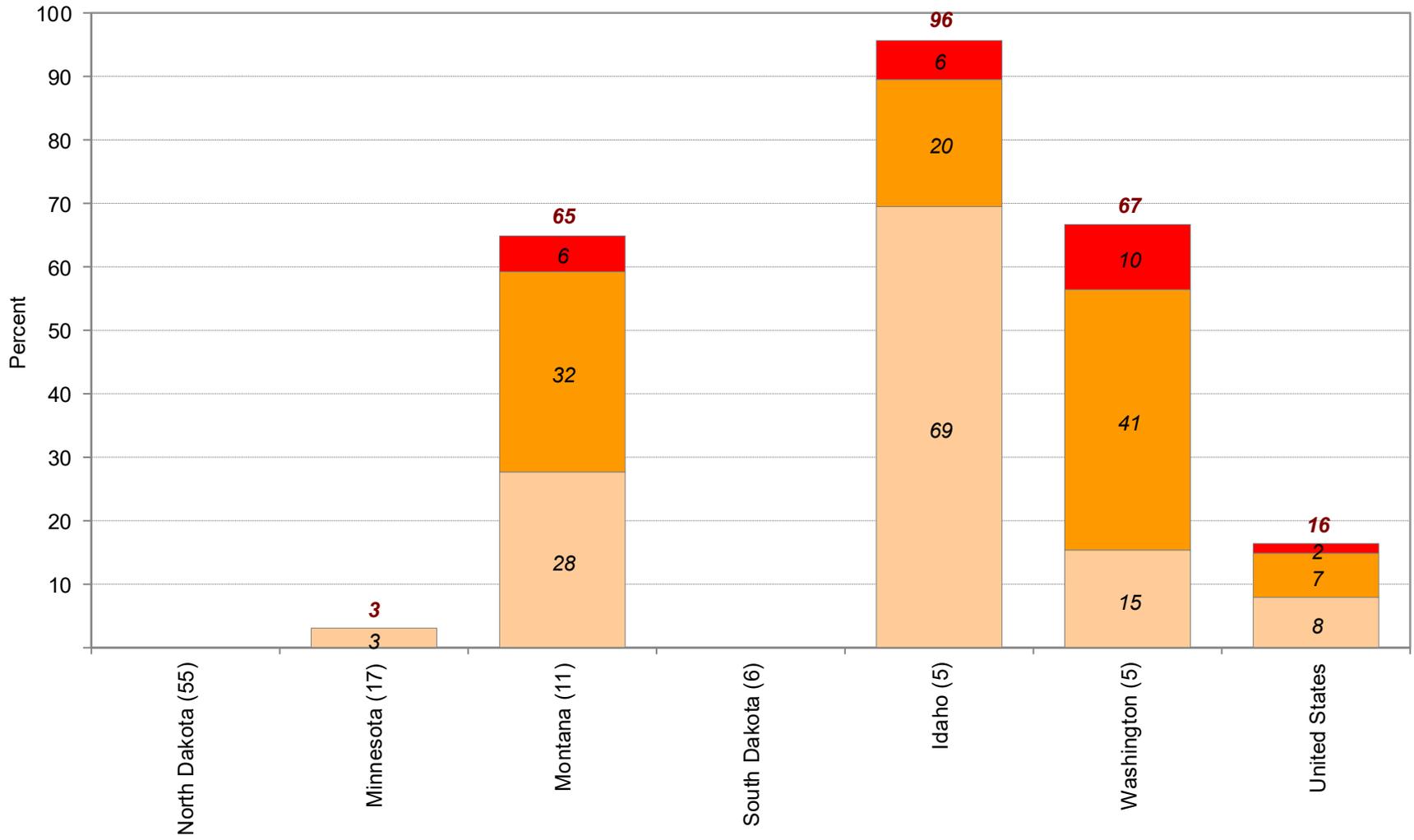


-  Drought Area
-  Major Crop Area
-  Minor Crop Area

Approximately **16%** of spring wheat
production is within an area
experiencing drought.

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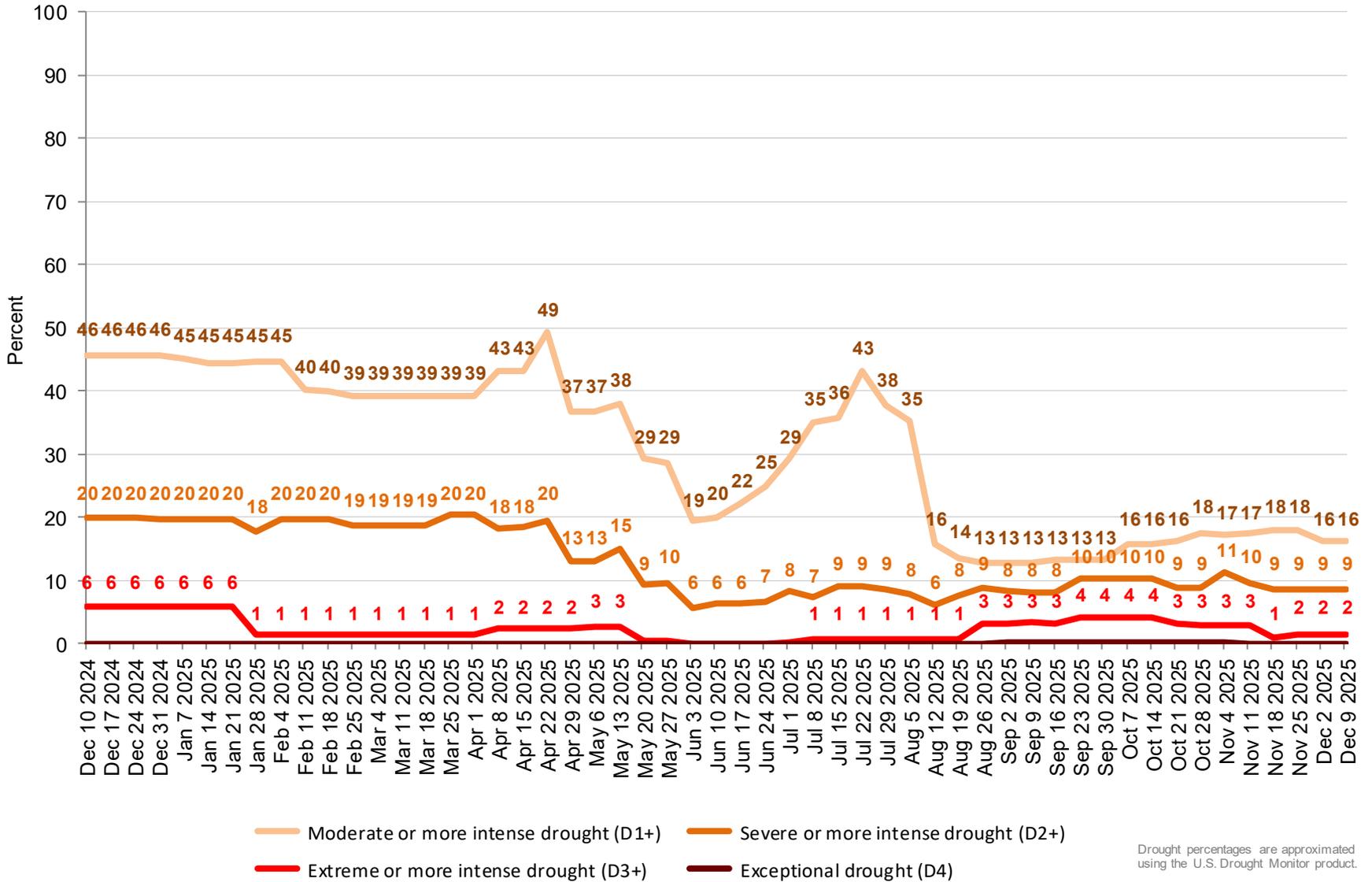
Percent of Spring Wheat Located in Drought December 9, 2025



- 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

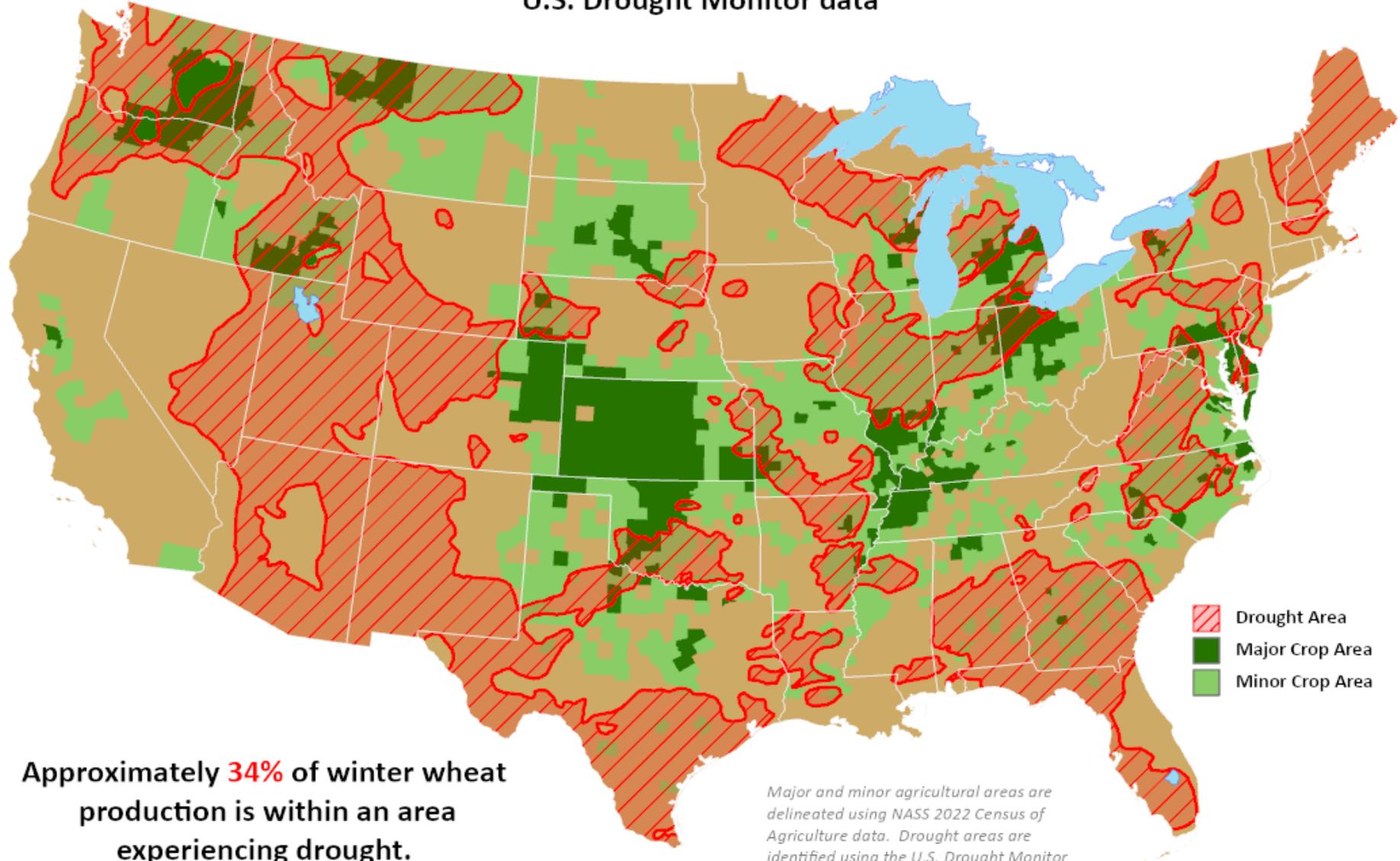


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Winter Wheat Areas in Drought

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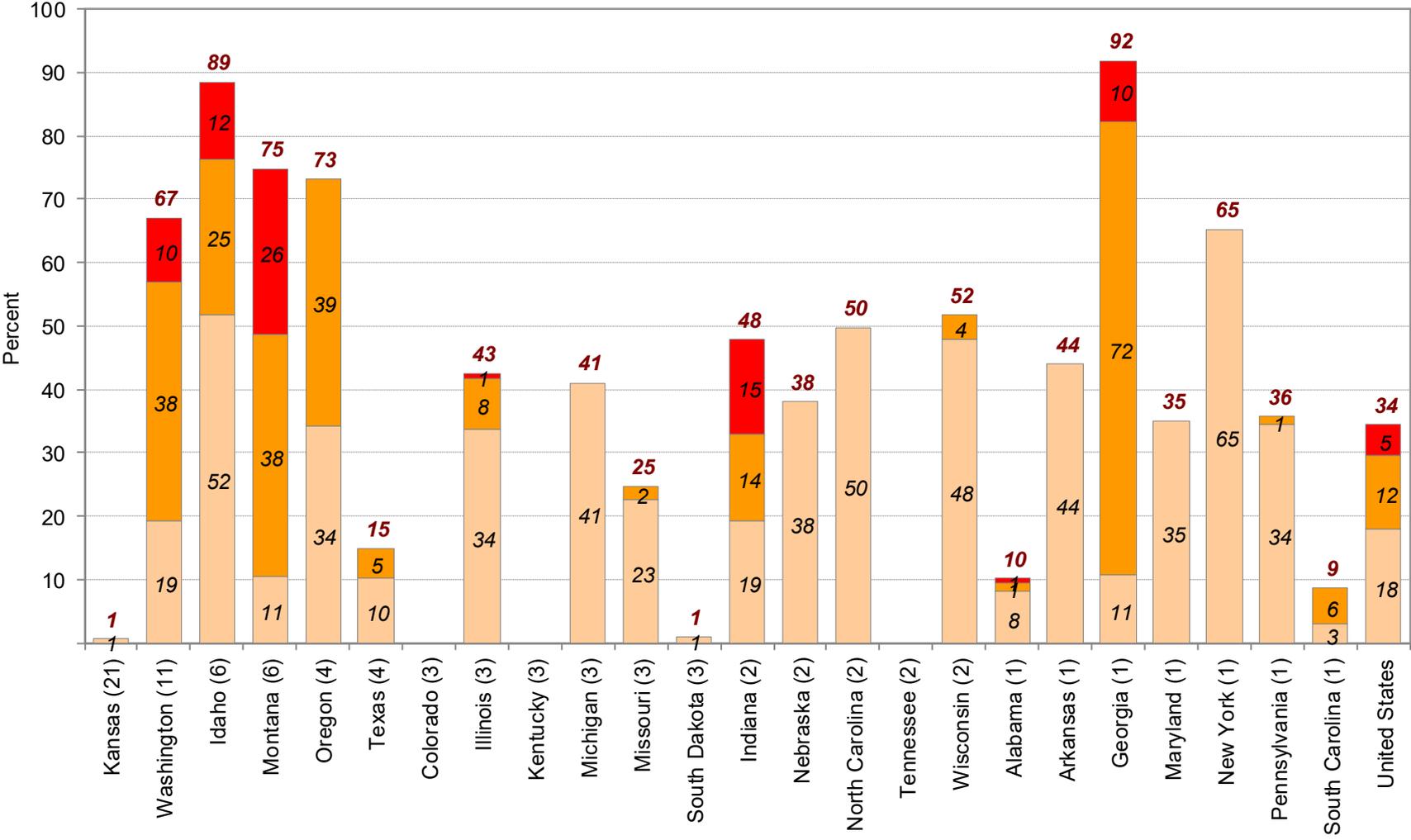


Approximately **34%** of winter wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Winter Wheat Located in Drought

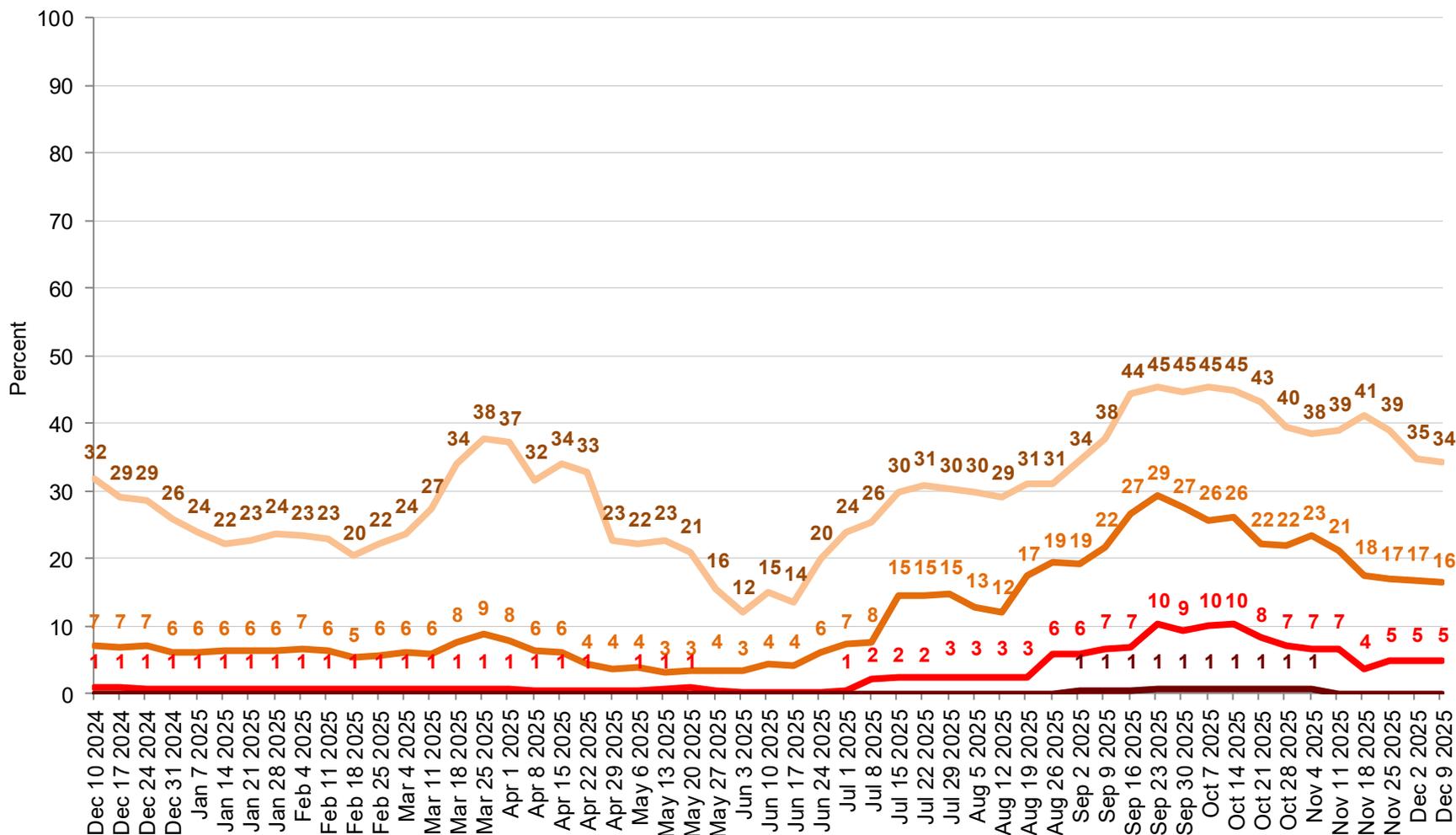
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■ Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
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■ Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
 ■ Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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Percent of United States Winter Wheat Located in Drought

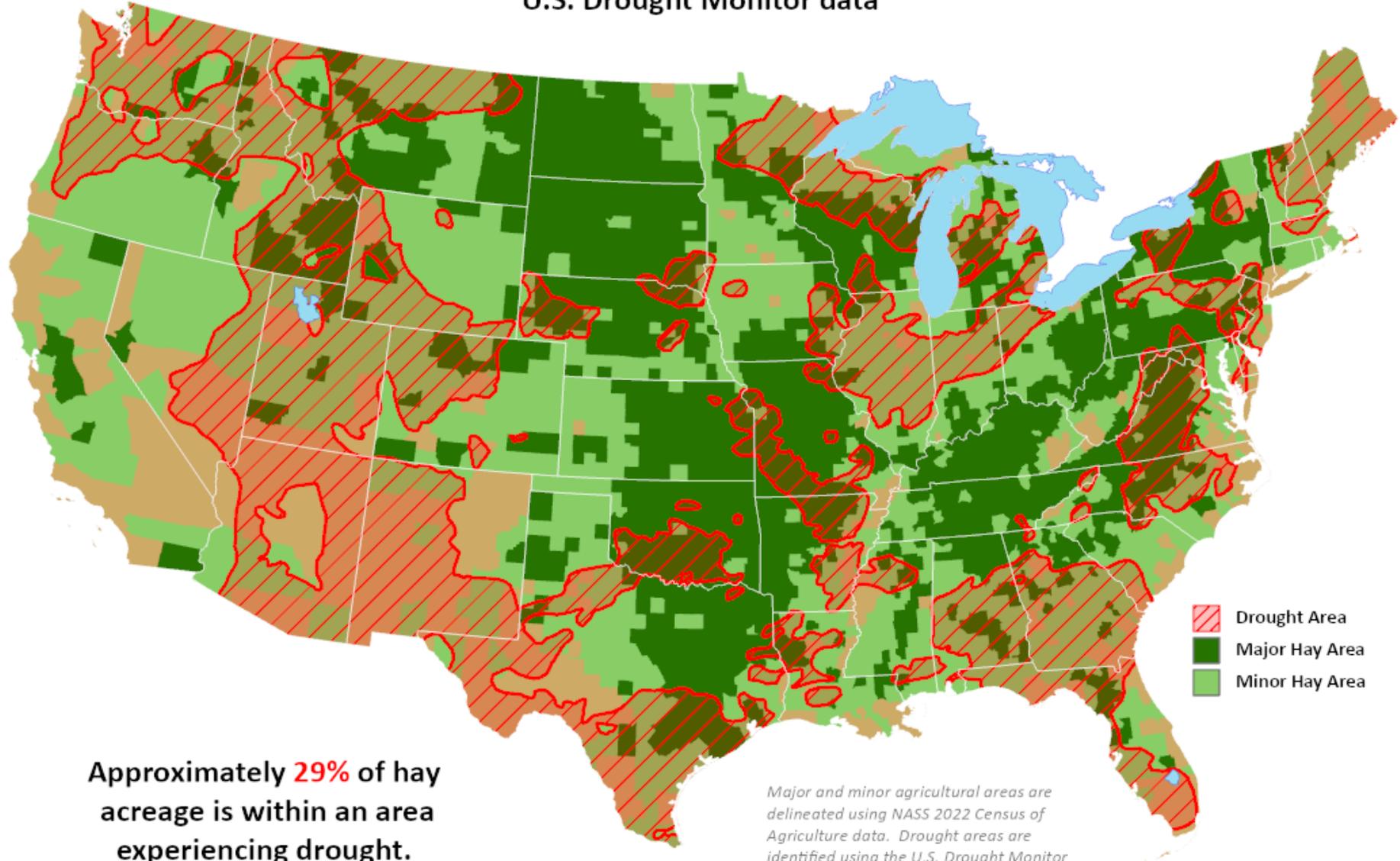


- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

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Hay Areas in Drought

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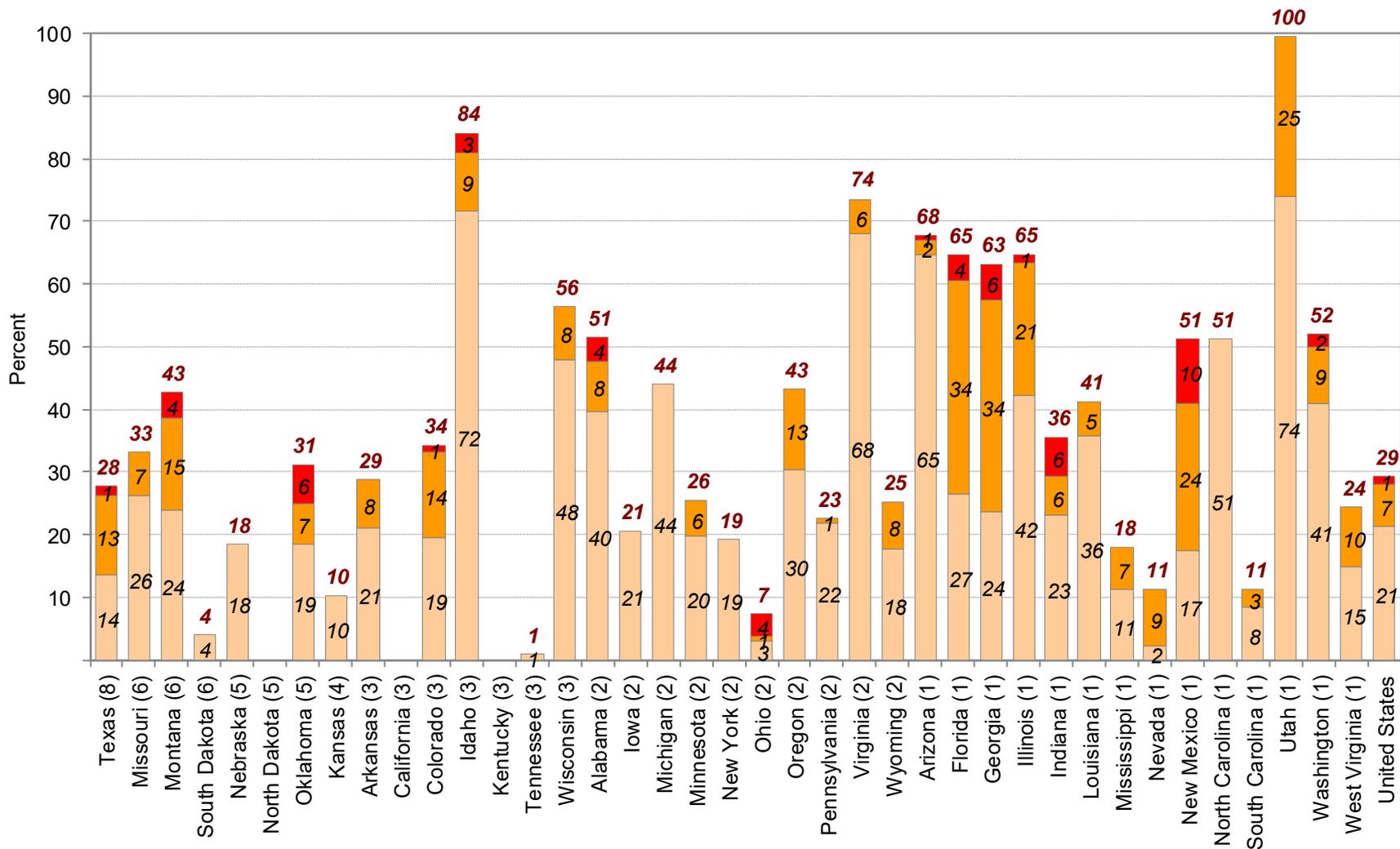


Approximately **29%** of hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Hay Located in Drought

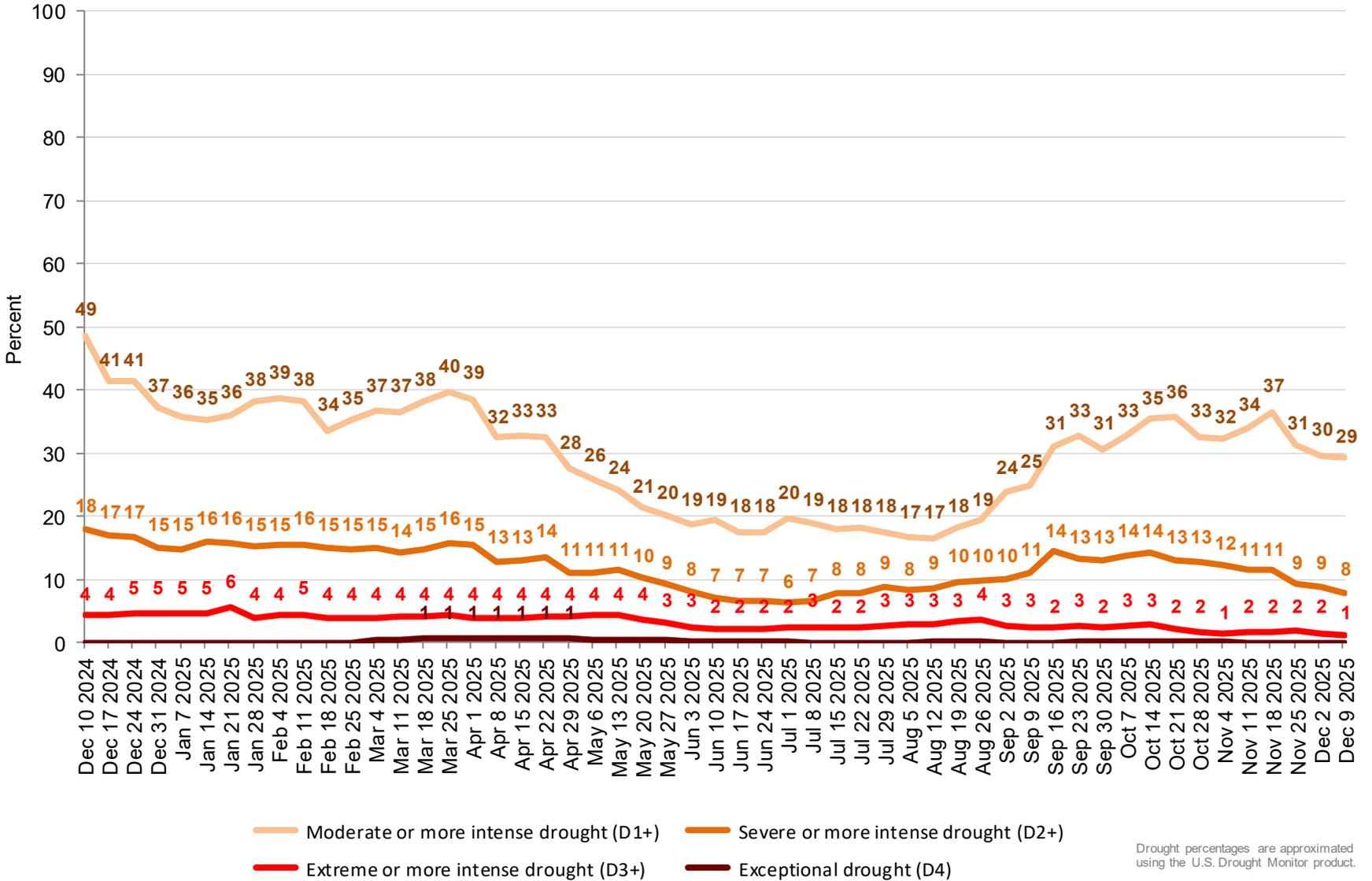
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Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
 Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
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Percent of United States Hay Located in Drought

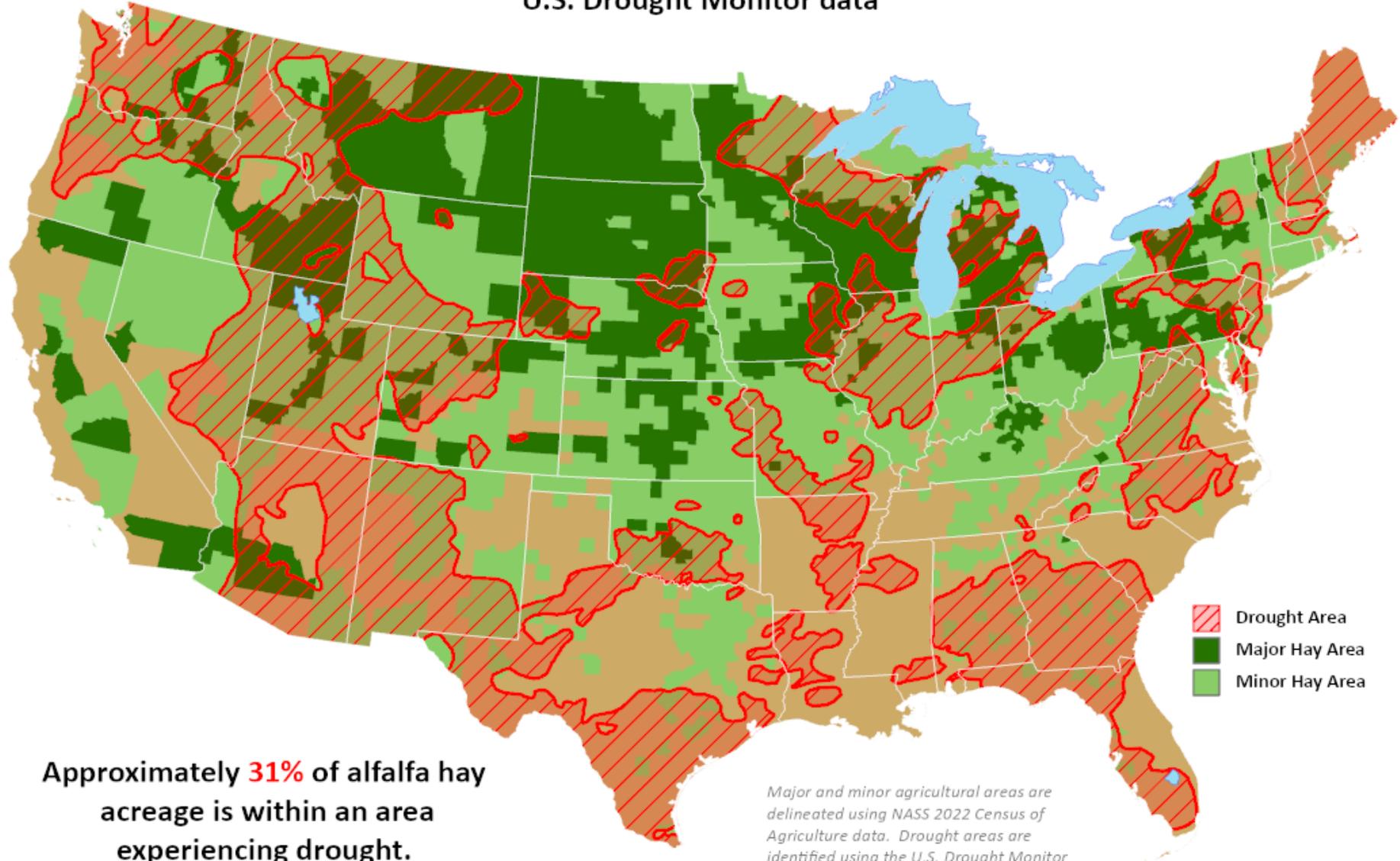


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Alfalfa Hay Areas in Drought

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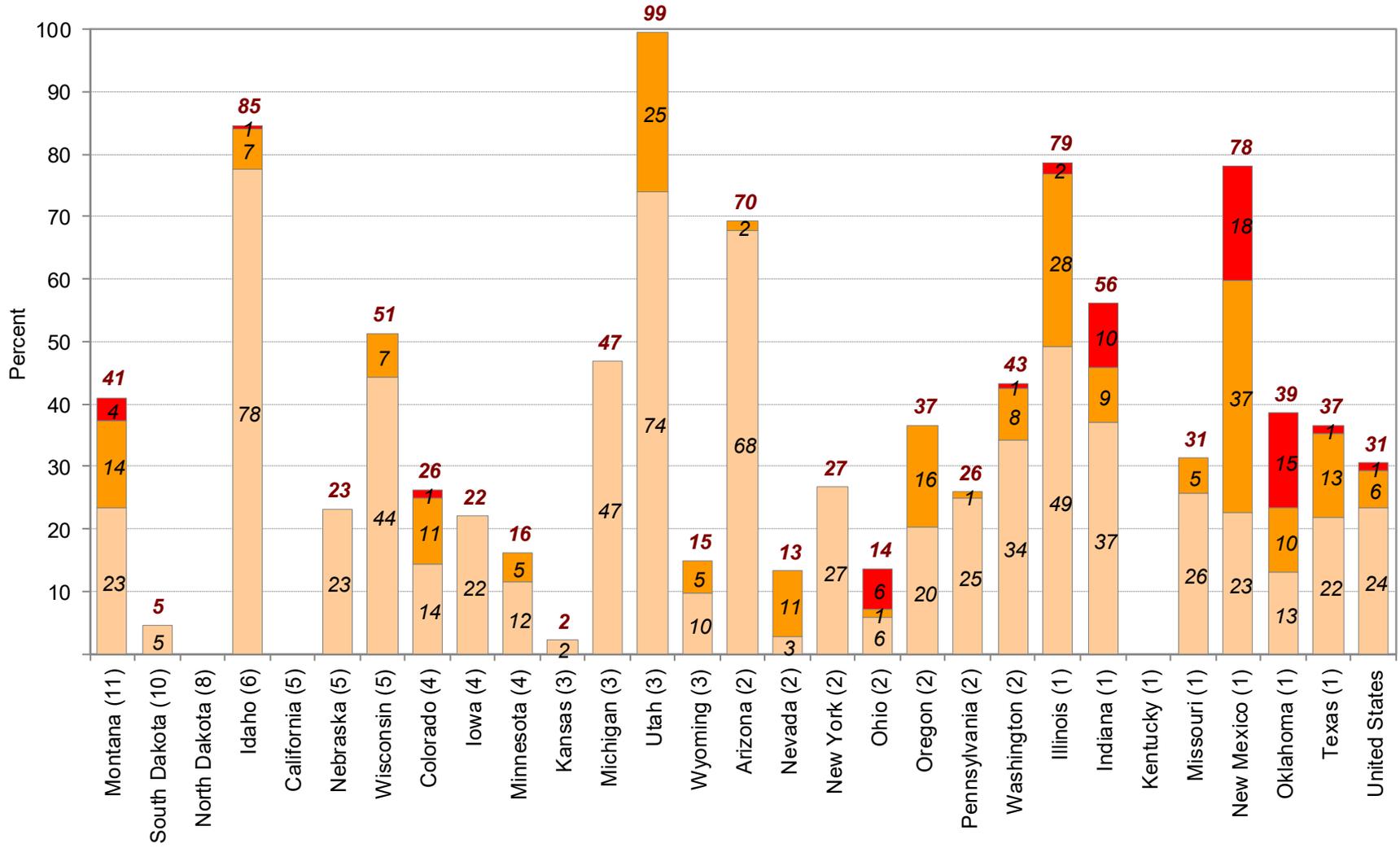


Approximately **31%** of alfalfa hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought

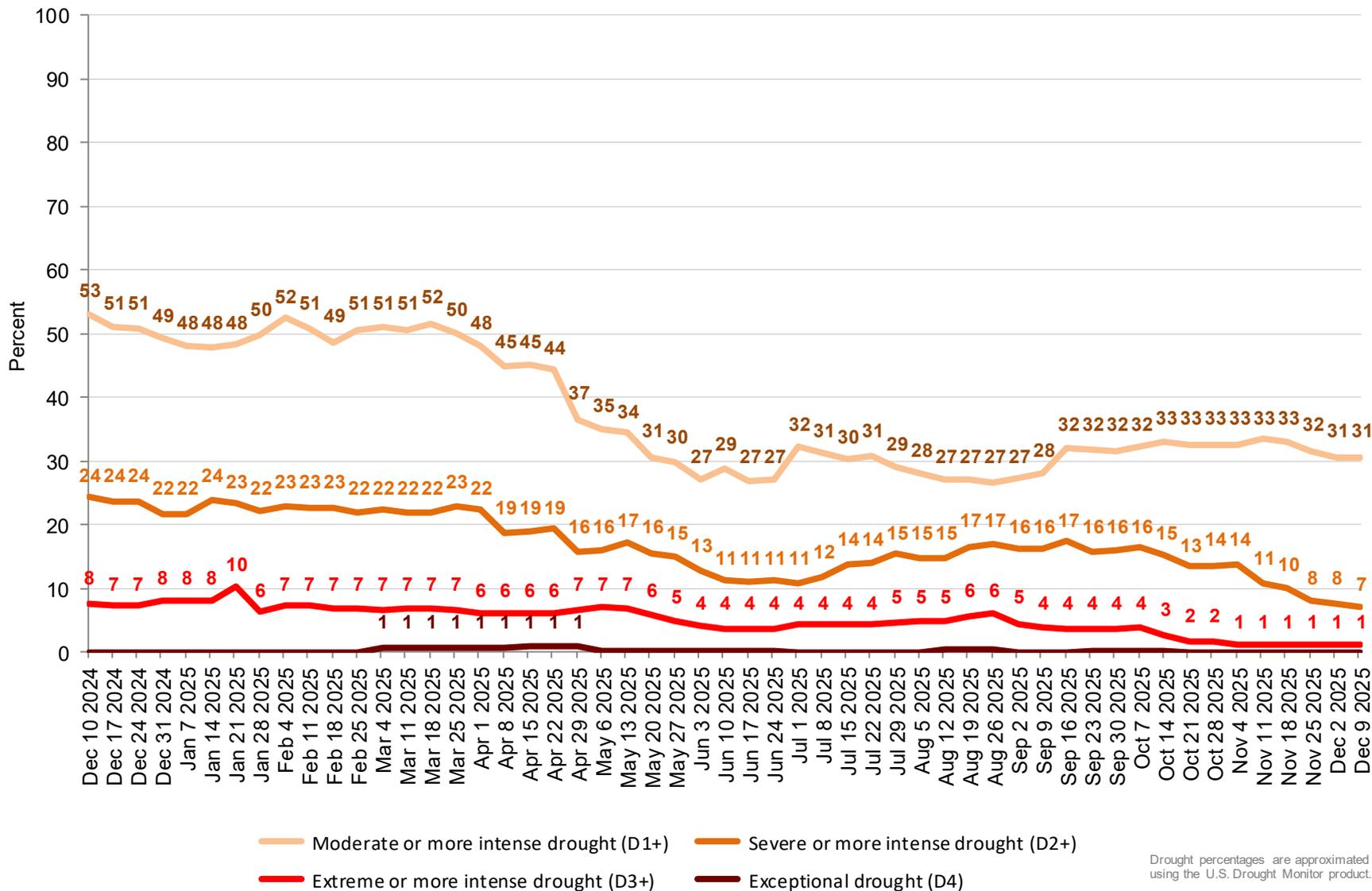
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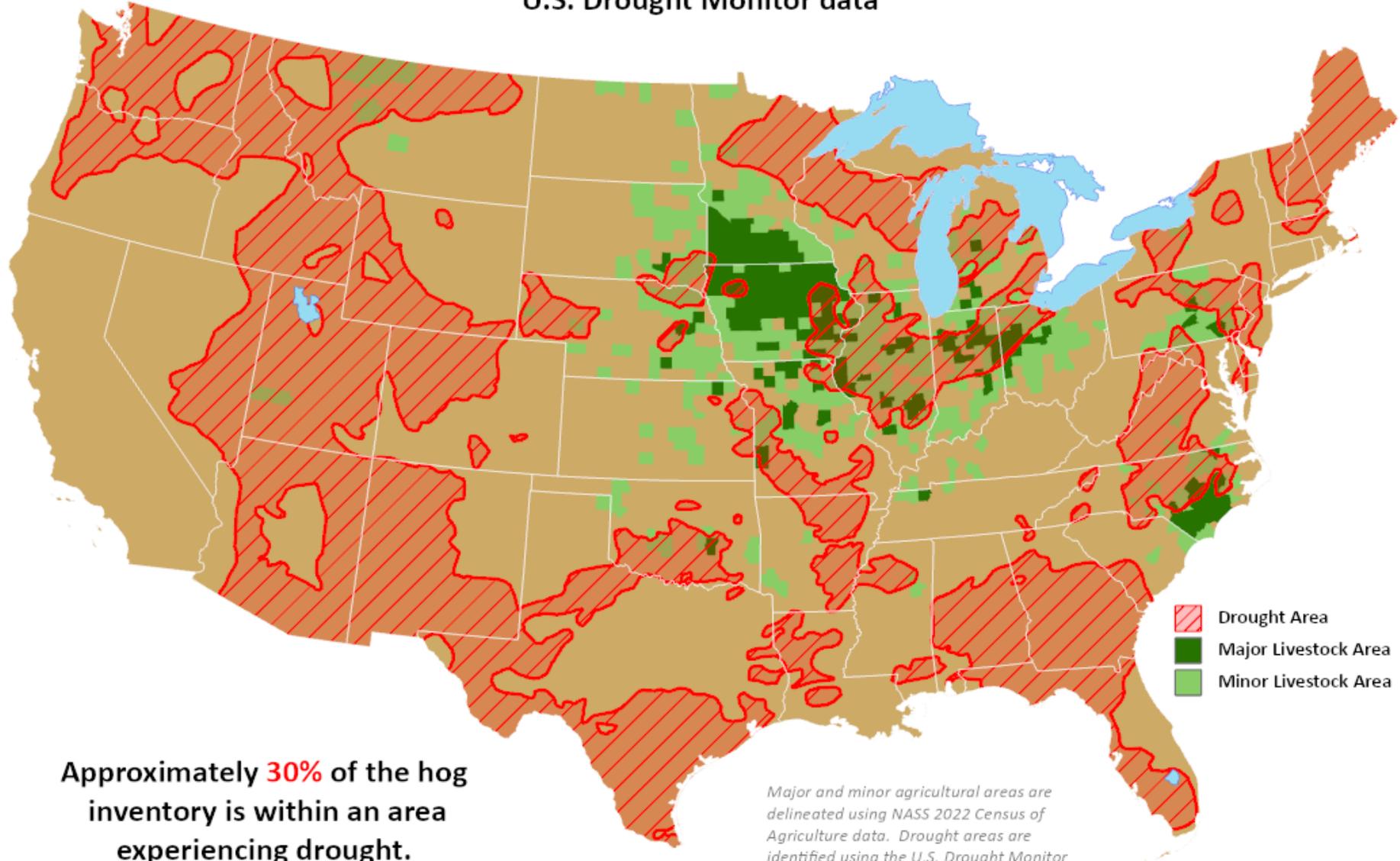
Percent of United States Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought



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Hog Areas in Drought

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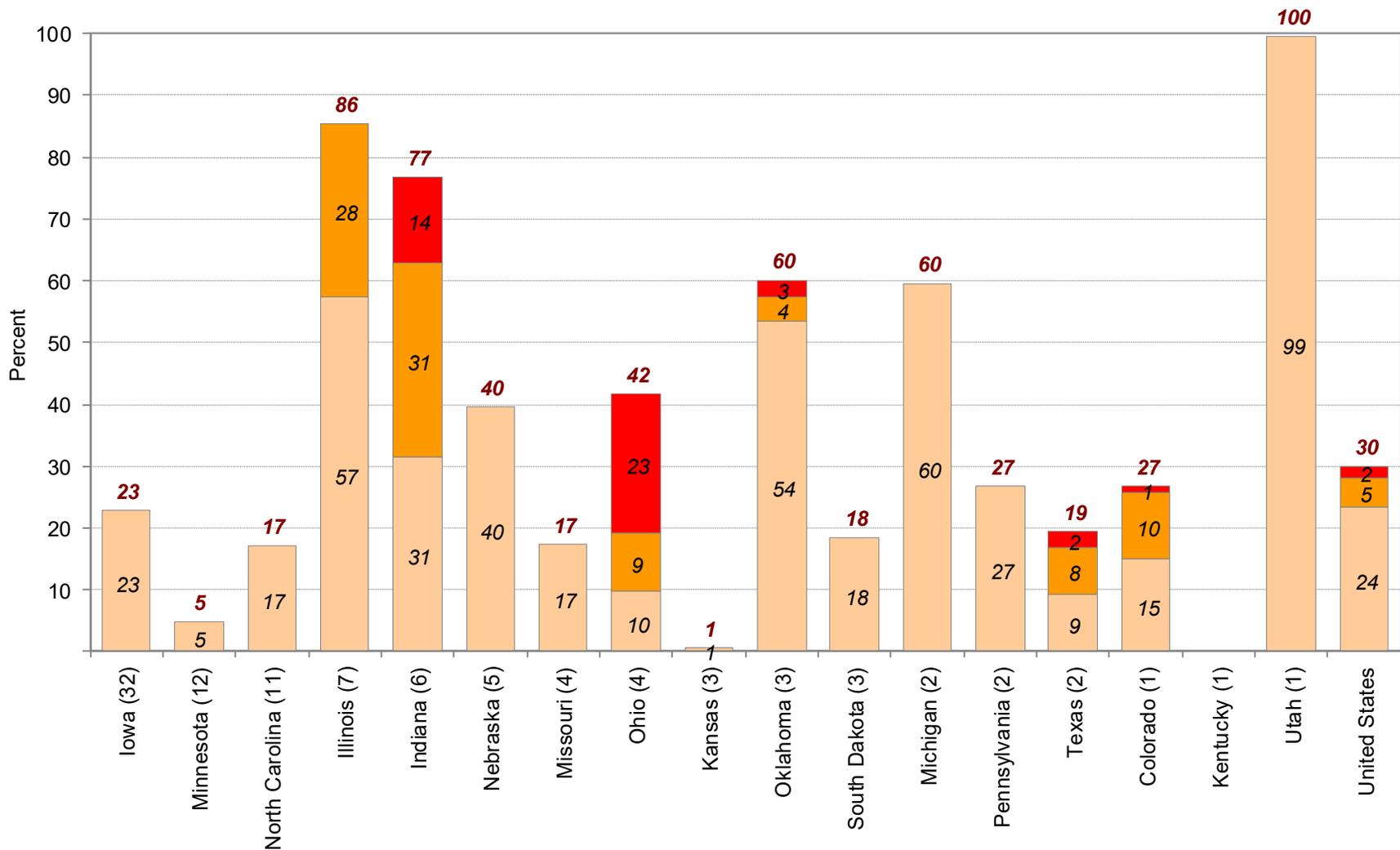


-  Drought Area
-  Major Livestock Area
-  Minor Livestock Area

Approximately **30%** of the hog inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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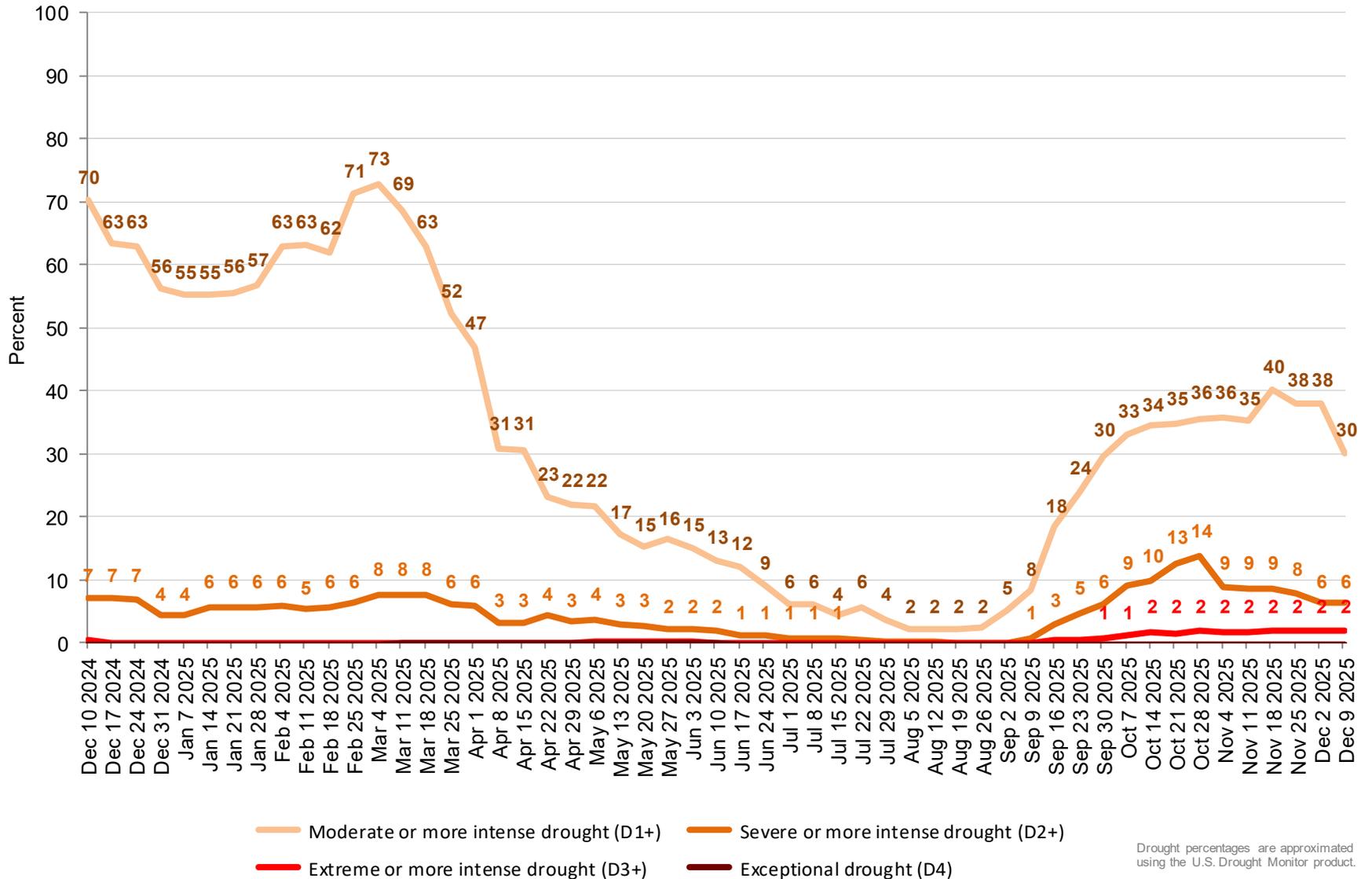
Percent of Hogs Located in Drought December 9, 2025



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

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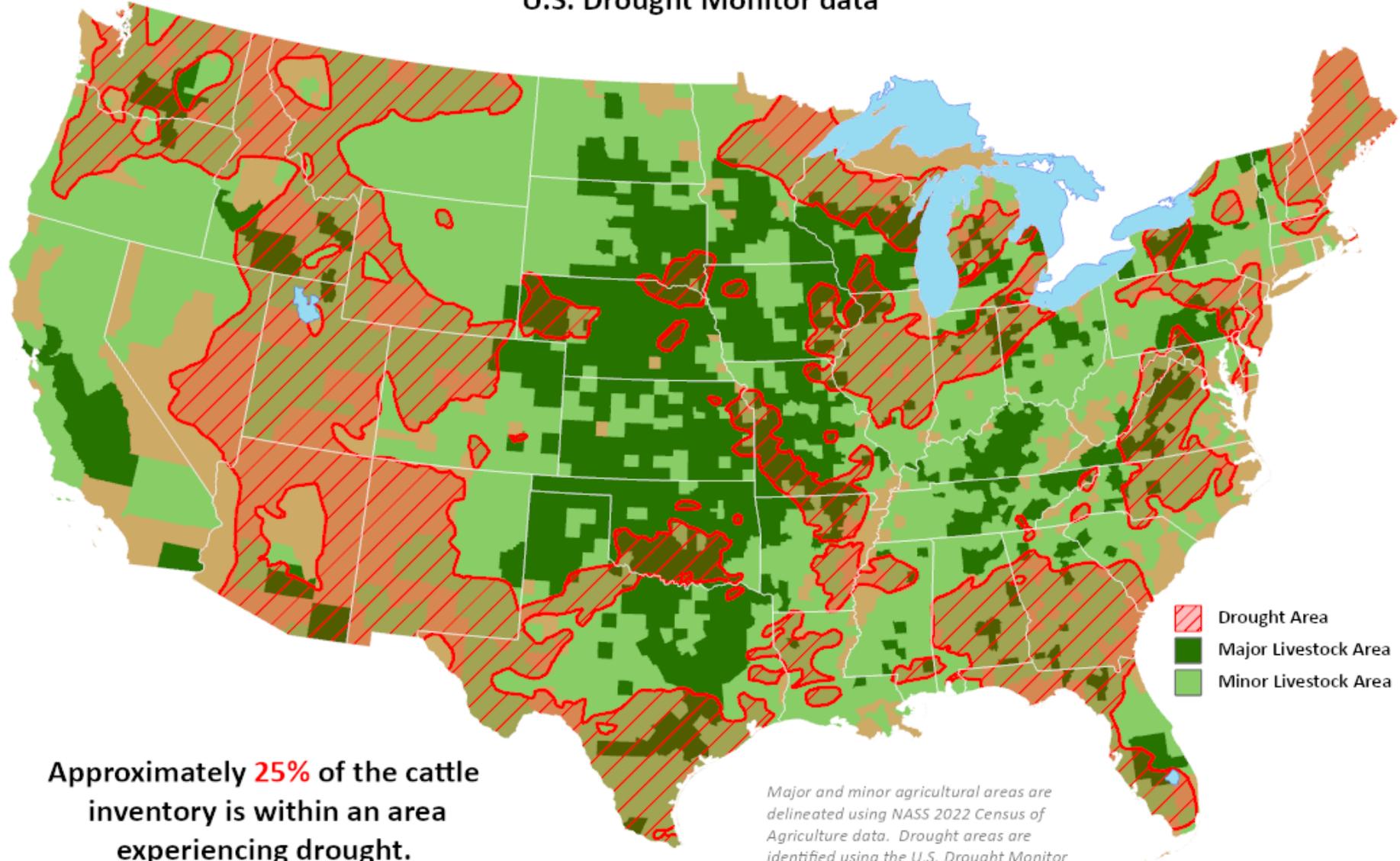
Percent of United States Hogs Located in Drought



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Cattle Areas in Drought

Reflects **December 9, 2025**
U.S. Drought Monitor data



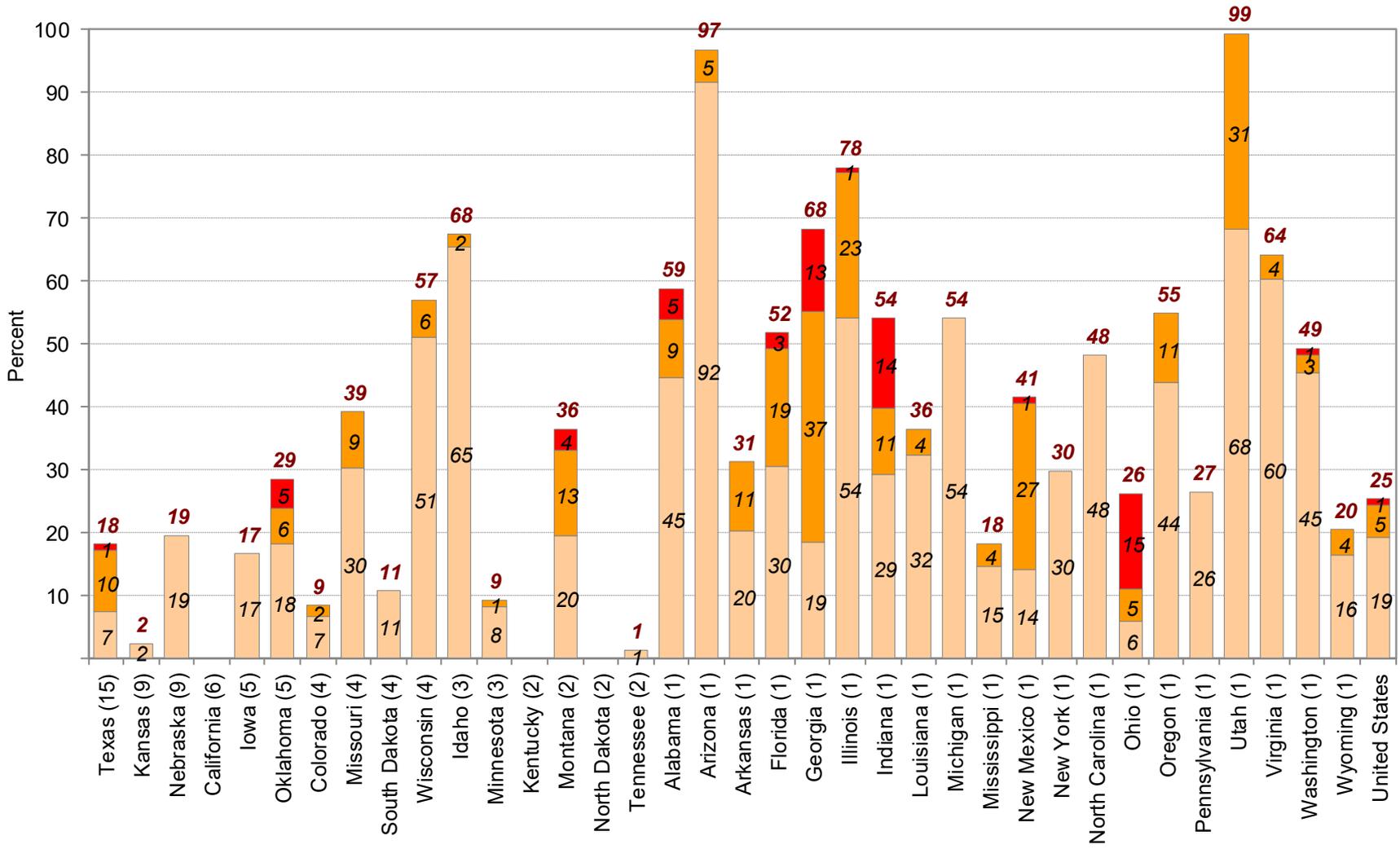
-  Drought Area
-  Major Livestock Area
-  Minor Livestock Area

Approximately **25%** of the cattle inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Cattle Located in Drought

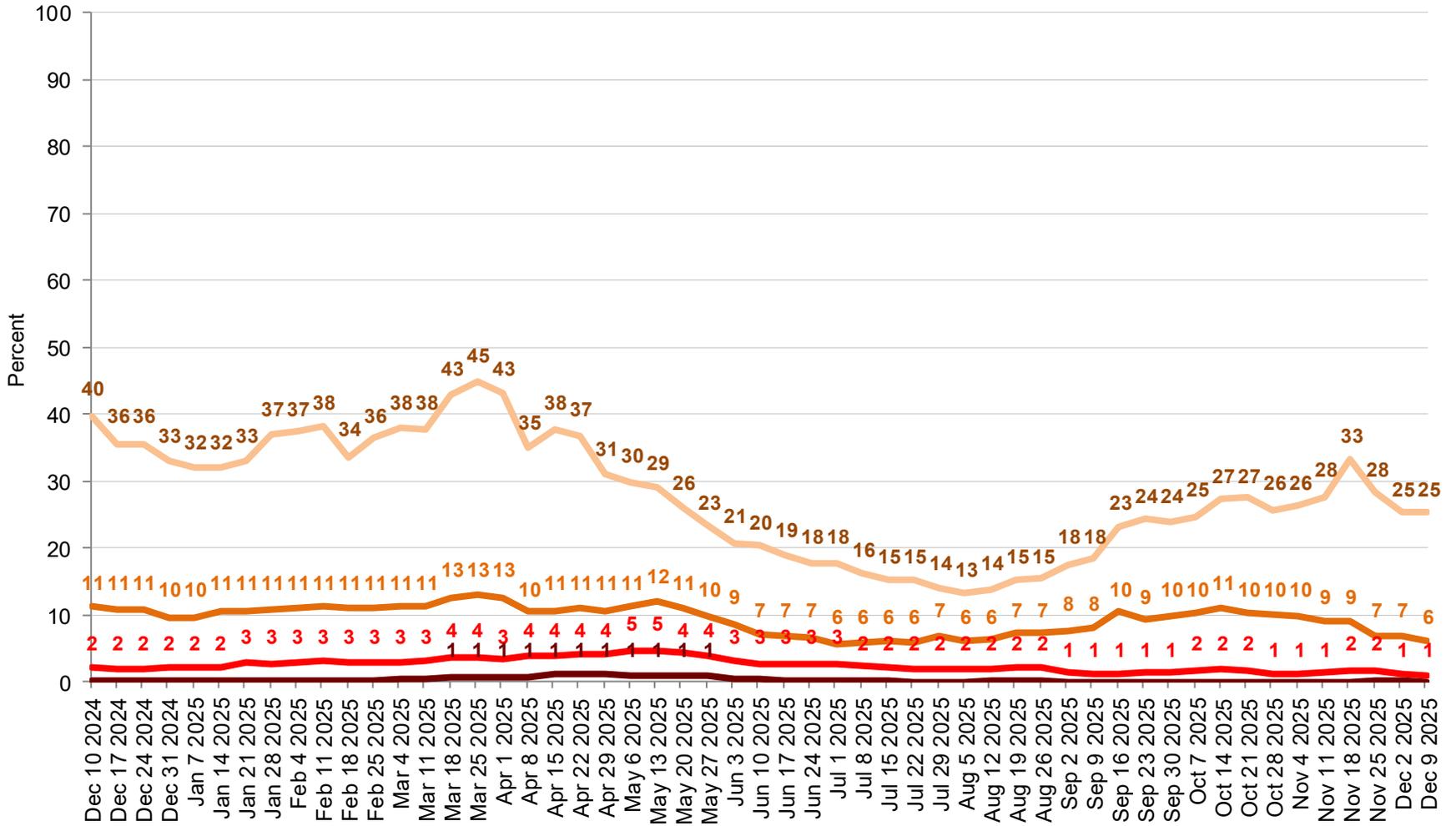
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- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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Percent of United States Cattle Located in Drought

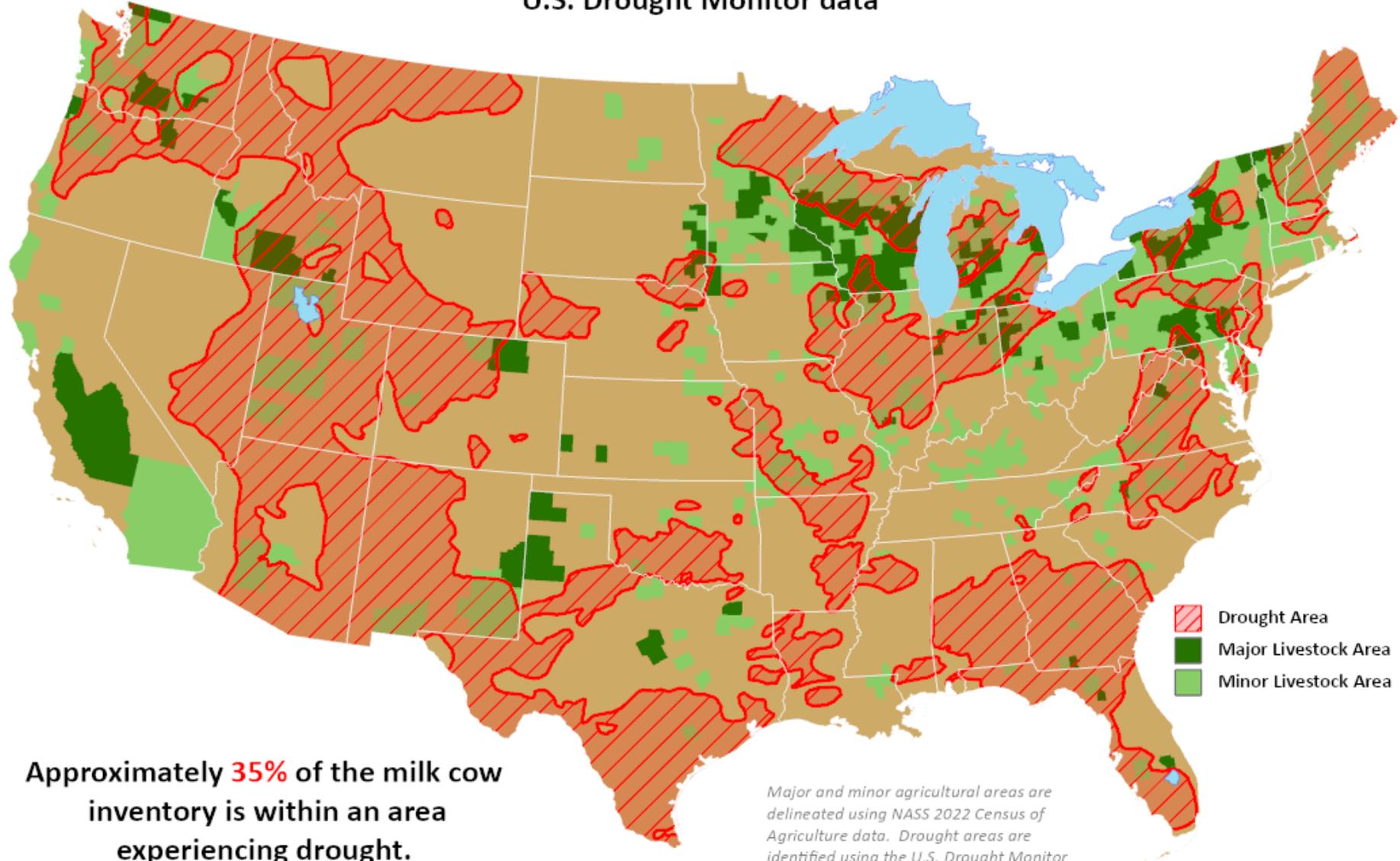


- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

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Milk Cow Areas in Drought

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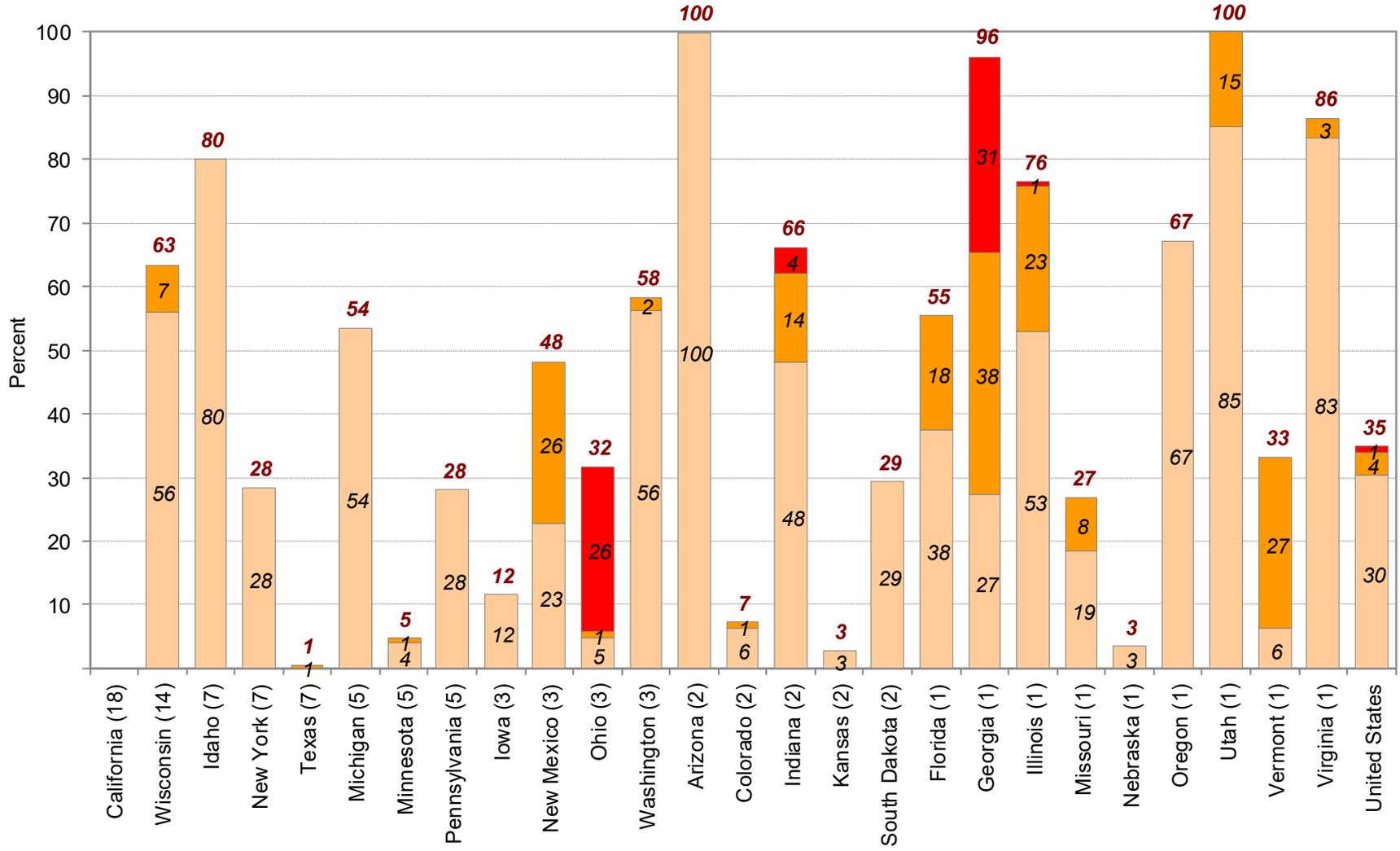


Approximately **35%** of the milk cow inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Milk Cows Located in Drought

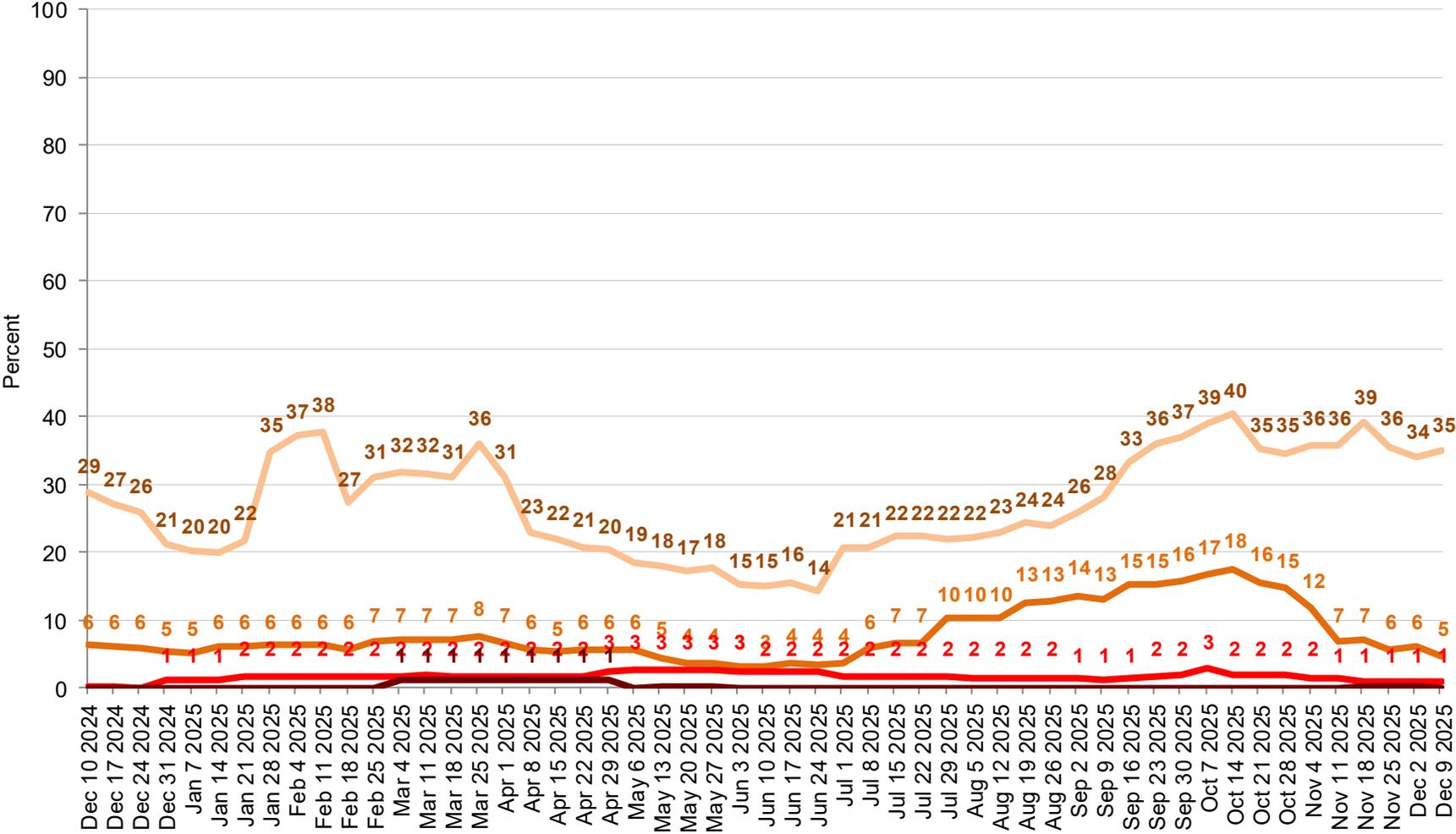
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■ Percent in Moderate Drought (D1) ■ Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
■ Percent in Extreme Drought (D3) ■ Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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Percent of United States Milk Cows Located in Drought

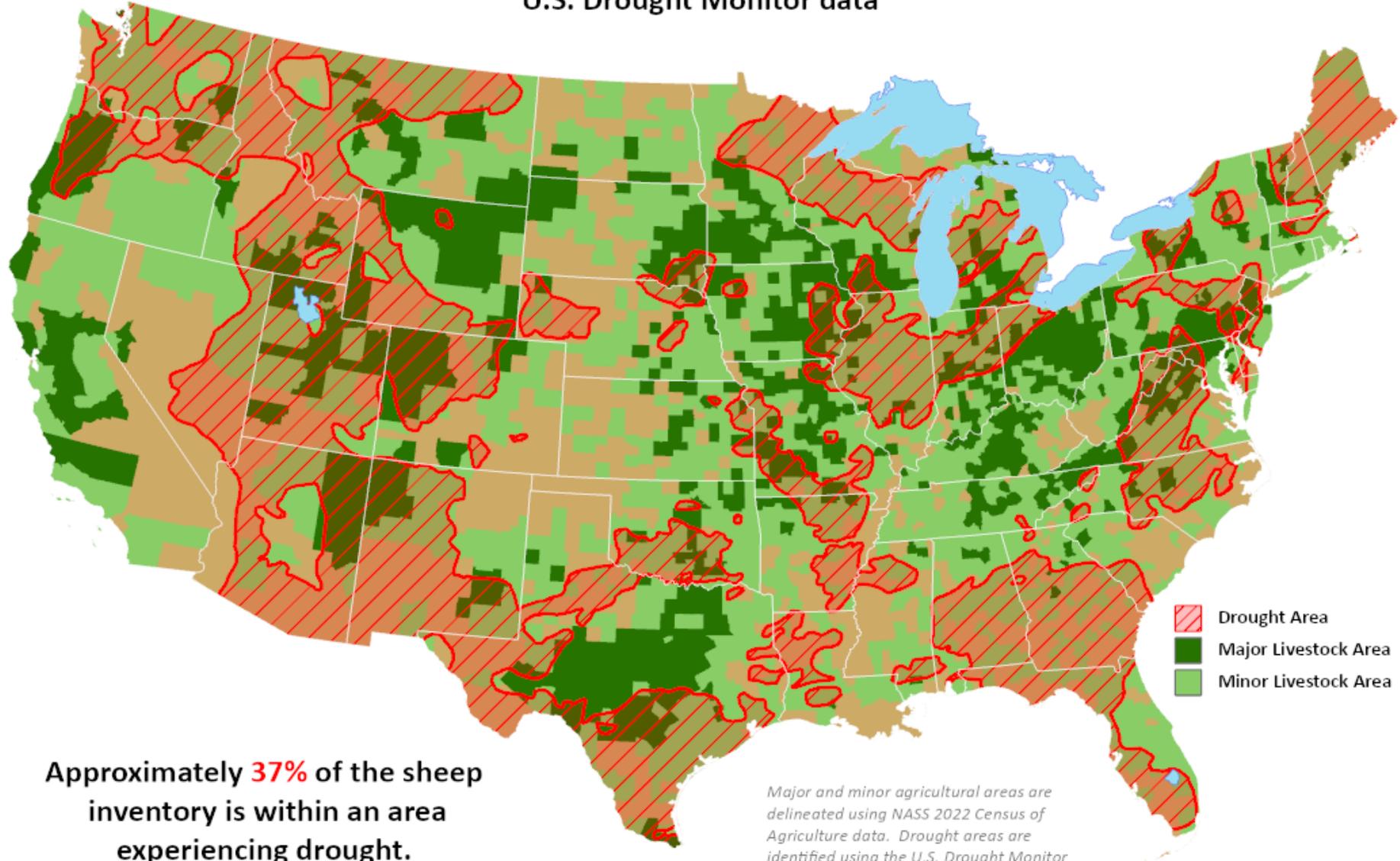


- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

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Sheep Areas in Drought

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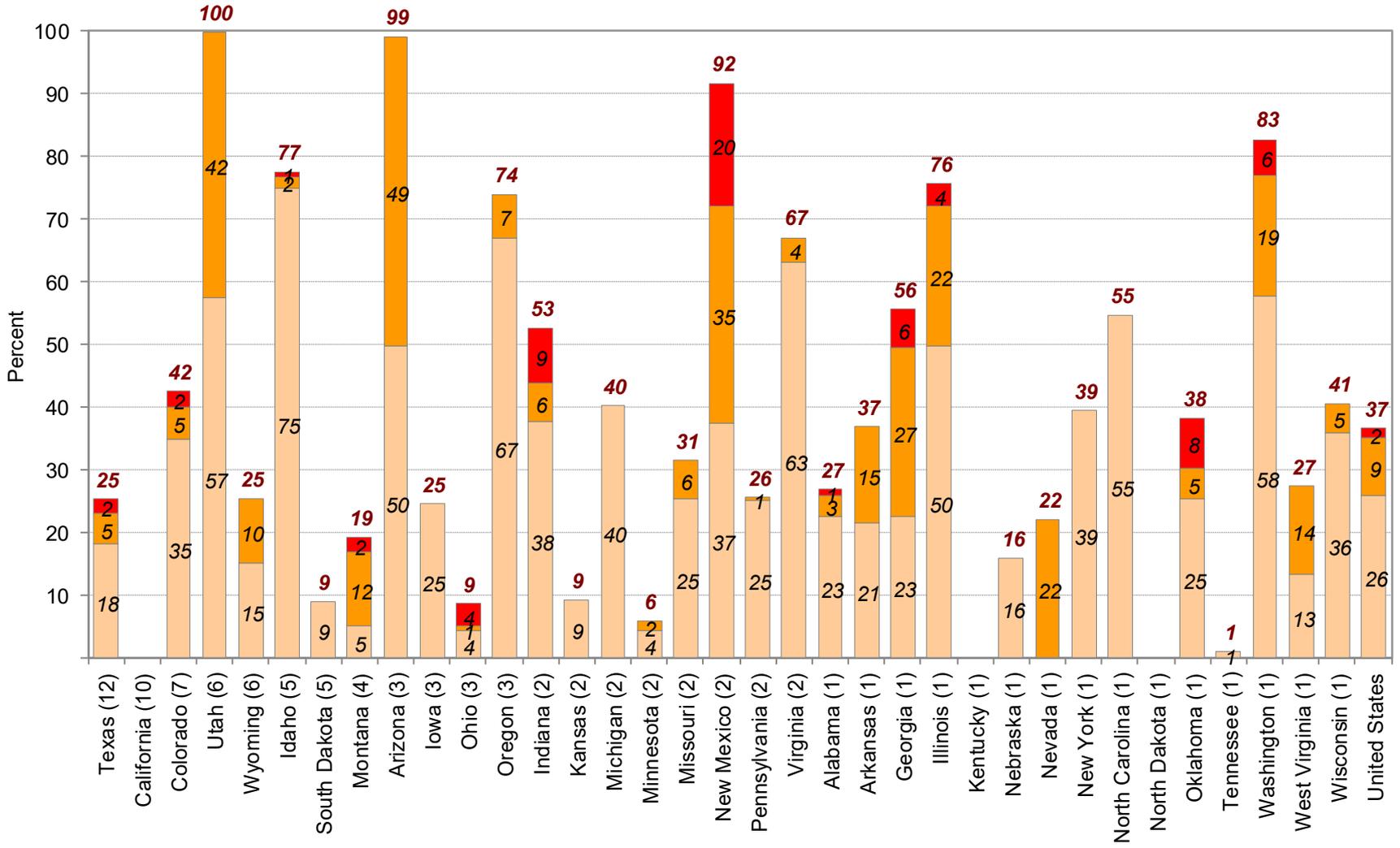


Approximately **37%** of the sheep
inventory is within an area
experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sheep Located in Drought

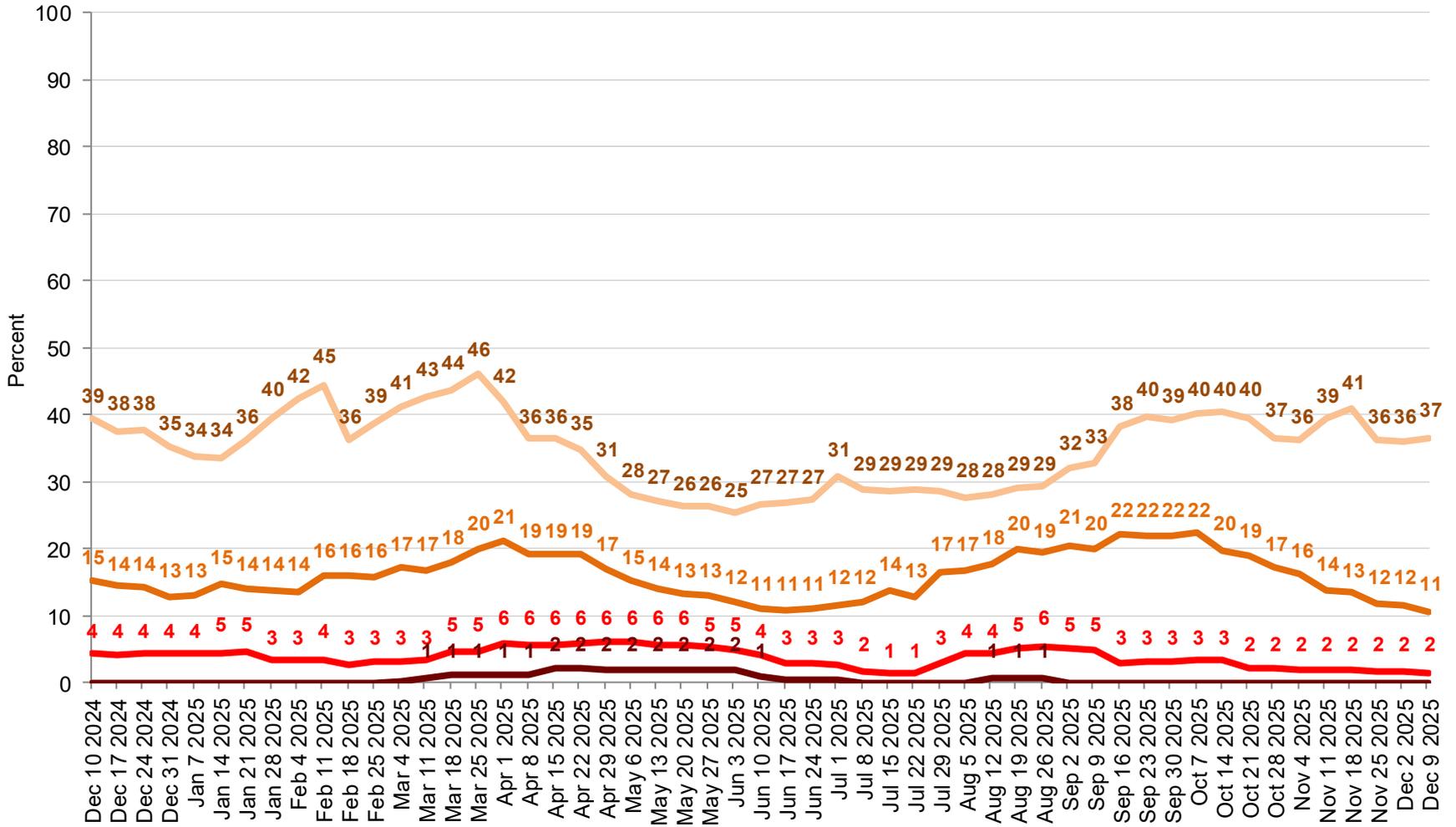
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- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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Percent of United States Sheep Located in Drought



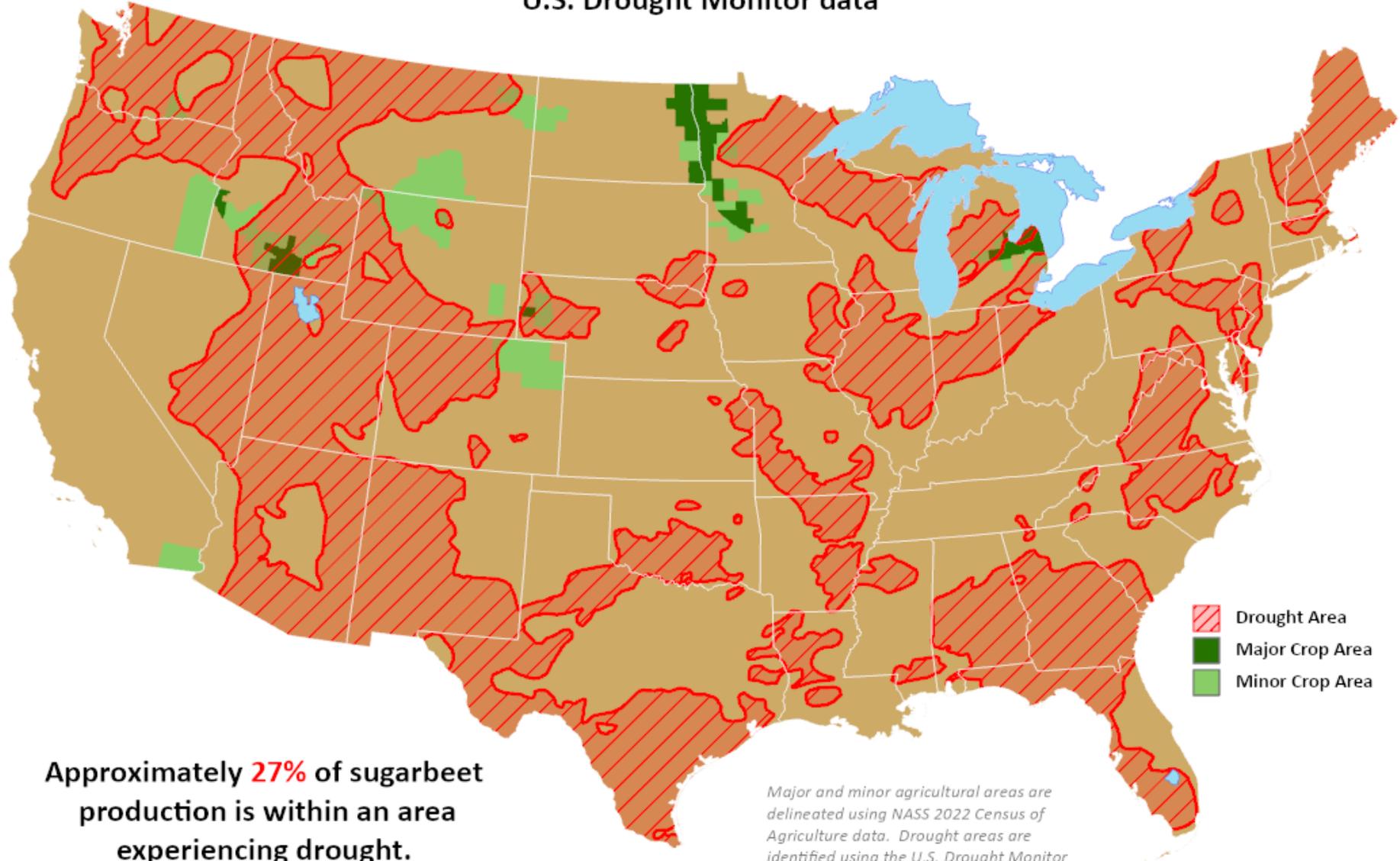
- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

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

Sugarbeet Areas in Drought

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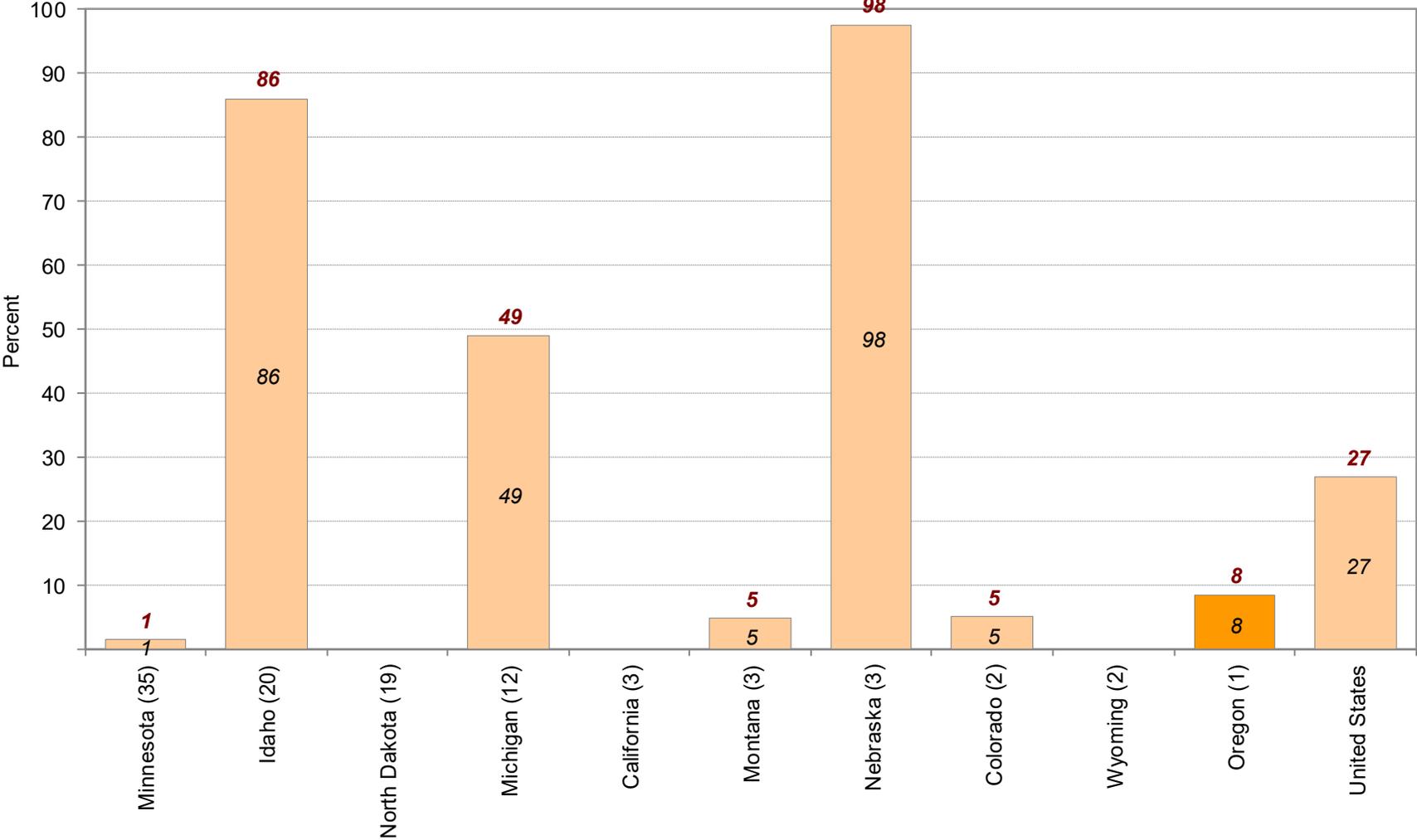


Approximately **27%** of sugarbeet
production is within an area
experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sugarbeets Located in Drought

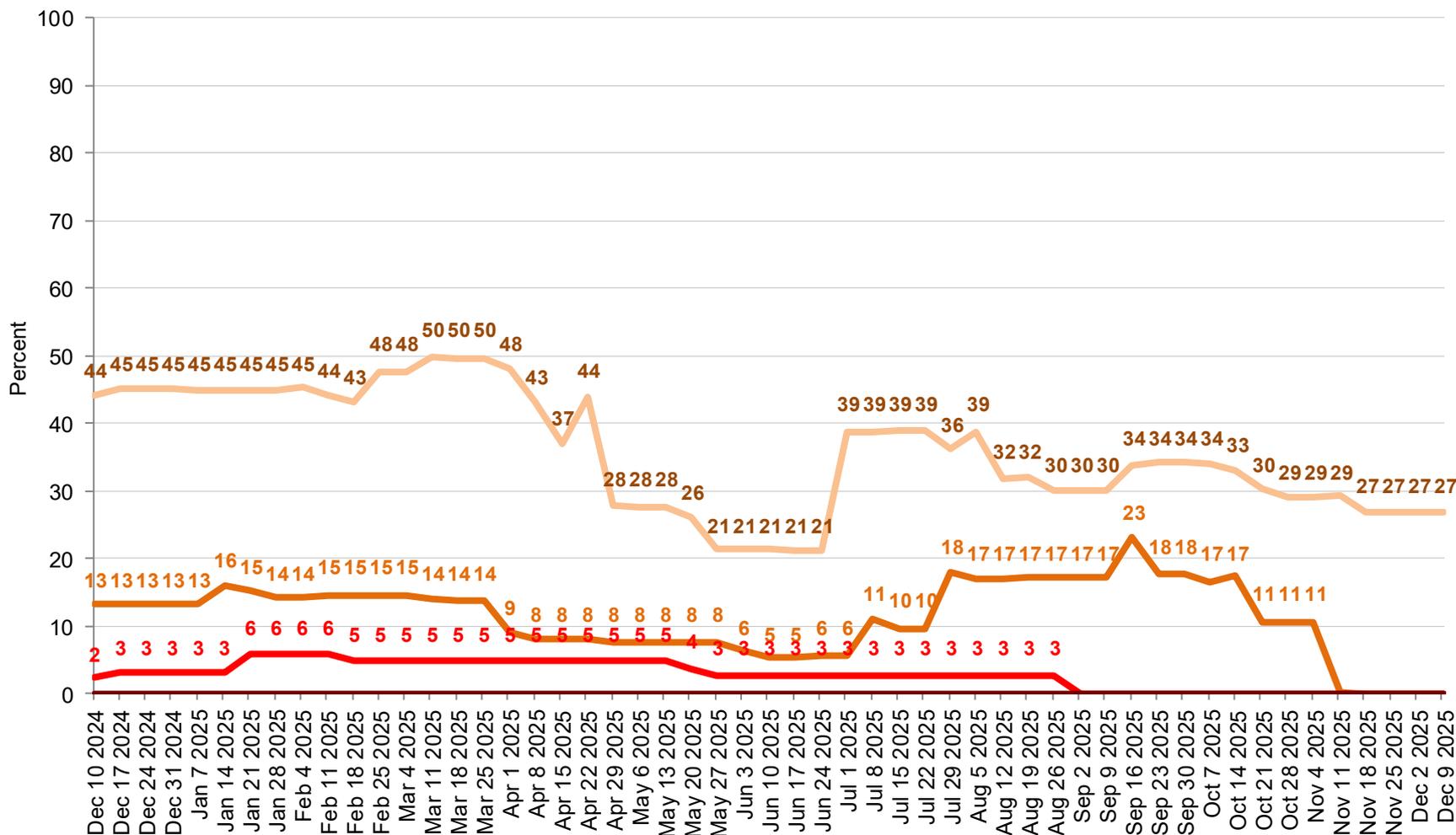
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- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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Percent of United States Sugarbeets Located in Drought



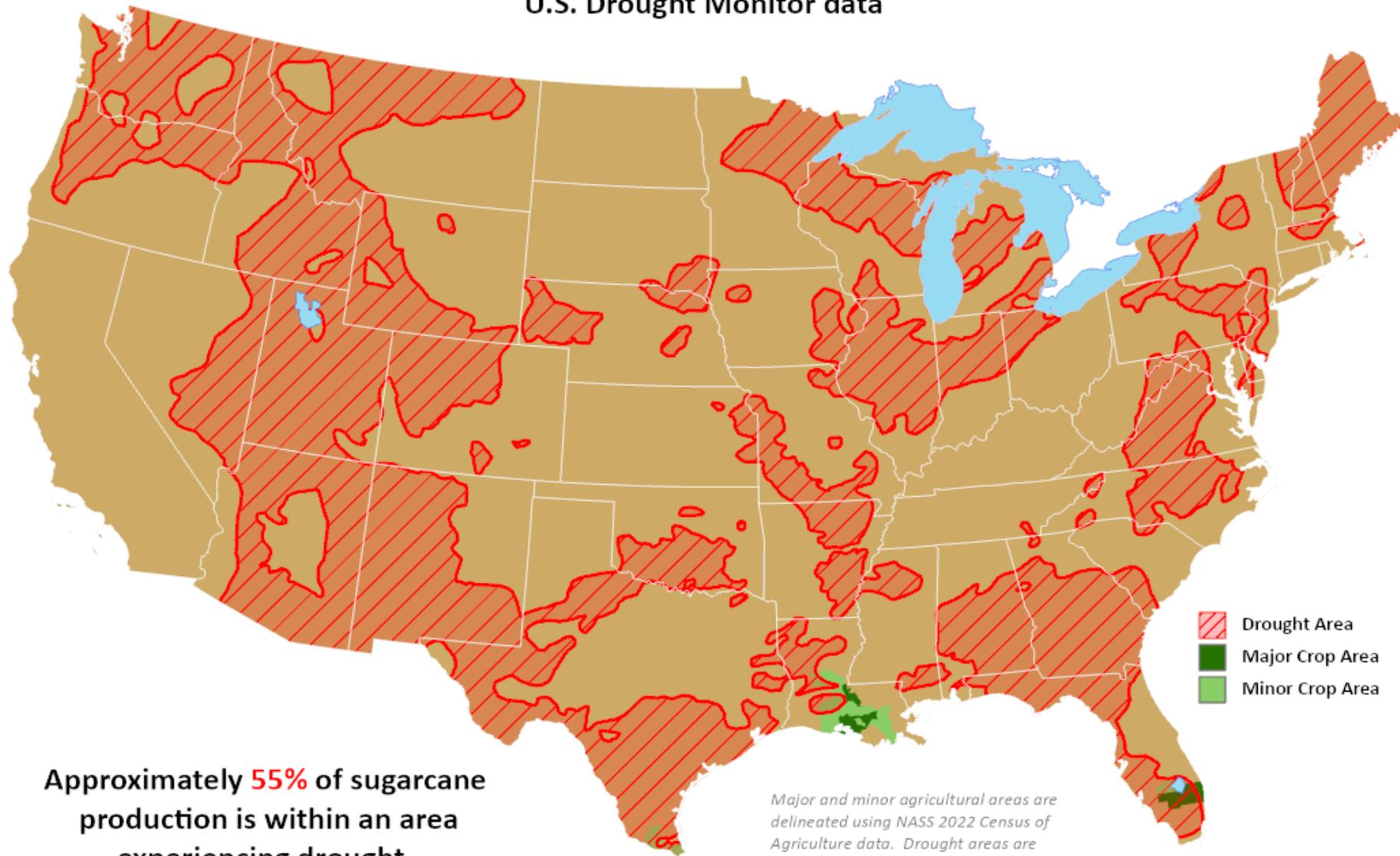
- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

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Sugarcane Areas in Drought

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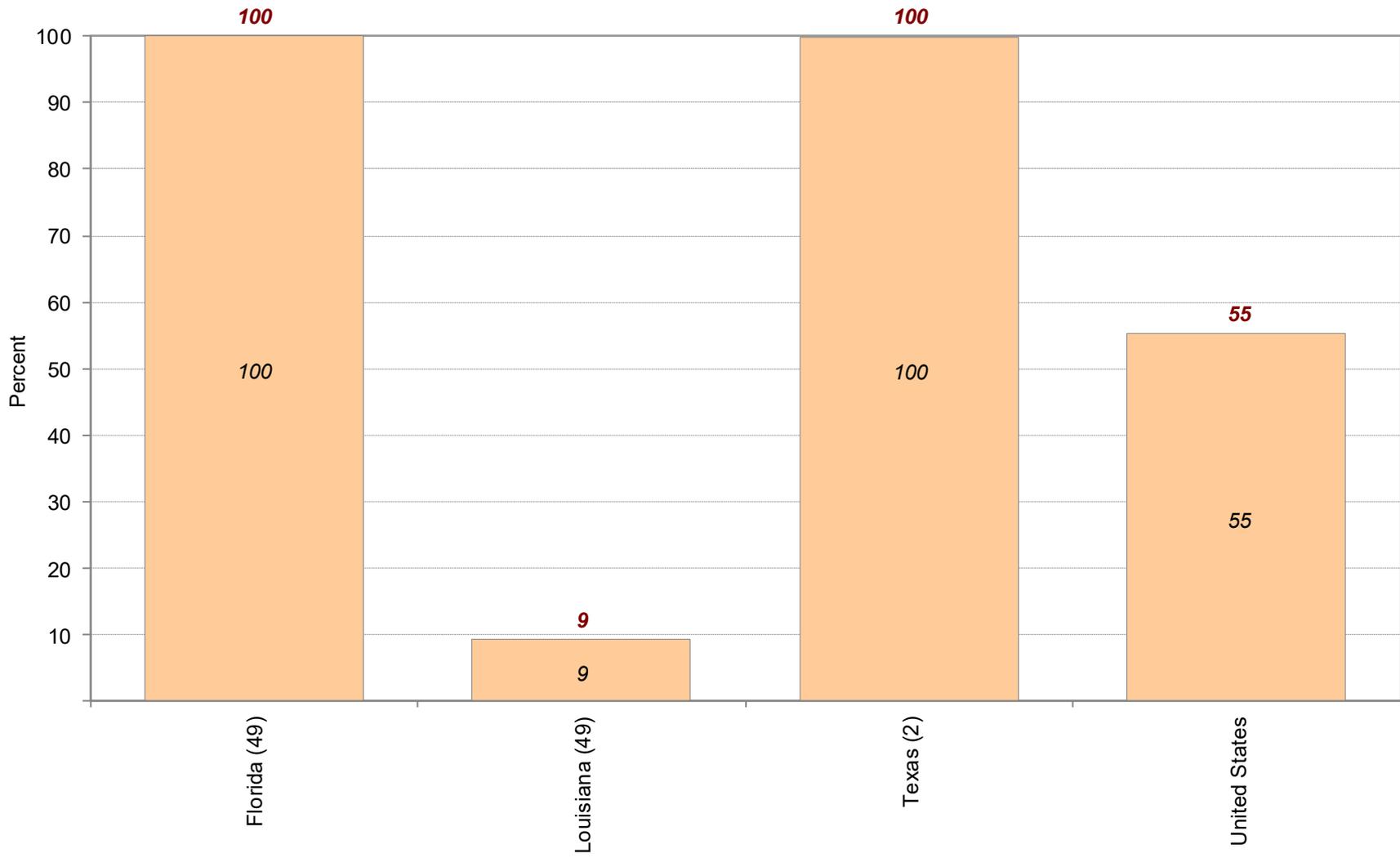


Approximately **55%** of sugarcane
production is within an area
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Percent of Sugarcane Located in Drought

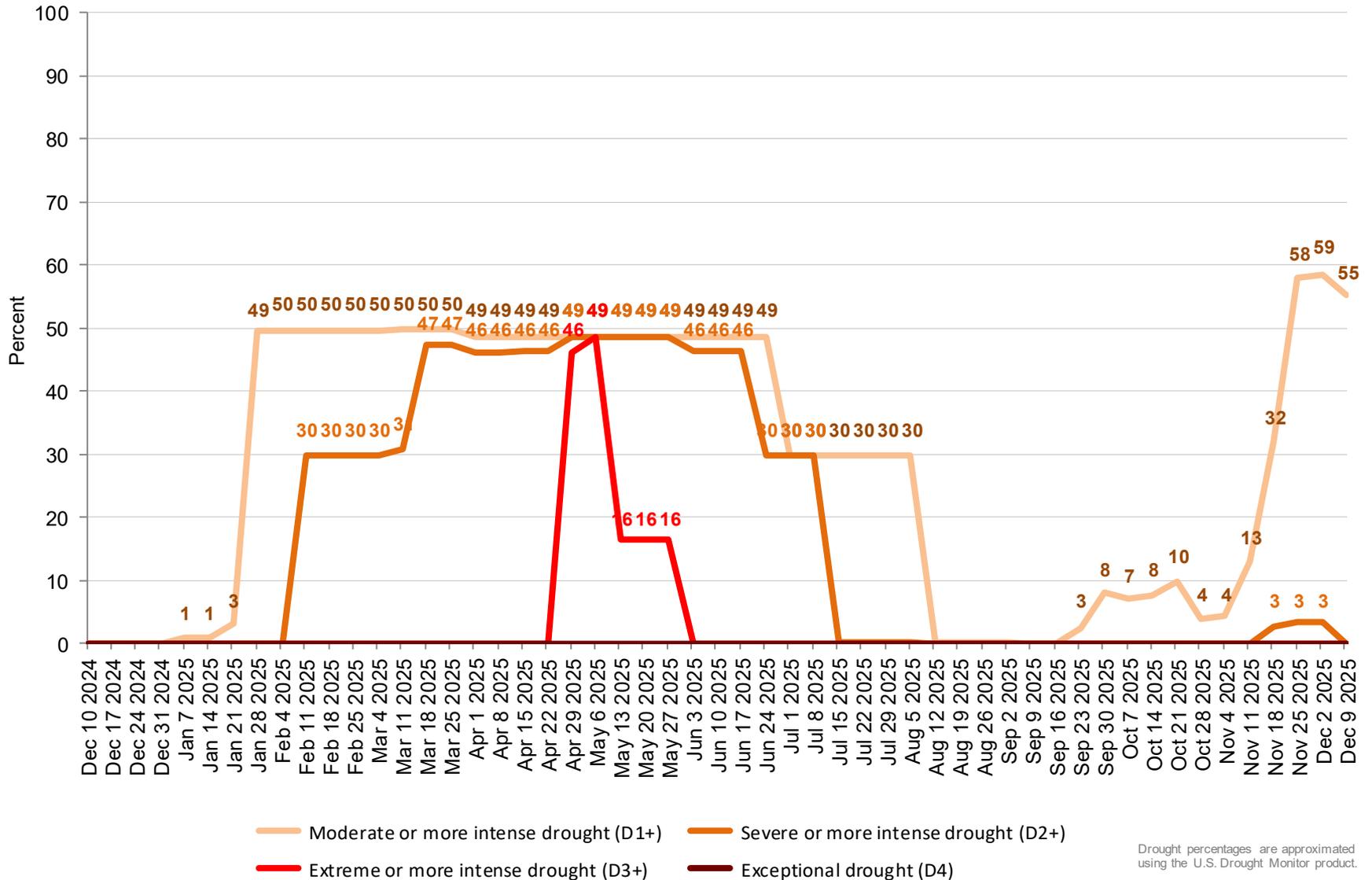
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- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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Percent of United States Sugarcane Located in Drought



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