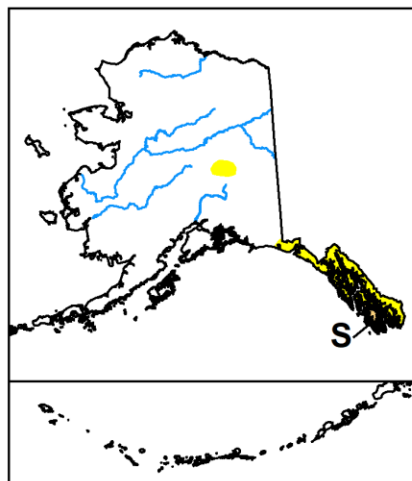
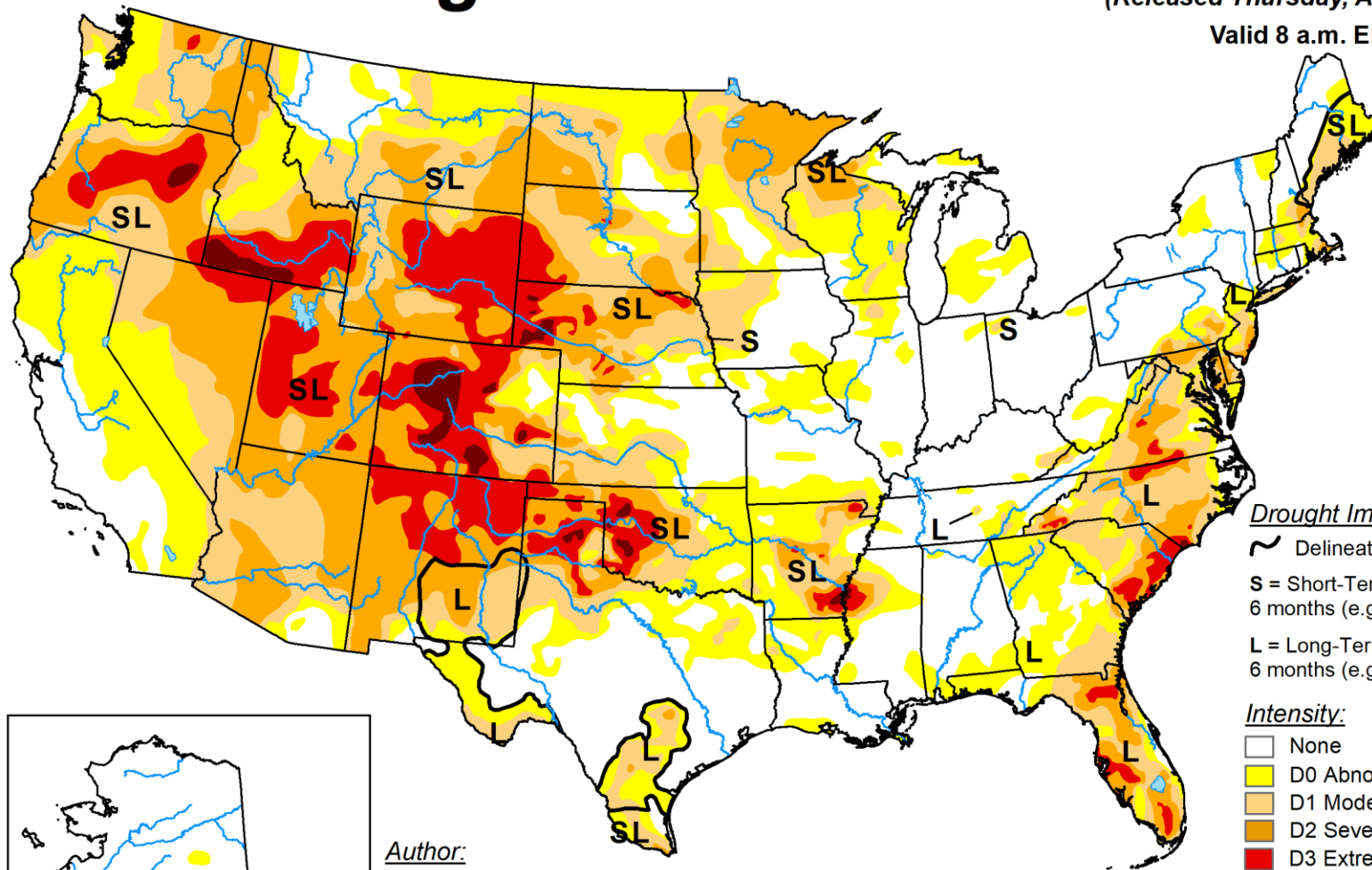
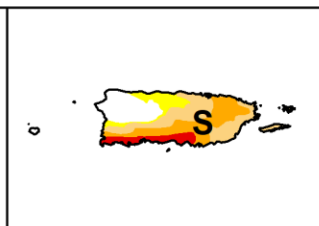
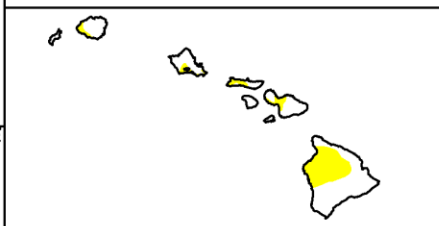


U.S. Drought Monitor

August 4, 2026
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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

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*

	Aug 4	Previous		Change		
	2026	Week	Year	Week	Year	
Corn	28%	29%	3%	-1%	25%	(summer crops)
Soybeans	26%	26%	3%	0%	23%	
Cotton	41%	42%	3%	-1%	38%	
Peanuts	30%	33%	2%	-3%	28%	
Rice	42%	43%	1%	-1%	41%	
Sunflowers	66%	55%	17%	11%	49%	
Barley	66%	59%	58%	7%	8%	
Sorghum	54%	49%	8%	5%	46%	
Durum Wheat	49%	26%	38%	23%	11%	
Spring Wheat	58%	42%	35%	16%	23%	
Winter Wheat	50%	48%	30%	2%	20%	(winter crop)
Hay	43%	41%	17%	2%	26%	(forage)
Alfalfa Hay	57%	54%	28%	3%	29%	
Cattle	49%	48%	13%	1%	36%	(livestock)
Milk Cows	34%	36%	22%	-2%	12%	
Hogs	37%	37%	2%	0%	35%	
Sheep	46%	46%	28%	0%	18%	
Sugarbeets	55%	62%	39%	-7%	16%	(sugar)
Sugarcane	51%	50%	30%	1%	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.

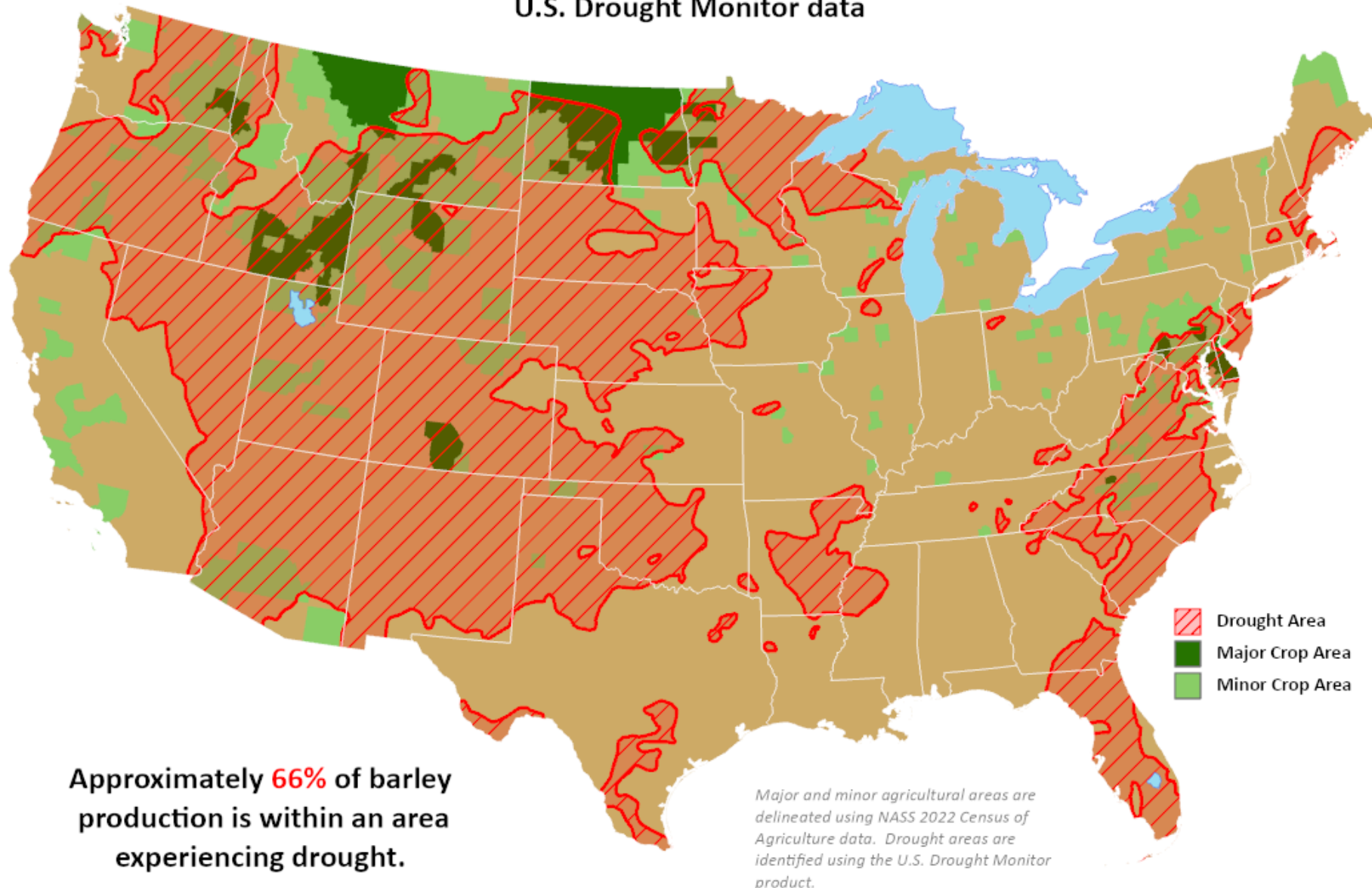


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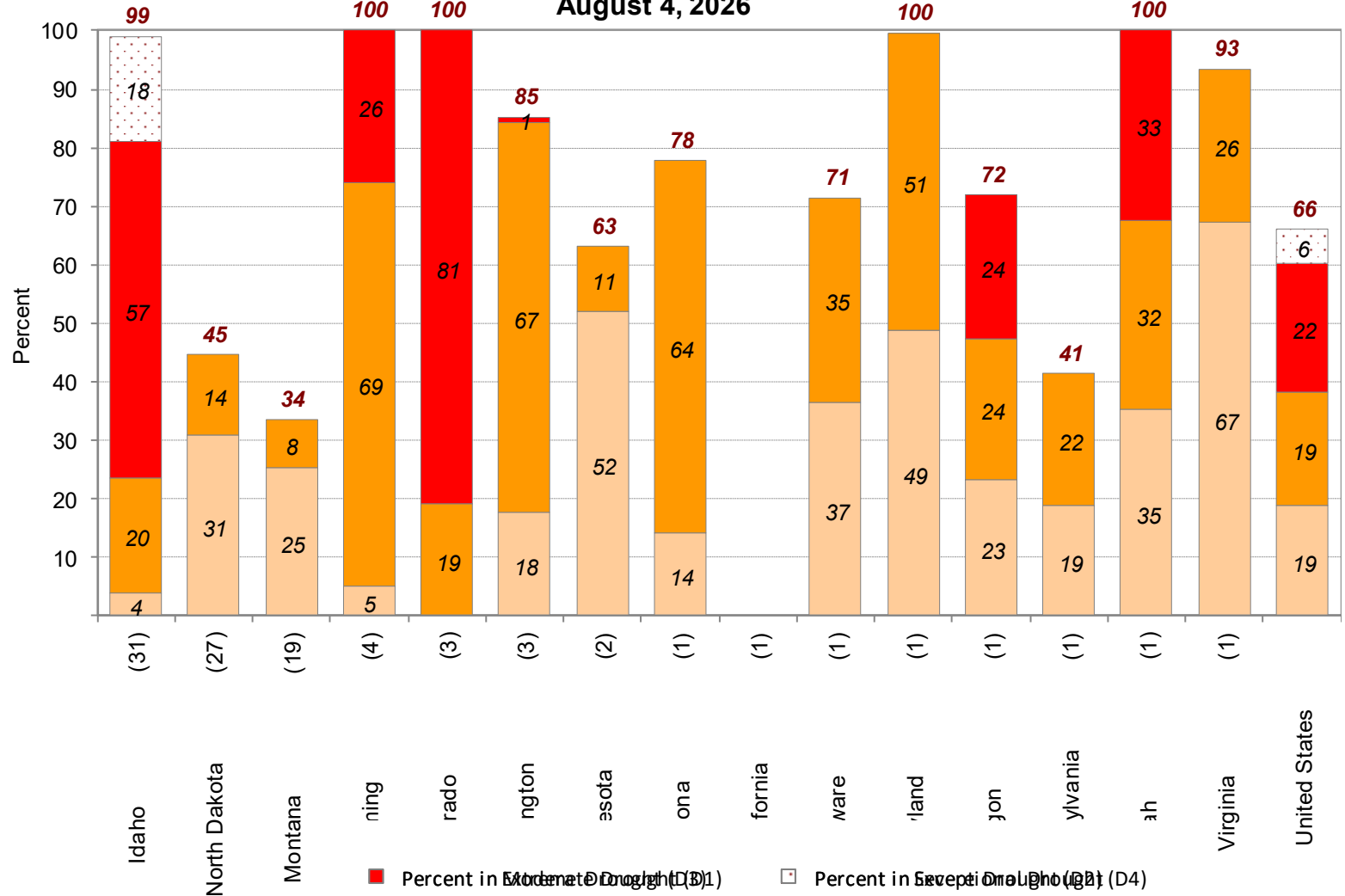
Barley Areas in Drought

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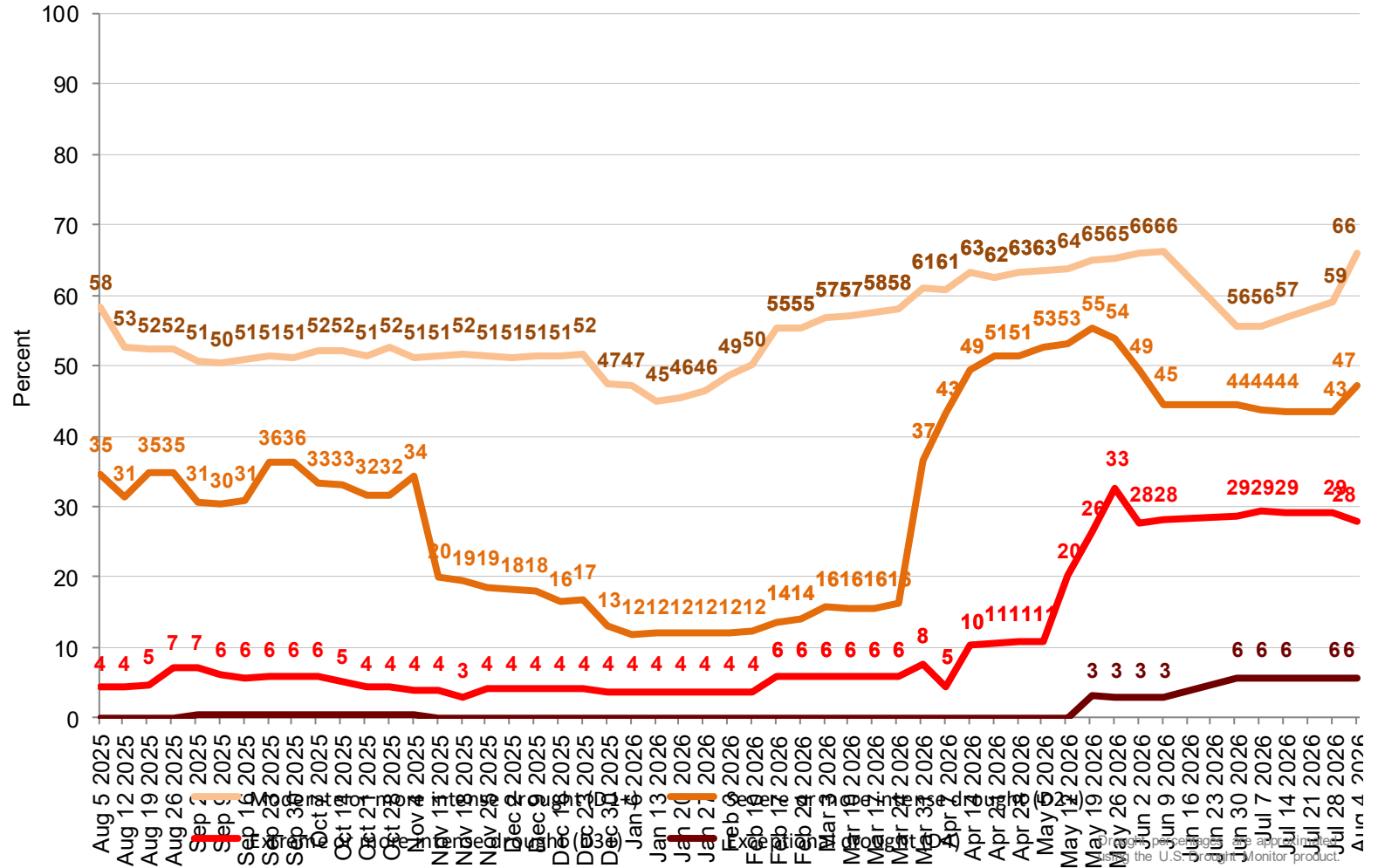


Percent of Barley Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Barley Located in Drought



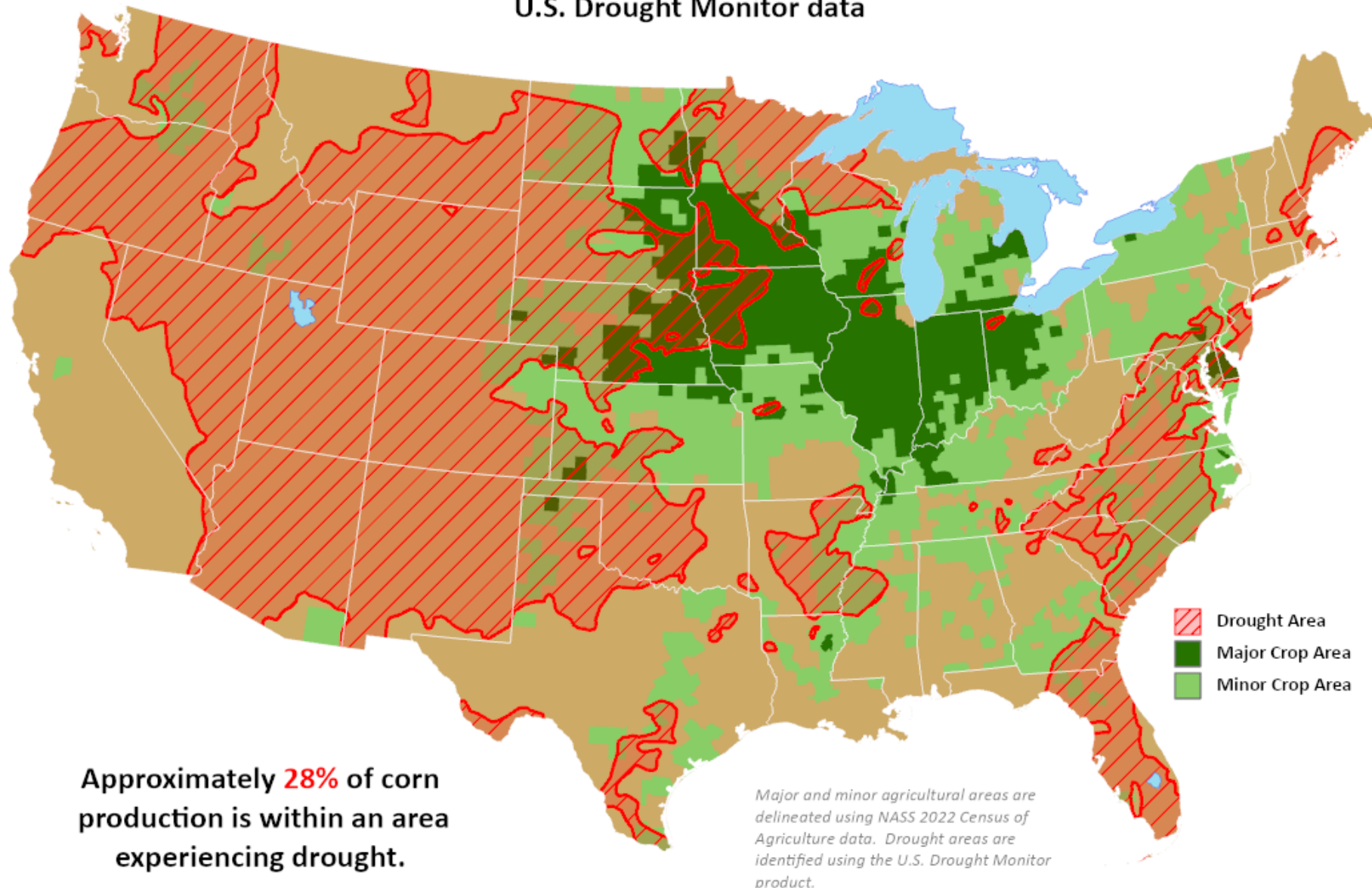


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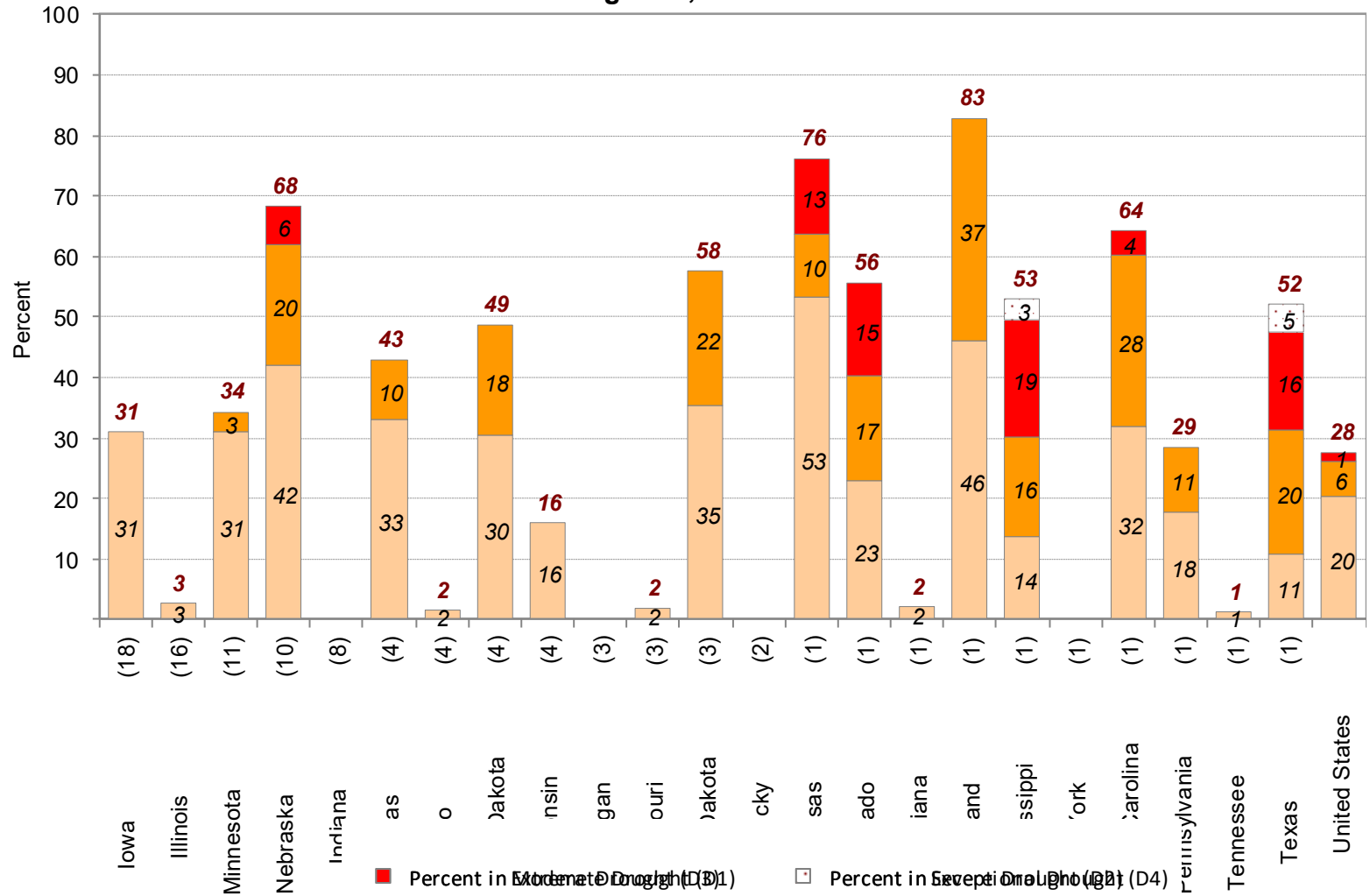
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Corn Areas in Drought

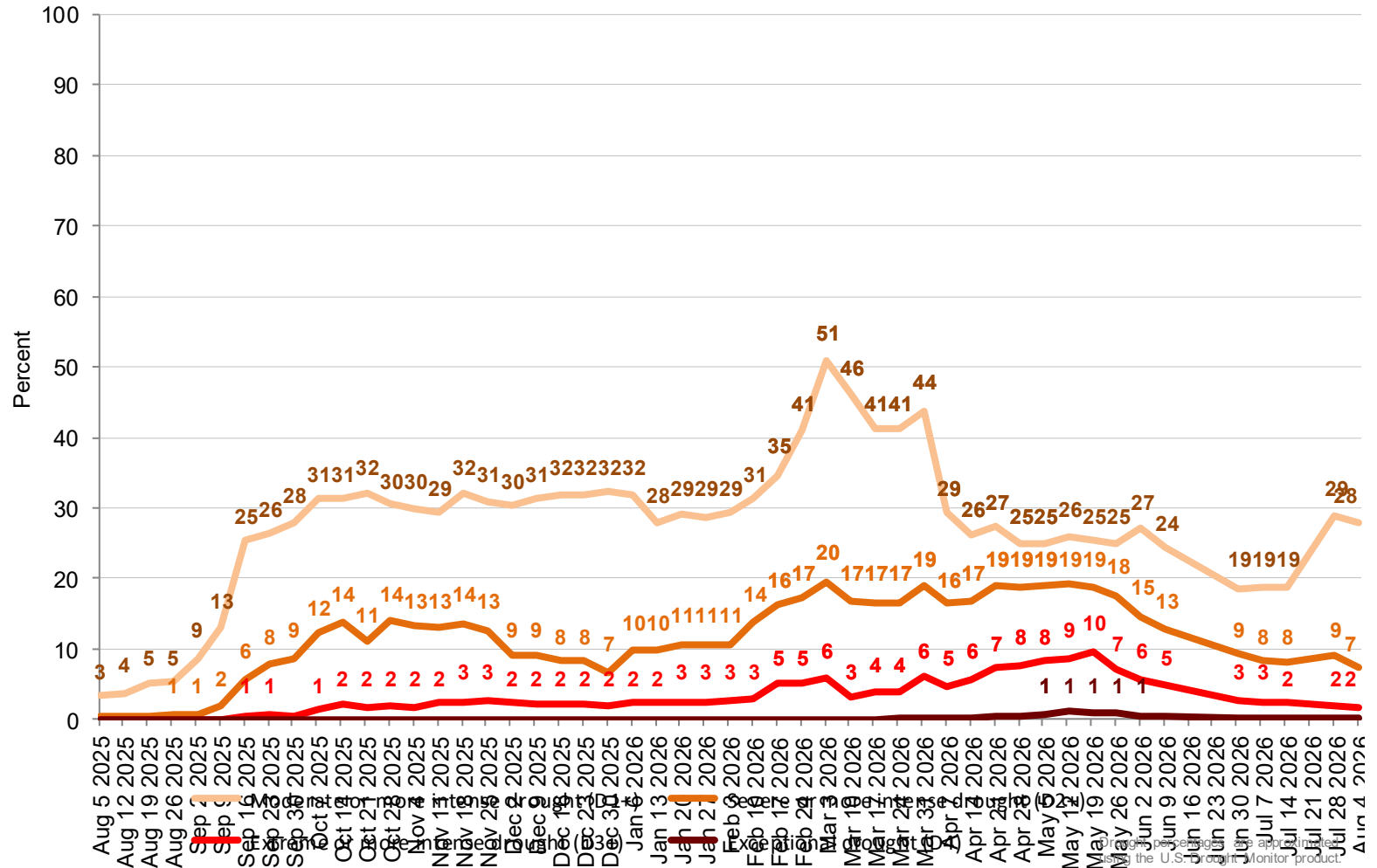
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Percent of Corn Located in Drought August 4, 2026



Percent of United States Corn Located in Drought



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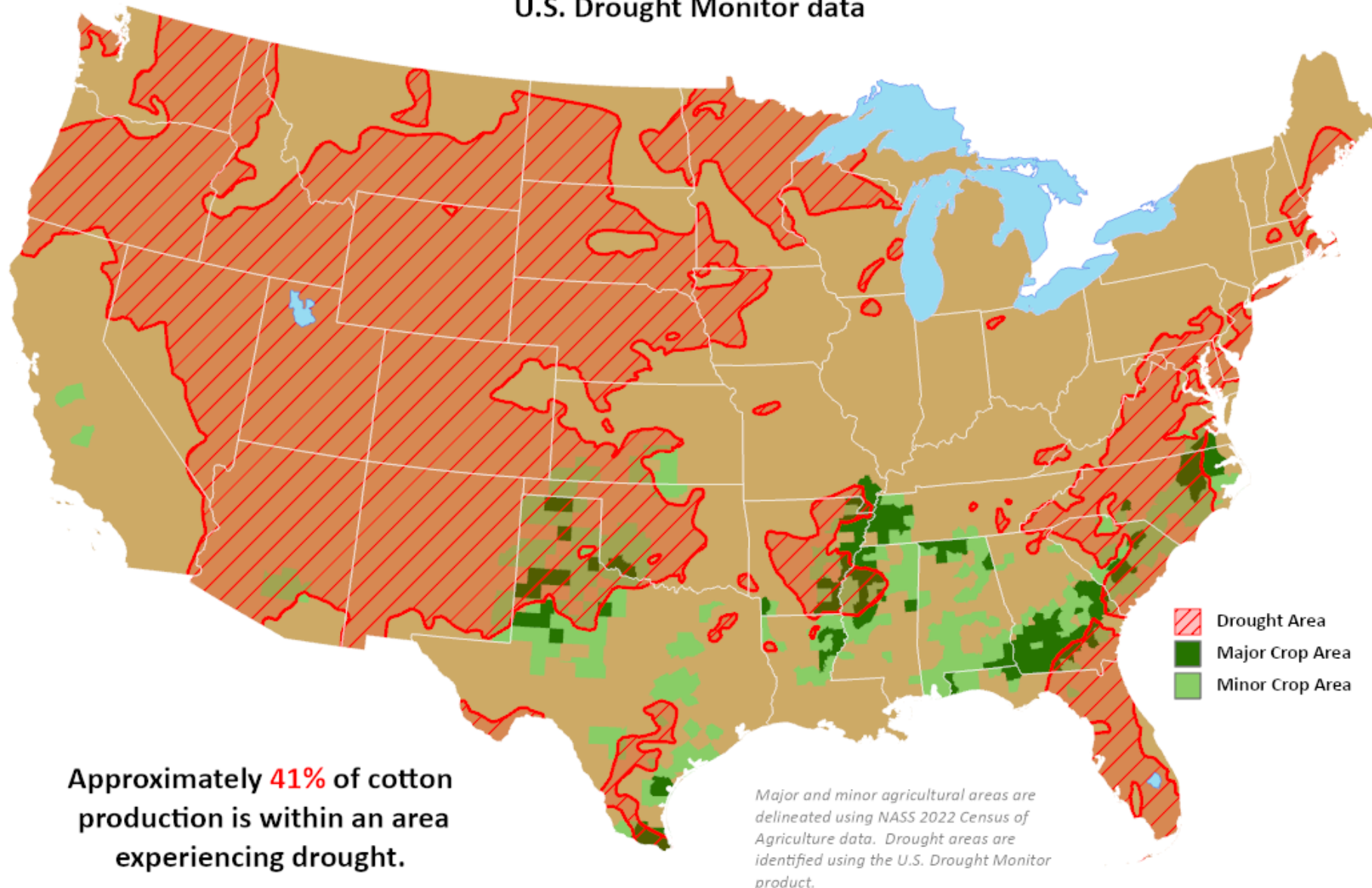


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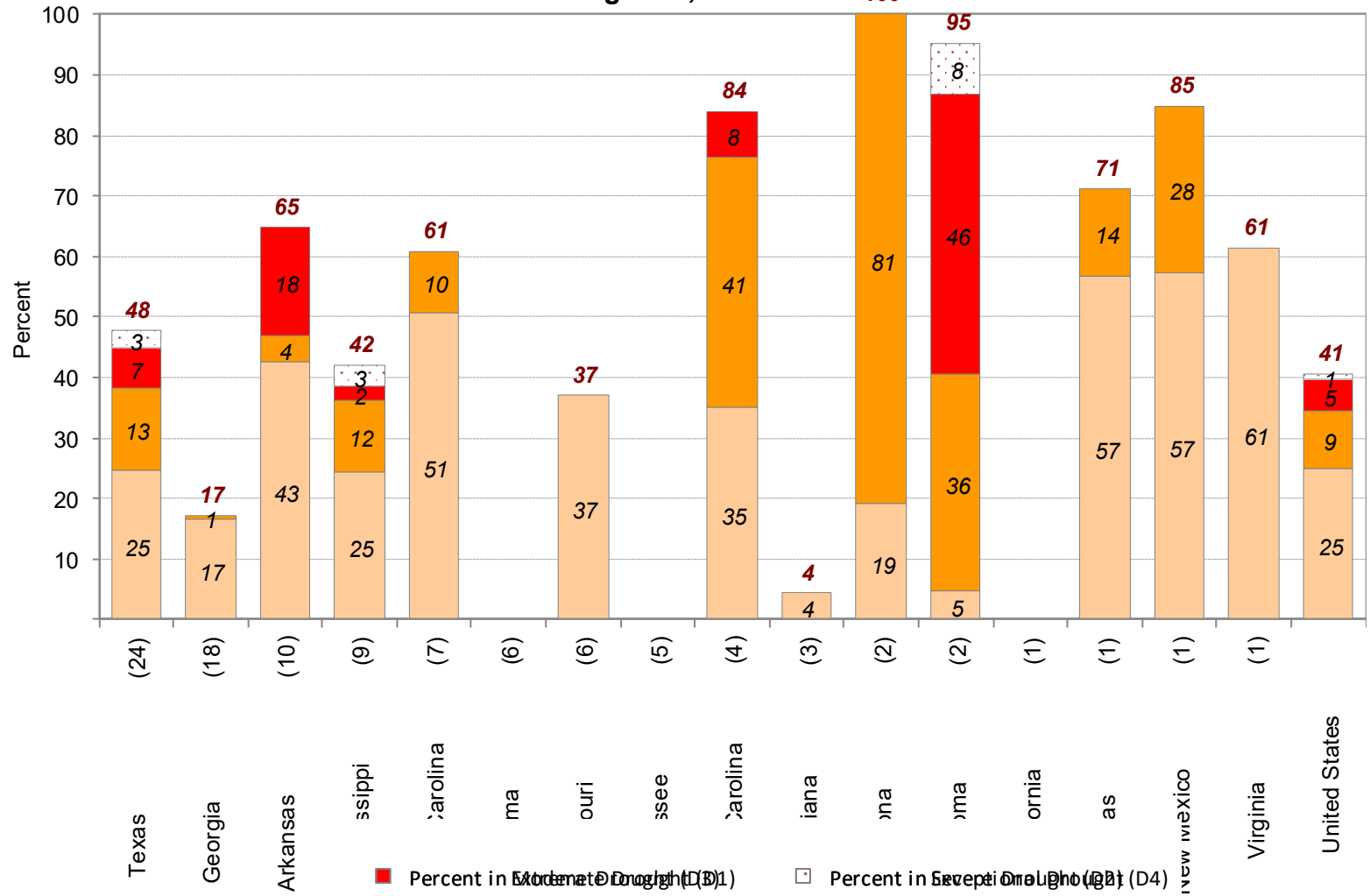
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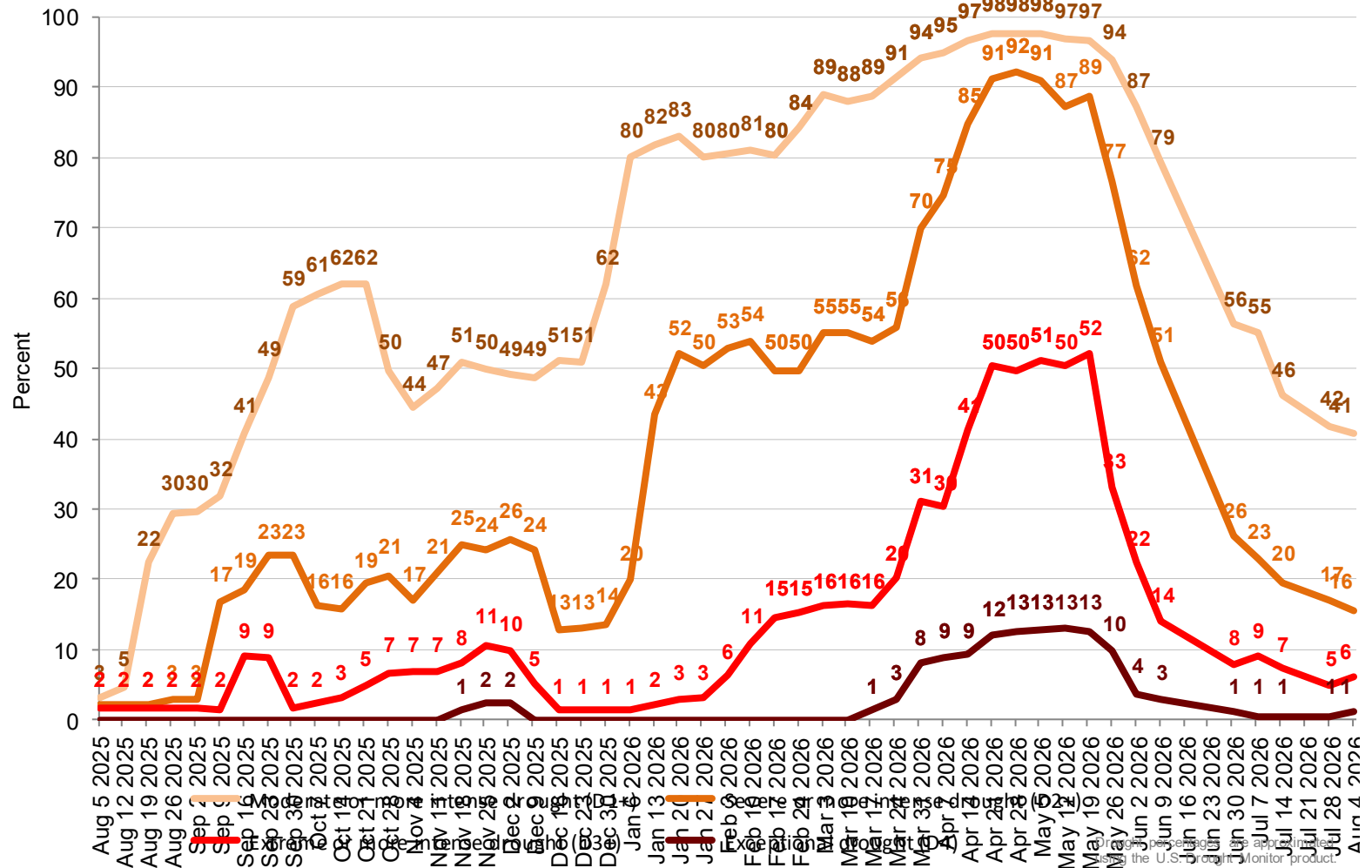


Percent of Cotton Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Cotton Located in Drought



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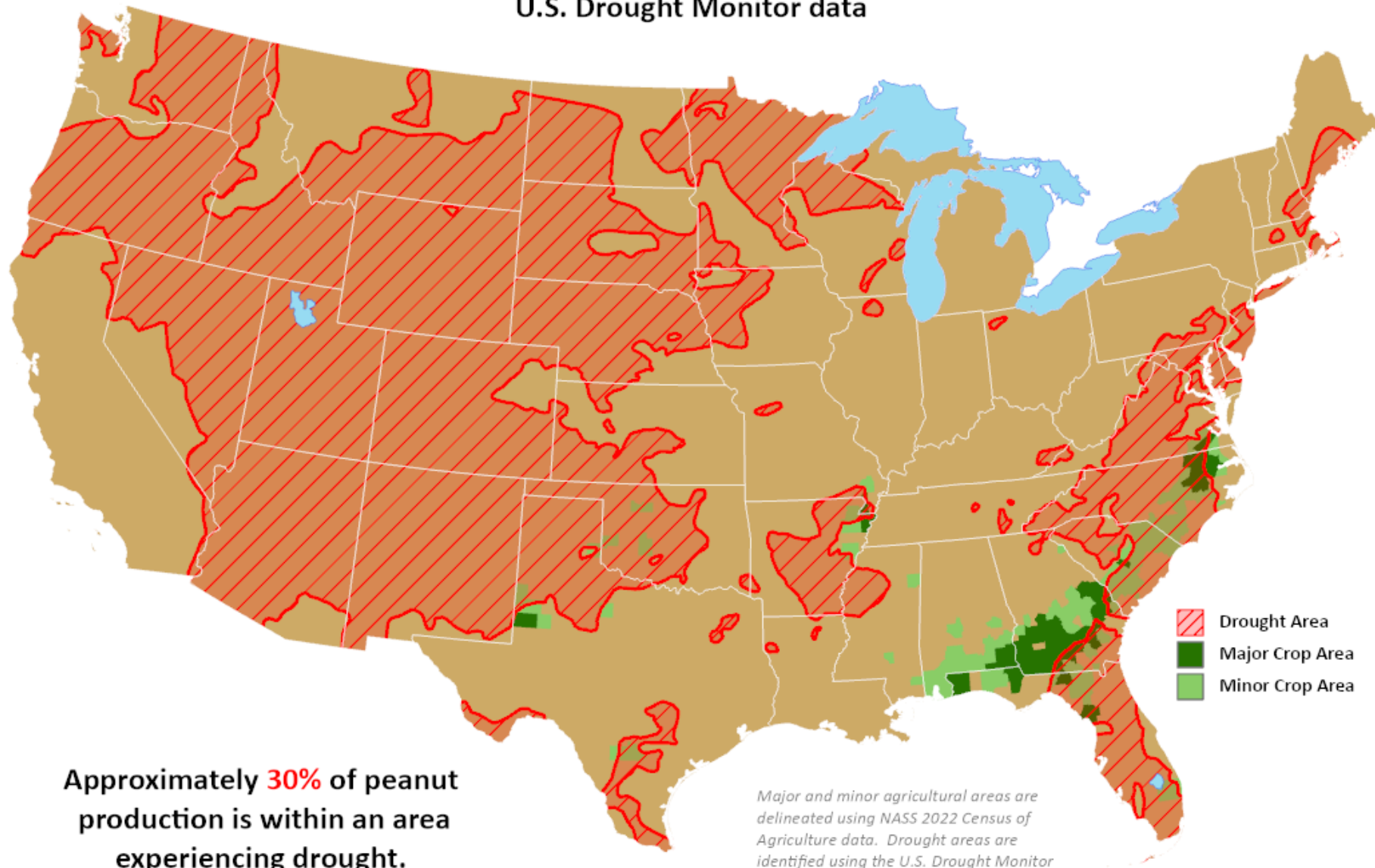


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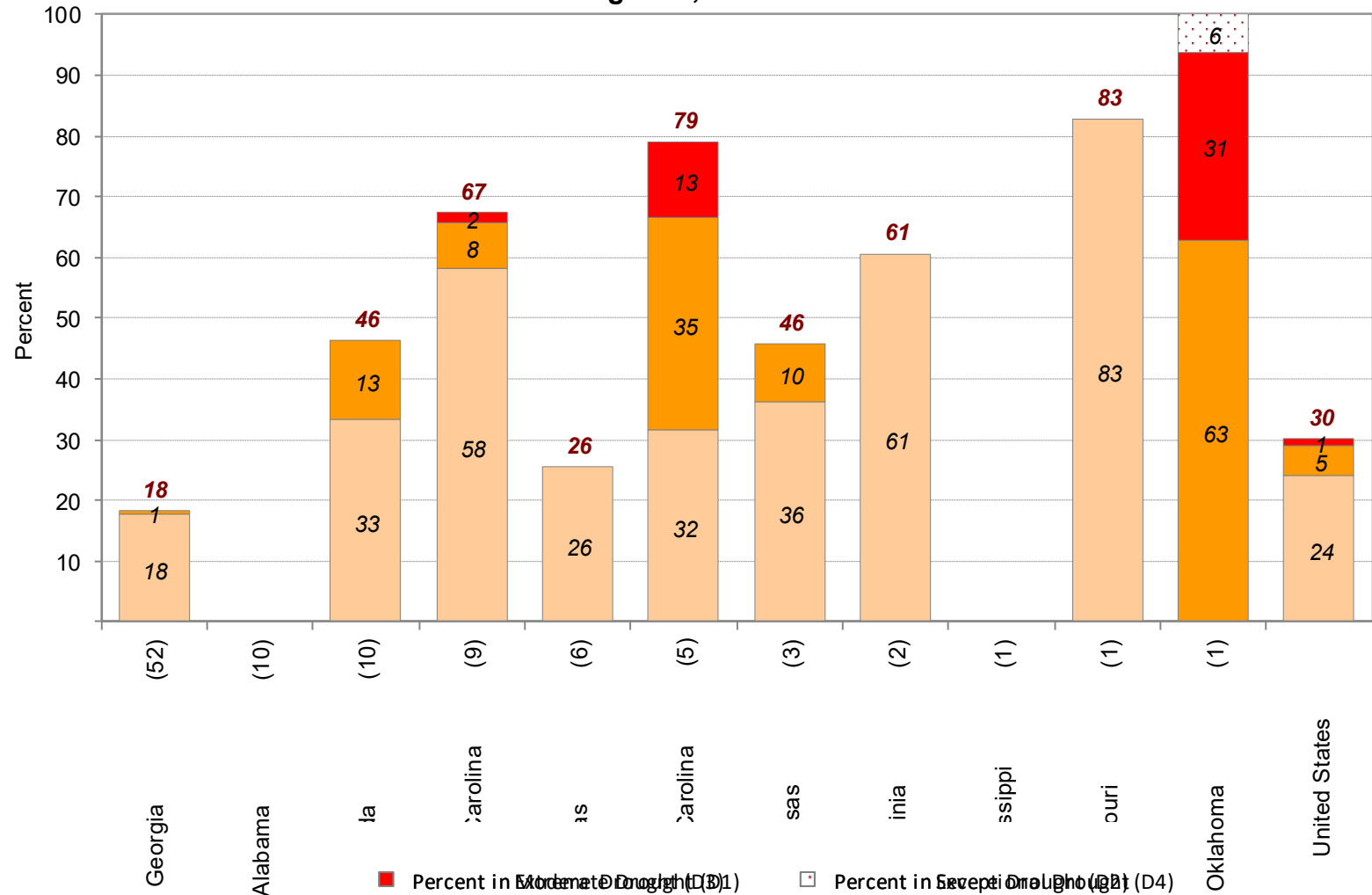
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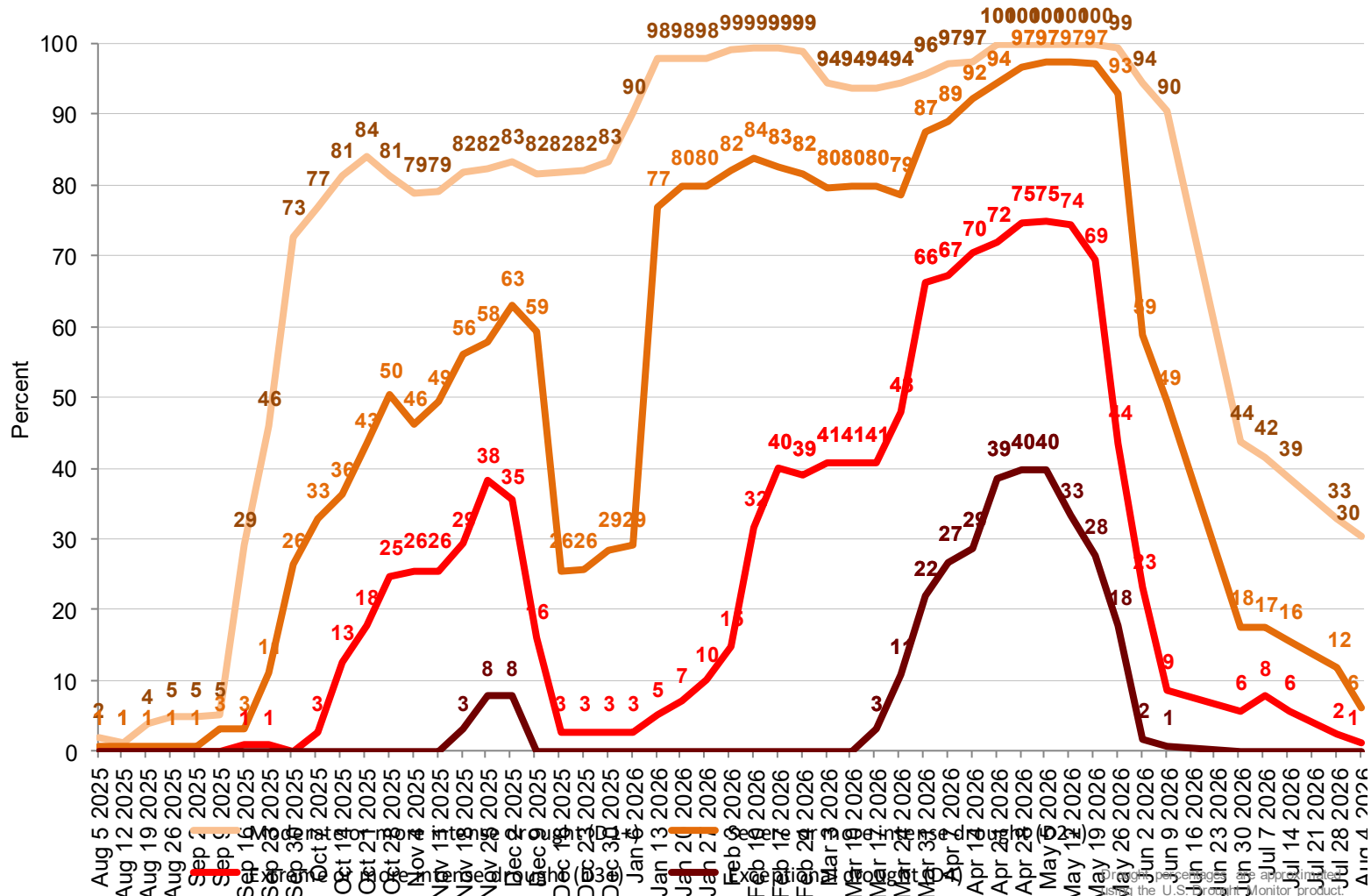
Approximately **30%** of peanut
production is within an area
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Percent of Peanuts Located in Drought August 4, 2026



Percent of United States Peanuts Located in Drought



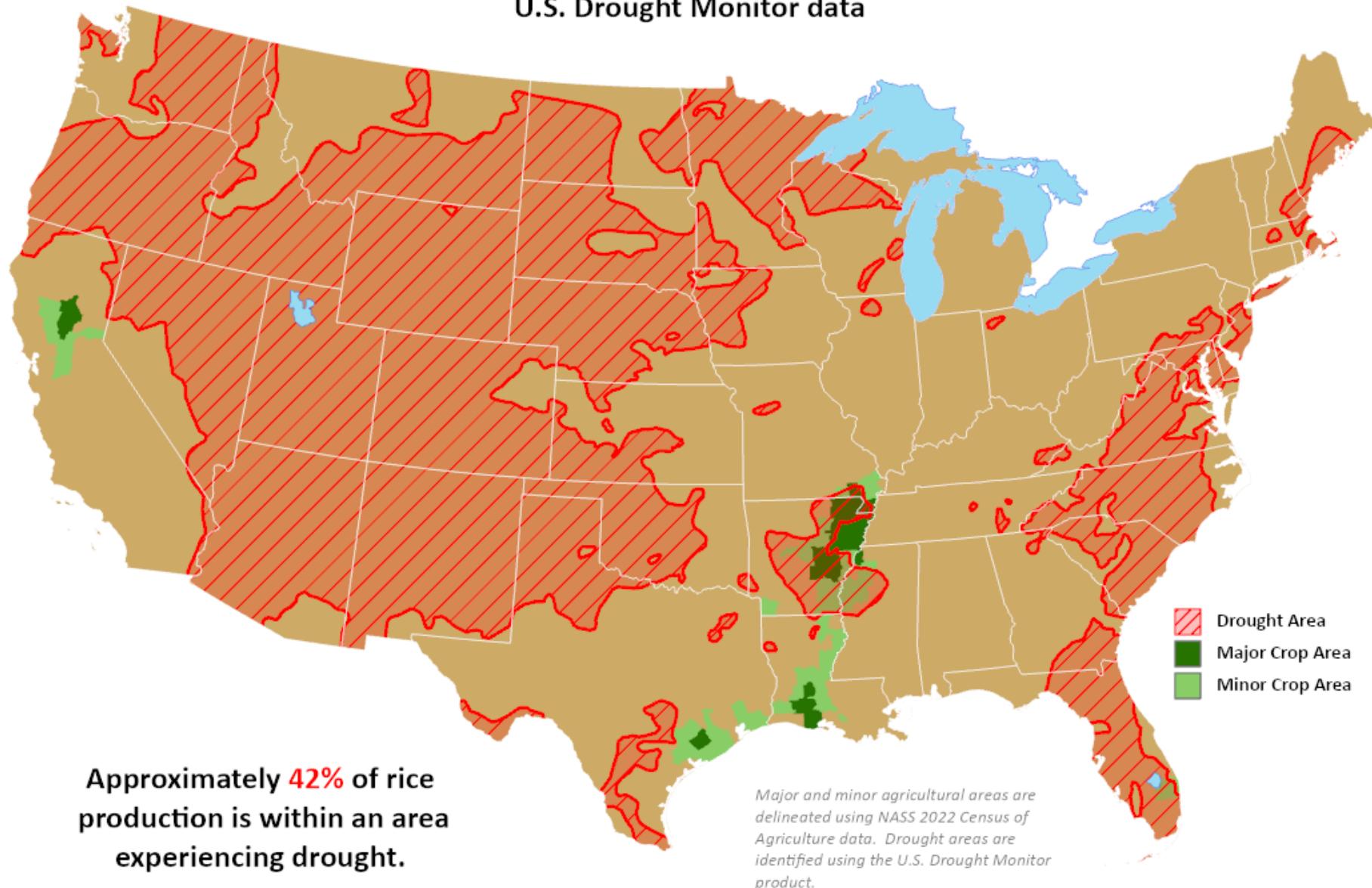


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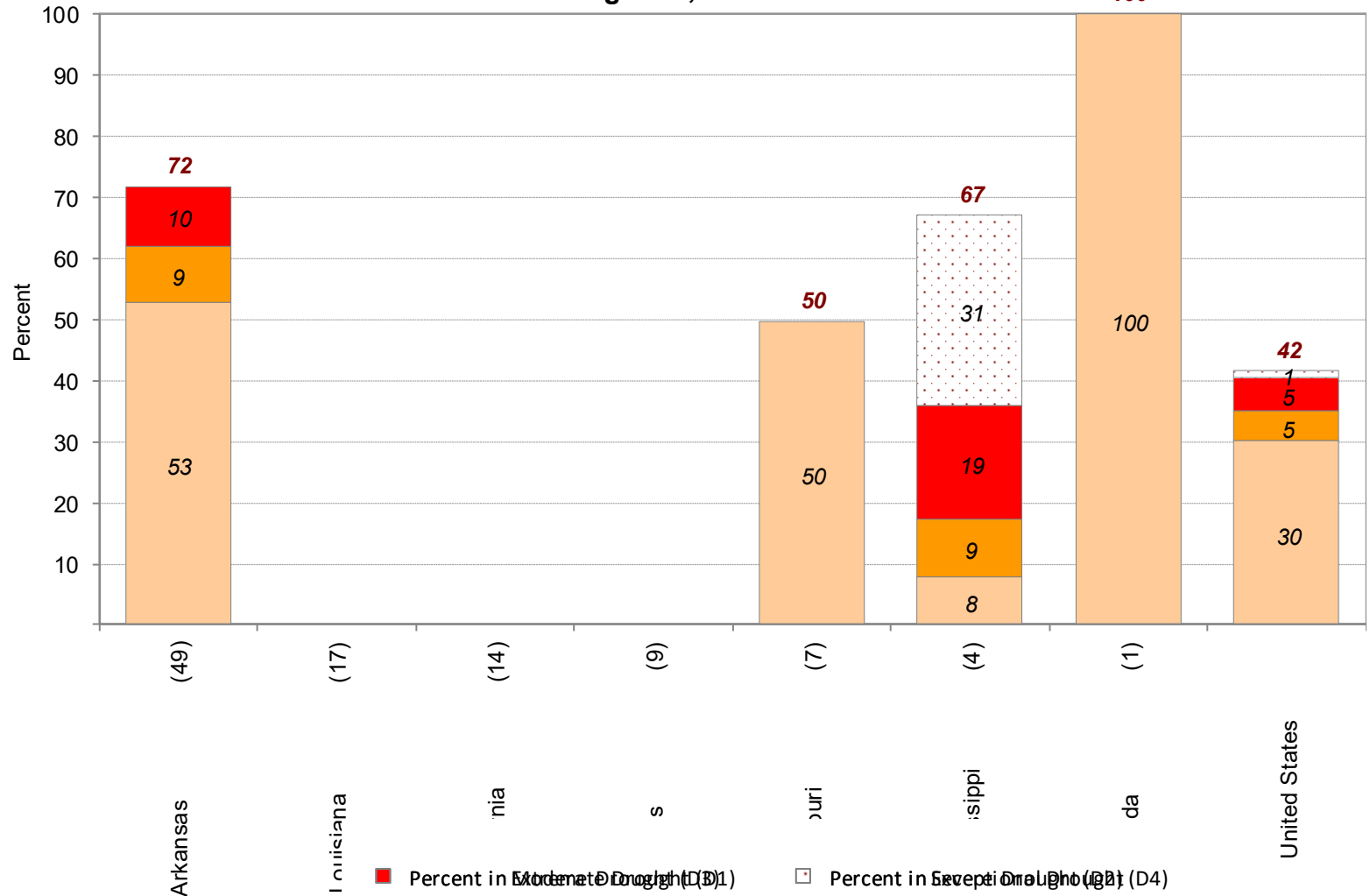
Rice Areas in Drought

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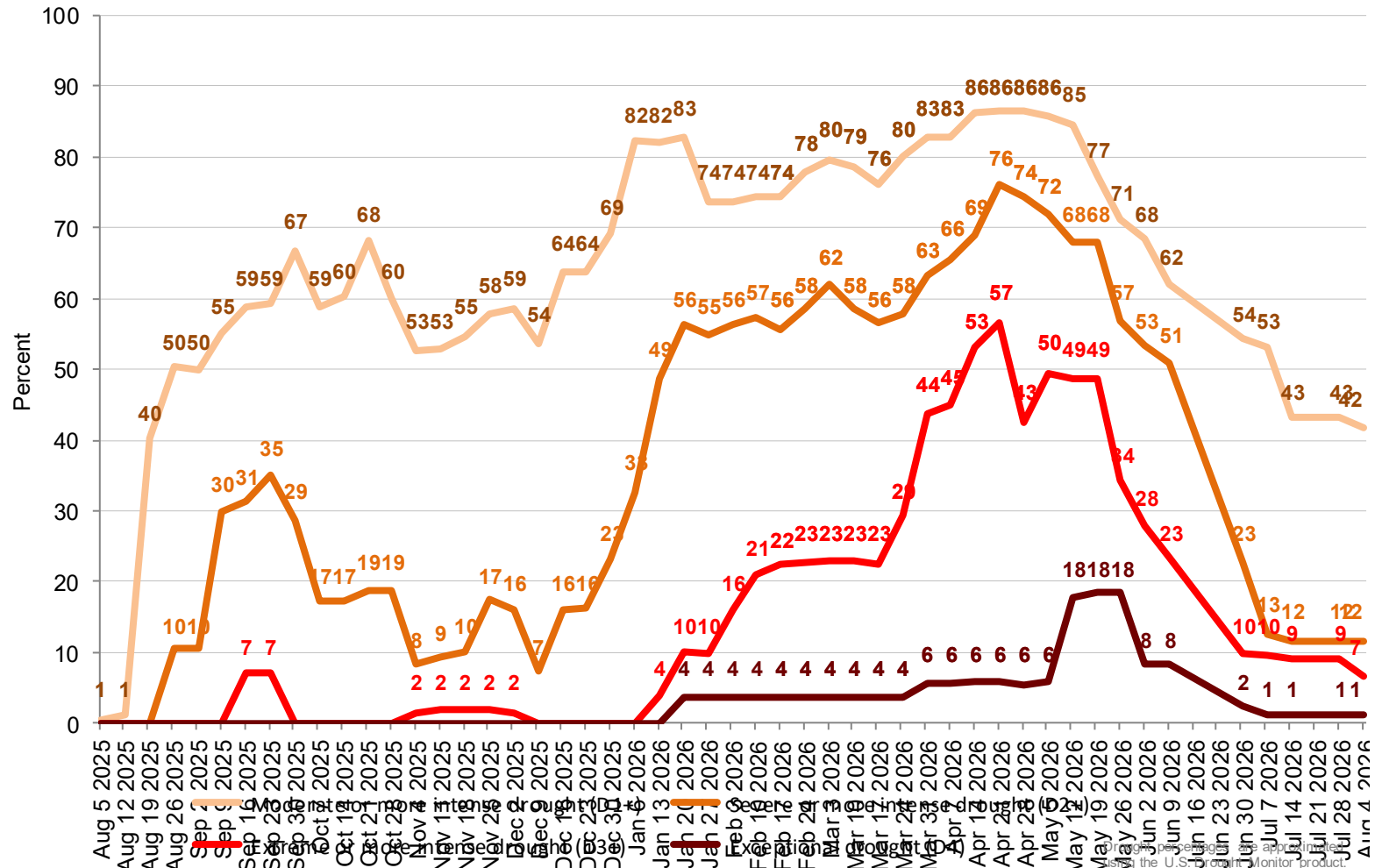


Percent of Rice Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Rice Located in Drought



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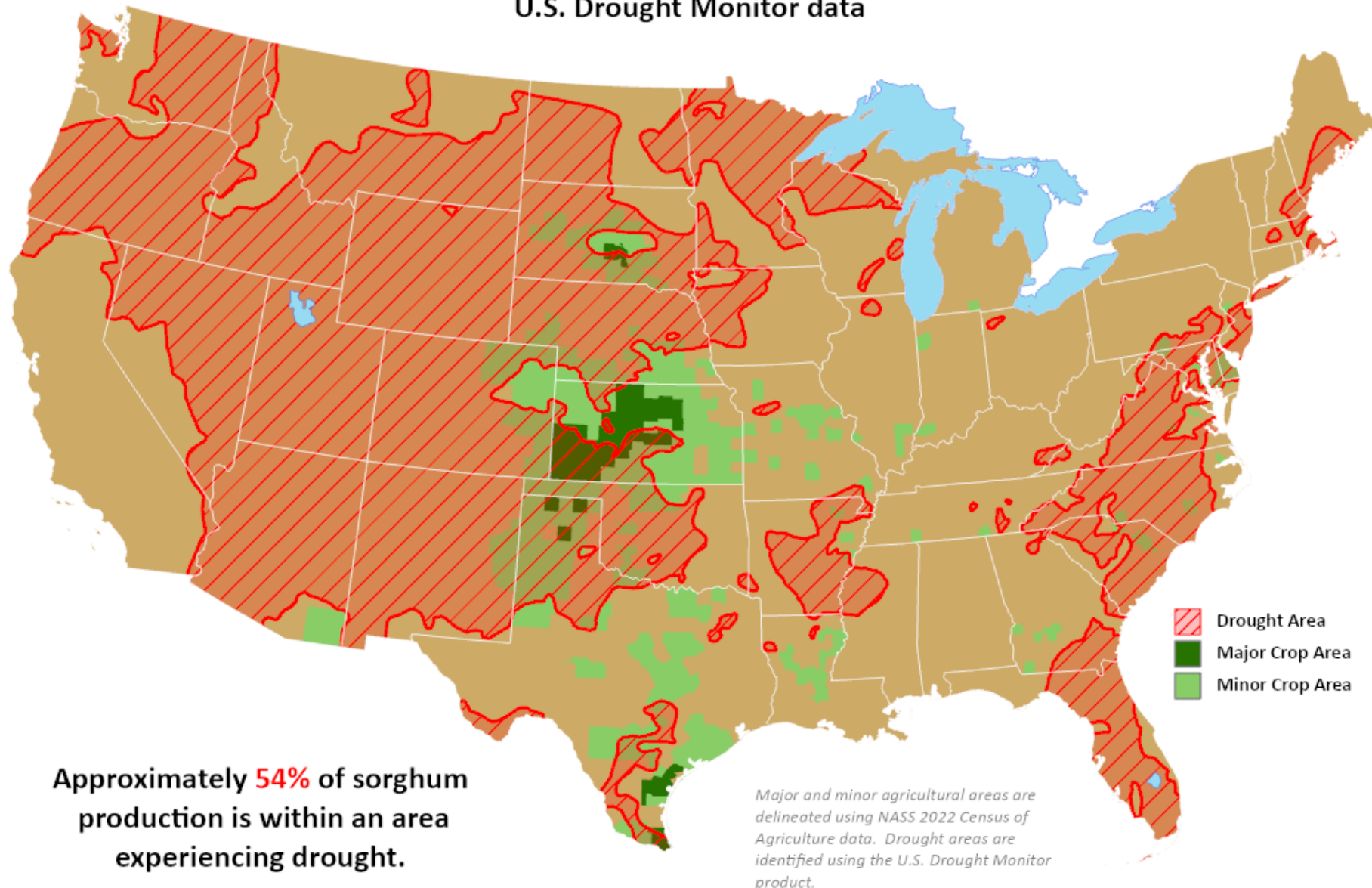


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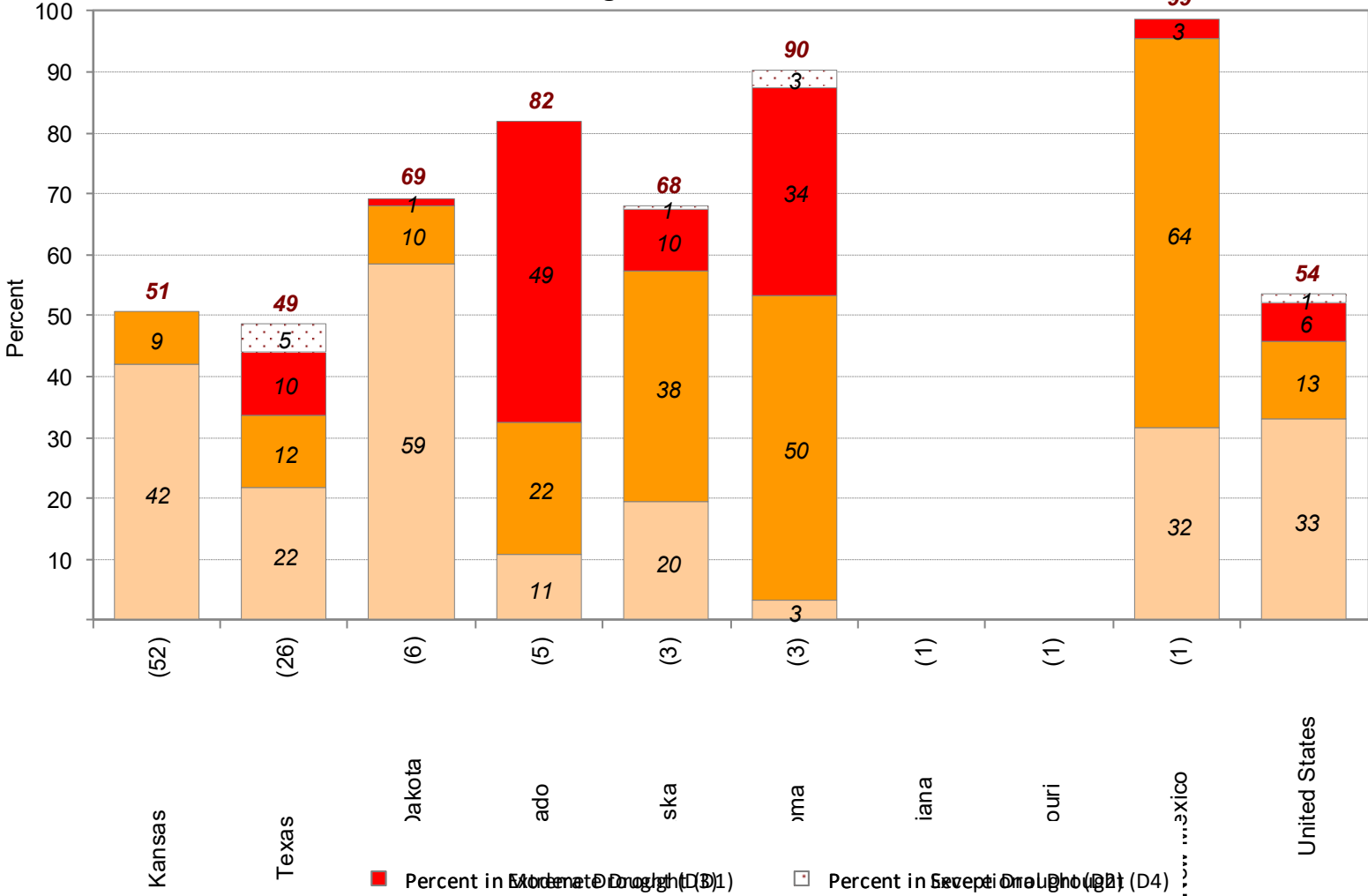
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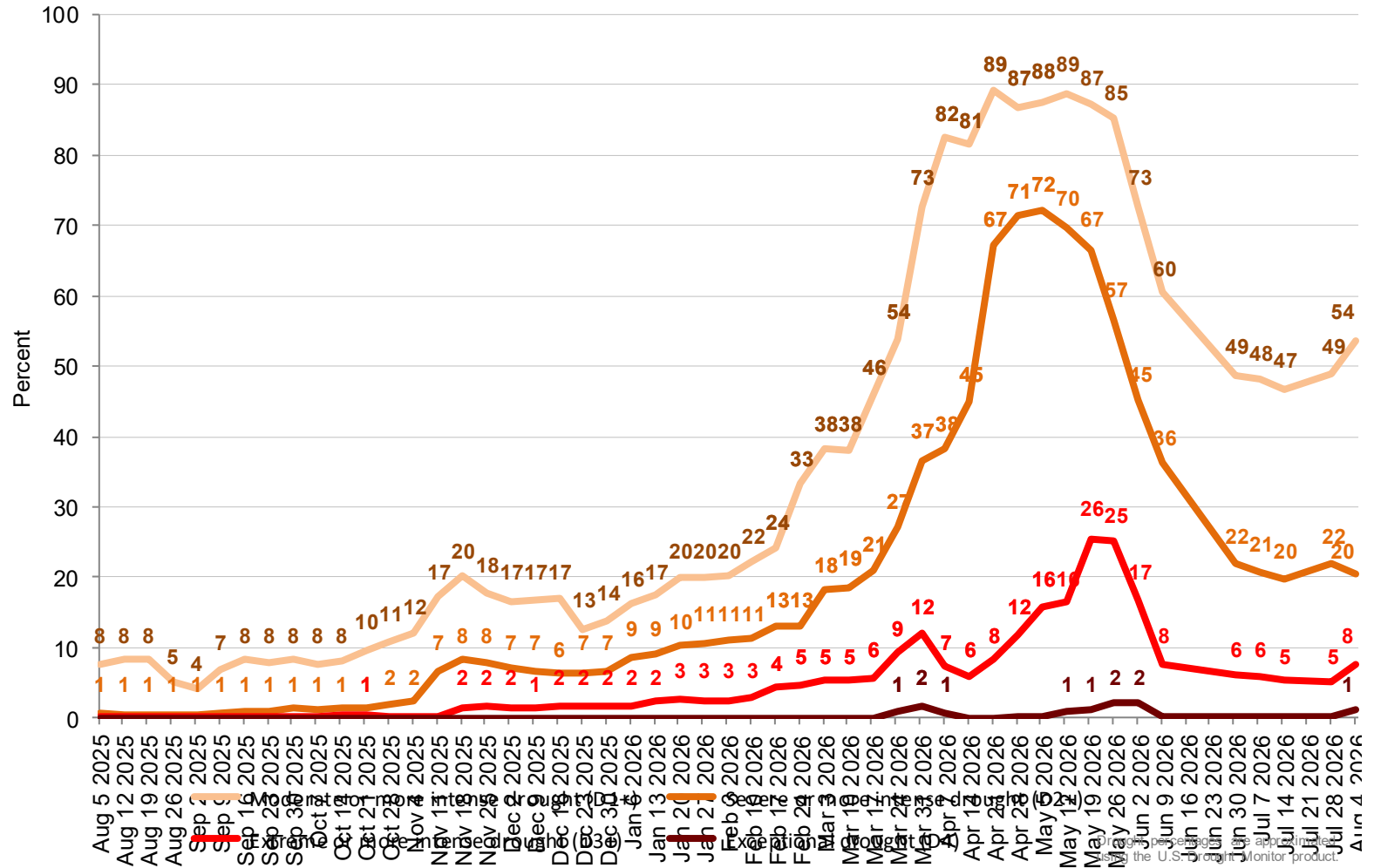
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Percent of Sorghum Located in Drought August 4, 2026



Percent of United States Sorghum Located in Drought



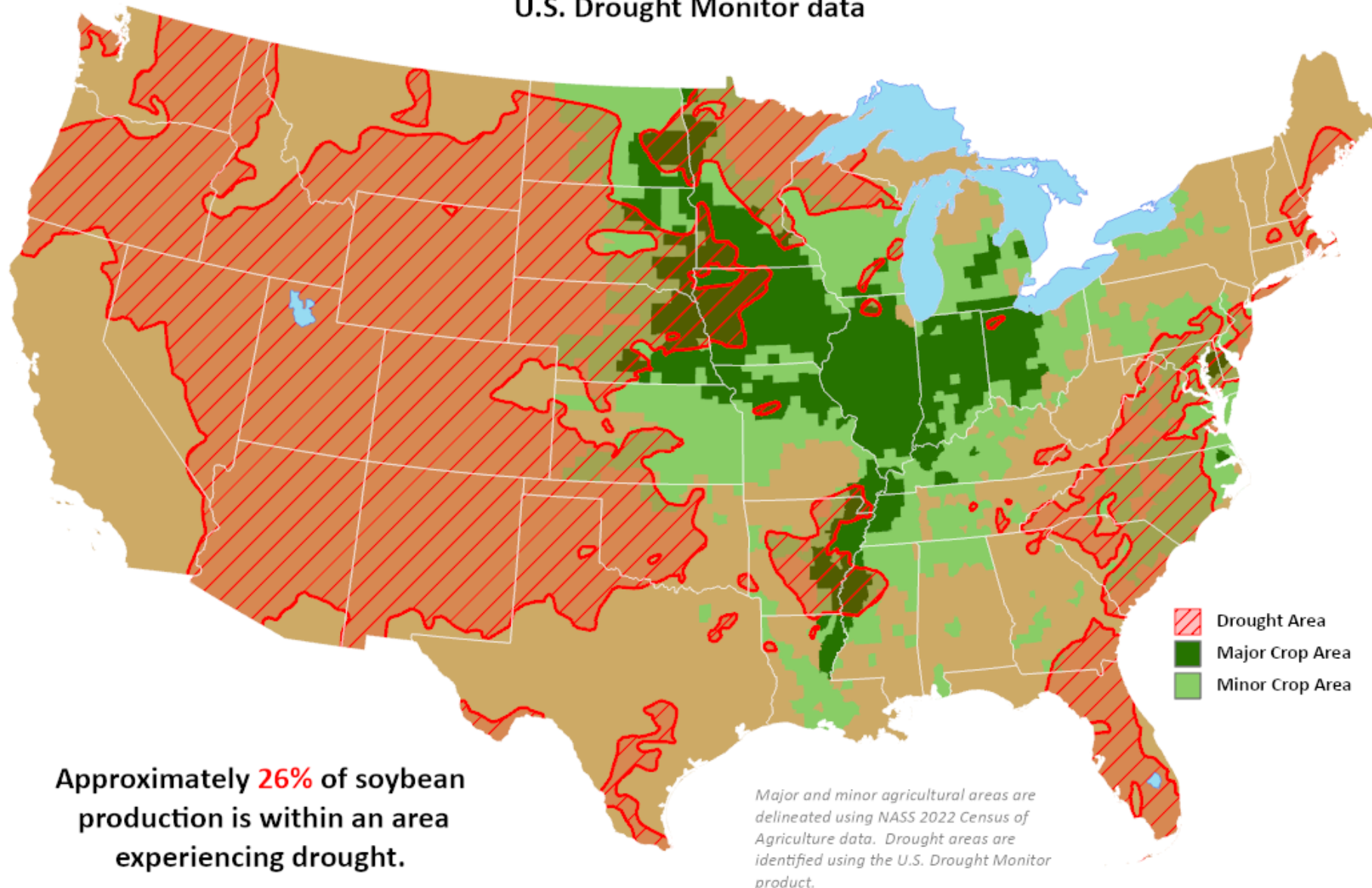


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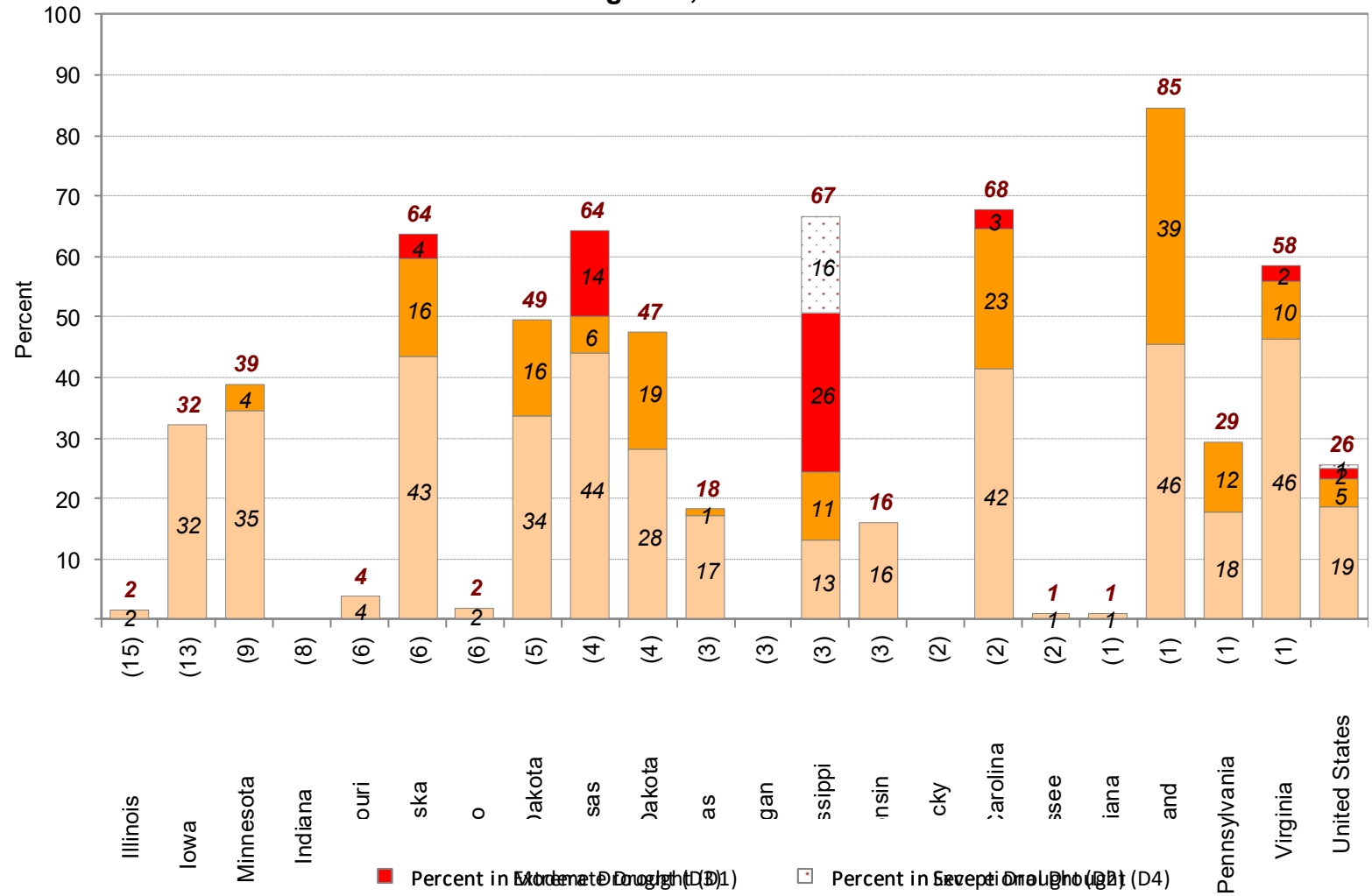
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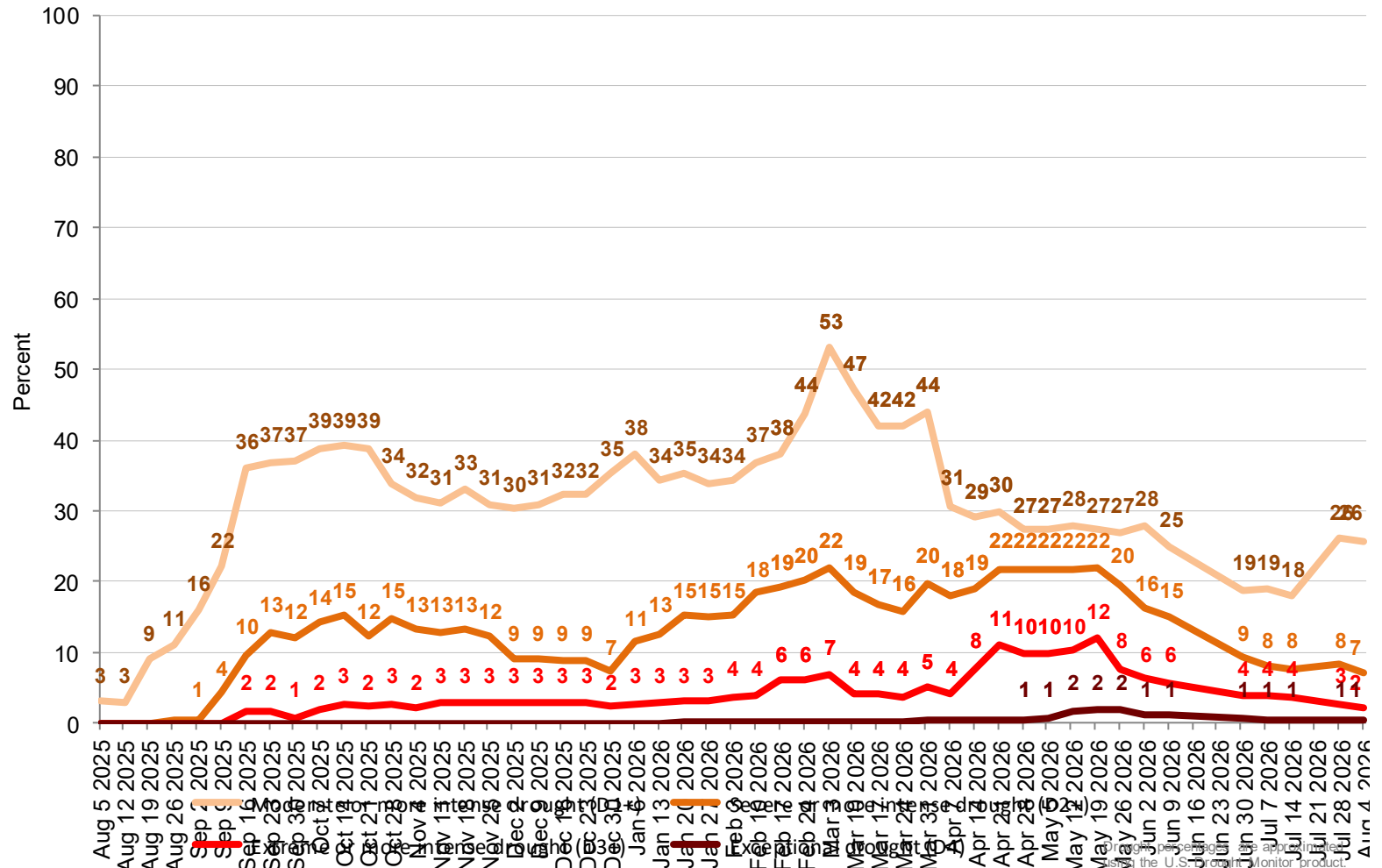
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Percent of Soybeans Located in Drought August 4, 2026



Percent of United States Soybeans Located in Drought



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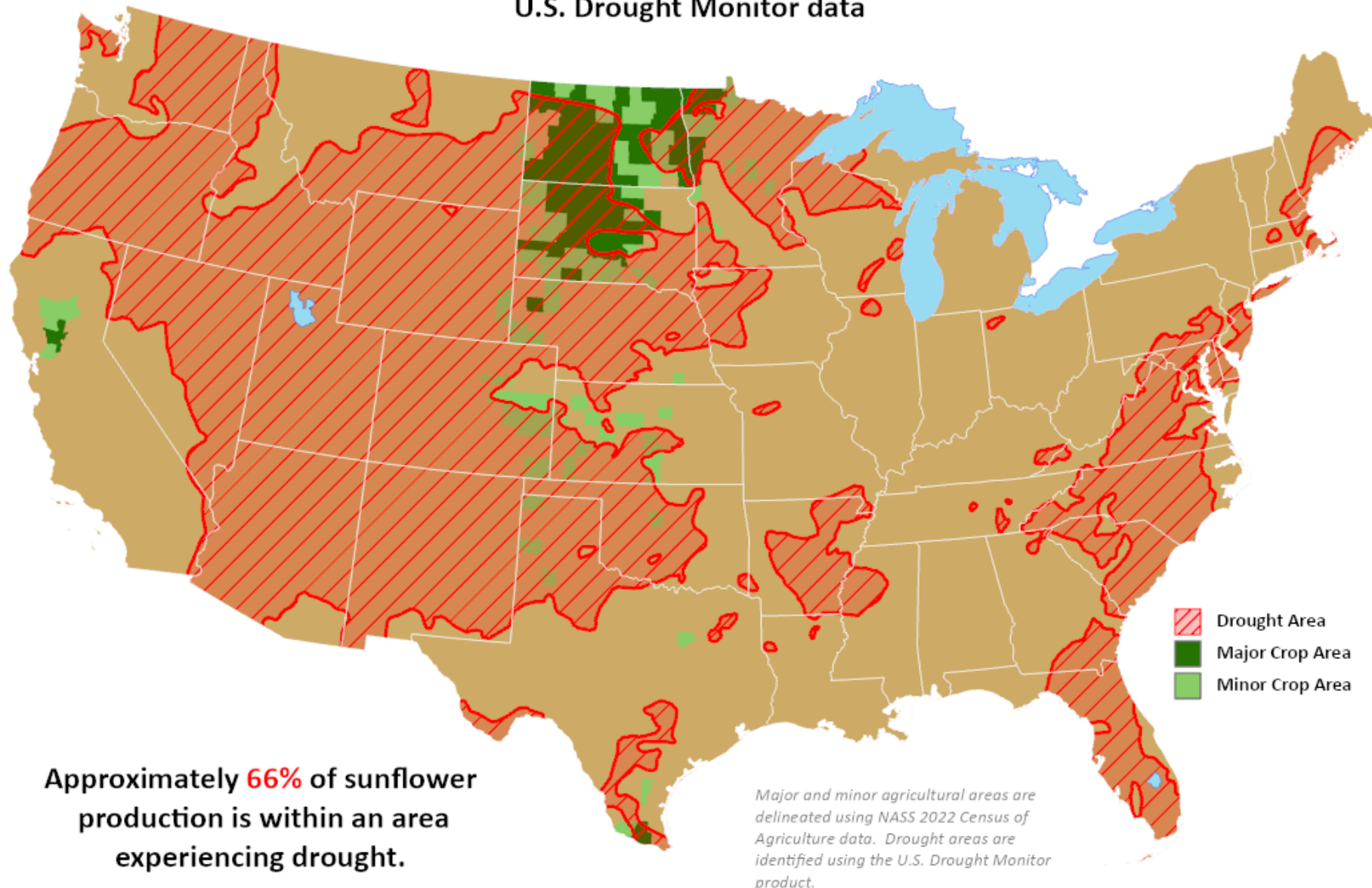


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Sunflower Areas in Drought

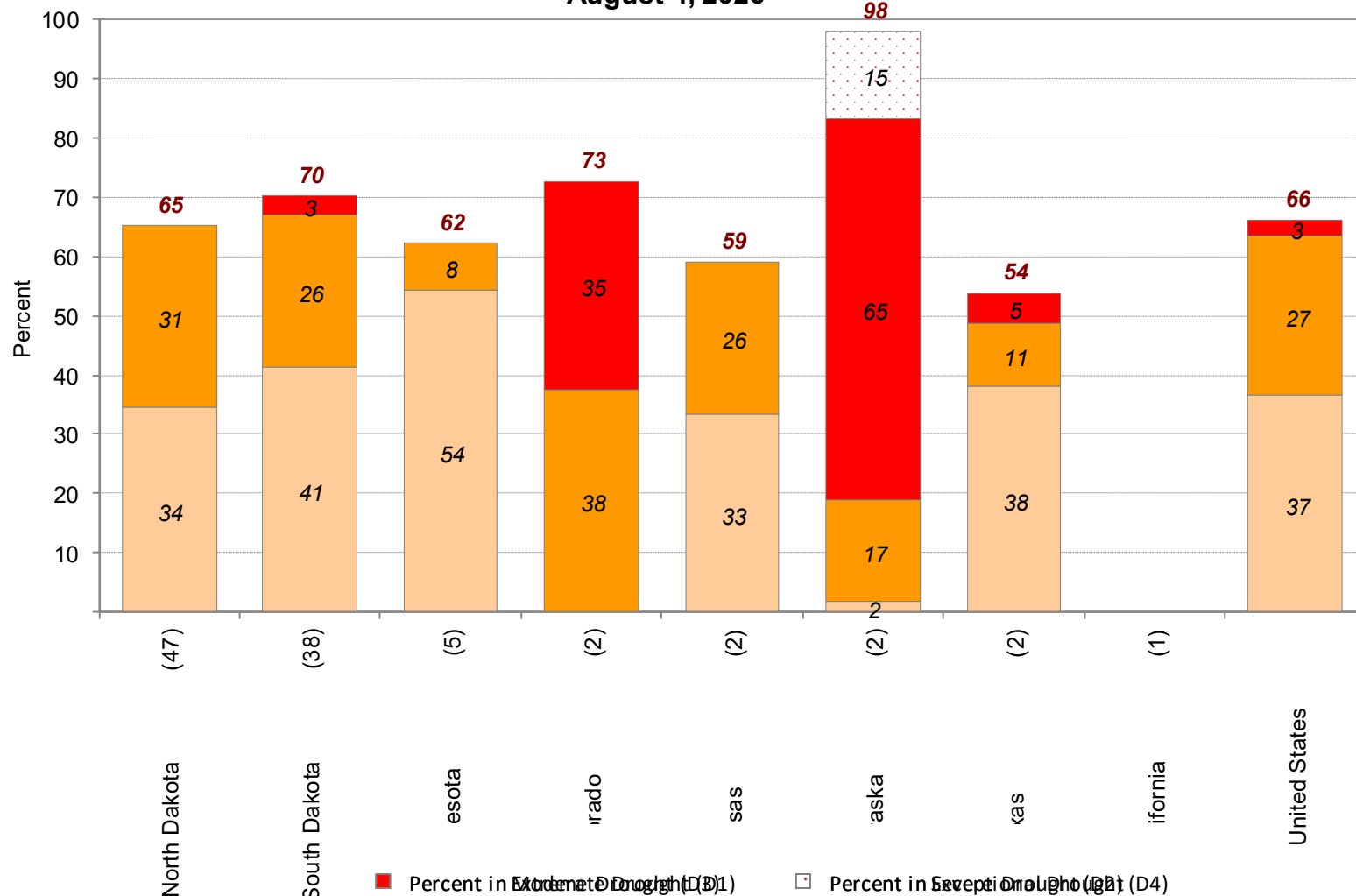
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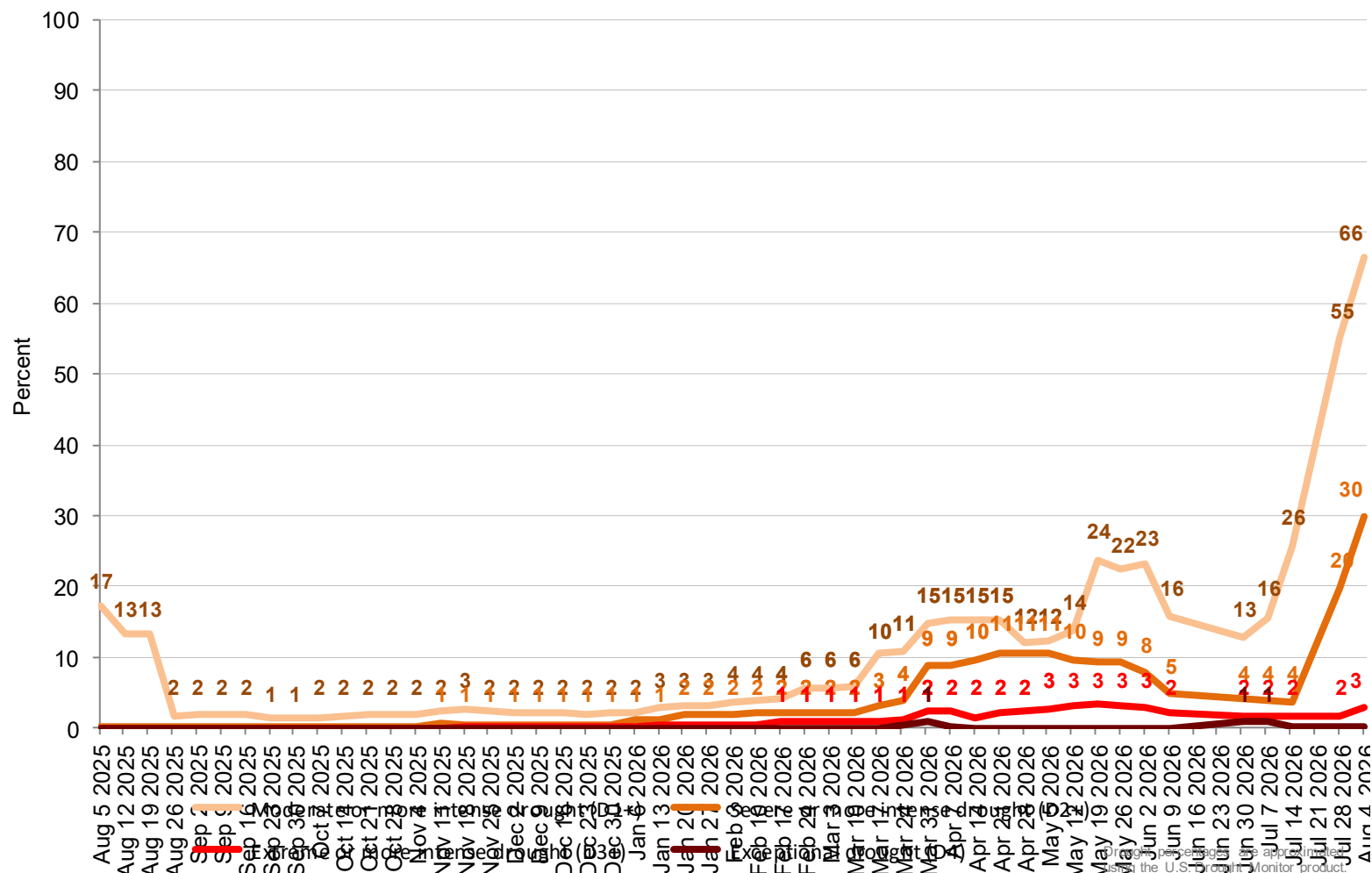


Percent of Sunflowers Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Sunflowers Located in Drought



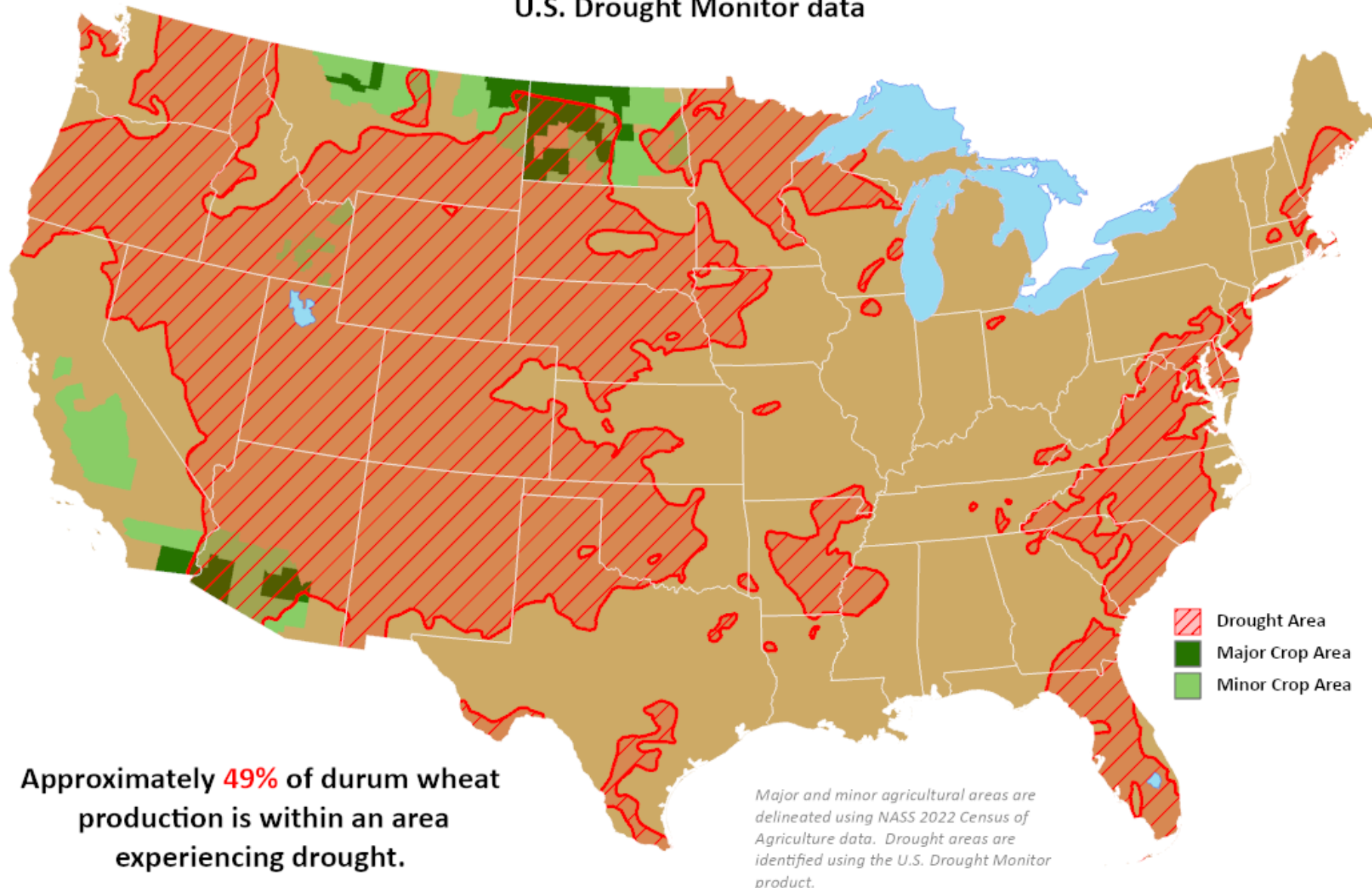


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Durum Wheat Areas in Drought

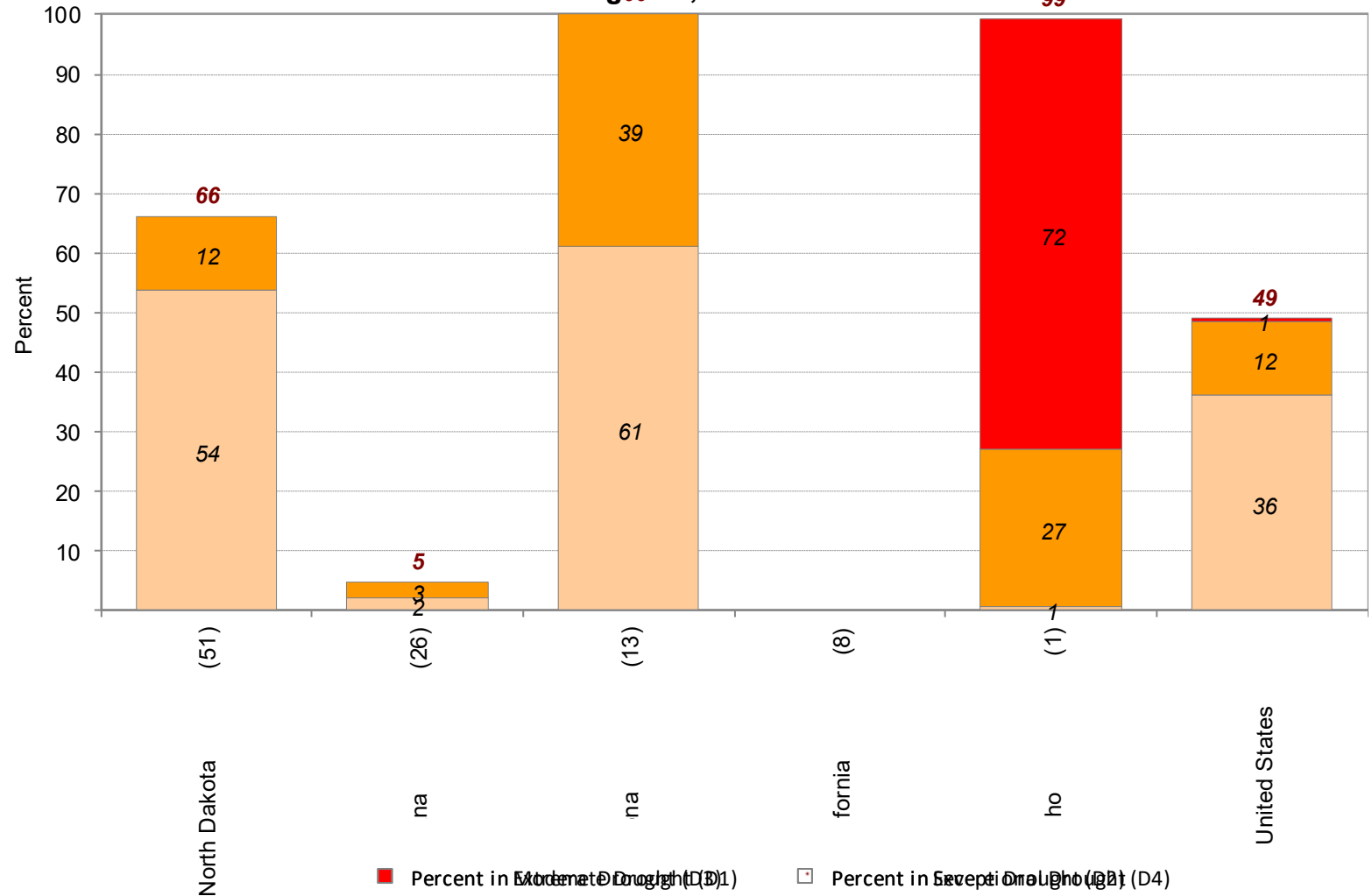
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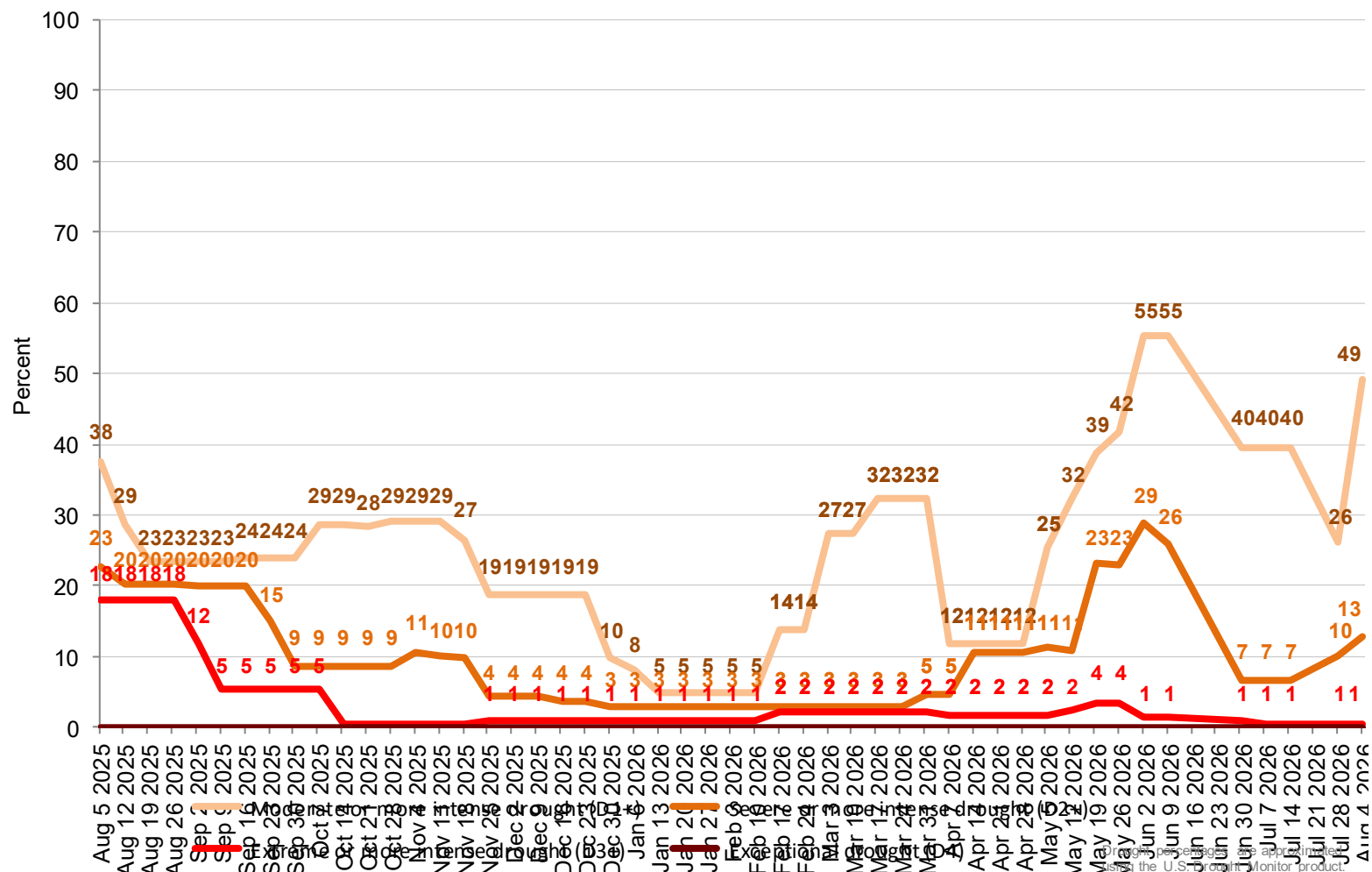


Percent of Durum Wheat Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Durum Wheat Located in Drought



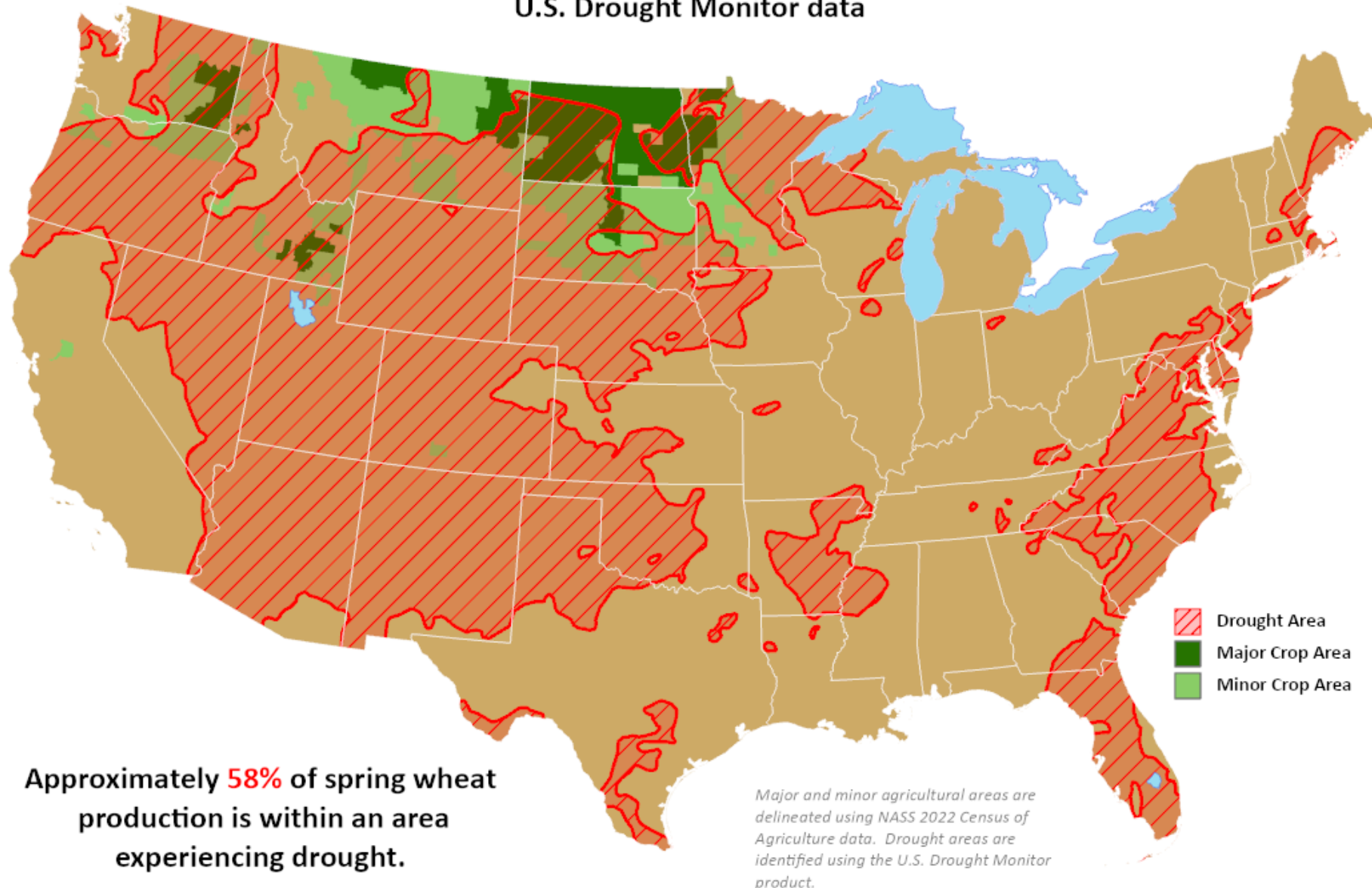


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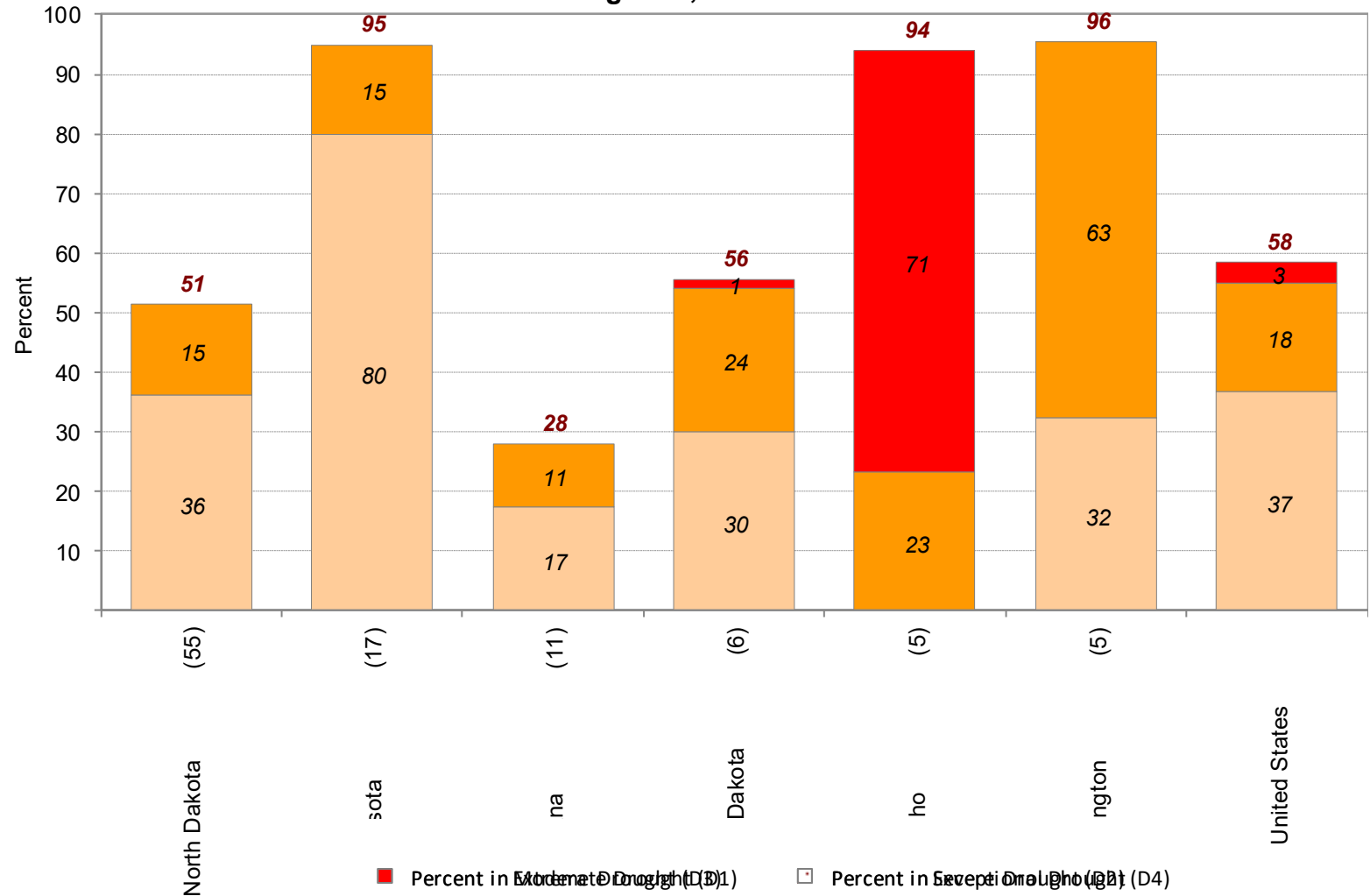
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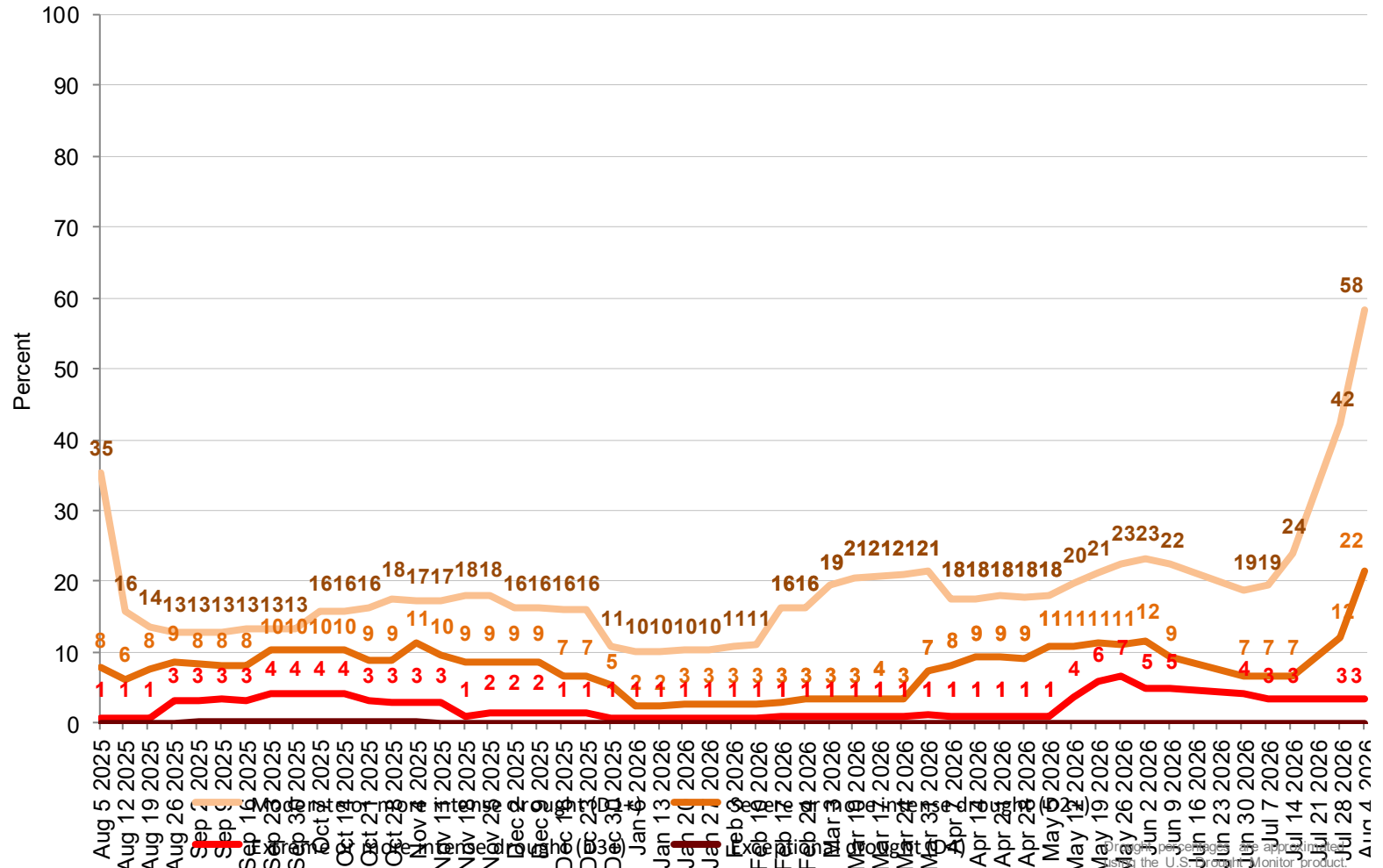
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Percent of Spring Wheat Located in Drought August 4, 2026



Percent of United States Spring Wheat Located in Drought



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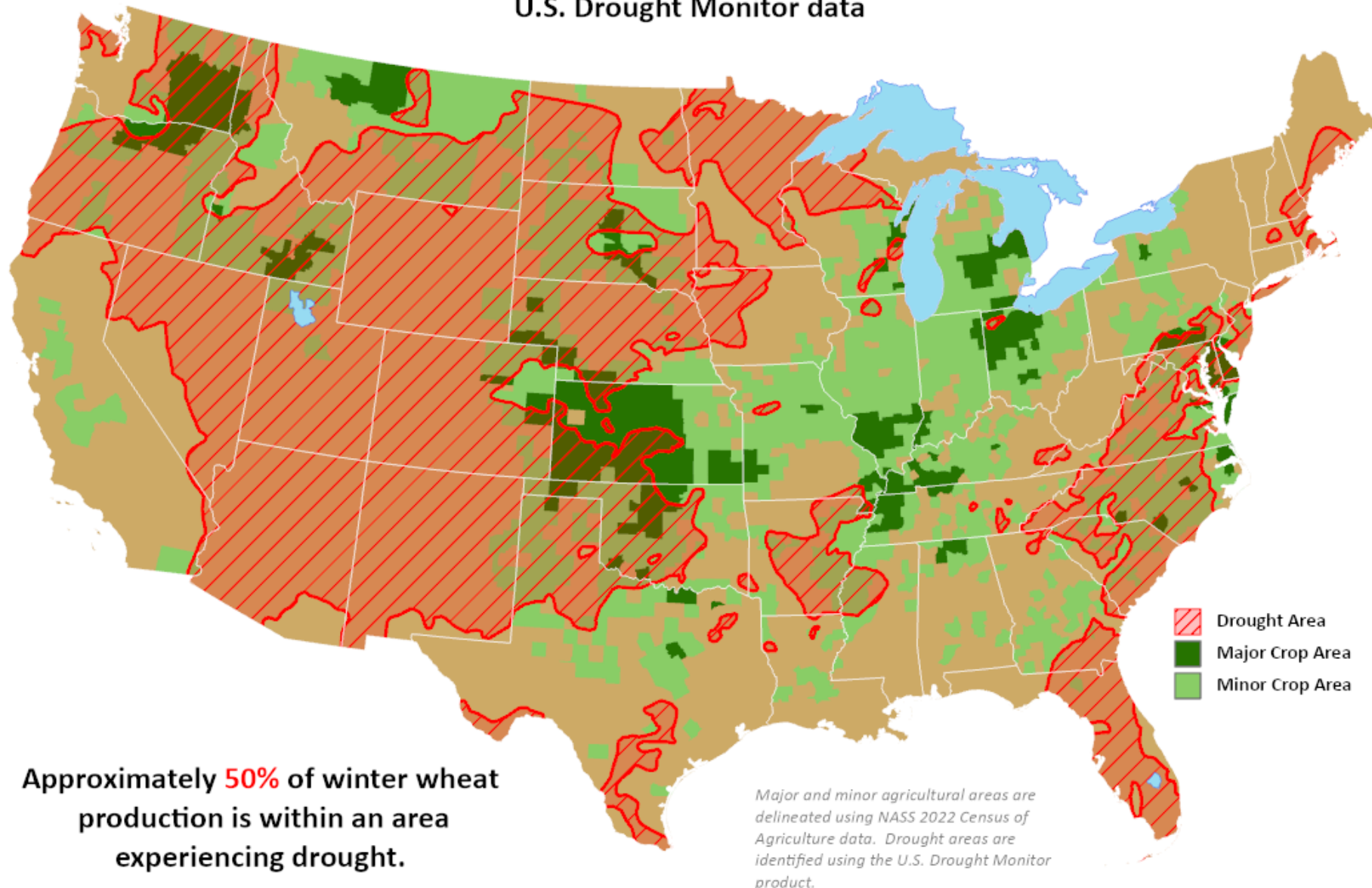


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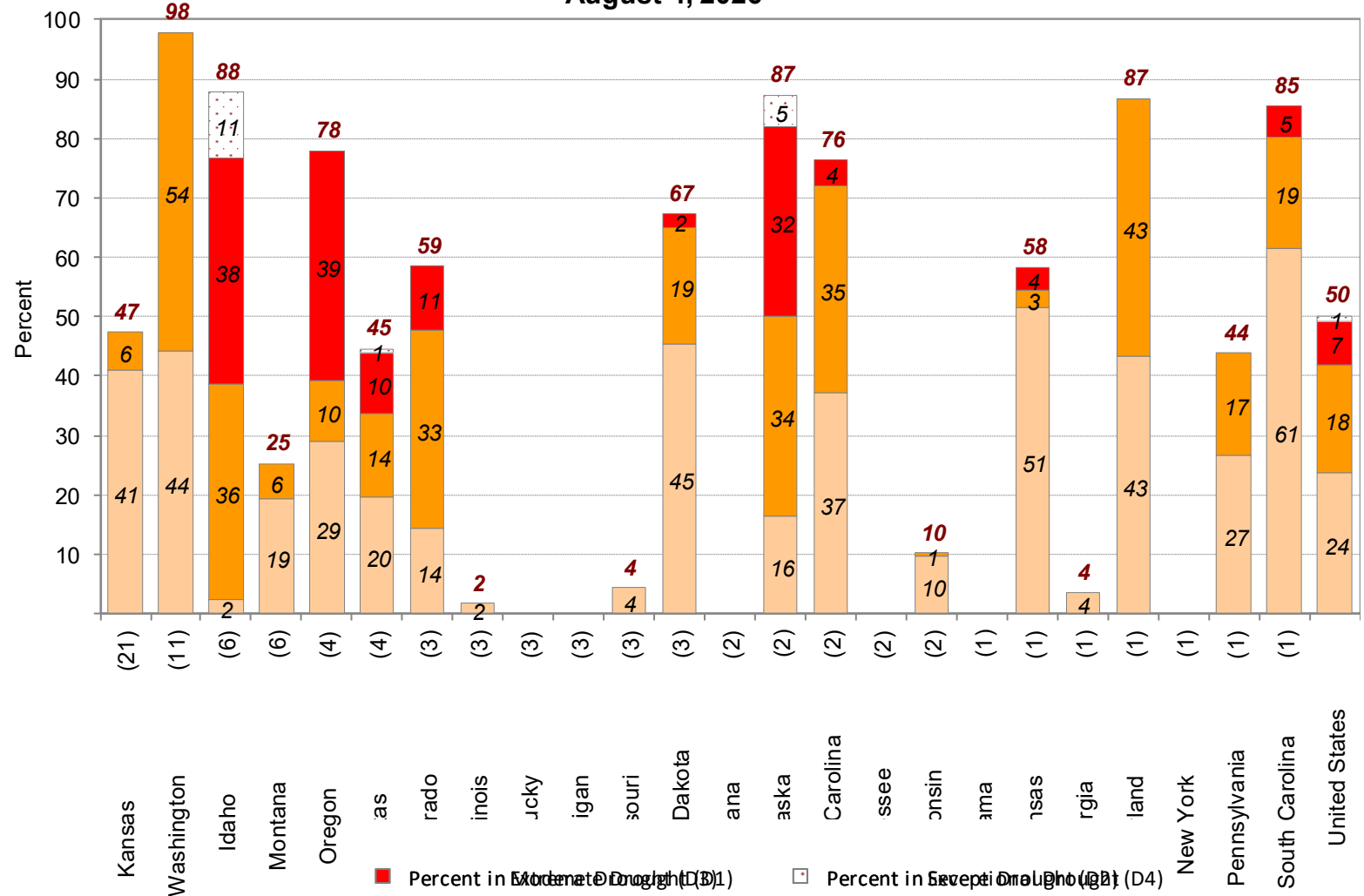
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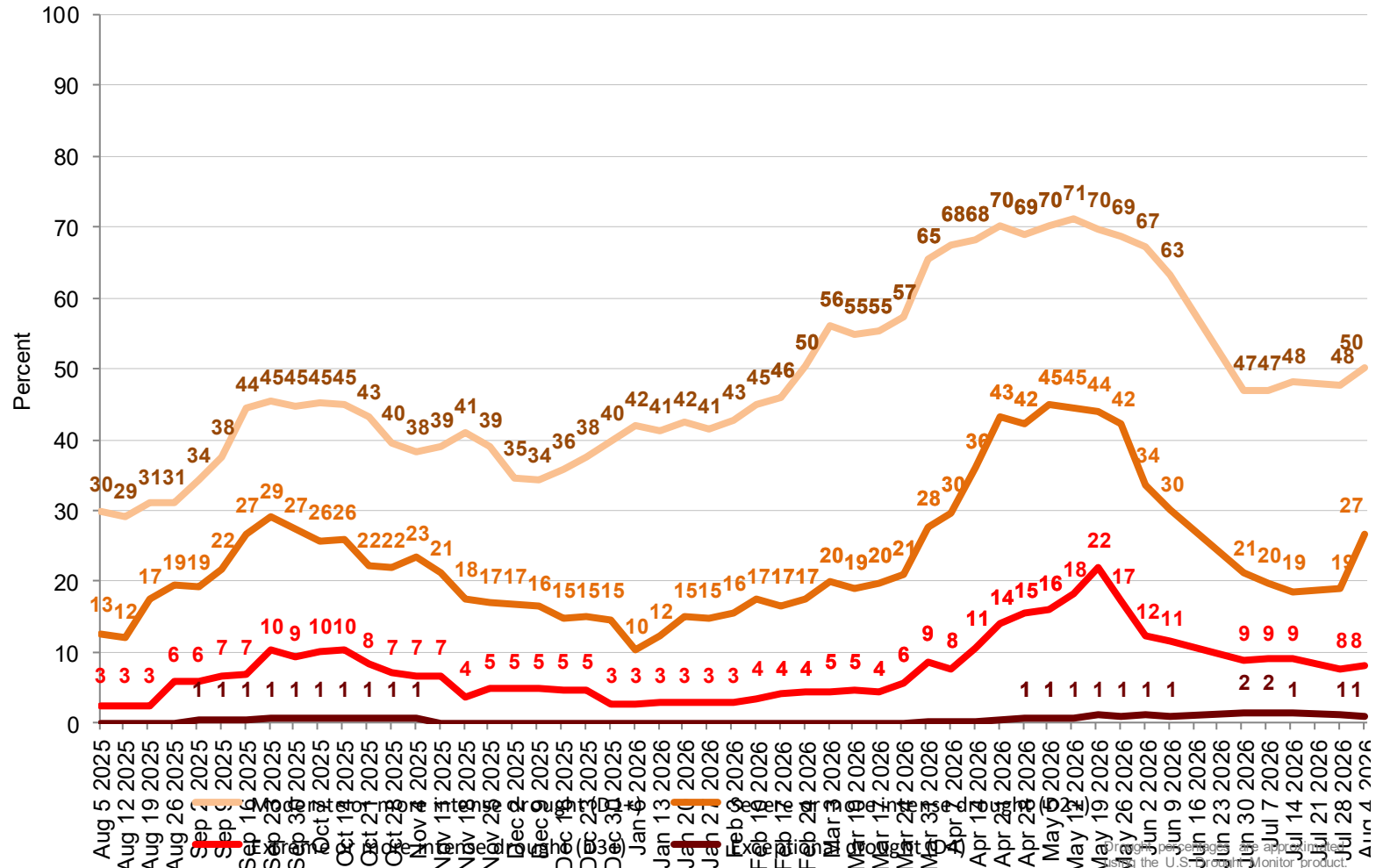
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Percent of Winter Wheat Located in Drought August 4, 2026



Percent of United States Winter Wheat Located in Drought



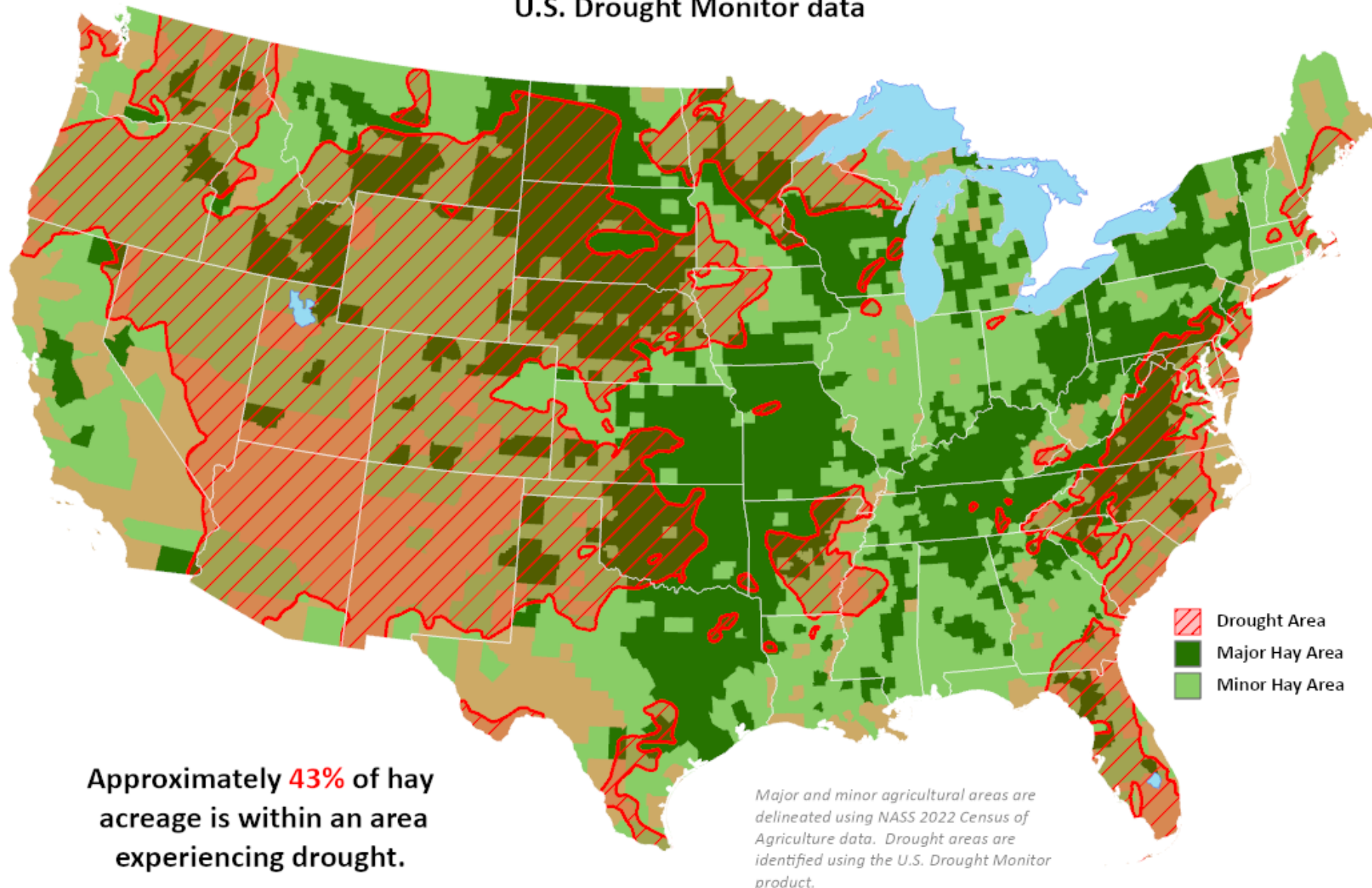


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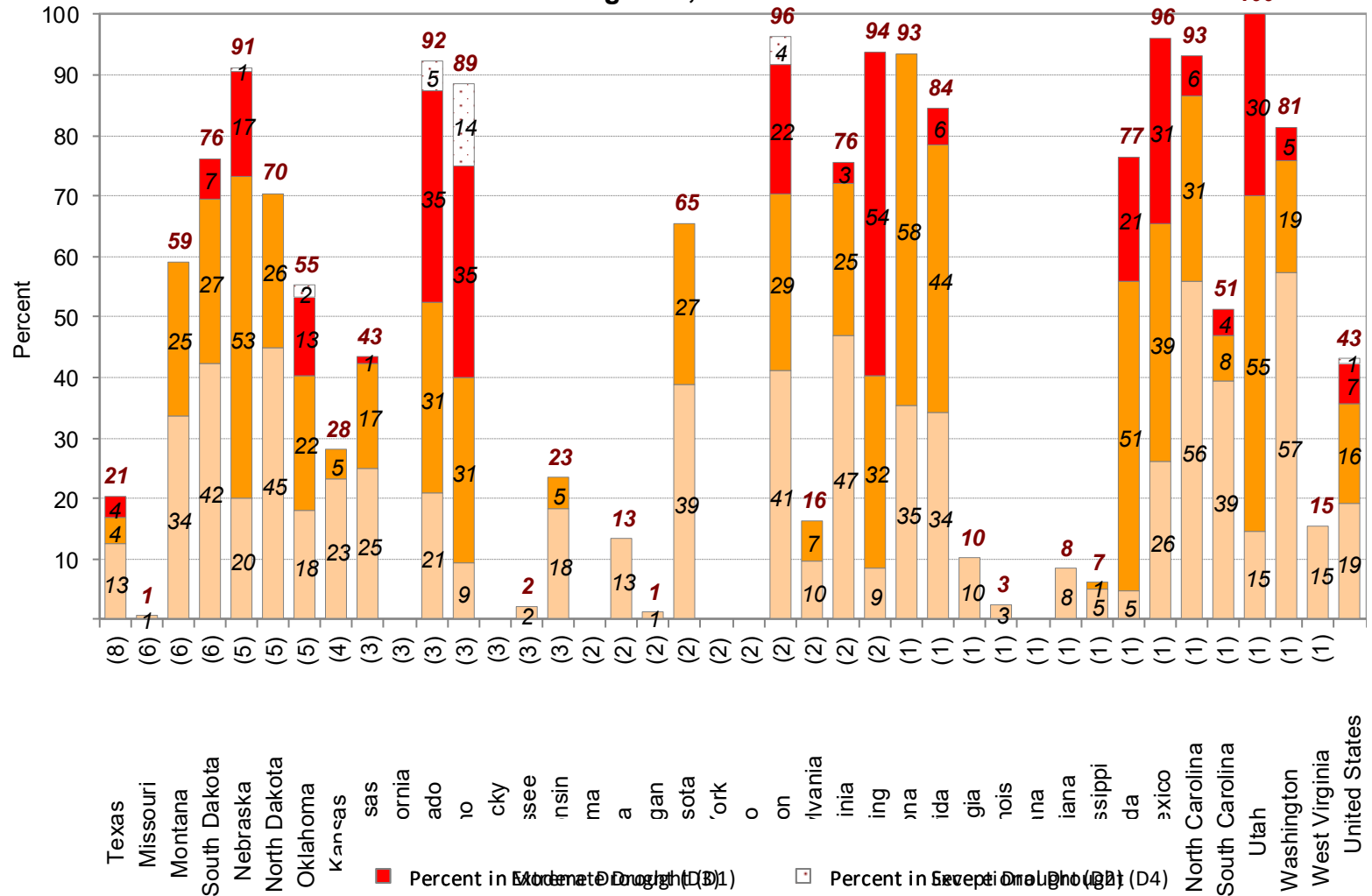
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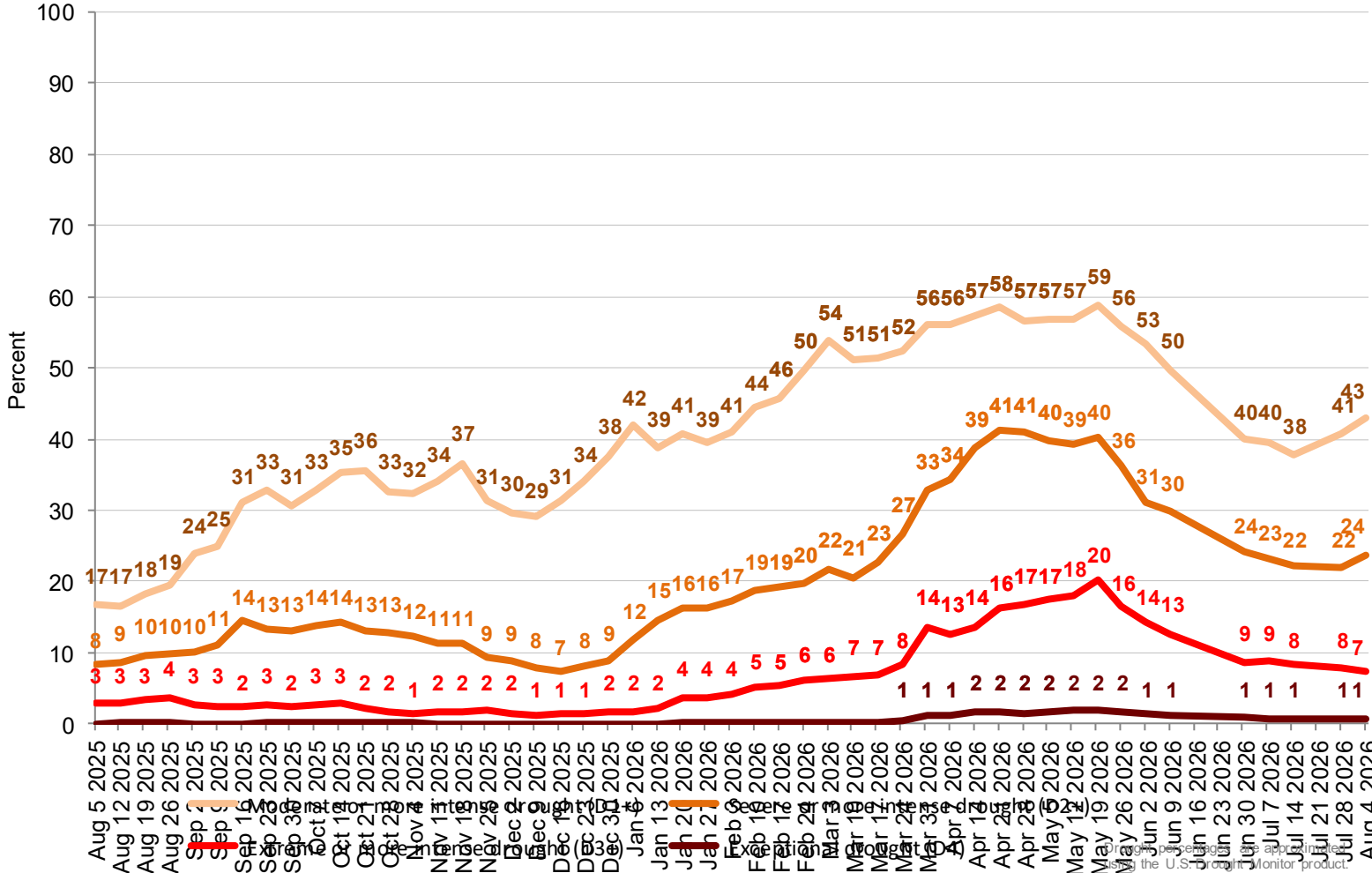


Percent of Hay Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Hay Located in Drought



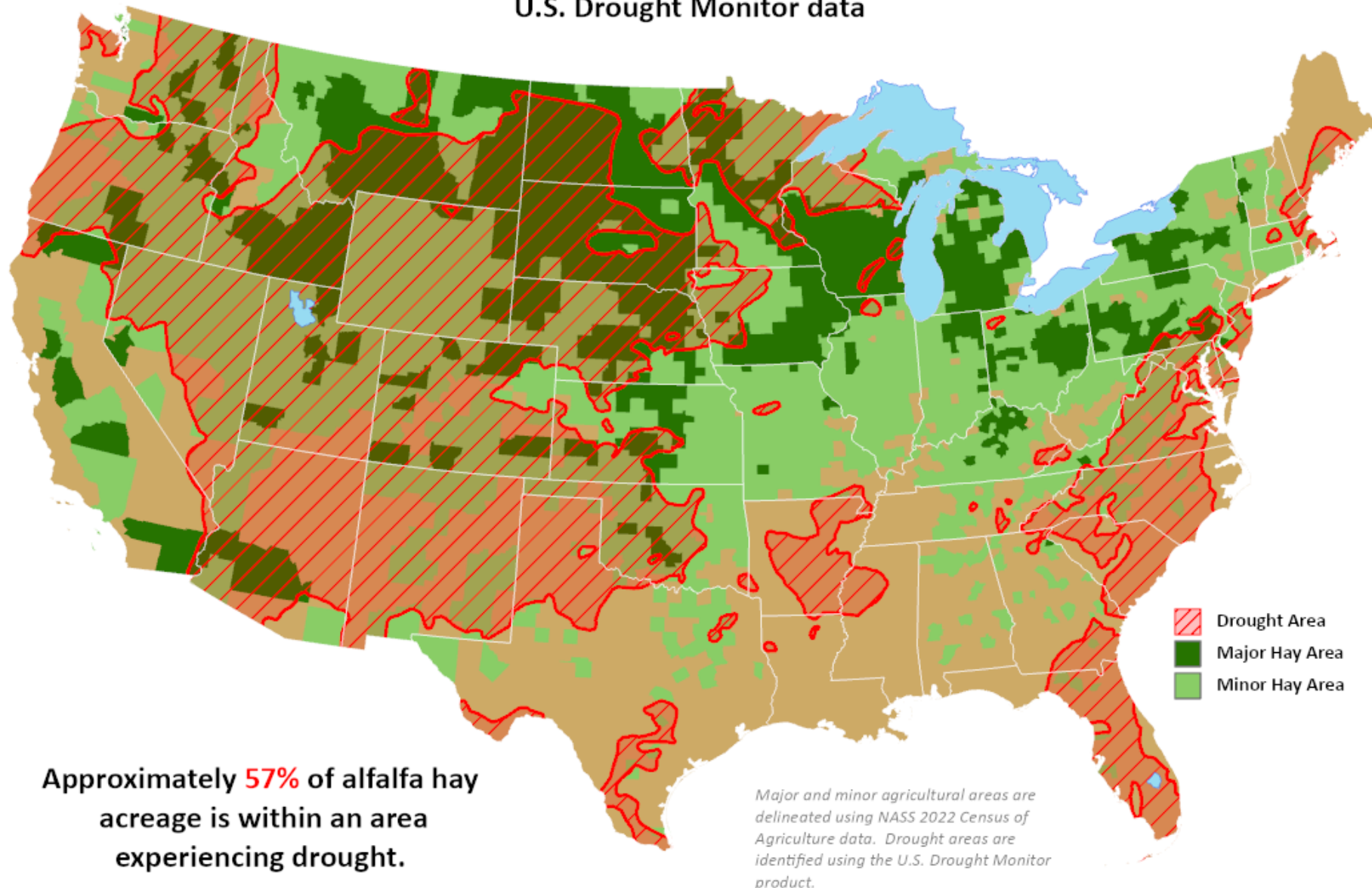


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Alfalfa Hay Areas in Drought

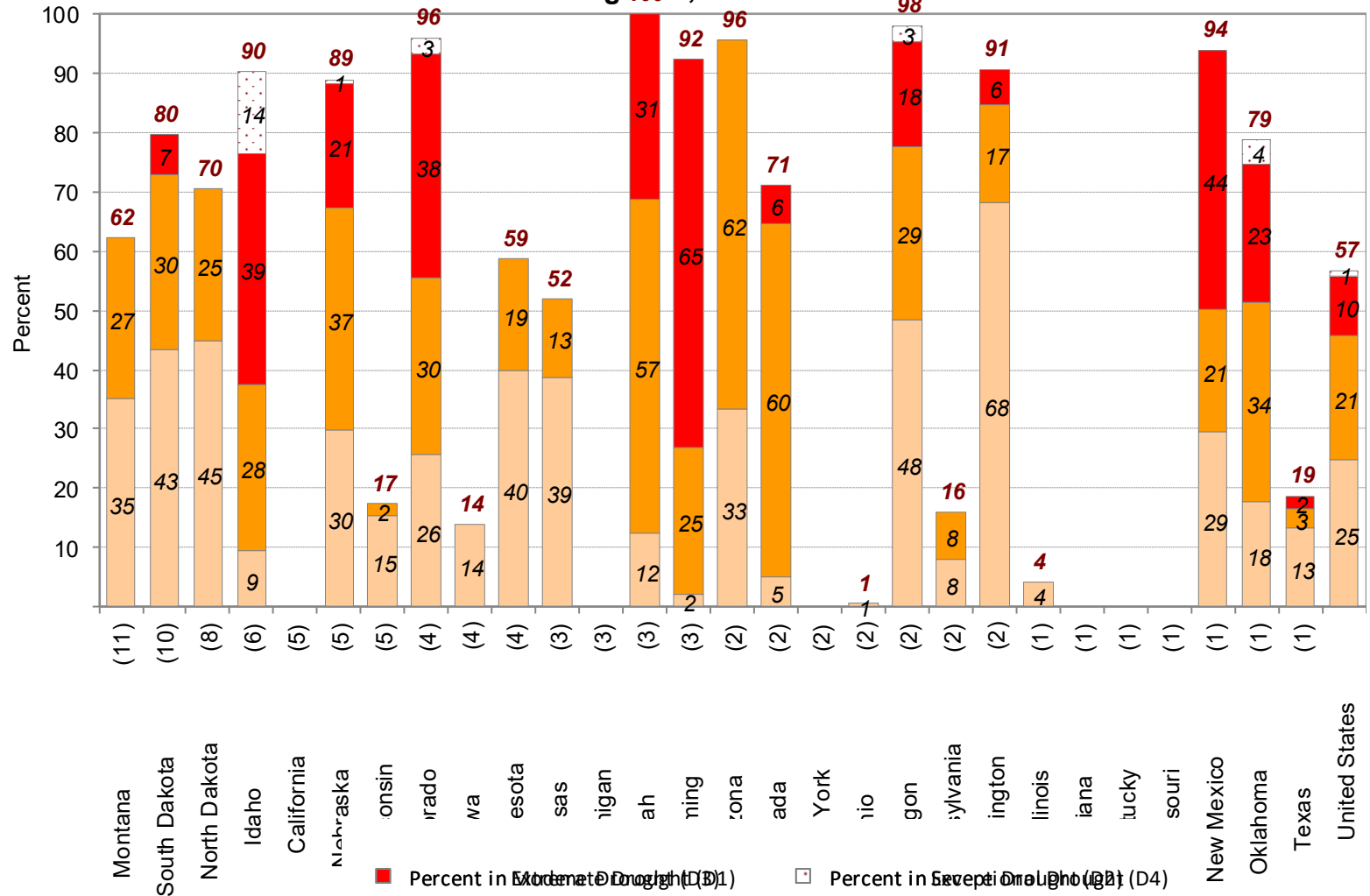
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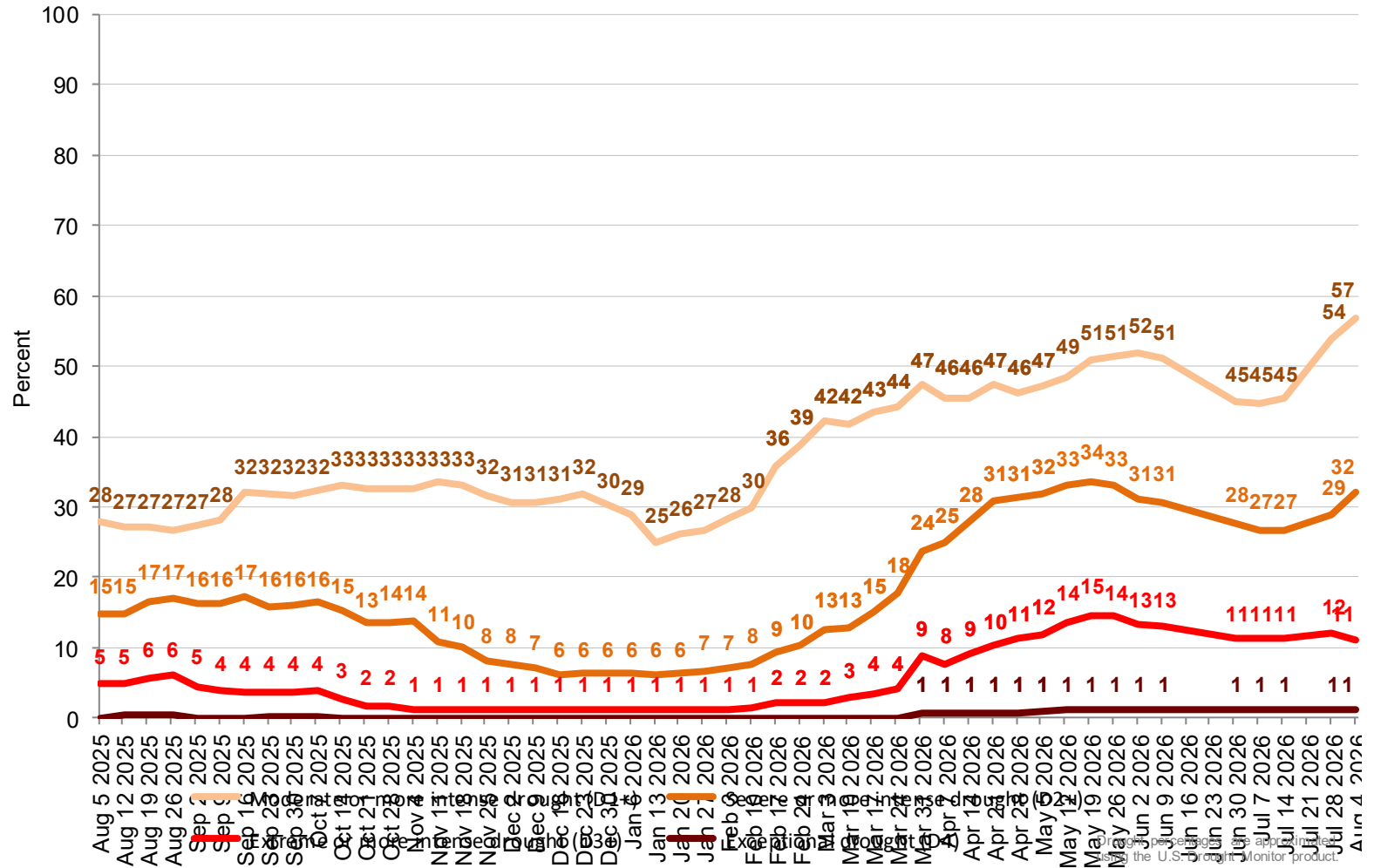


Percent of Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought



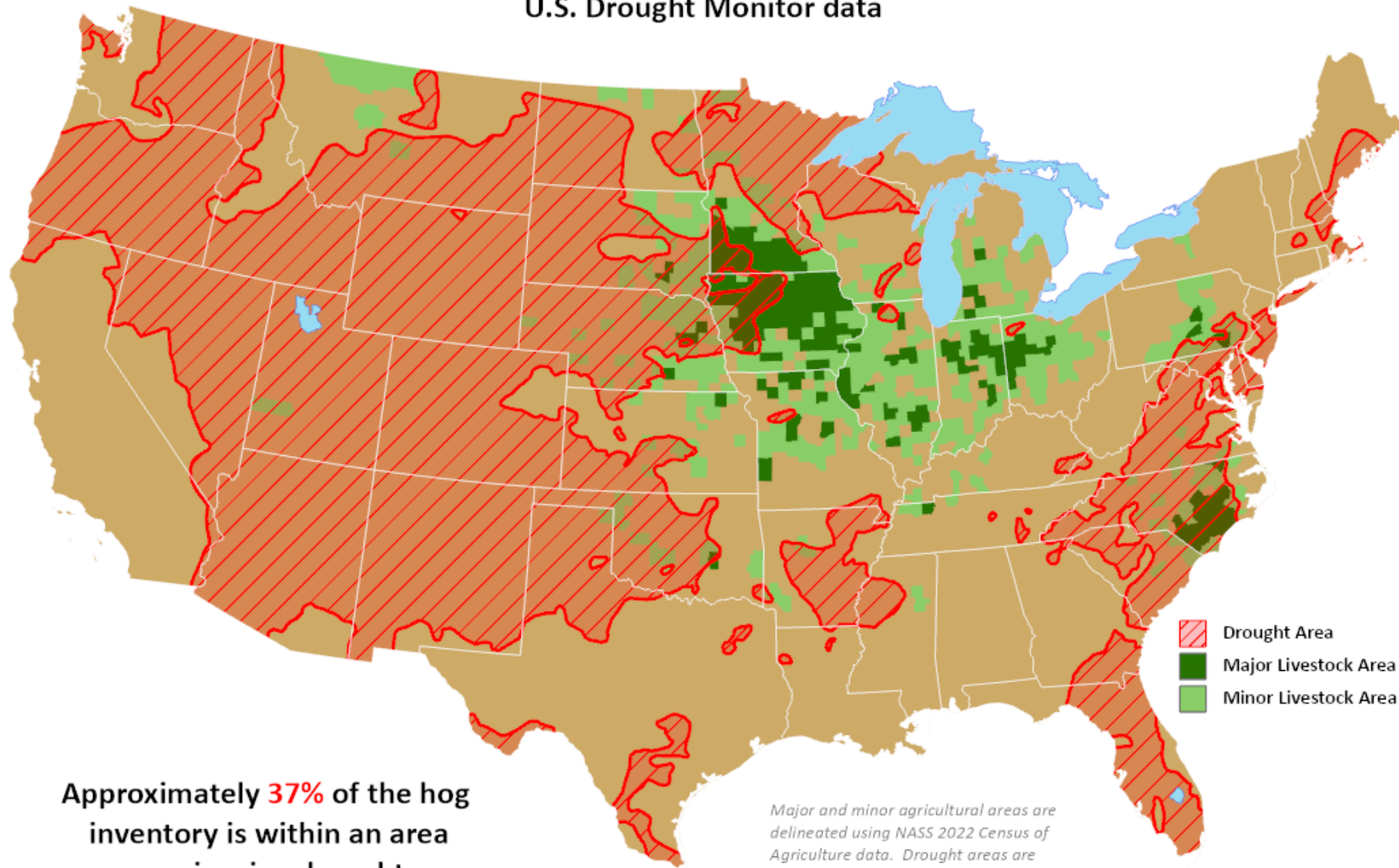


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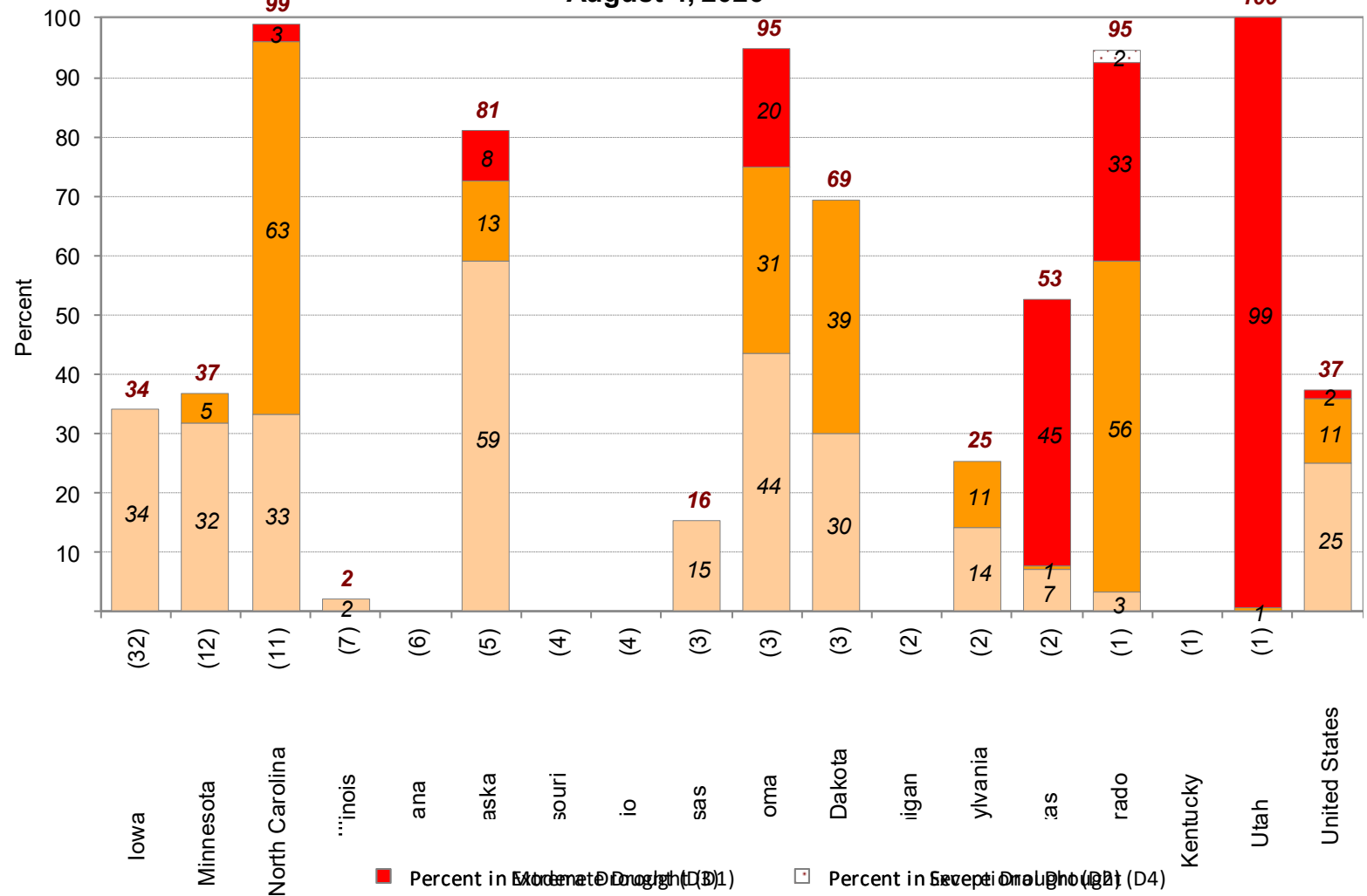


Approximately **37%** of the hog
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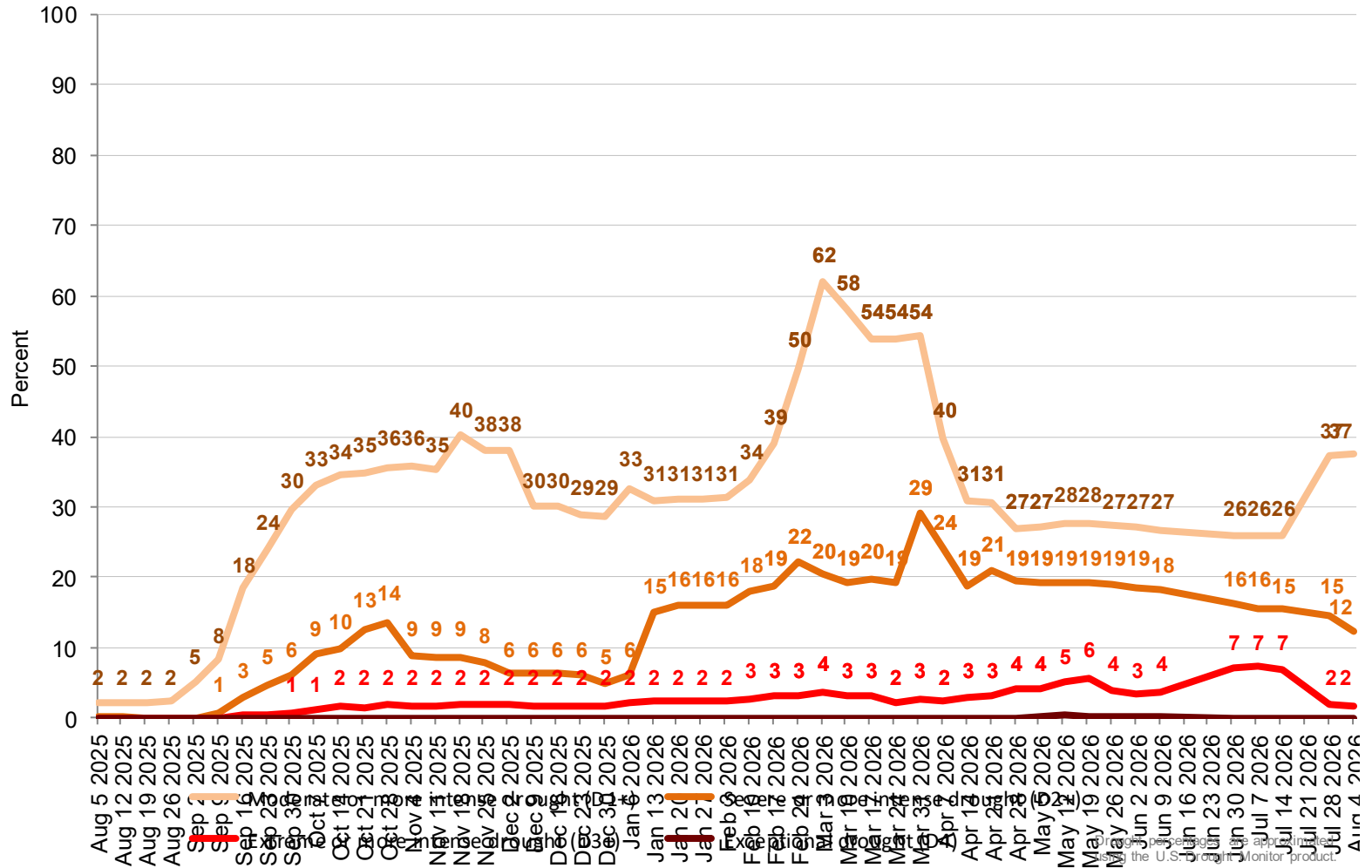
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Percent of Hogs Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Hogs Located in Drought



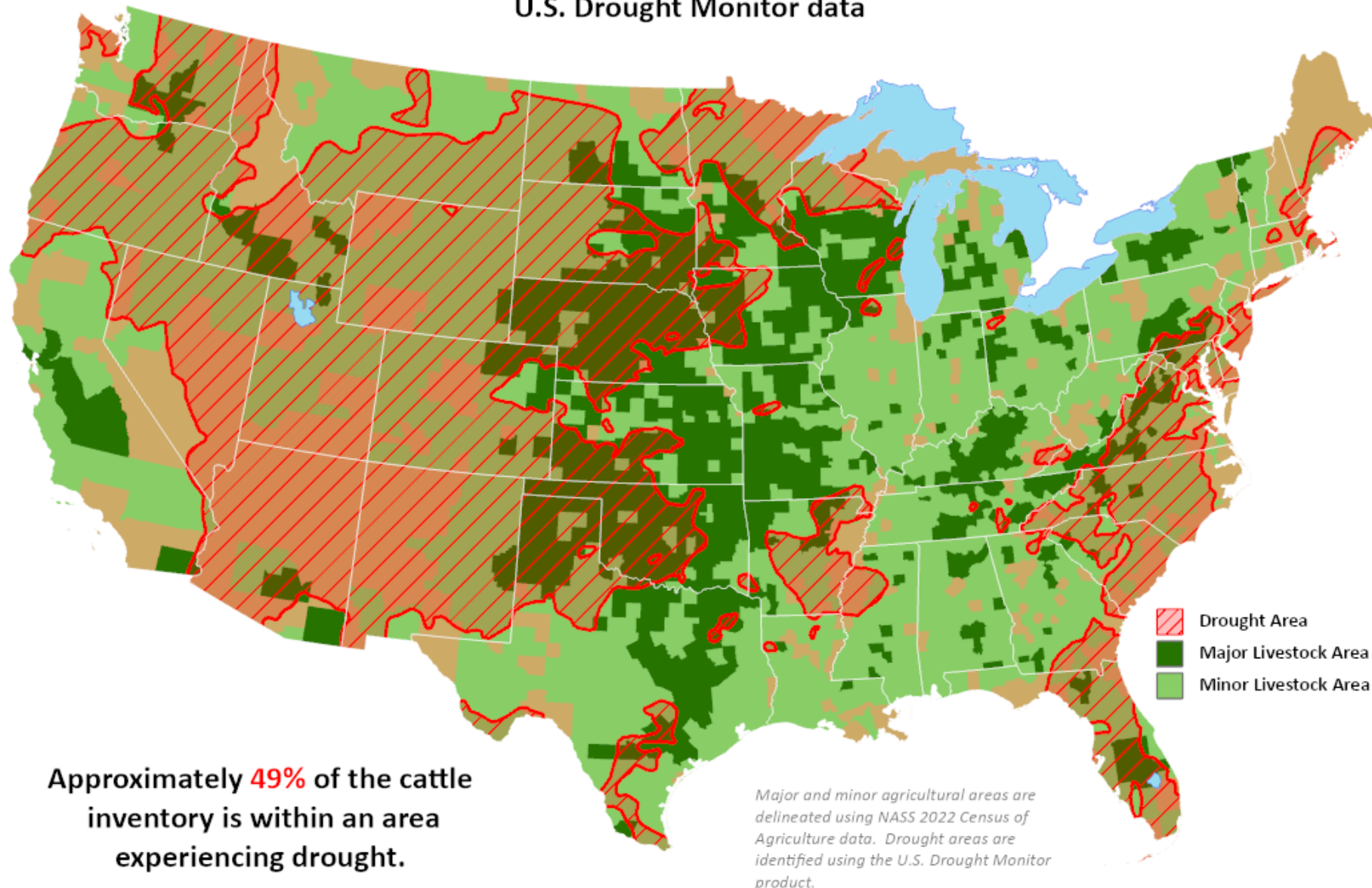


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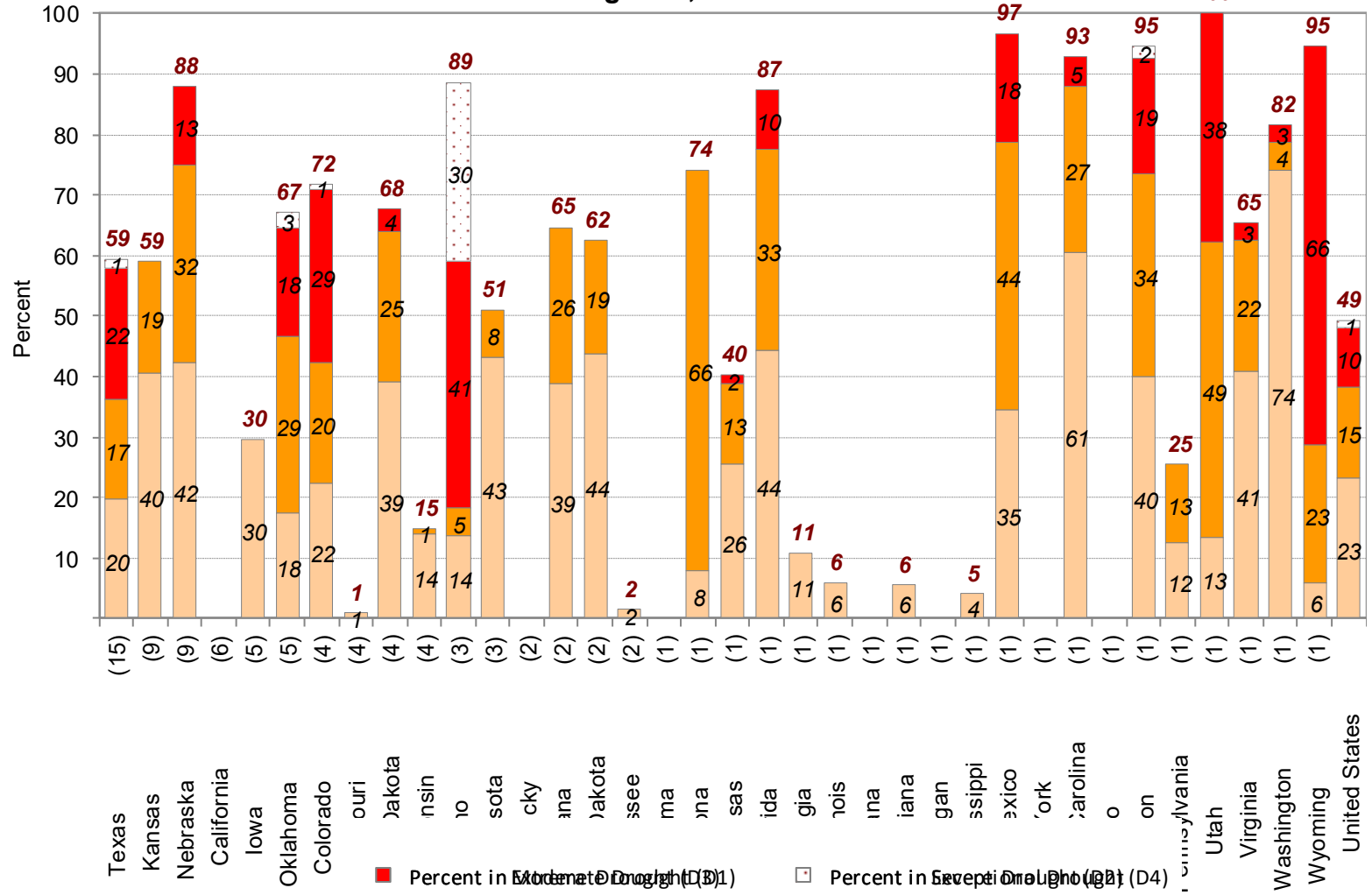
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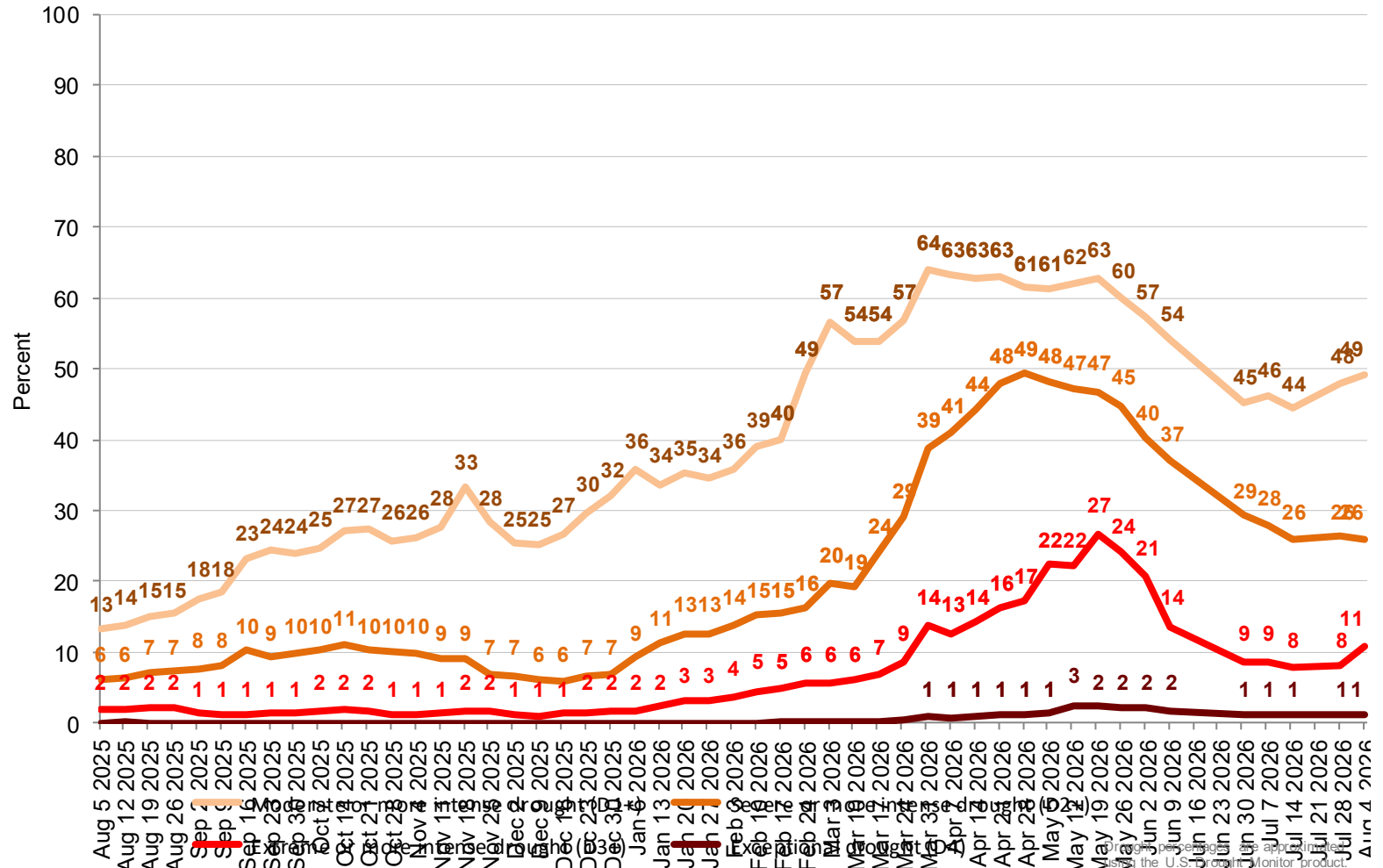


Percent of Cattle Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Cattle Located in Drought



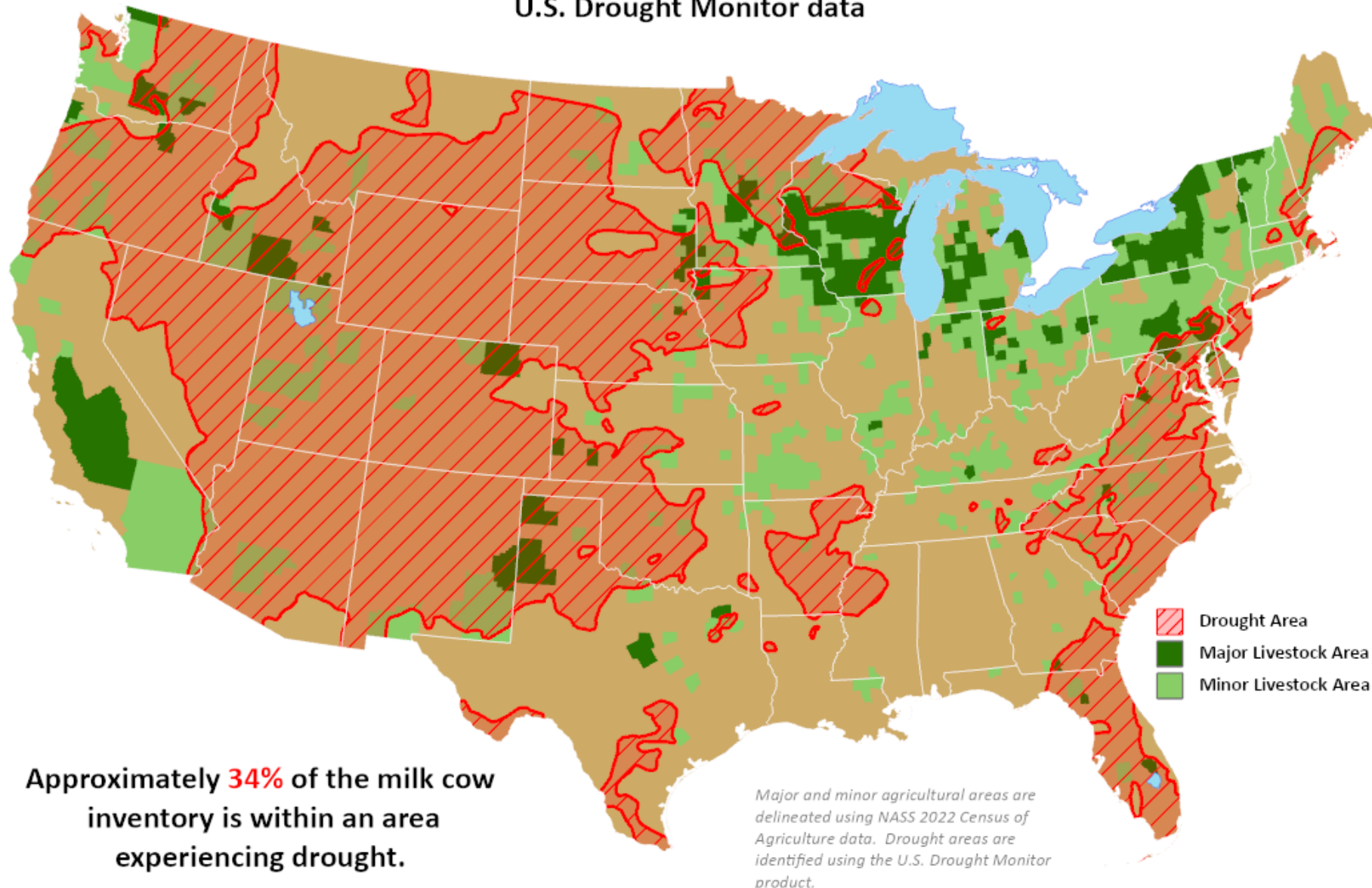


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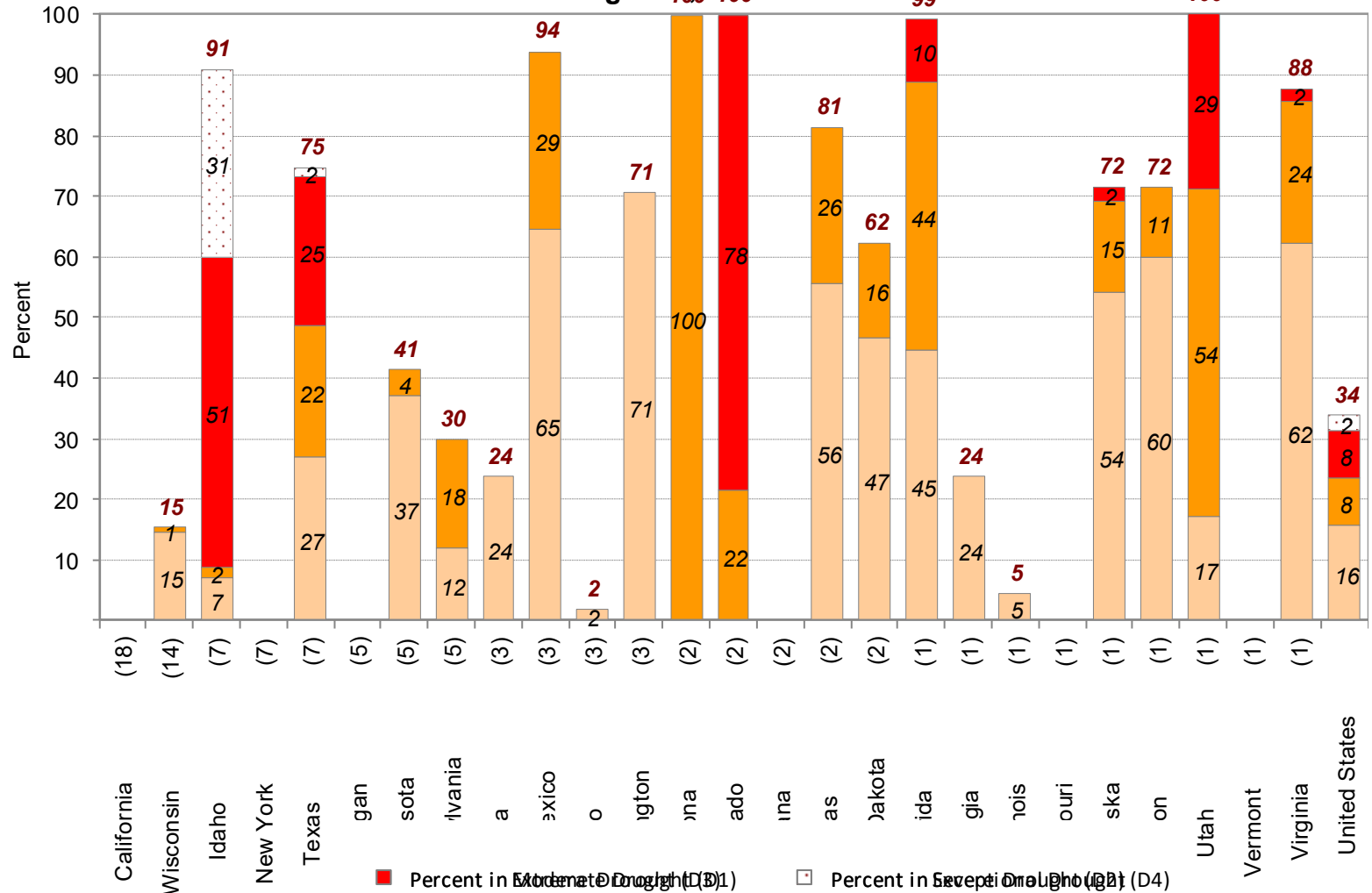
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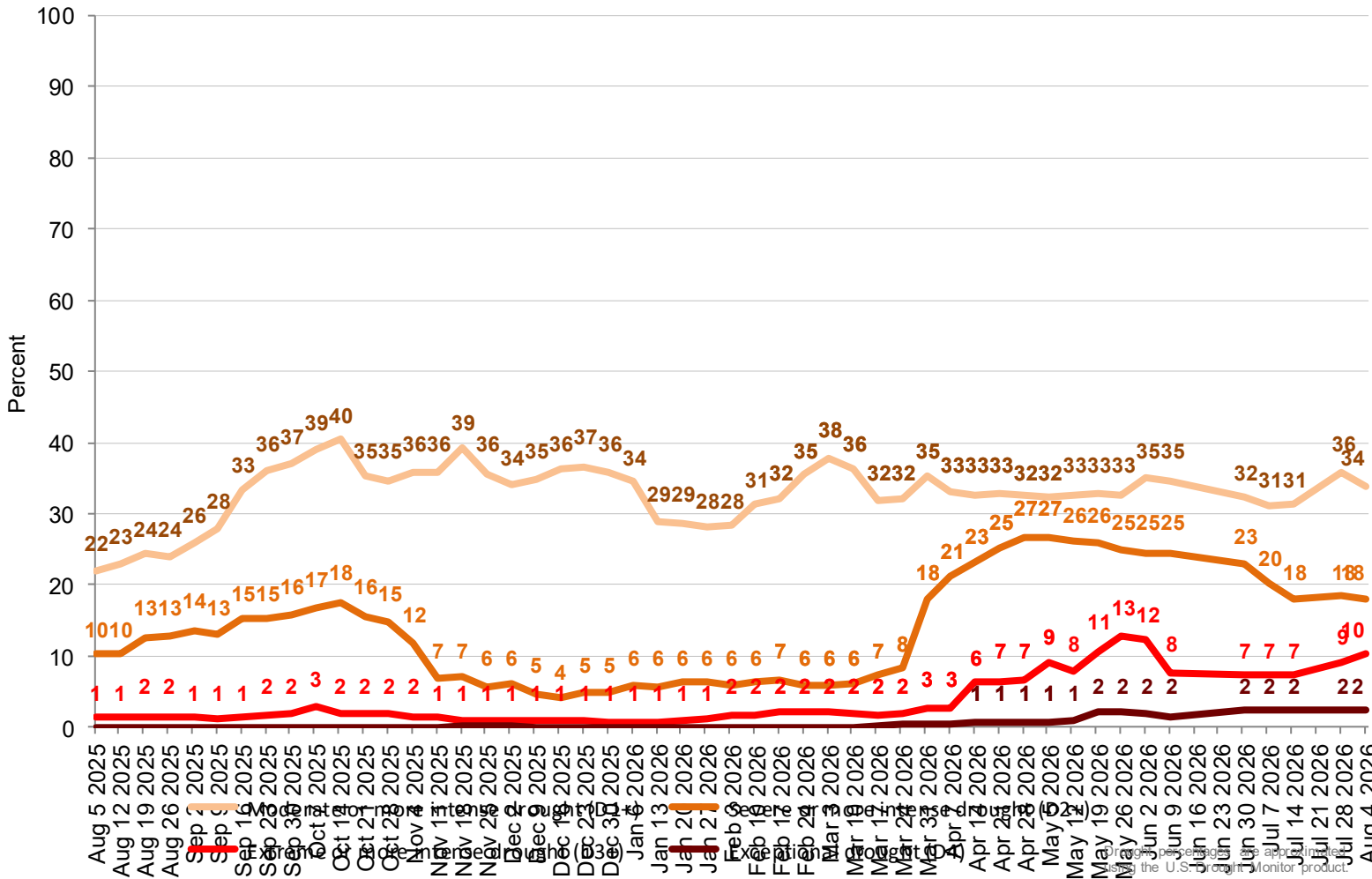


Percent of Milk Cows Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Milk Cows Located in Drought



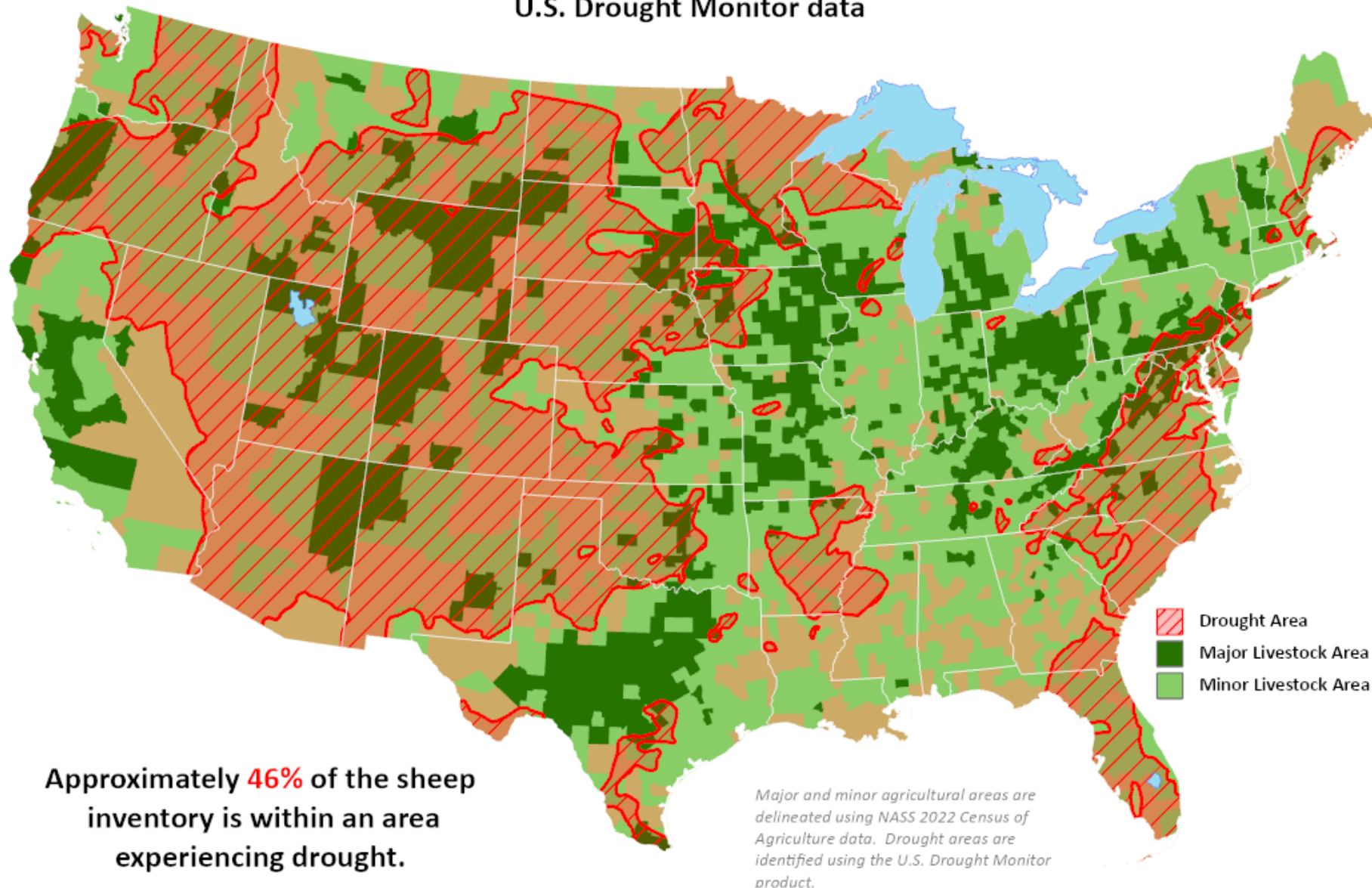


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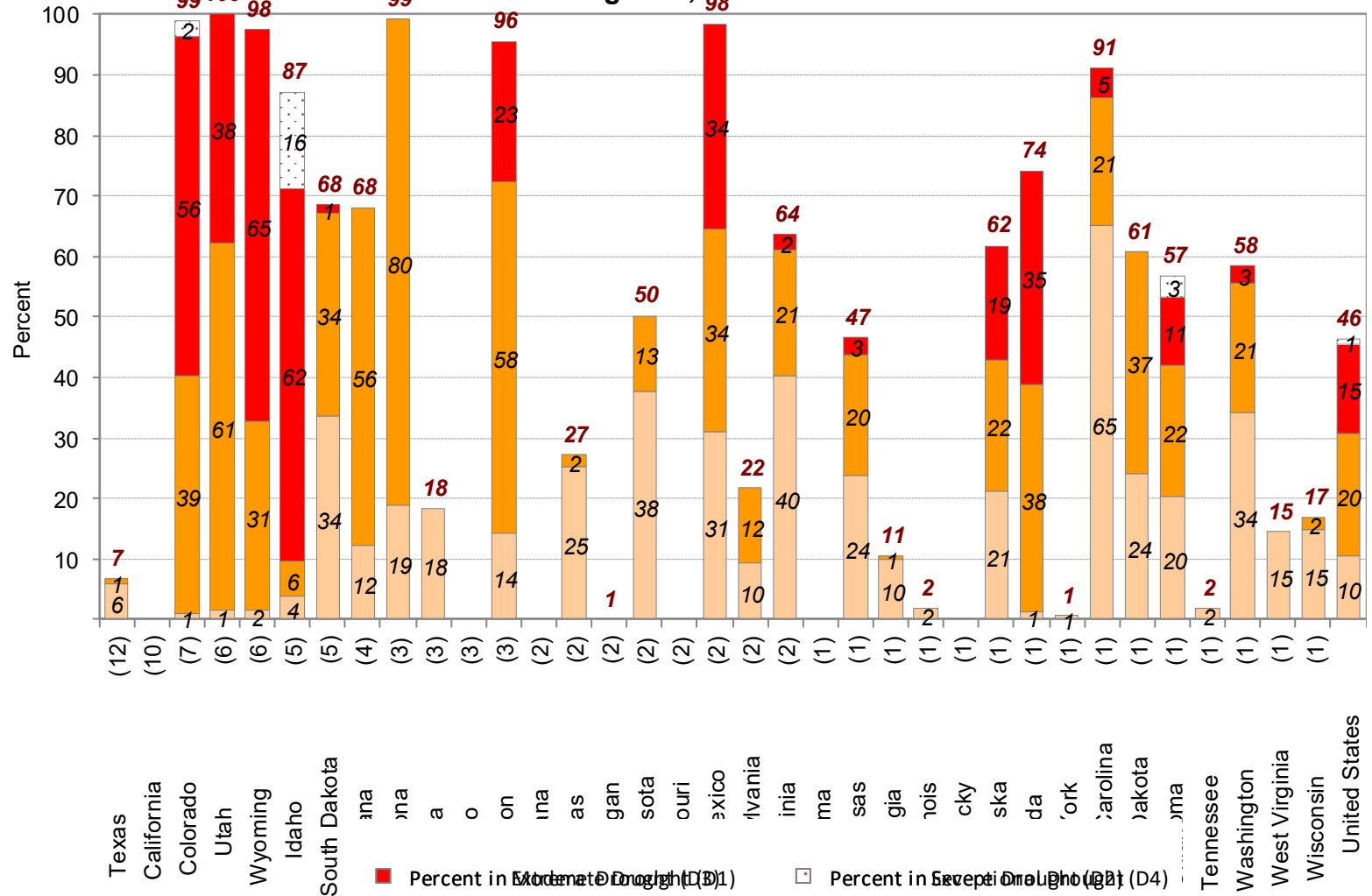
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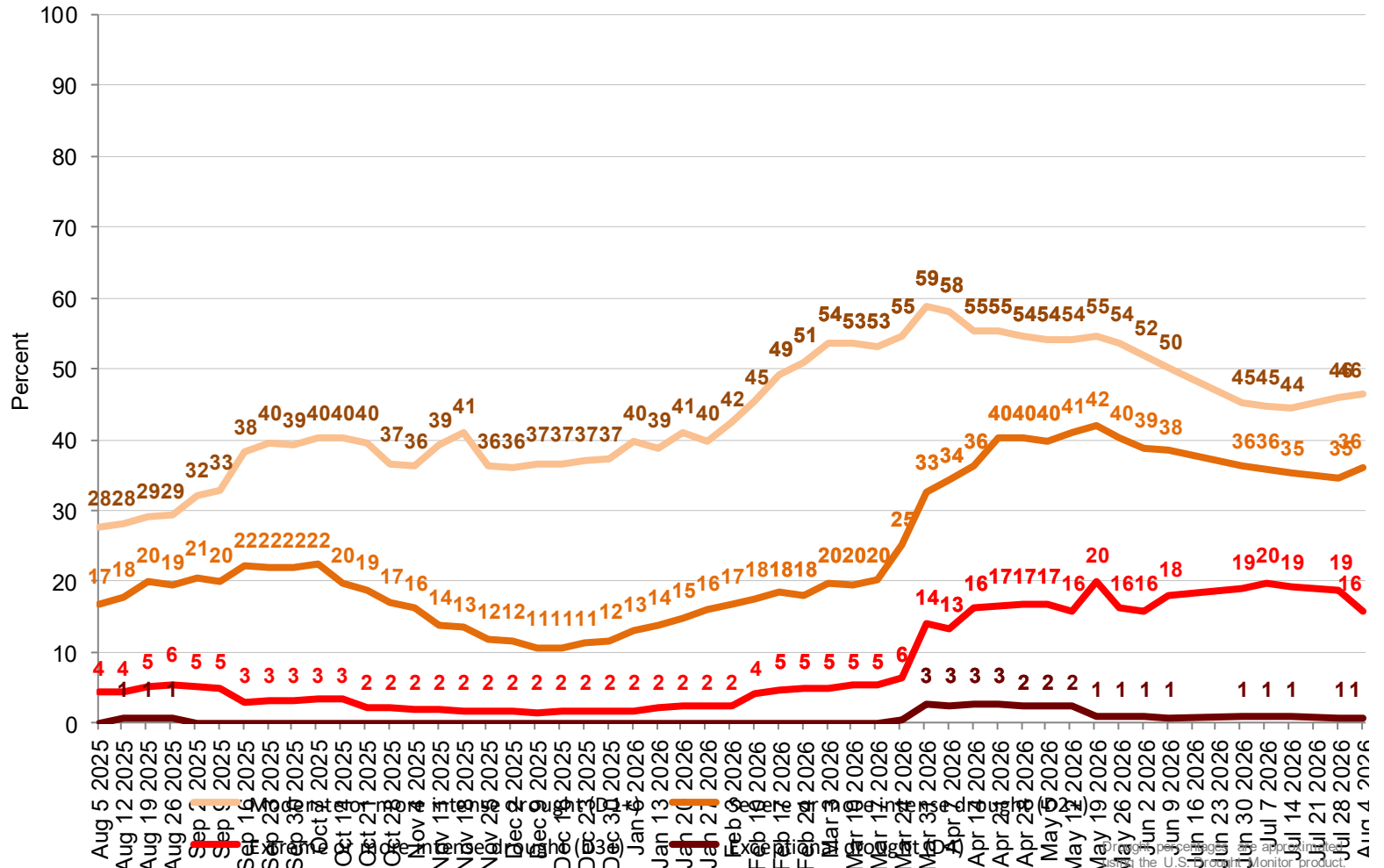


Percent of Sheep Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Sheep Located in Drought



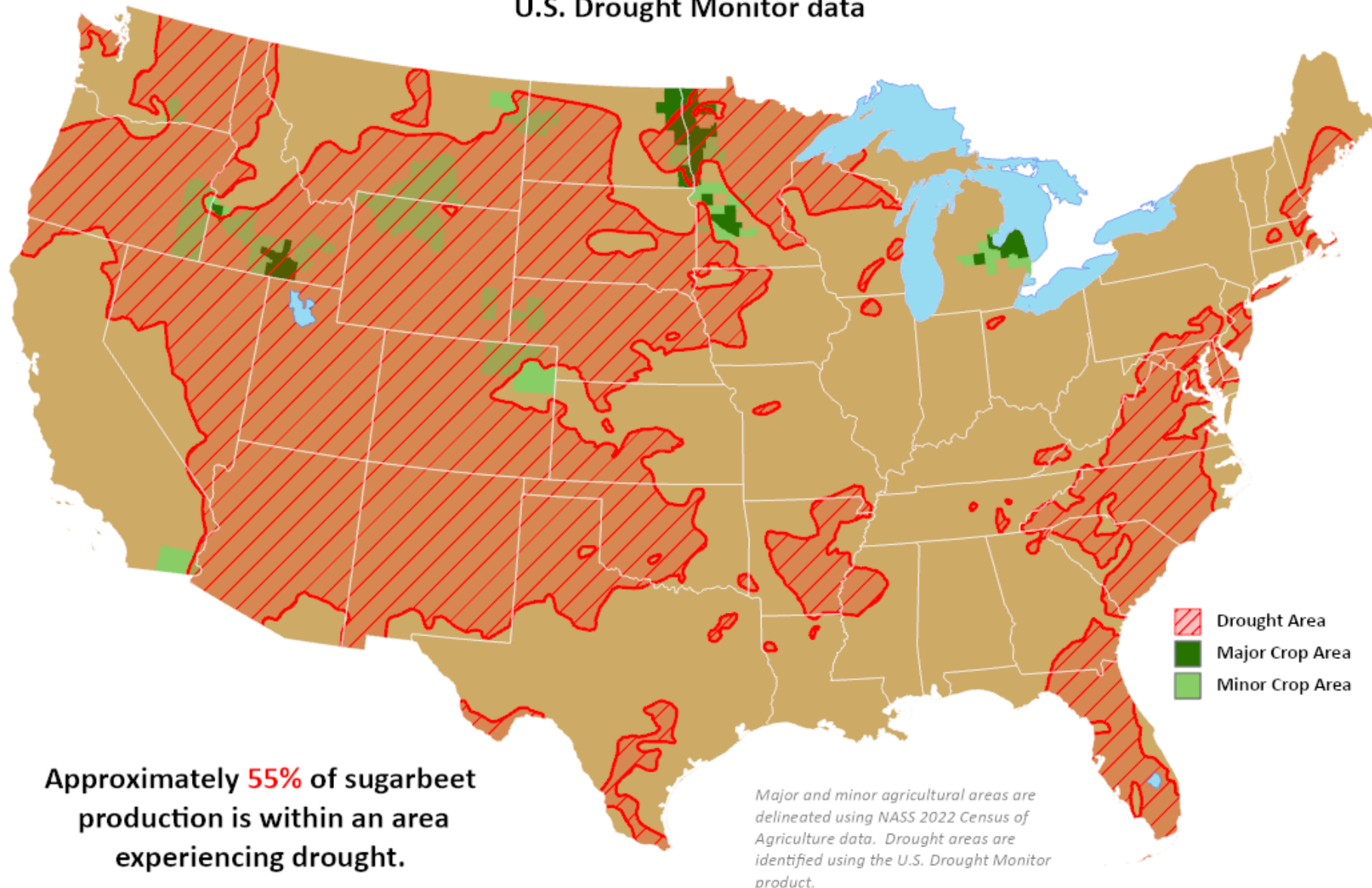


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Sugarbeet Areas in Drought

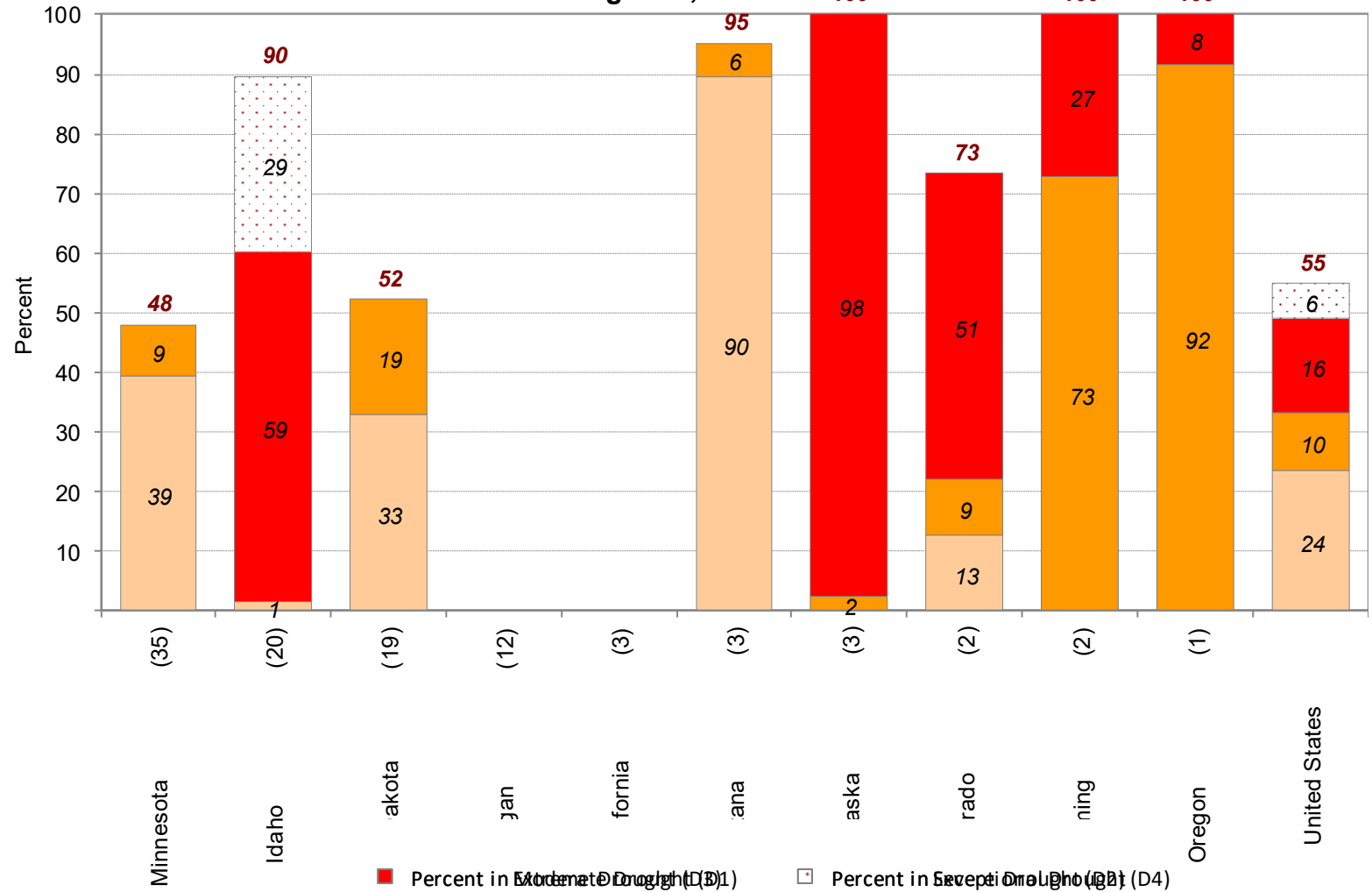
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Percent of Sugarbeets Located in Drought

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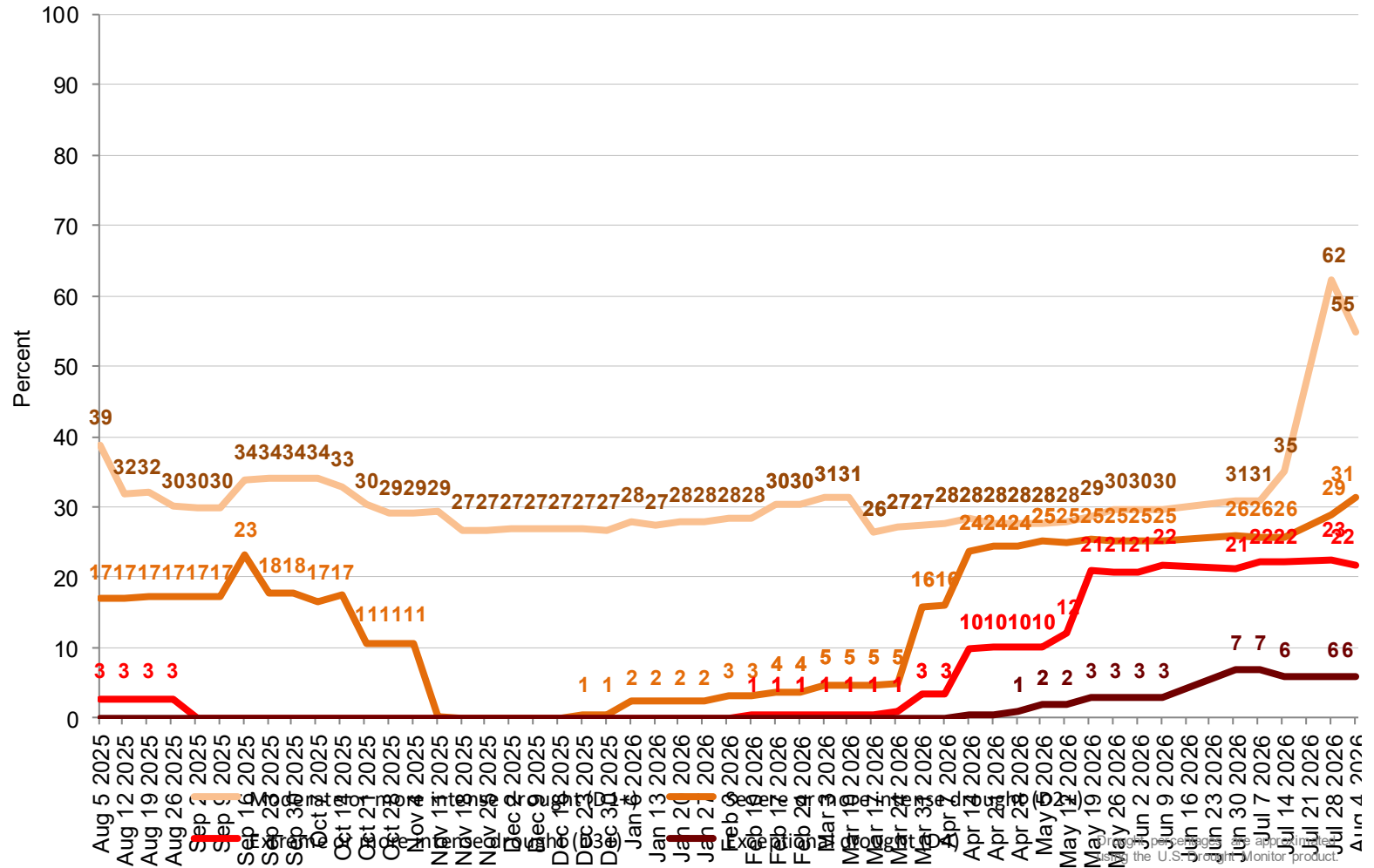


■ Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)

■ Percent in Extreme Drought (D2)

■ Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

Percent of United States Sugarbeets Located in Drought



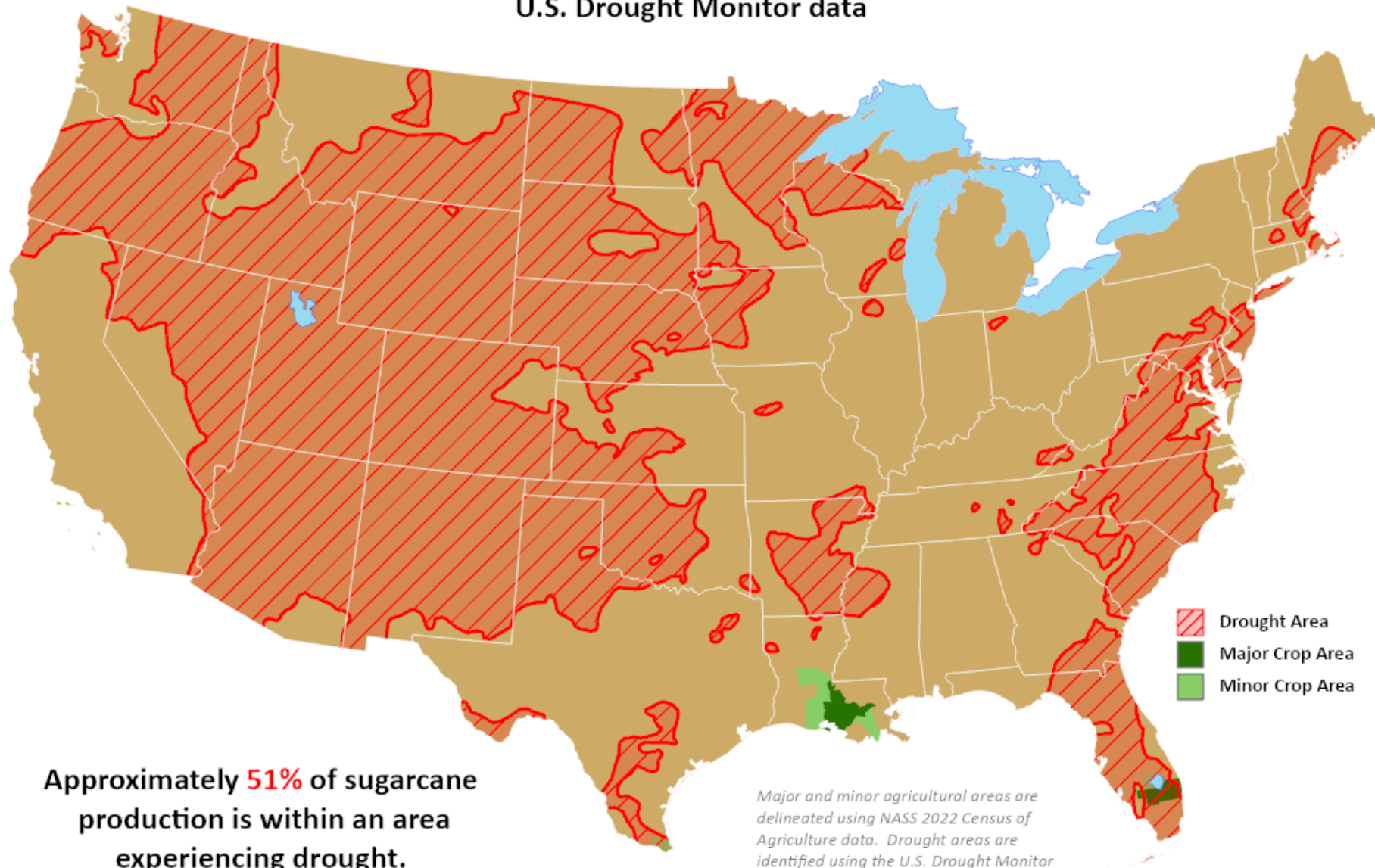


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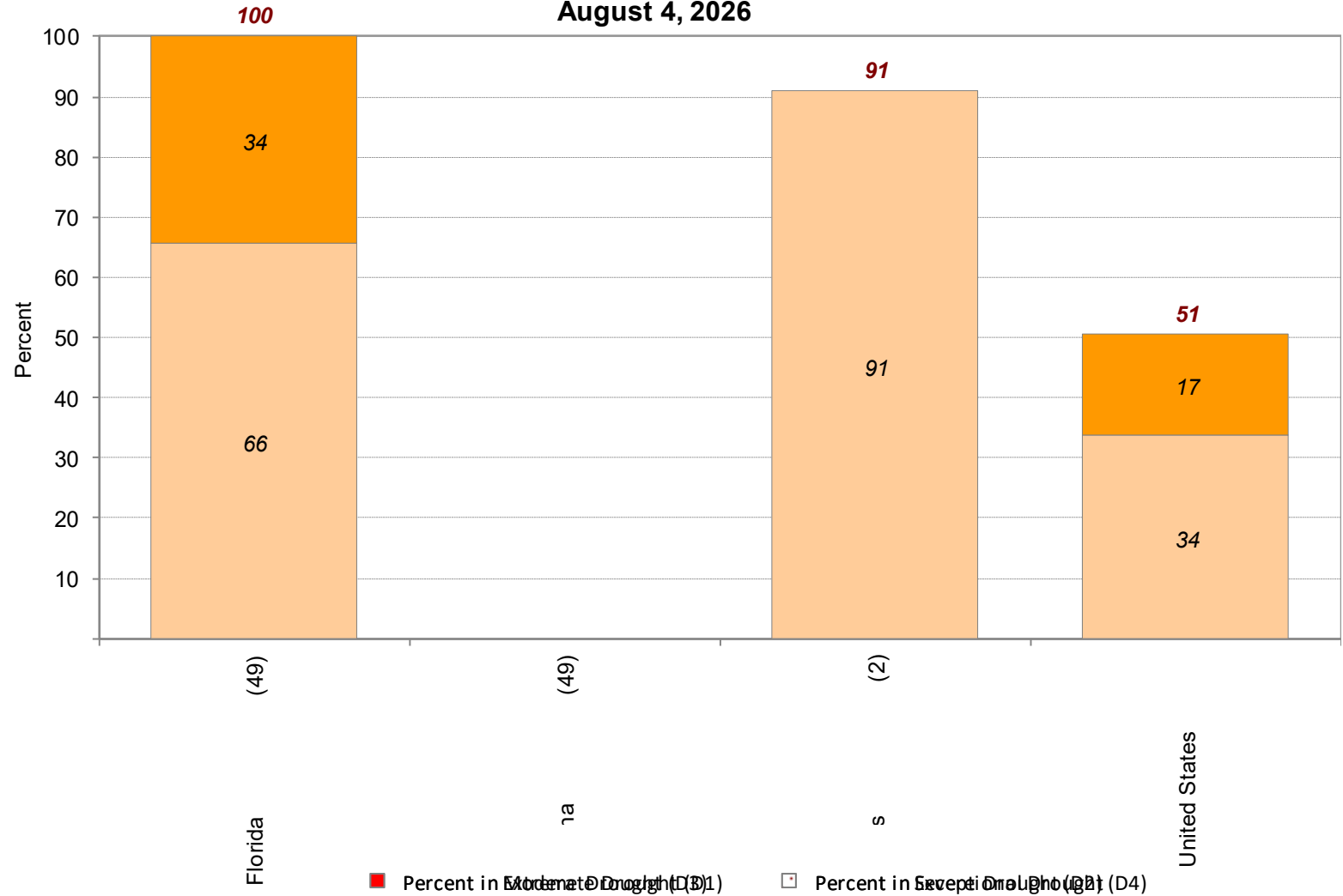
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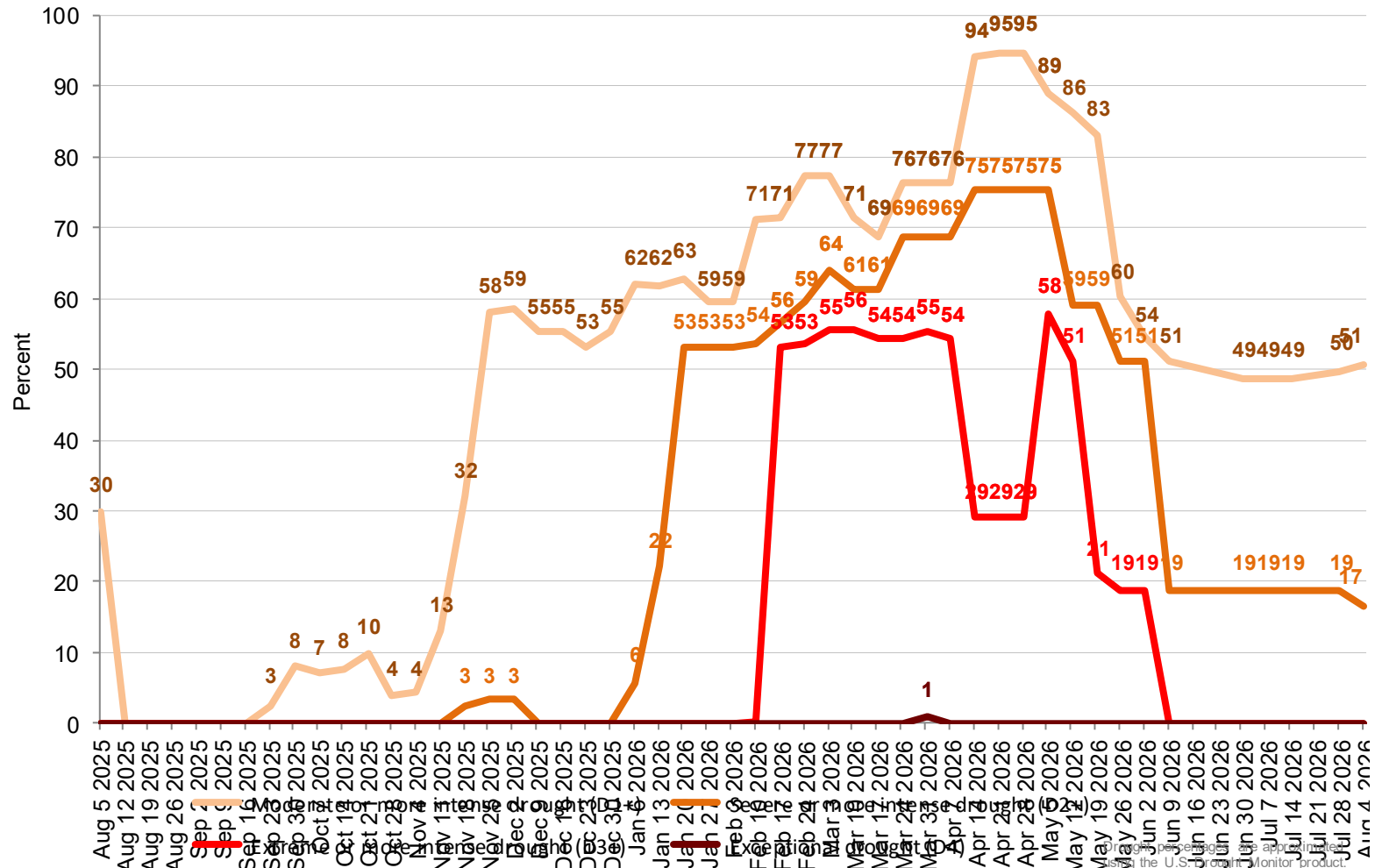
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Percent of Sugarcane Located in Drought August 4, 2026



Percent of United States Sugarcane Located in Drought



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