U.S. Drought Monitor

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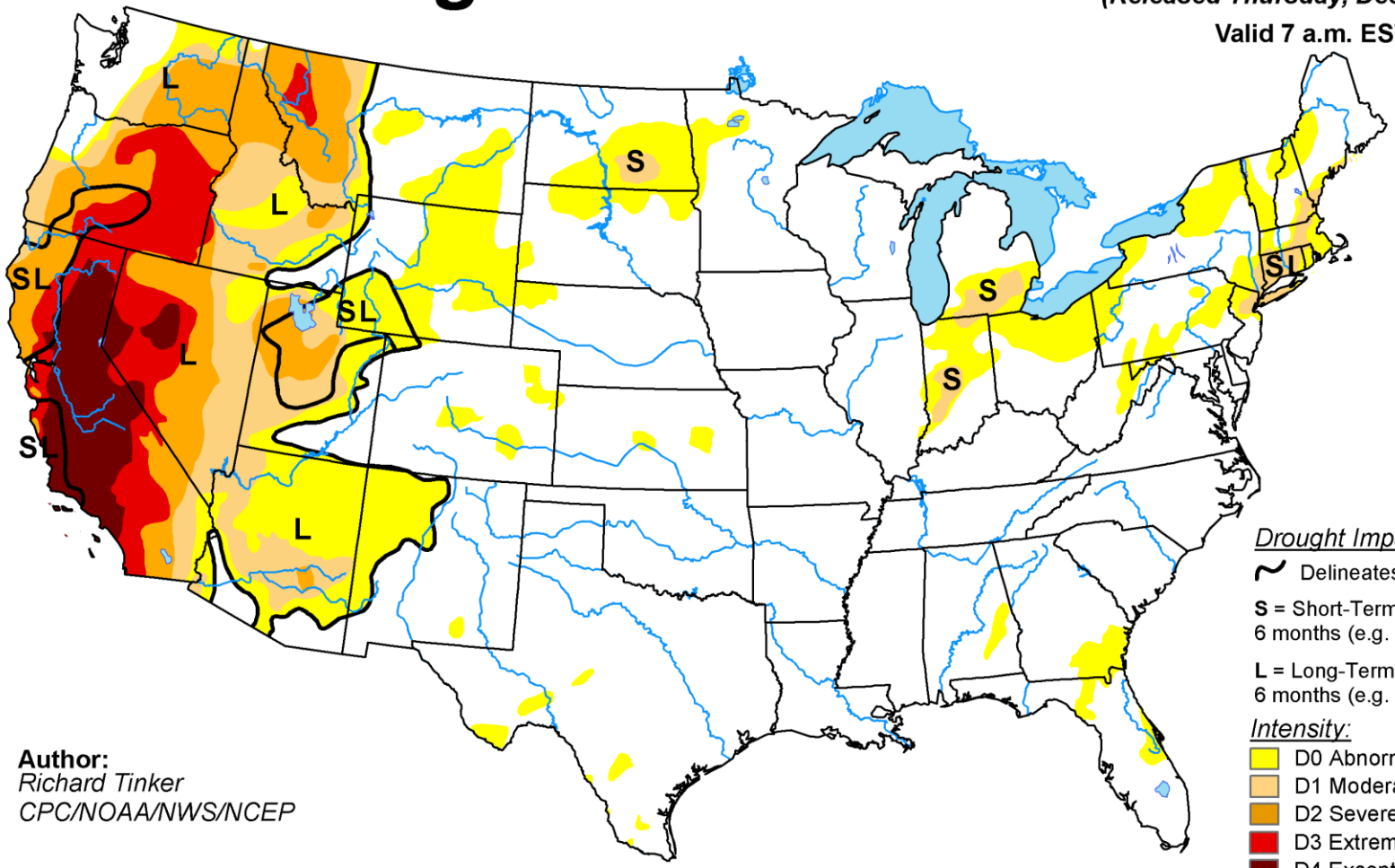

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Drought Impact Types:

~ 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:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
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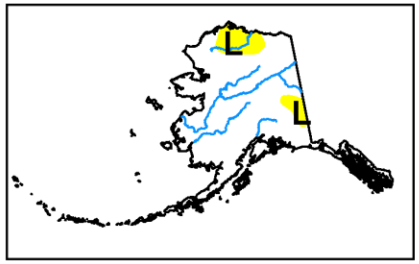
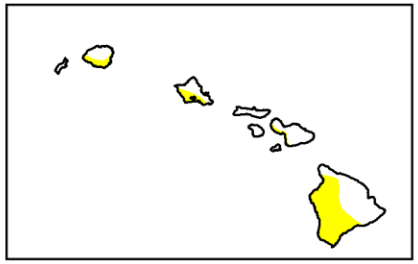
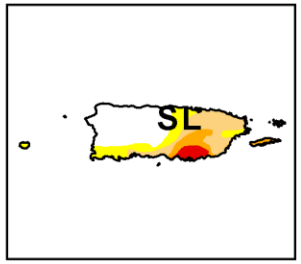
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.







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Barley Areas in Drought

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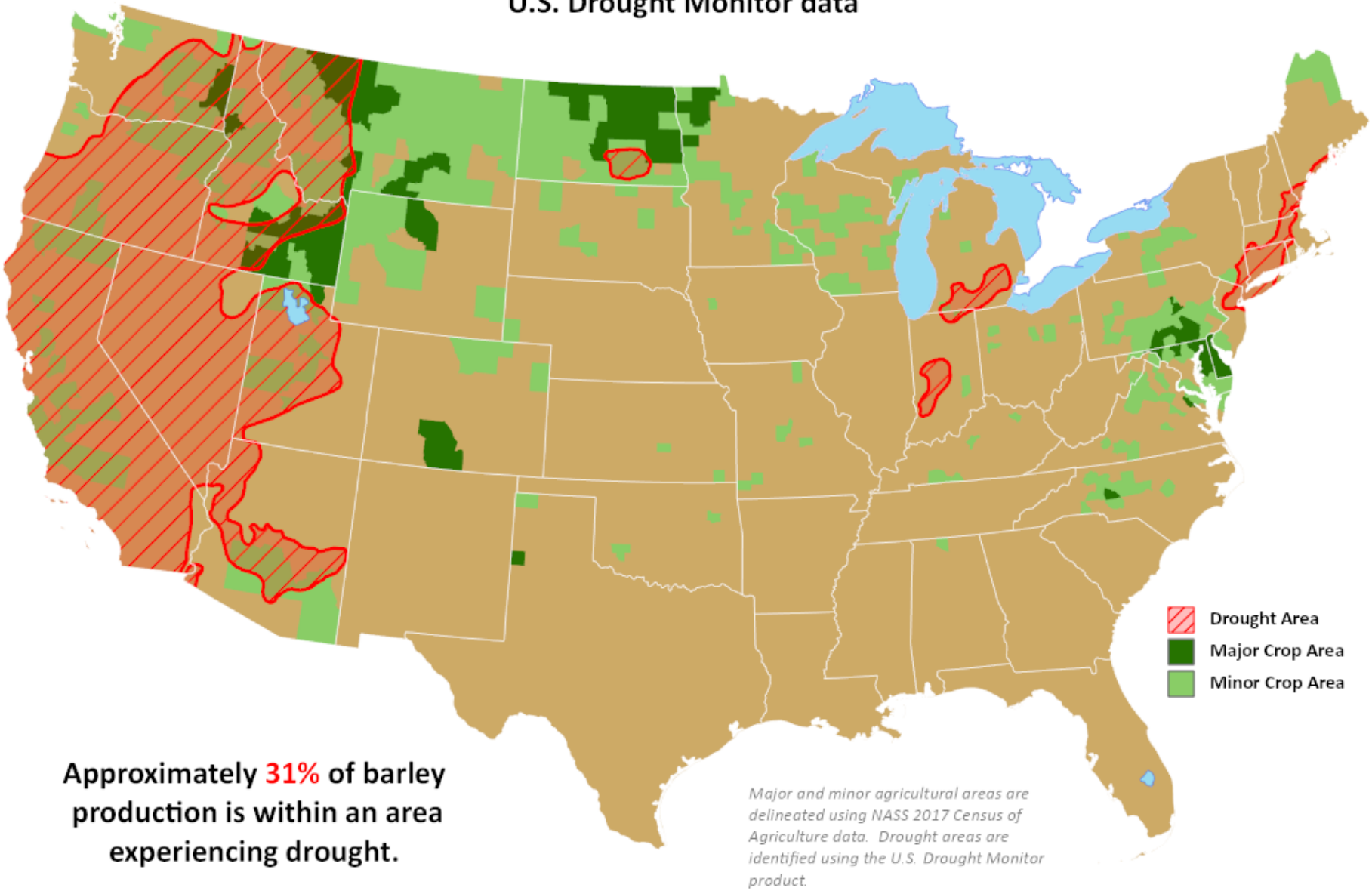

Approximately 31% of barley production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Barley Located in Drought

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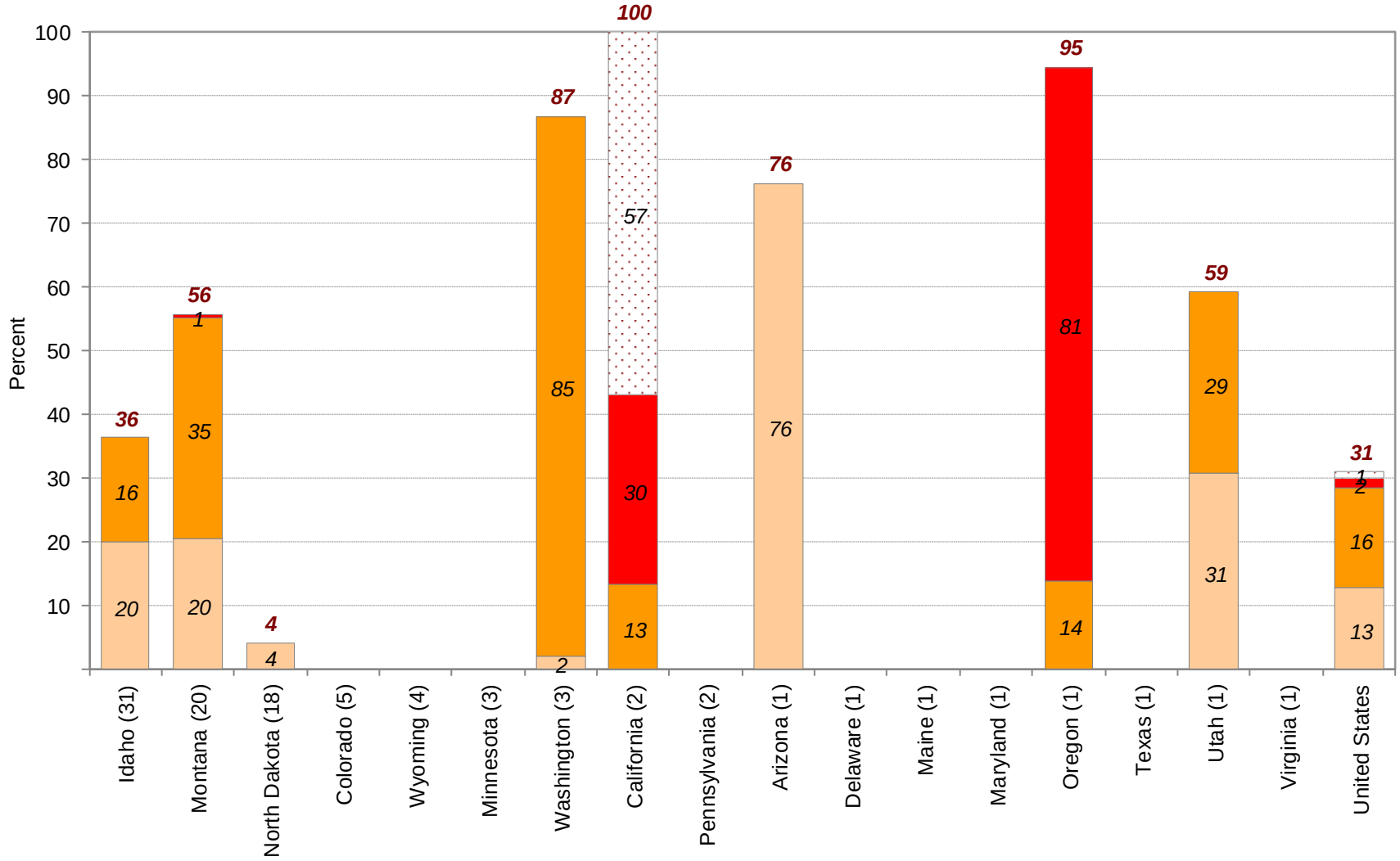

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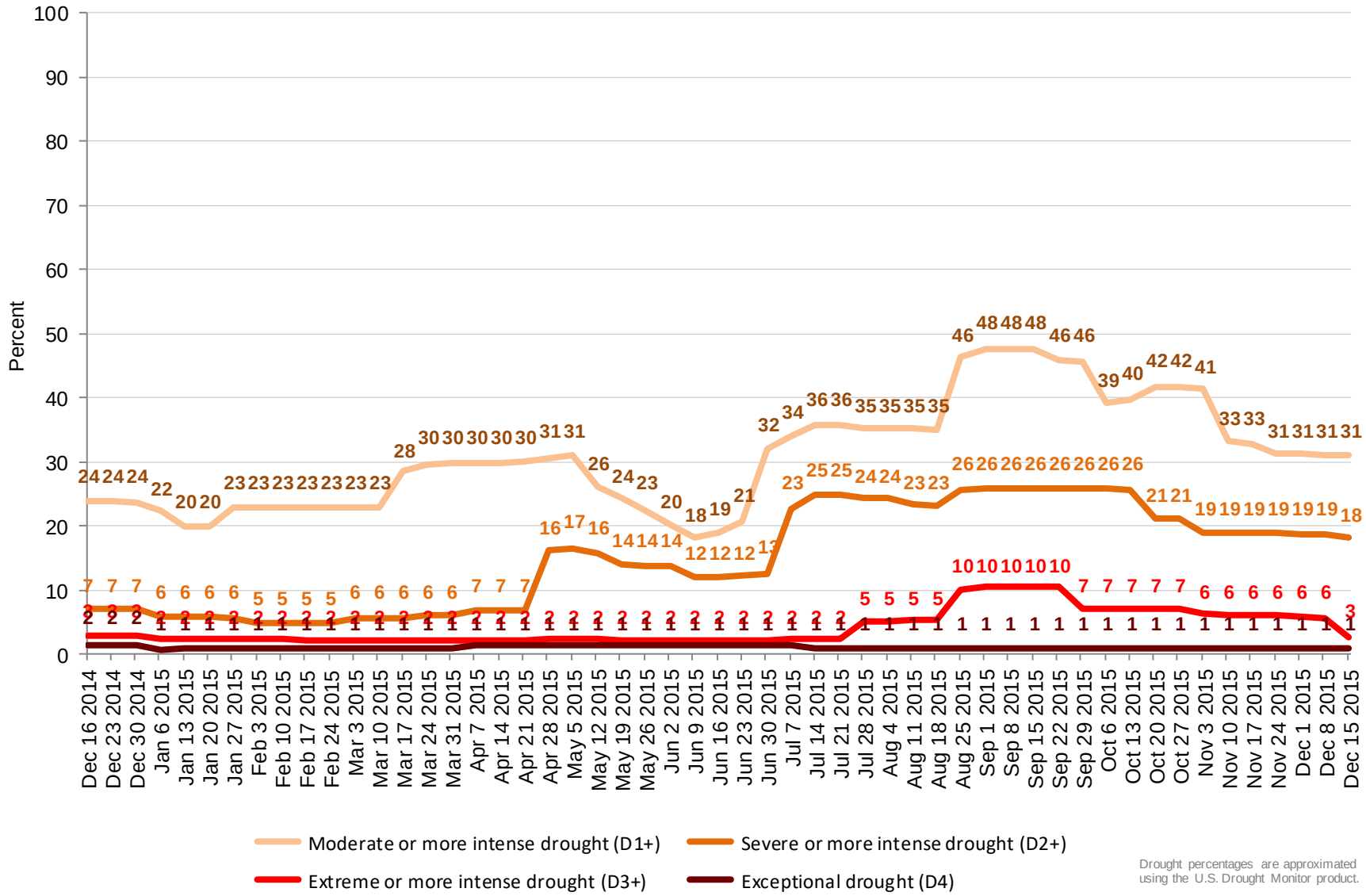
Percent of United States Barley Located in Drought



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Corn Areas in Drought

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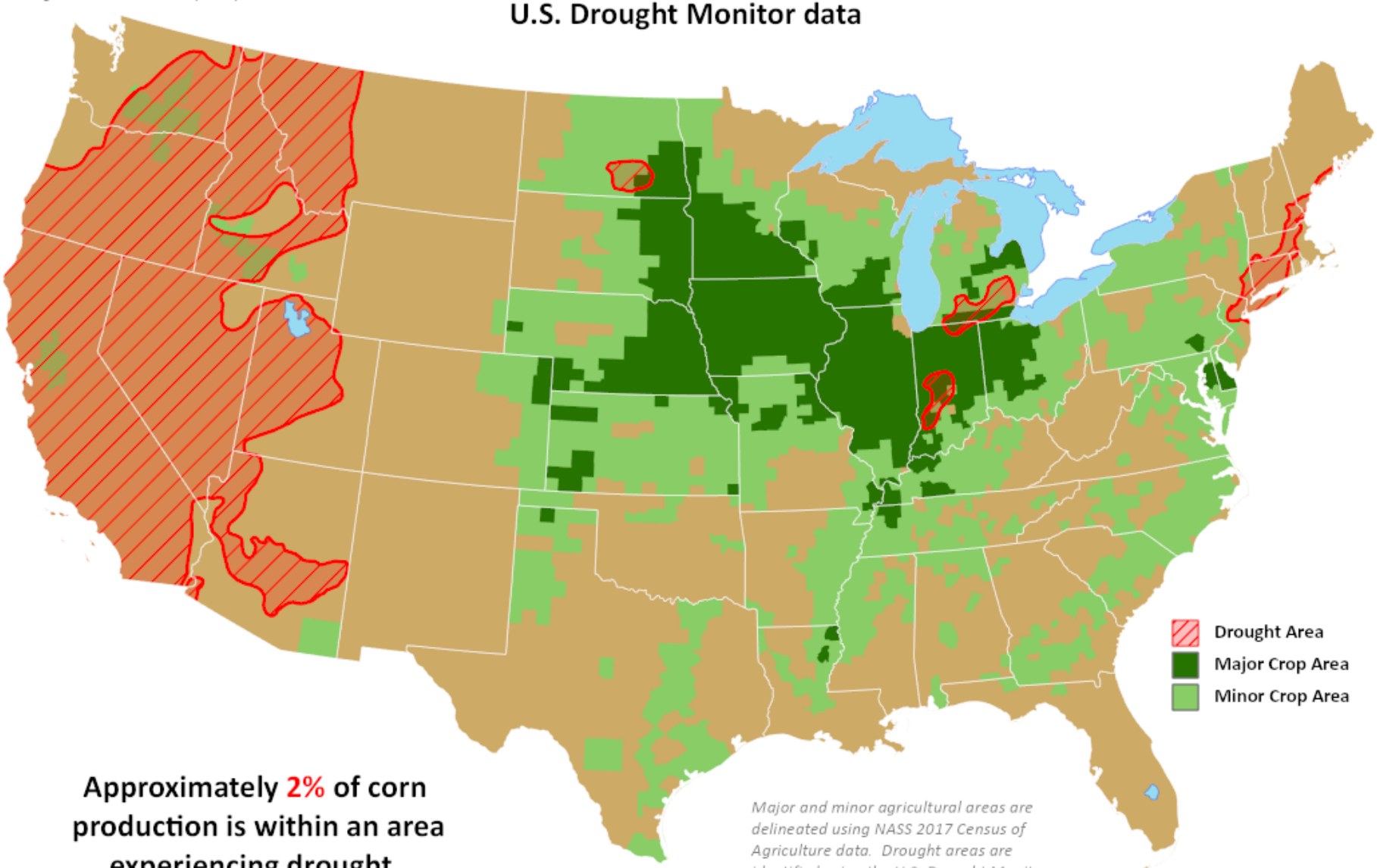

Approximately 2% of corn production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Corn Located in Drought

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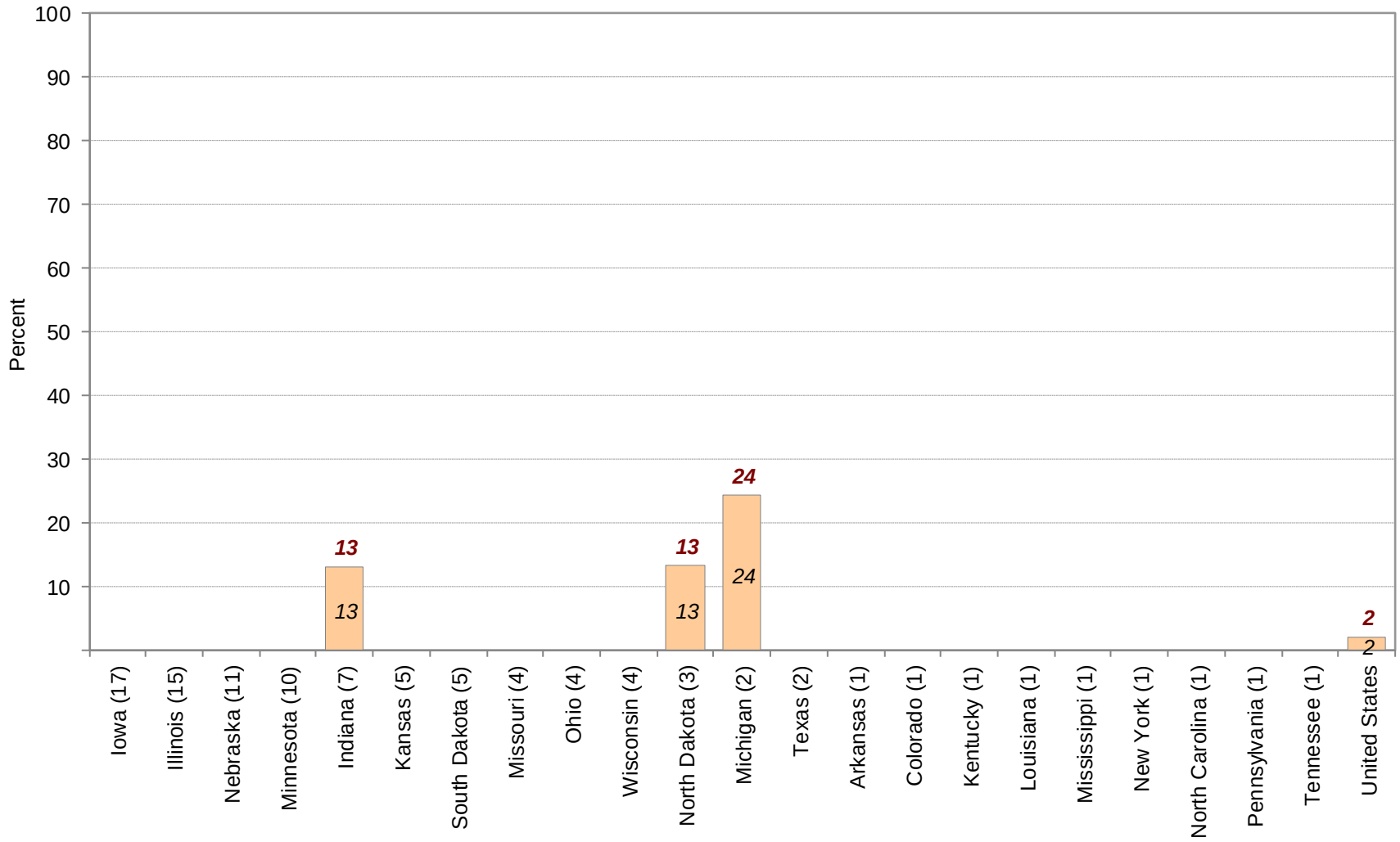

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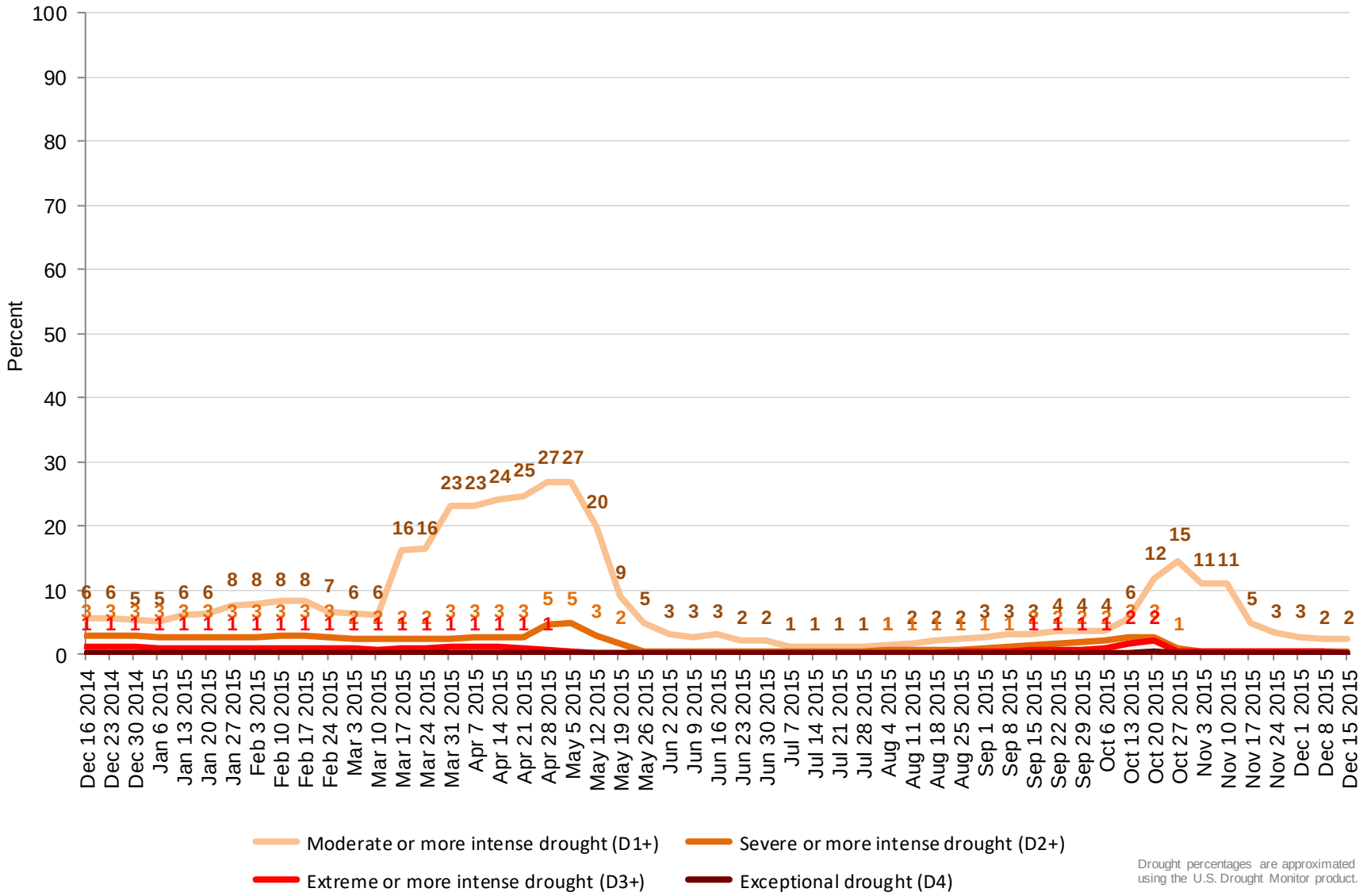

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Cotton Areas in Drought

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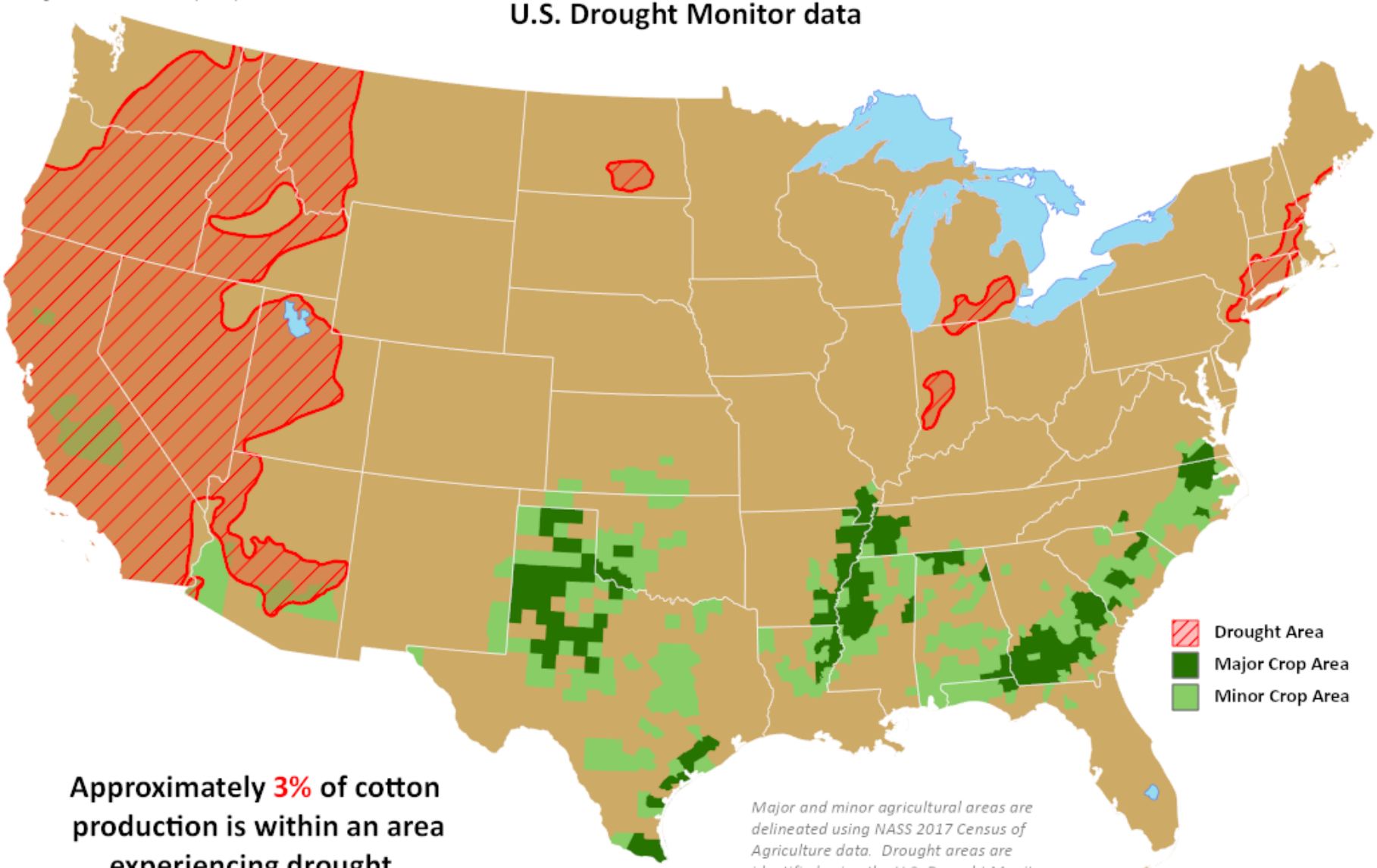

Approximately 3% of cotton production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Cotton Located in Drought

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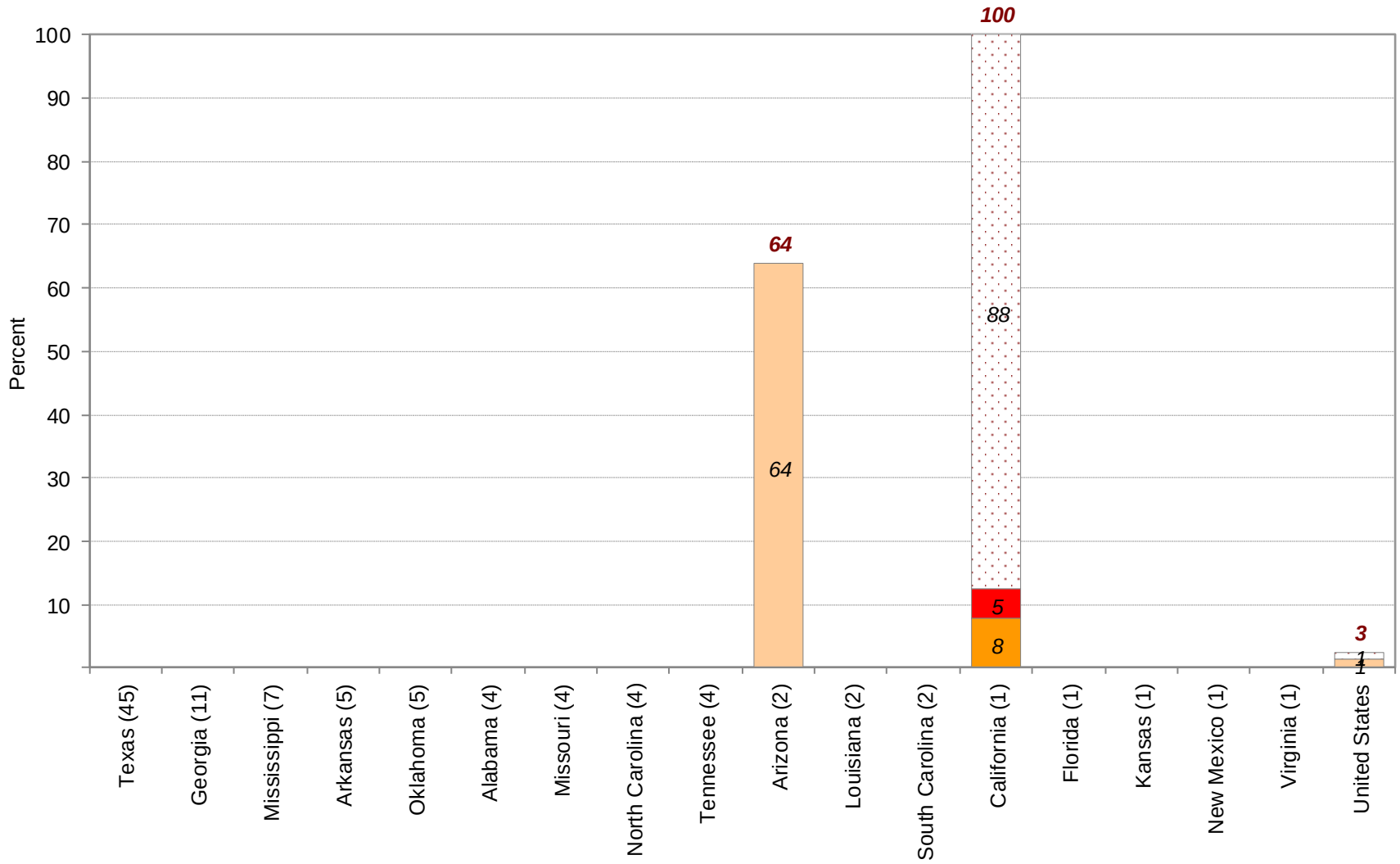

Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
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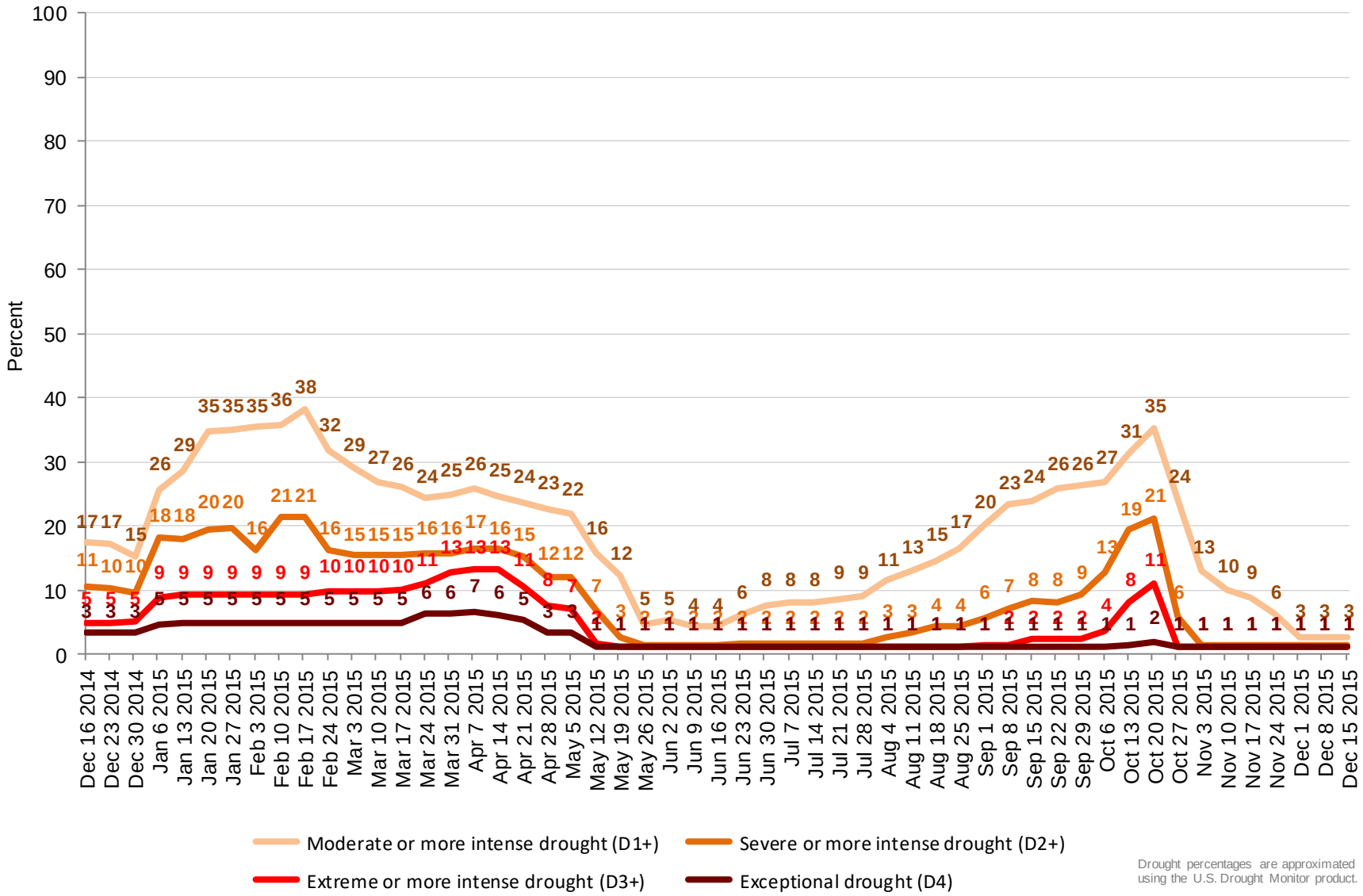

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Peanut Areas in Drought

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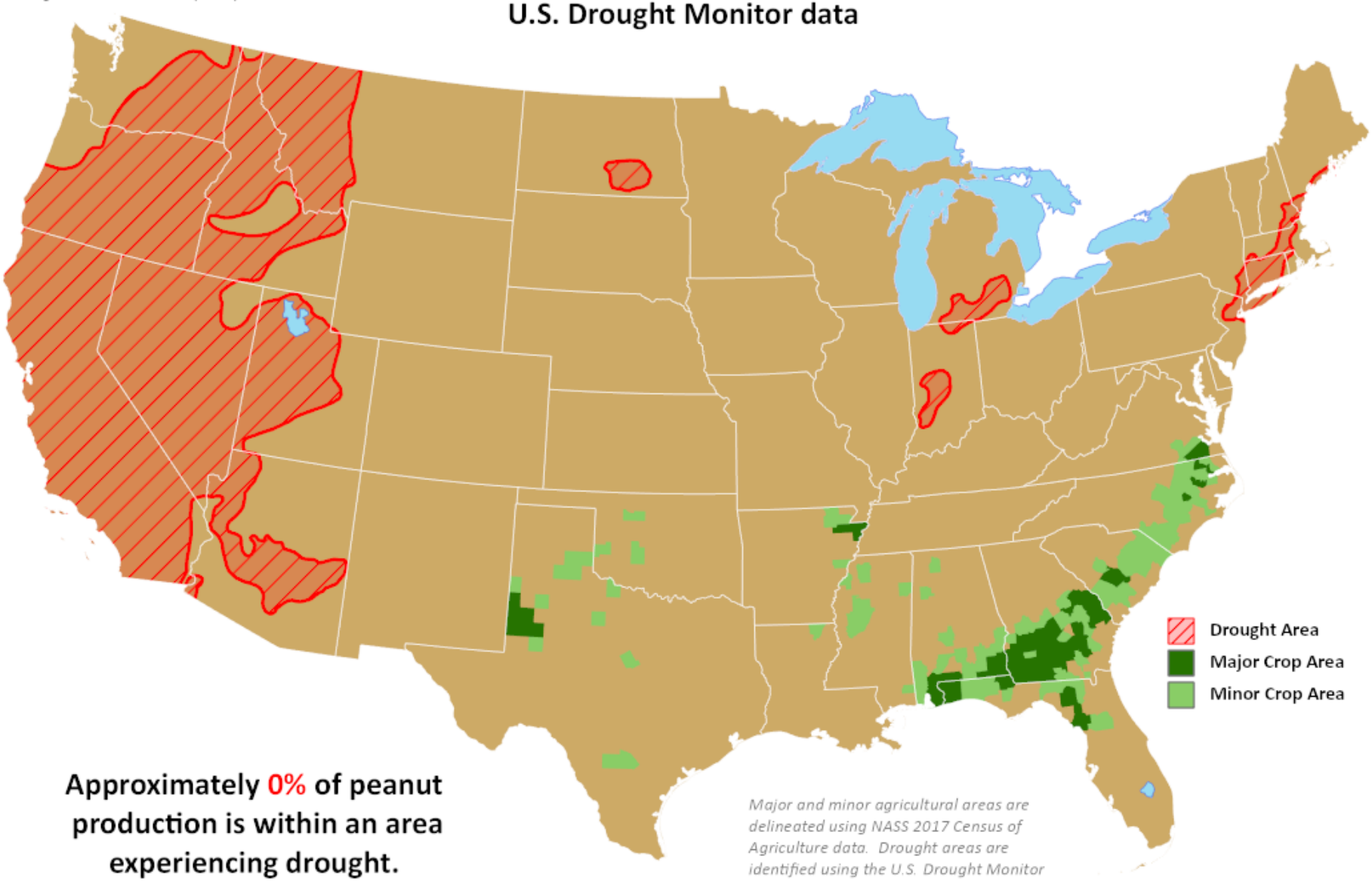

Approximately 0% of peanut production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Peanuts Located in Drought

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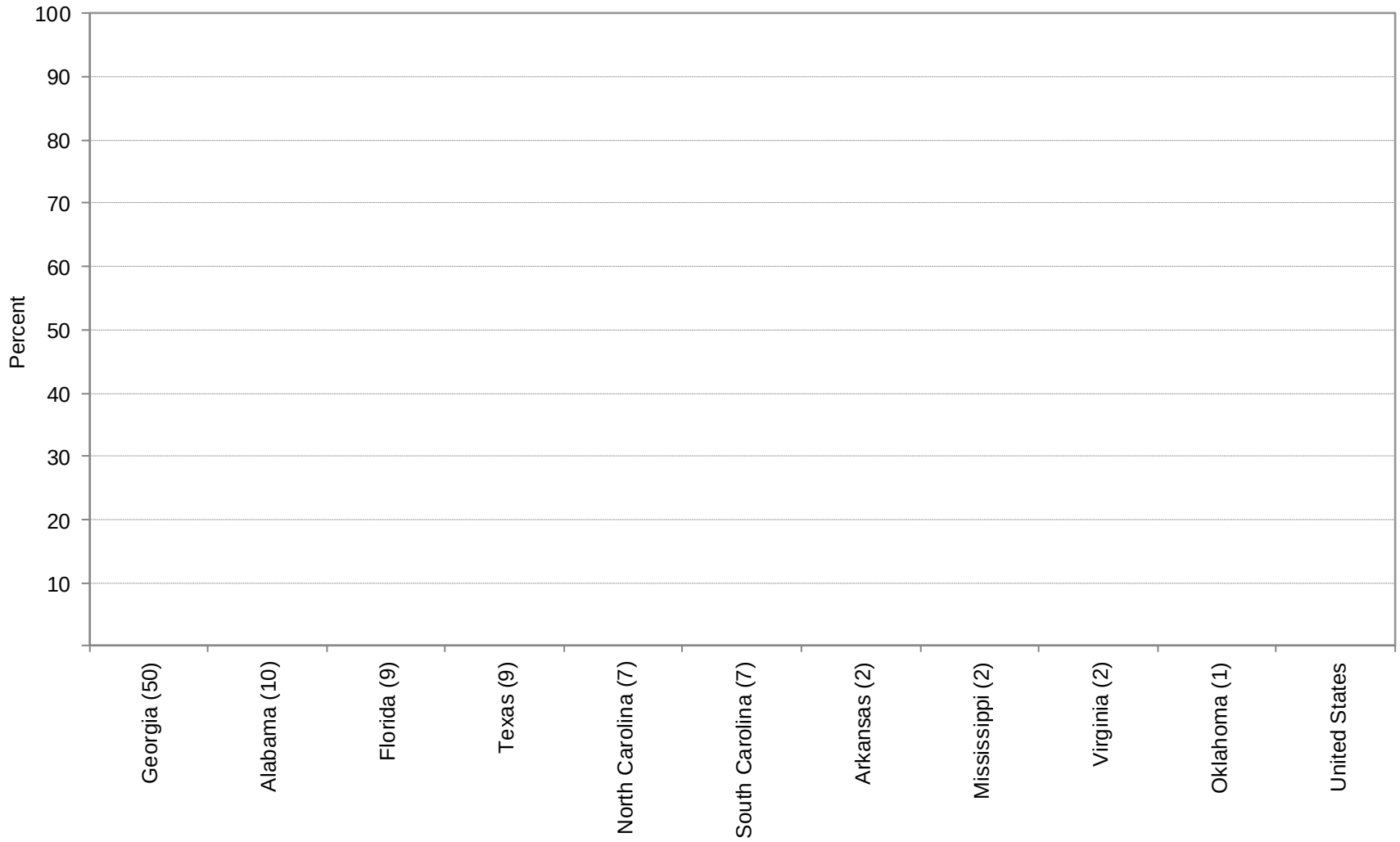

Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)

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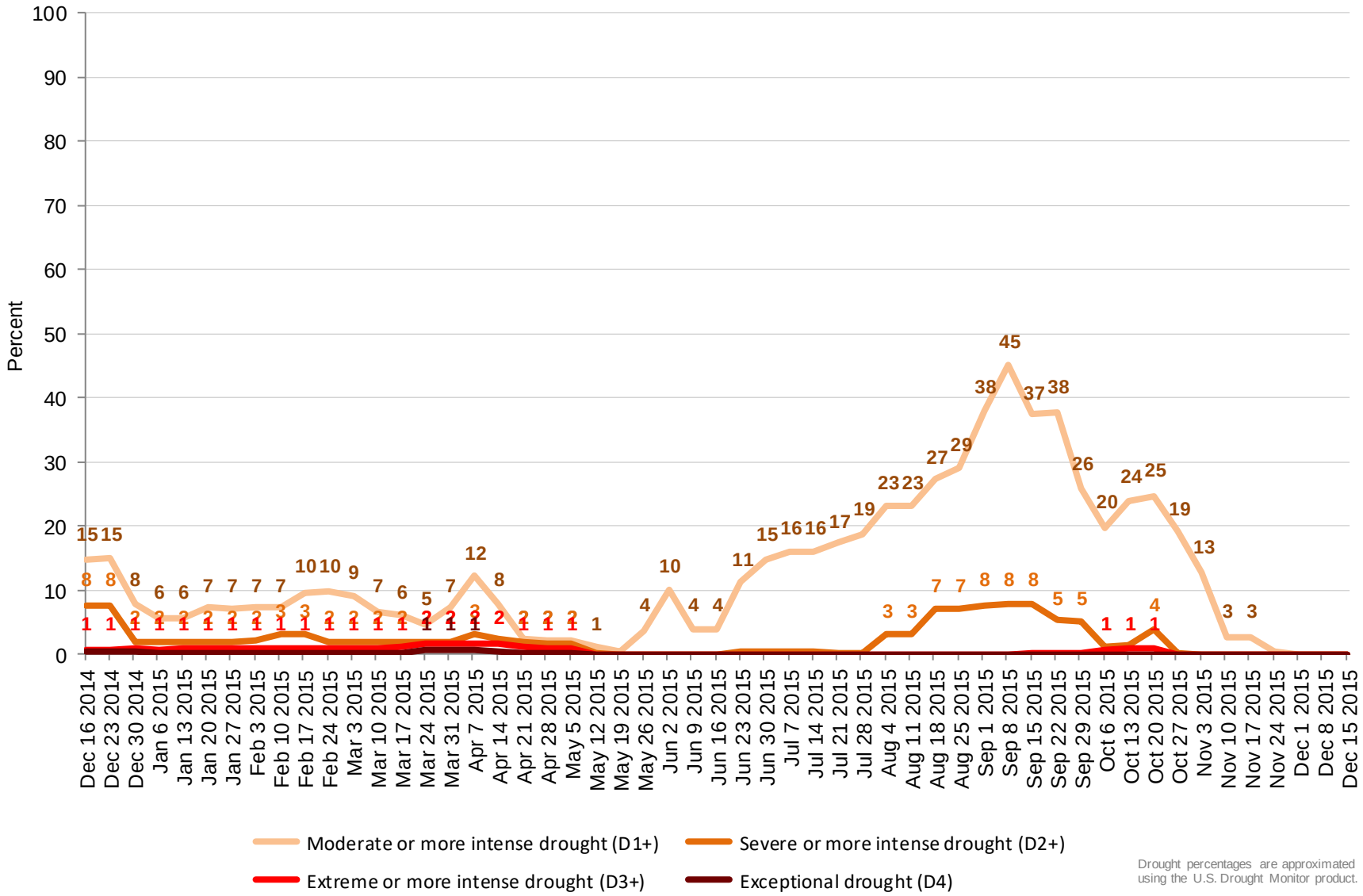
Percent of United States Peanuts Located in Drought



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Rice Areas in Drought

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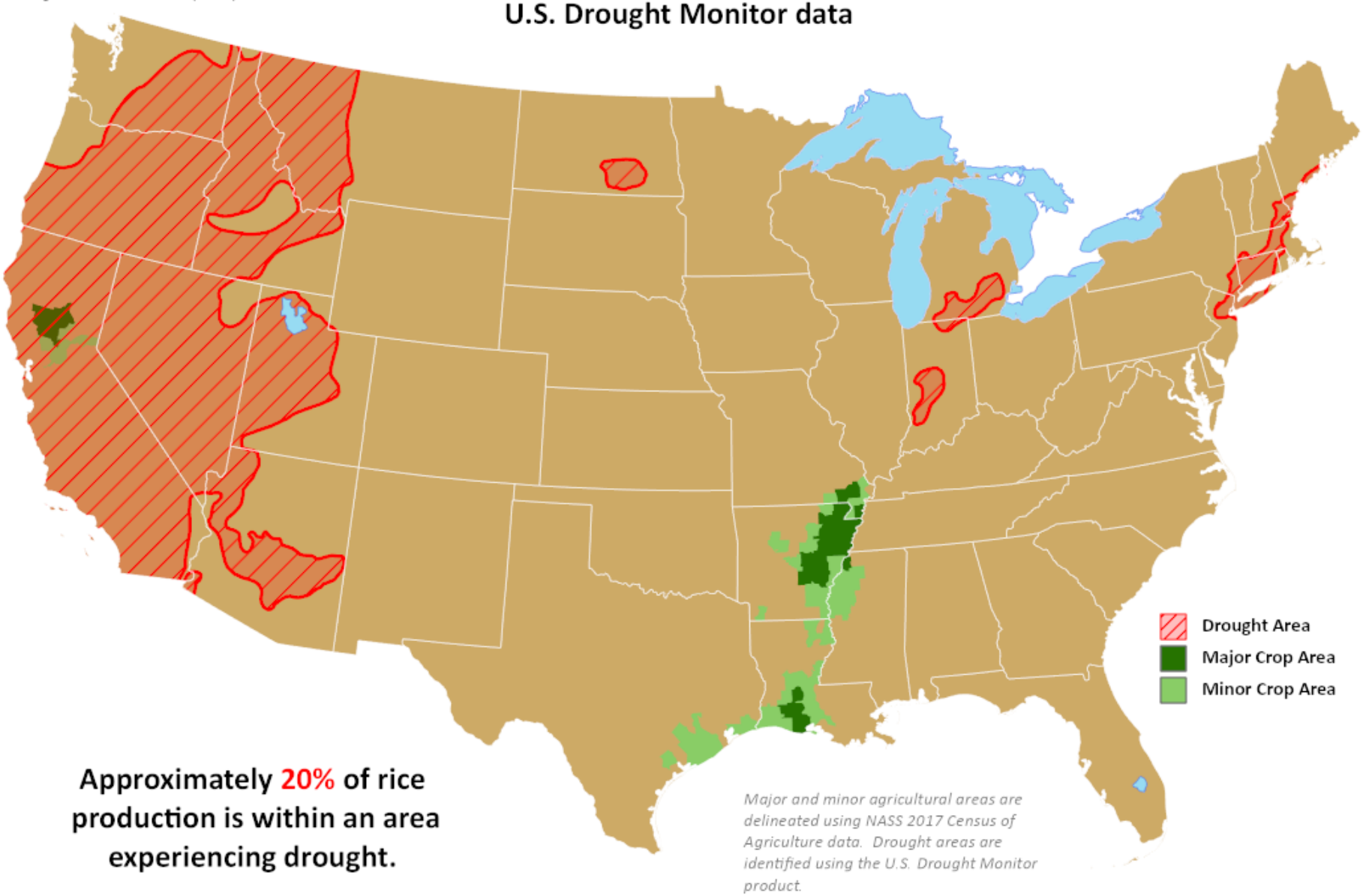

Approximately 20% of rice production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Rice Located in Drought

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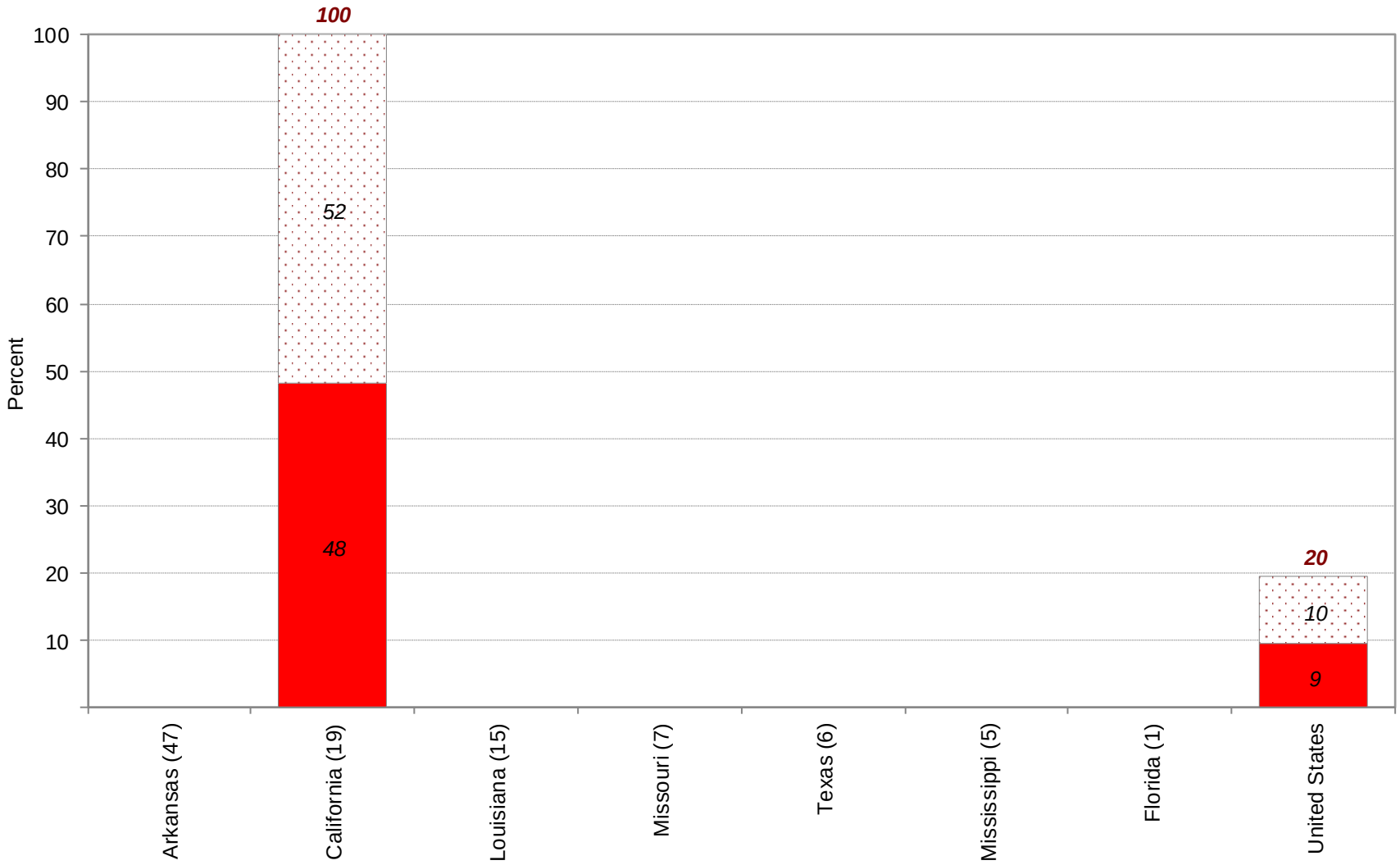

Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
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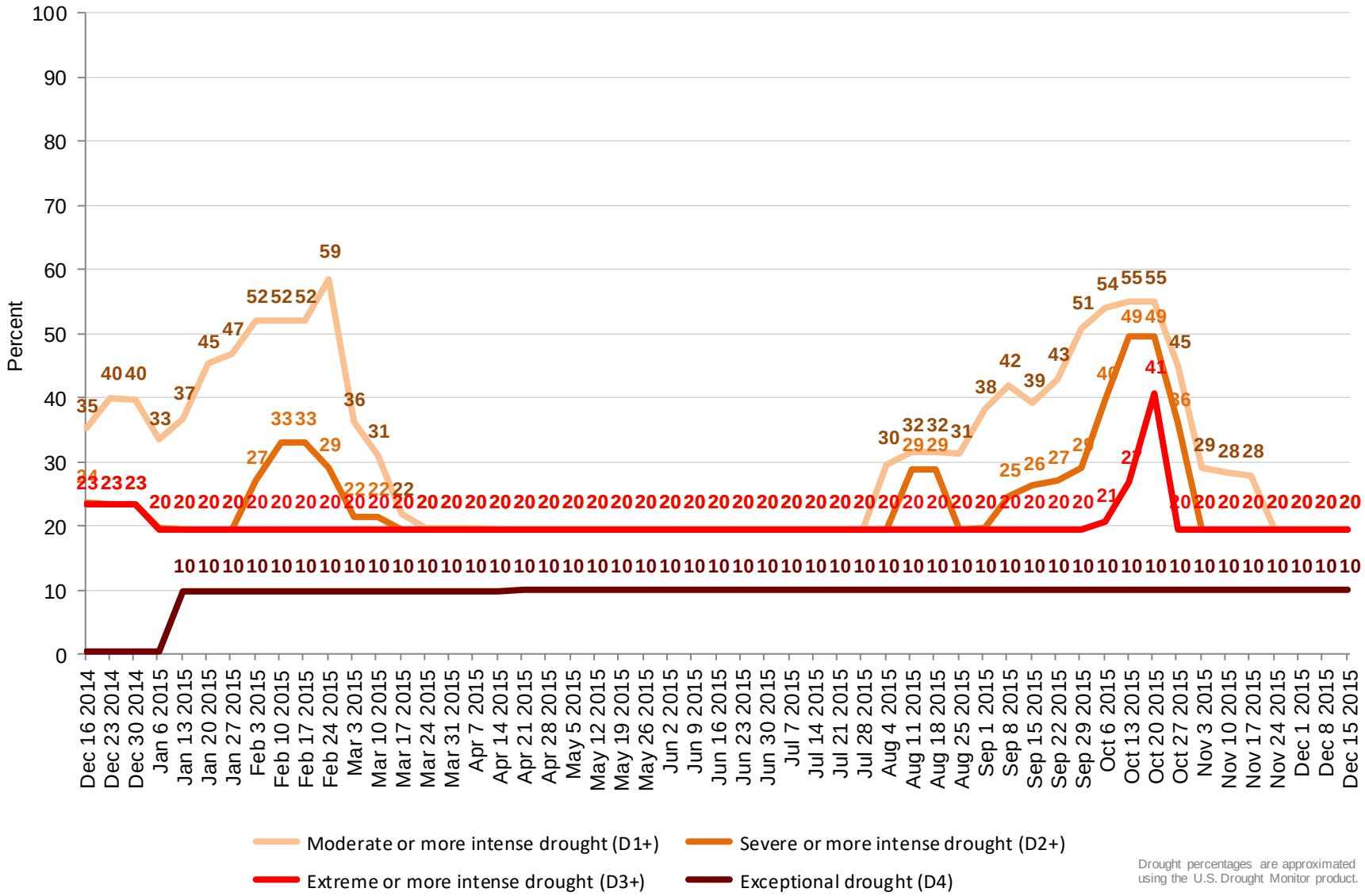
Percent of United States Rice Located in Drought



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Sorghum Areas in Drought

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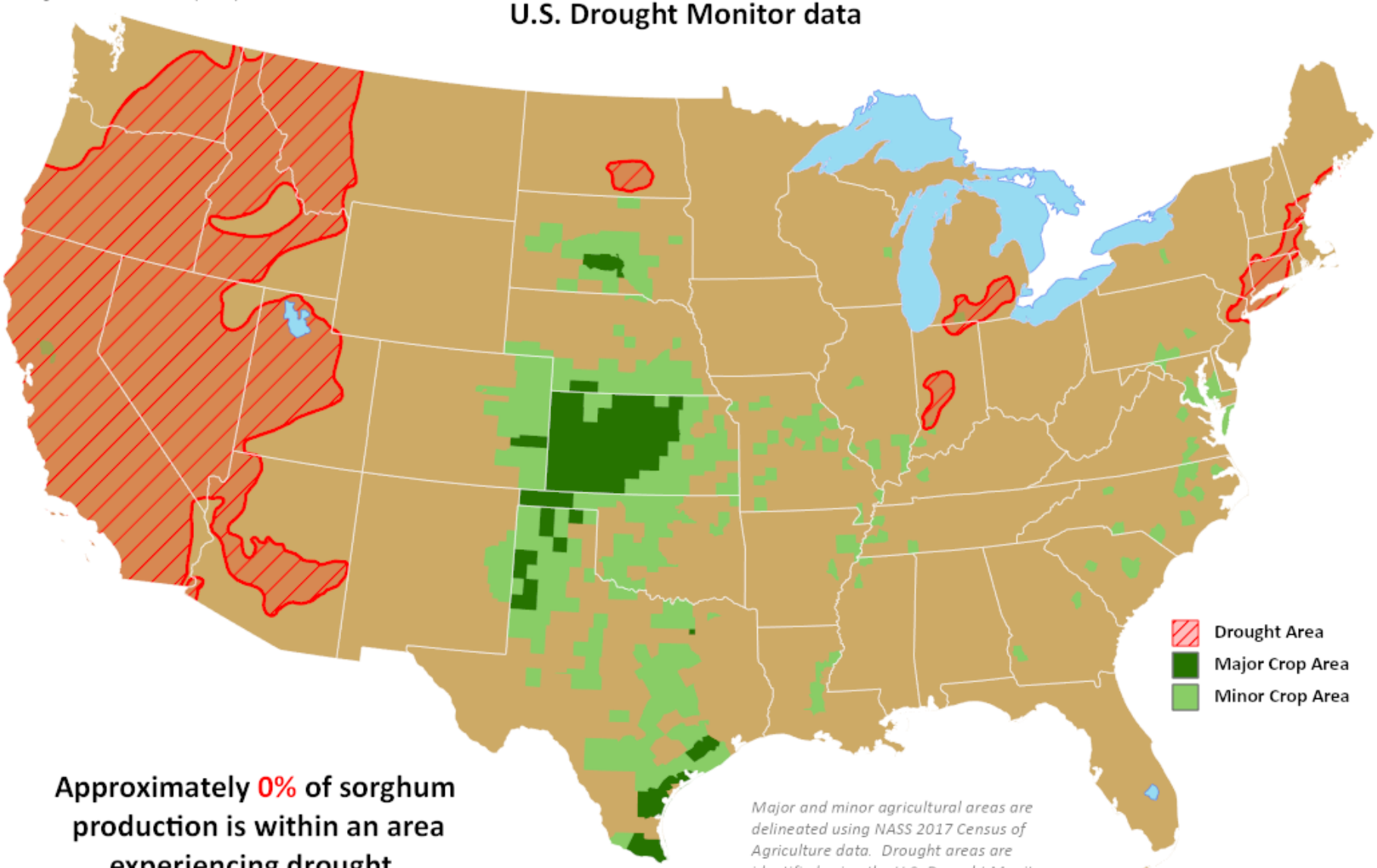

Approximately 0% of sorghum production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sorghum Located in Drought

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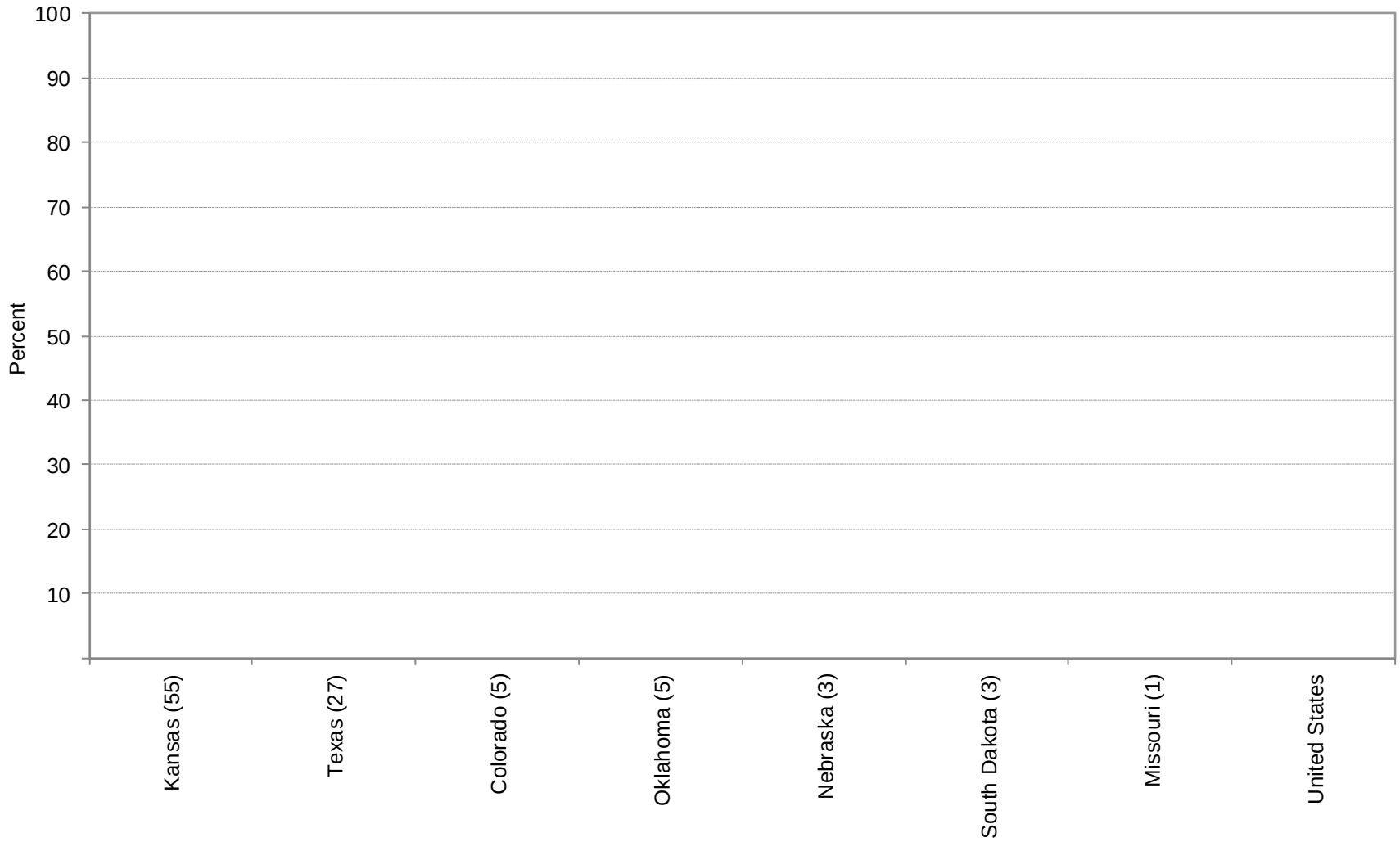

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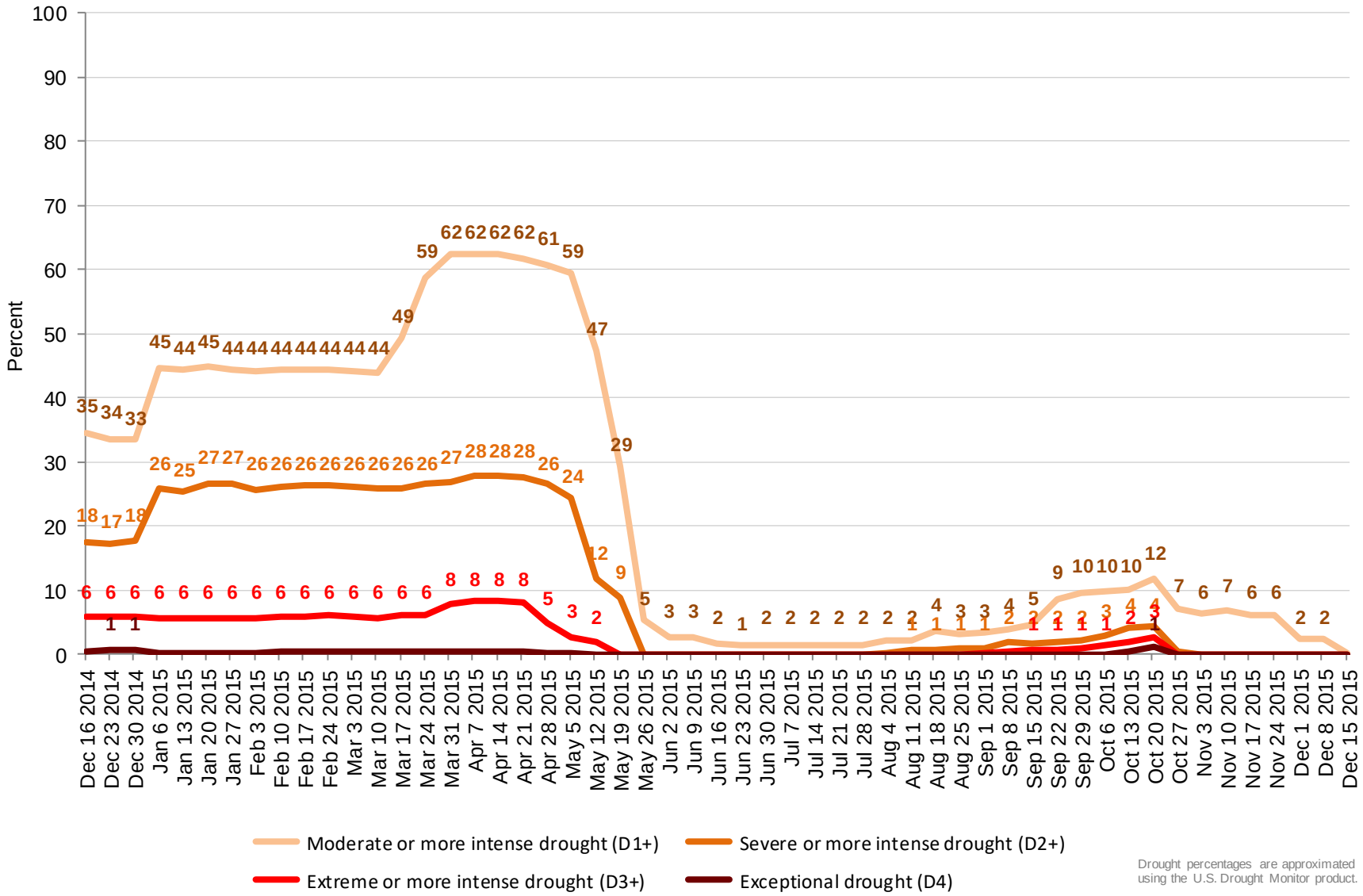
Percent of United States Sorghum Located in Drought



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Soybean Areas in Drought

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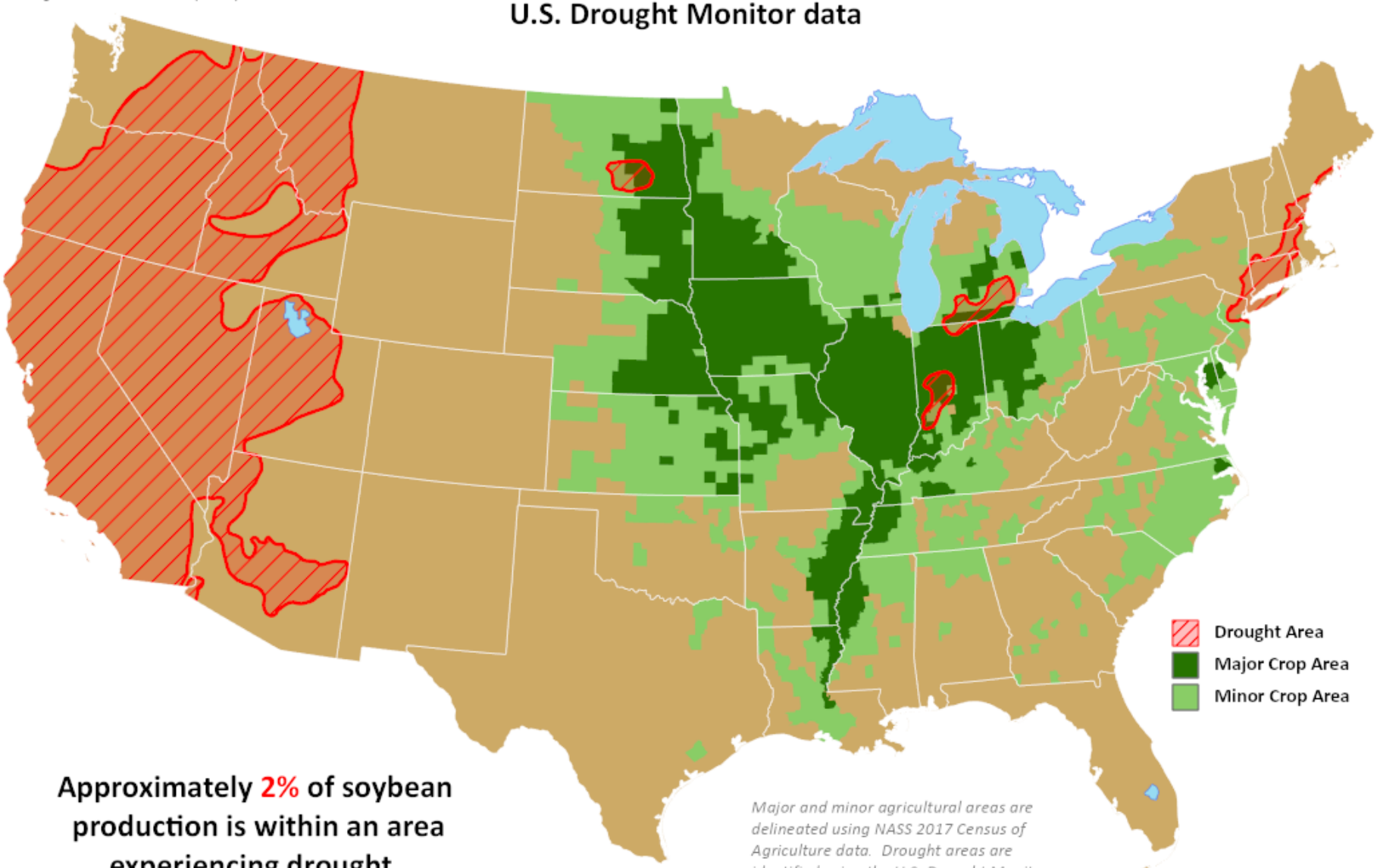

Approximately 2% of soybean production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Soybeans Located in Drought

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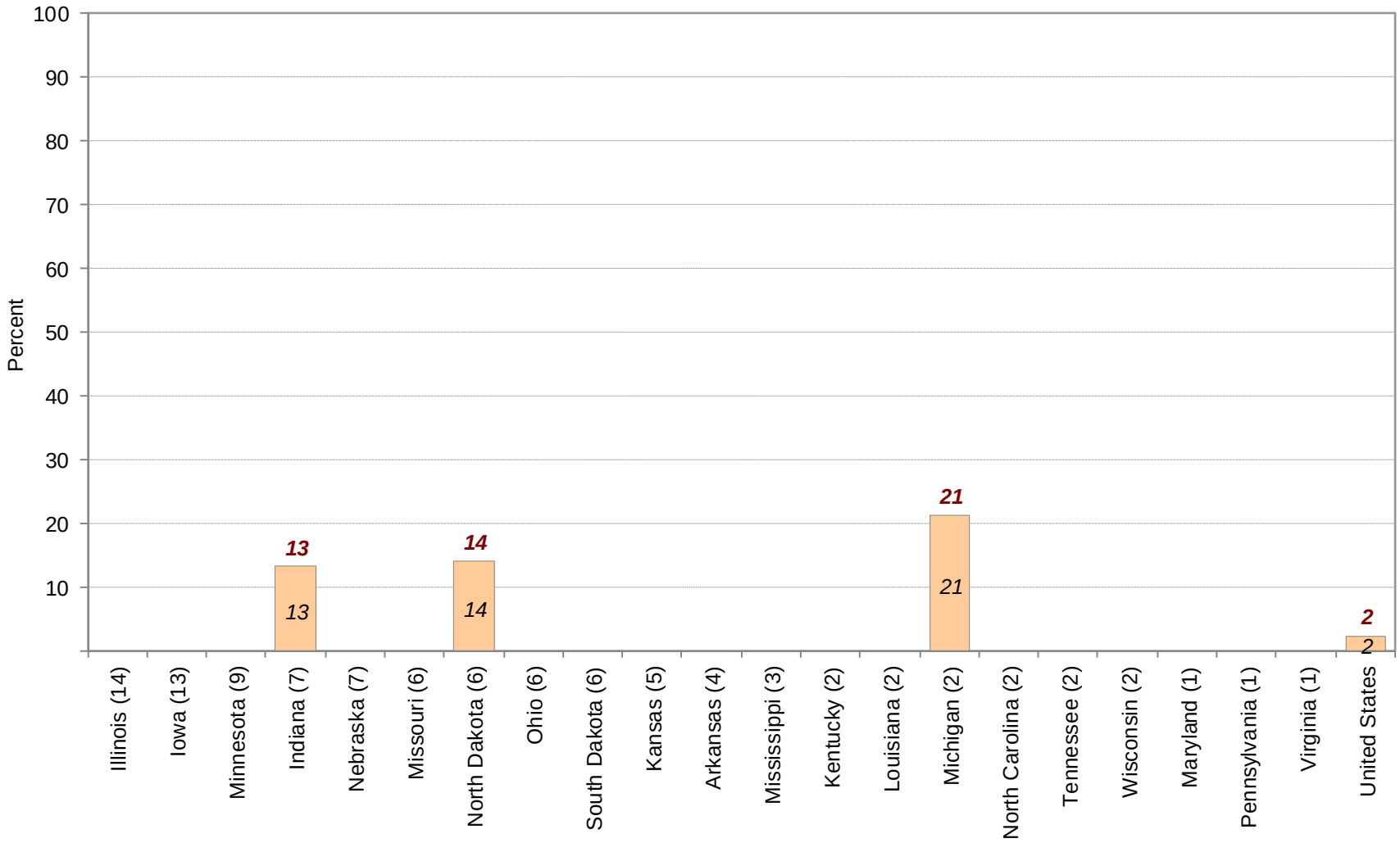

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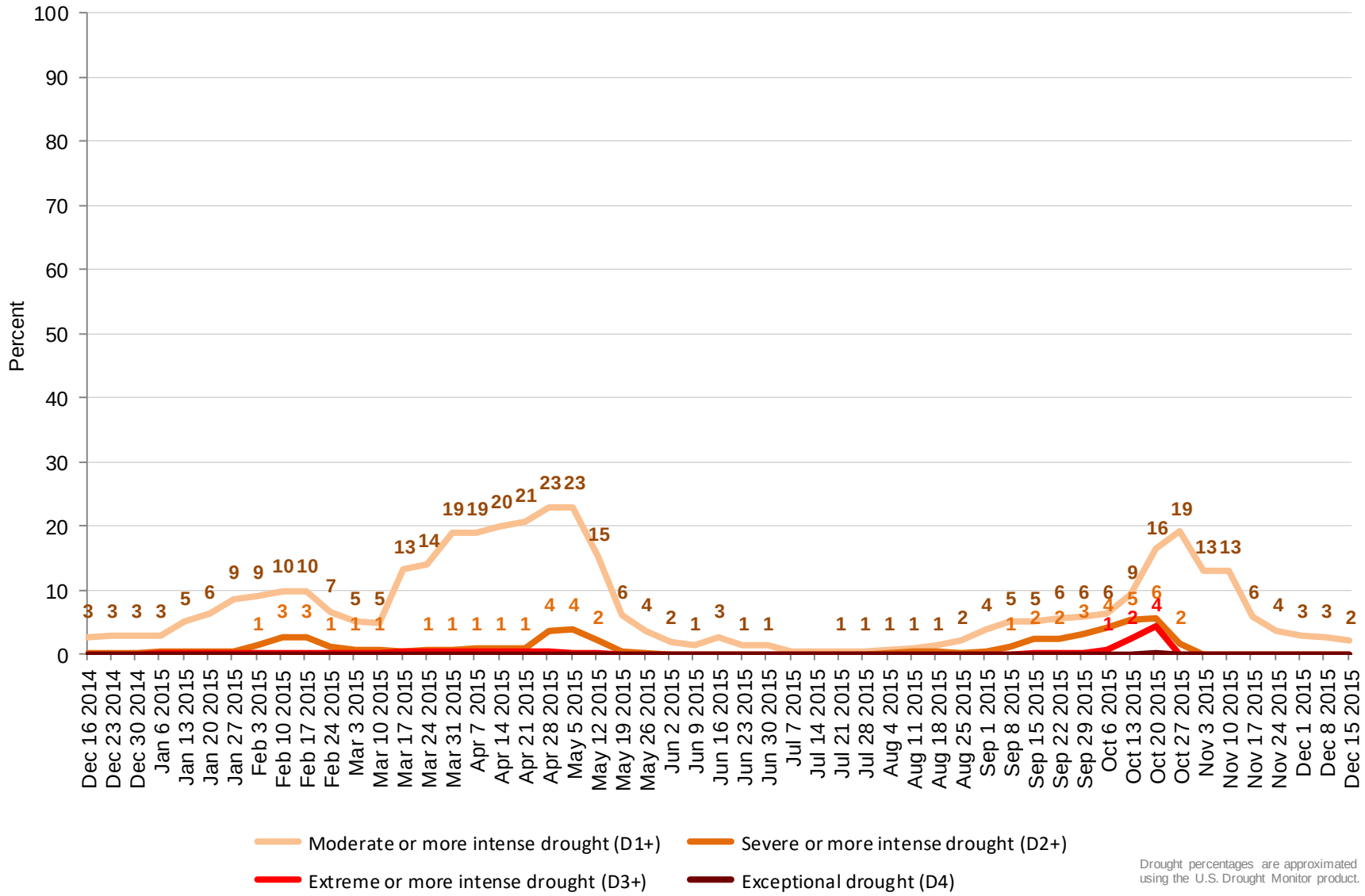

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Sunflower Areas in Drought

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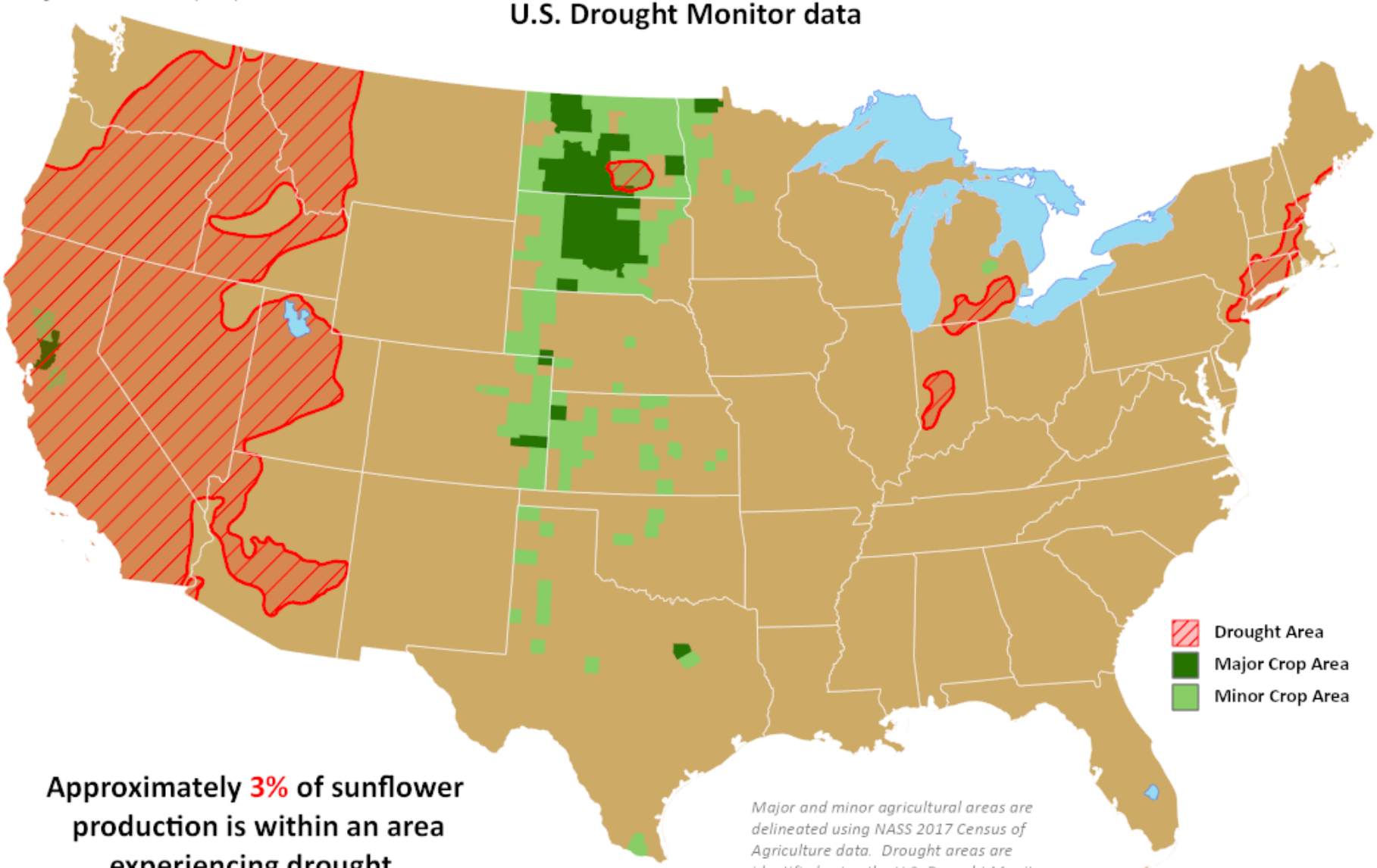

Approximately 3% of sunflower production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sunflowers Located in Drought

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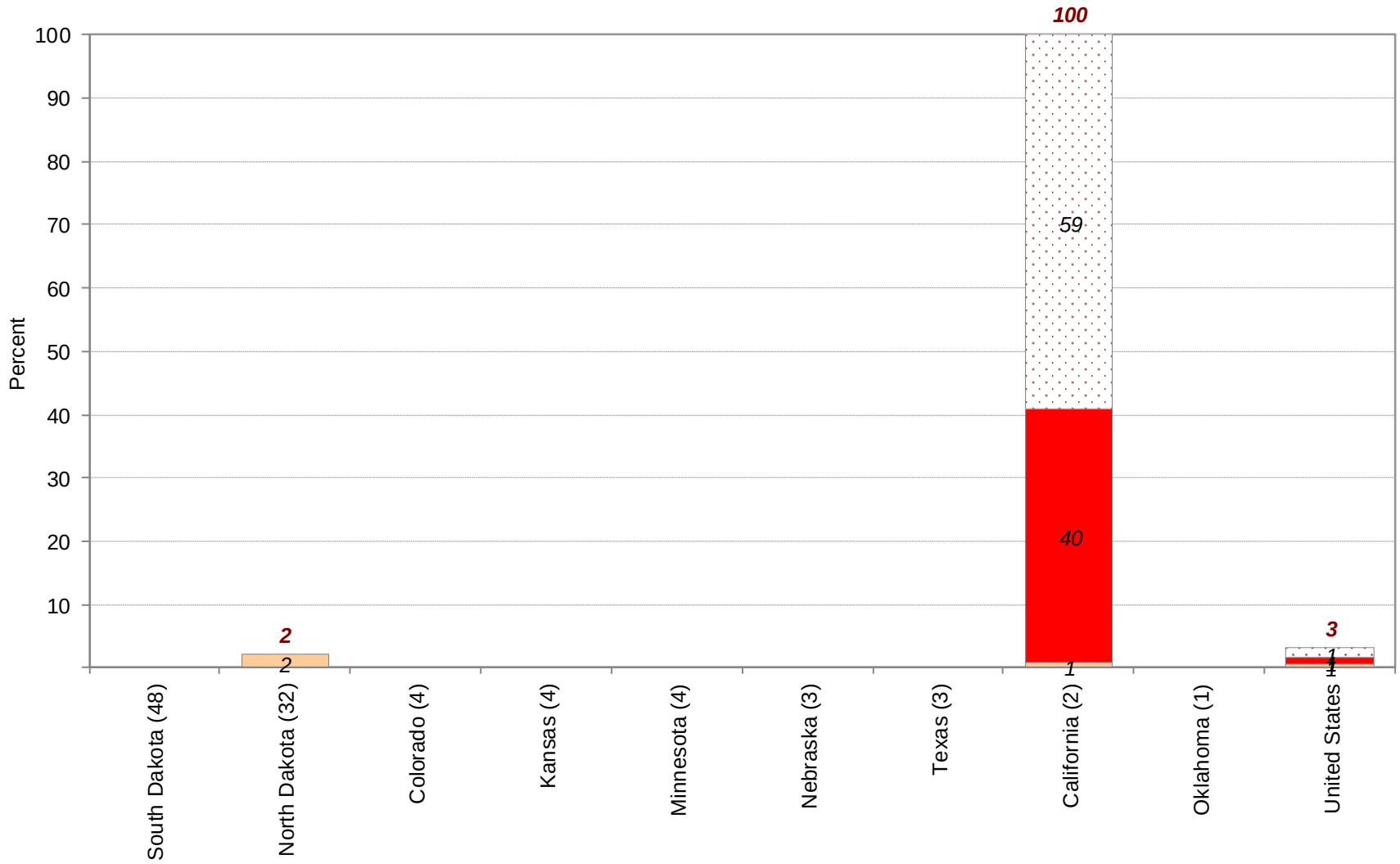

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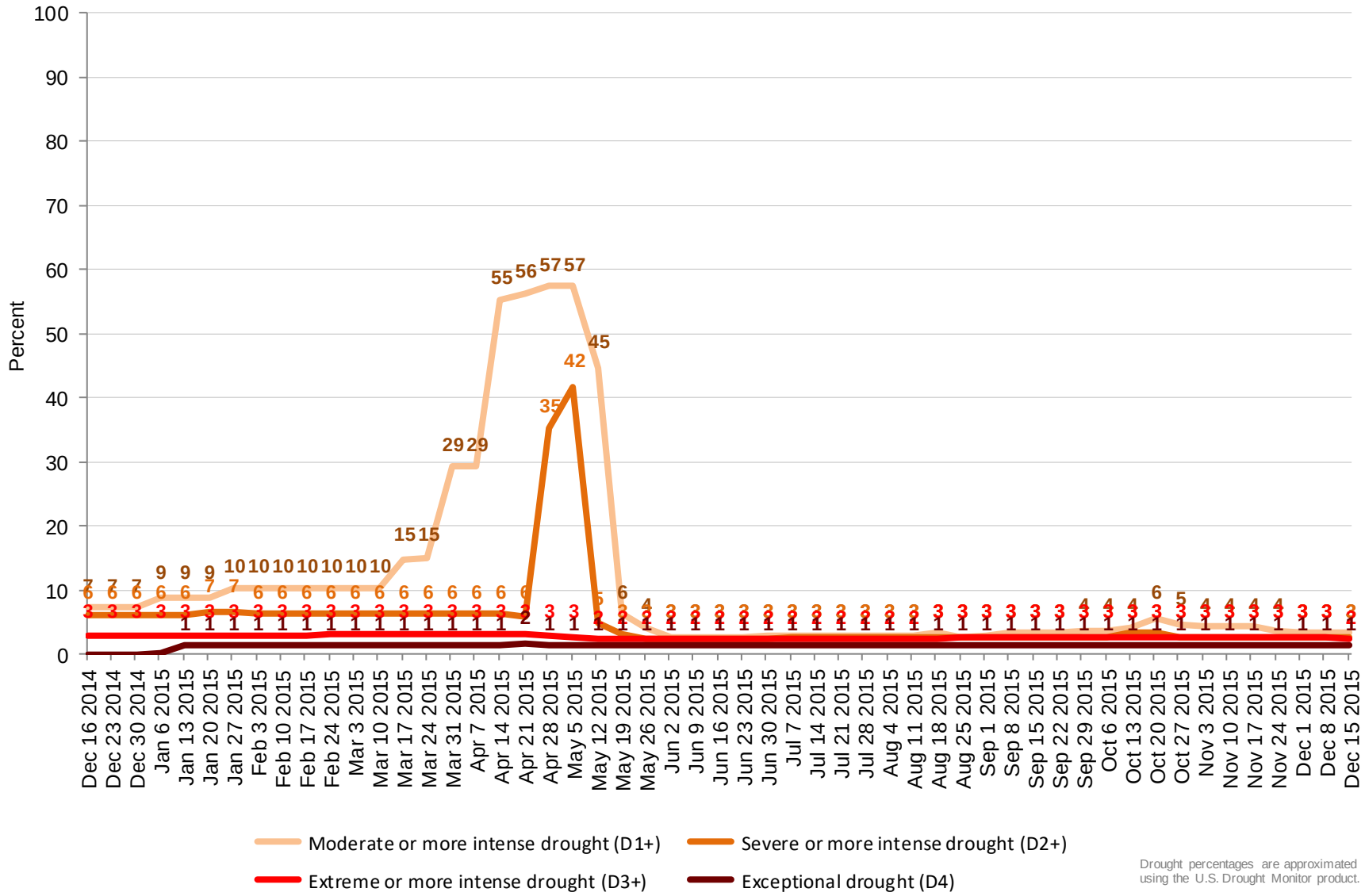
Percent of United States Sunflowers Located in Drought



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Durum Wheat Areas in Drought

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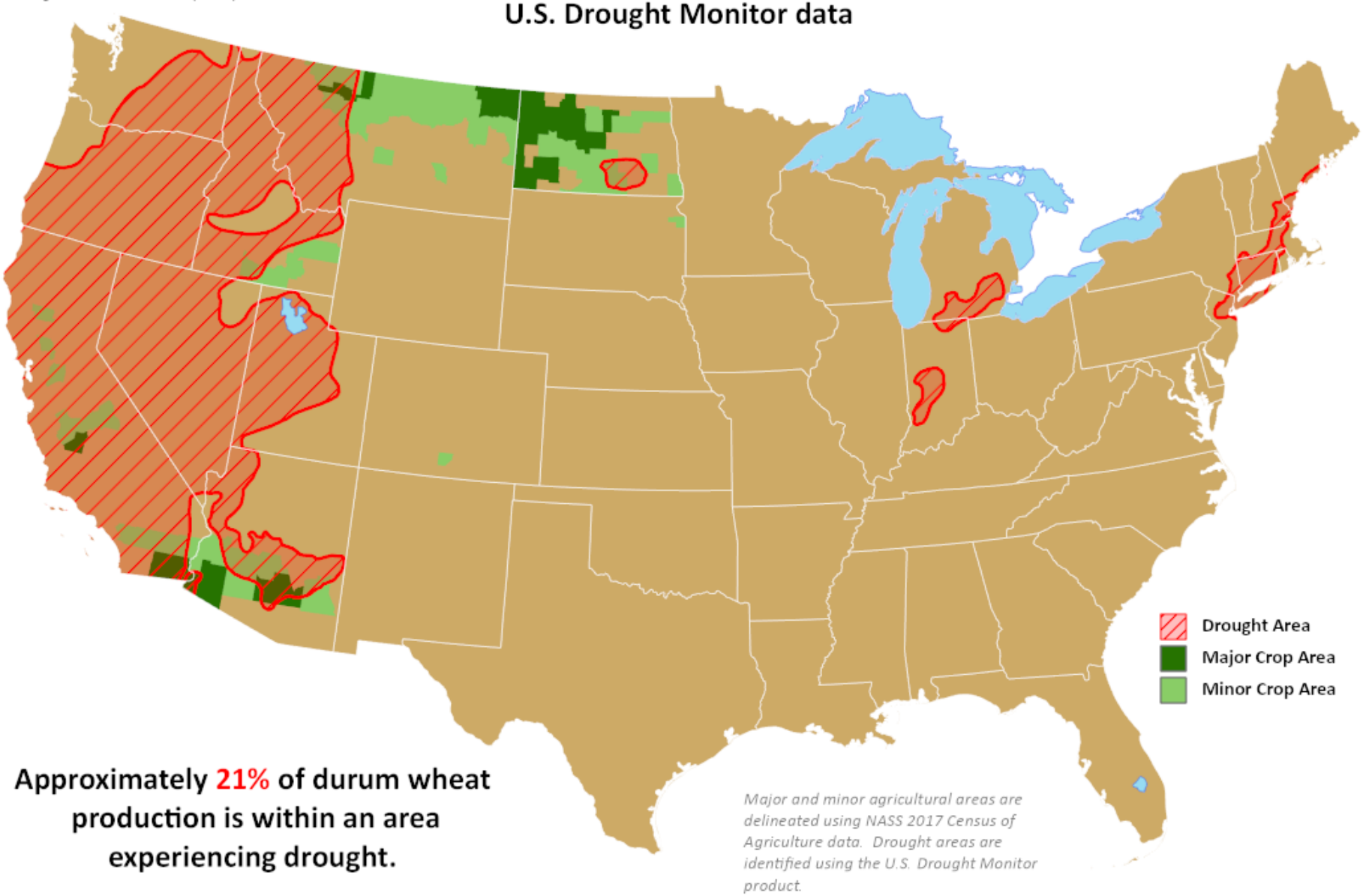

Approximately 21% of durum wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Durum Wheat Located in Drought

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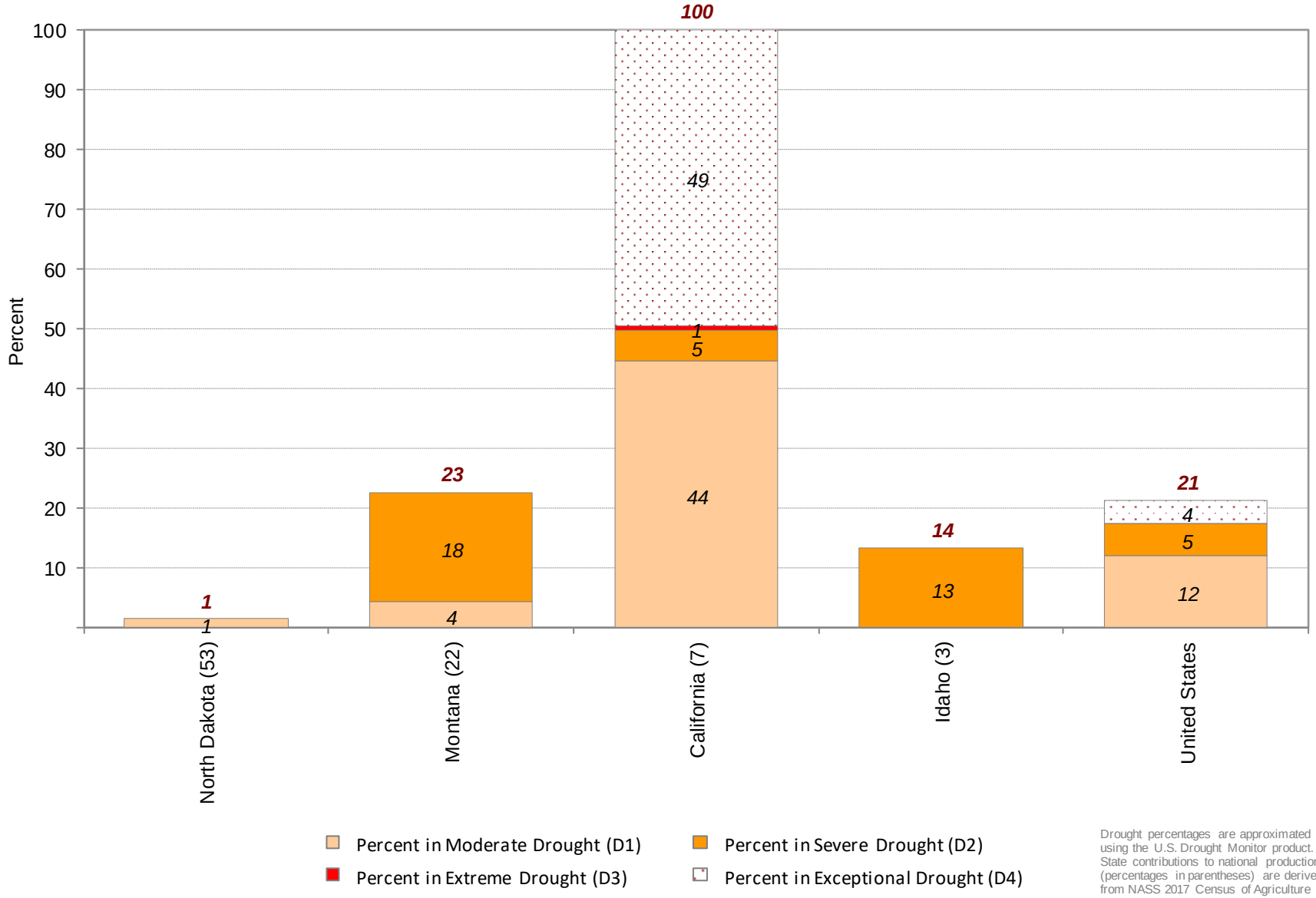

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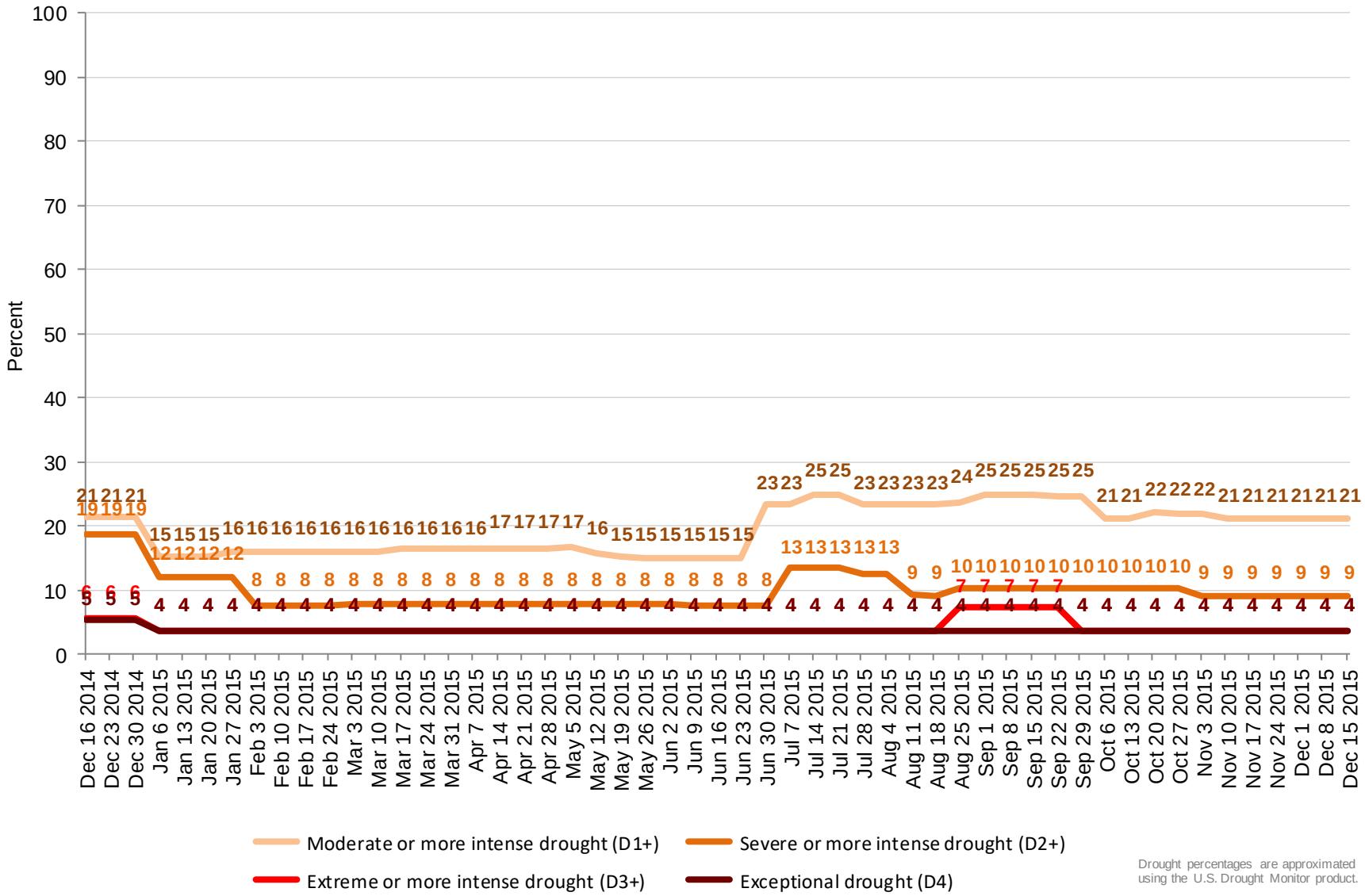
Percent of United States Durum Wheat Located in Drought



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Spring Wheat Areas in Drought

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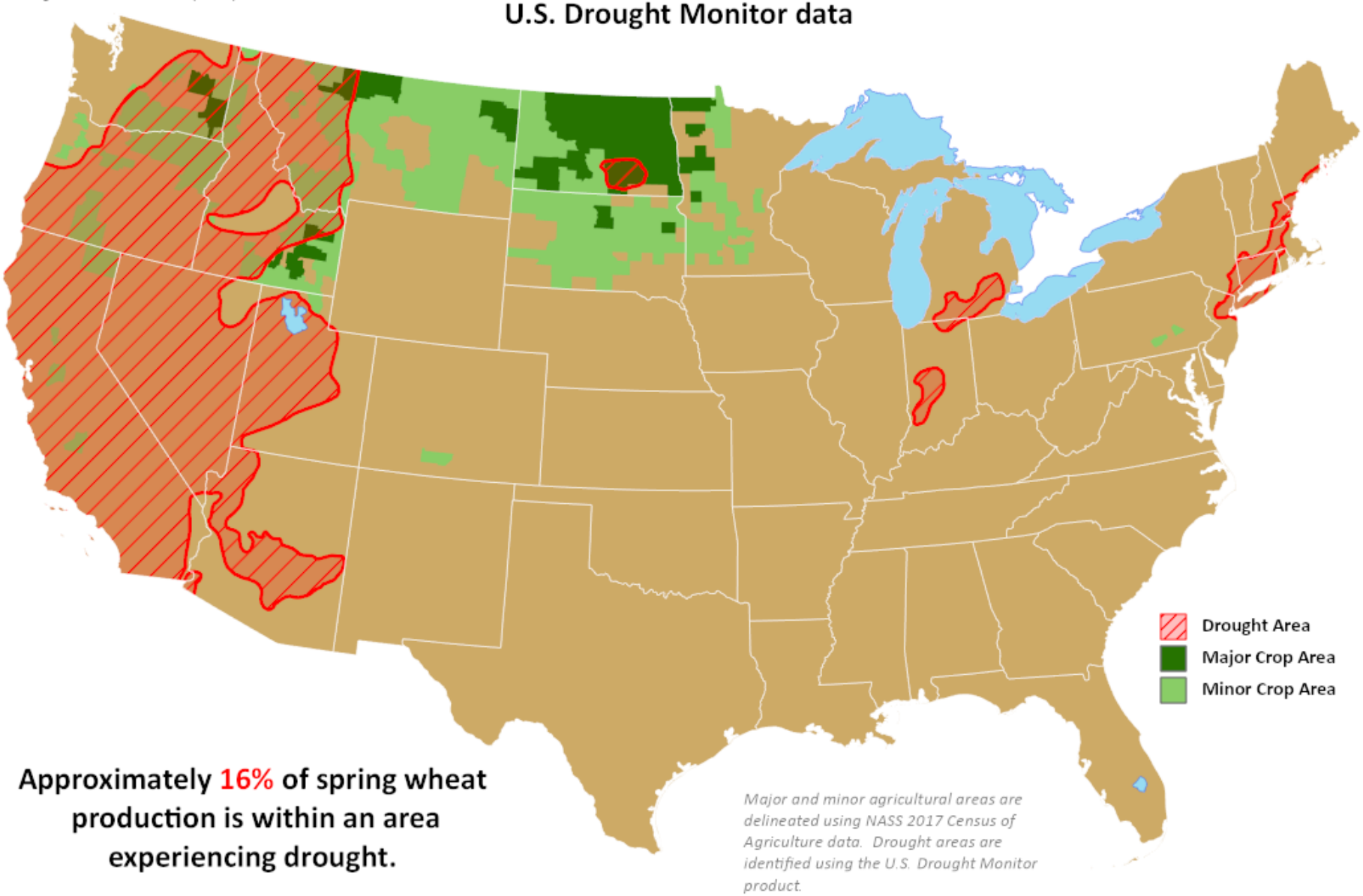

Approximately 16% of spring wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Spring Wheat Located in Drought

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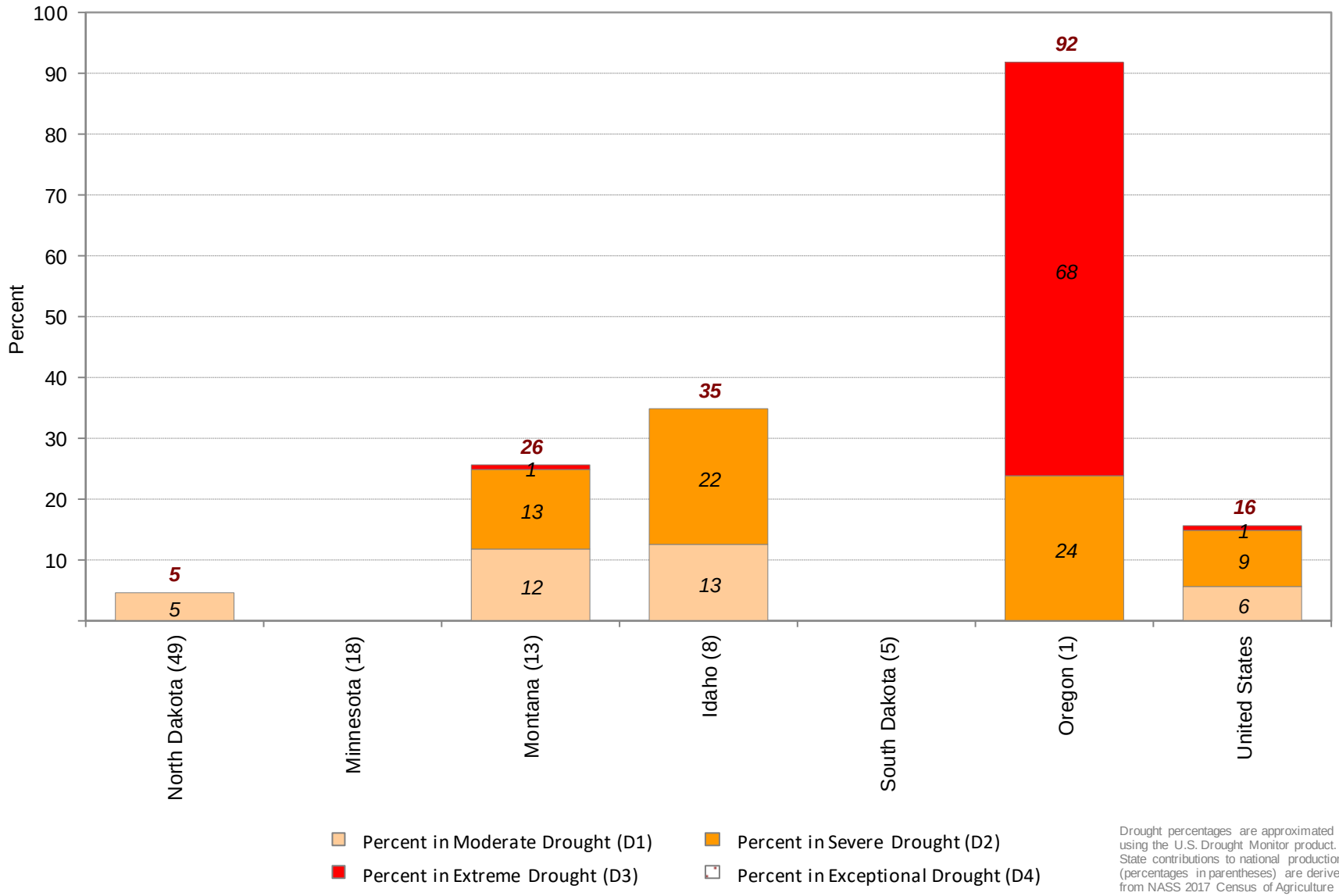

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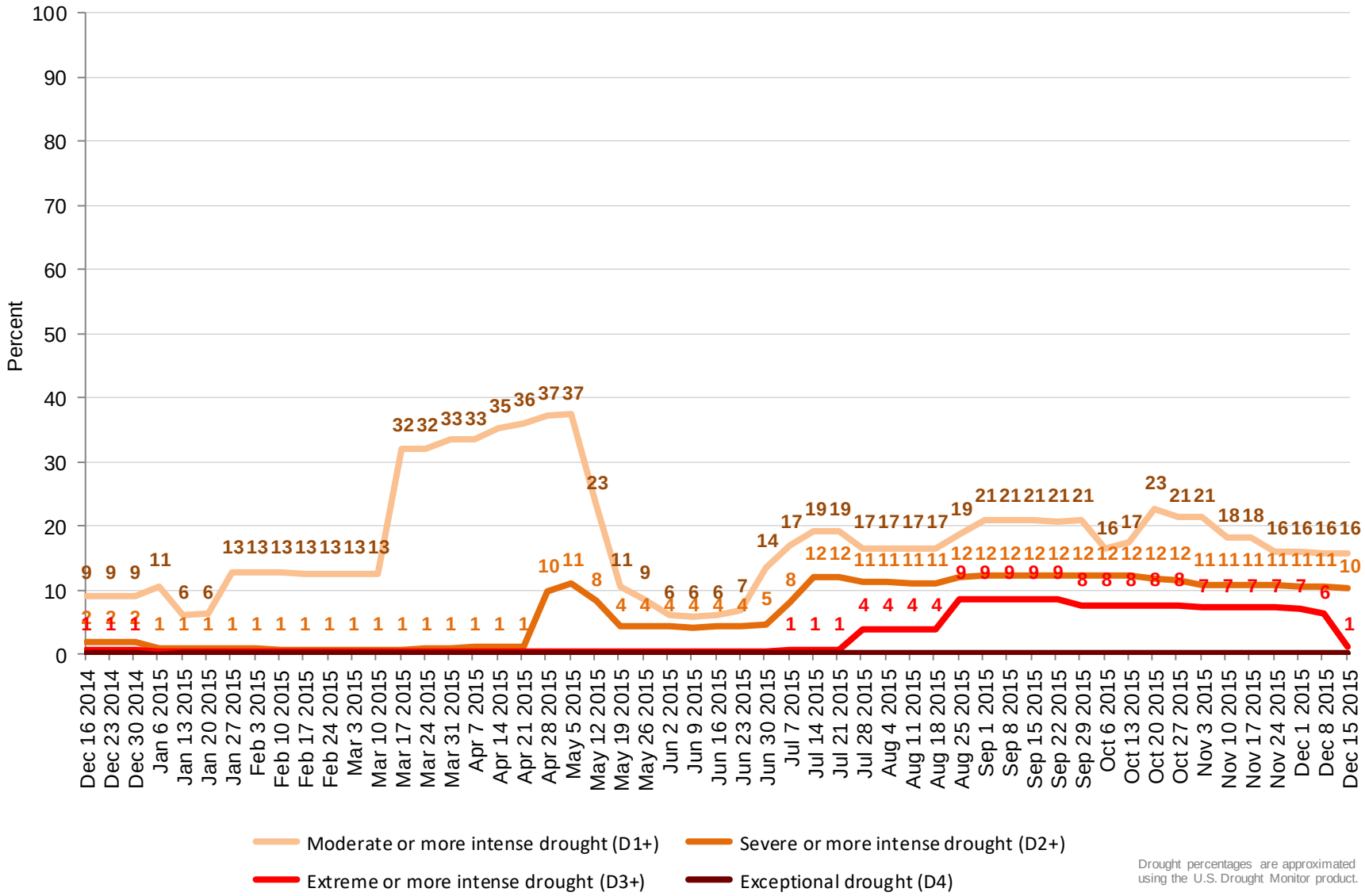
Percent of United States Spring Wheat Located in Drought



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Winter Wheat Areas in Drought

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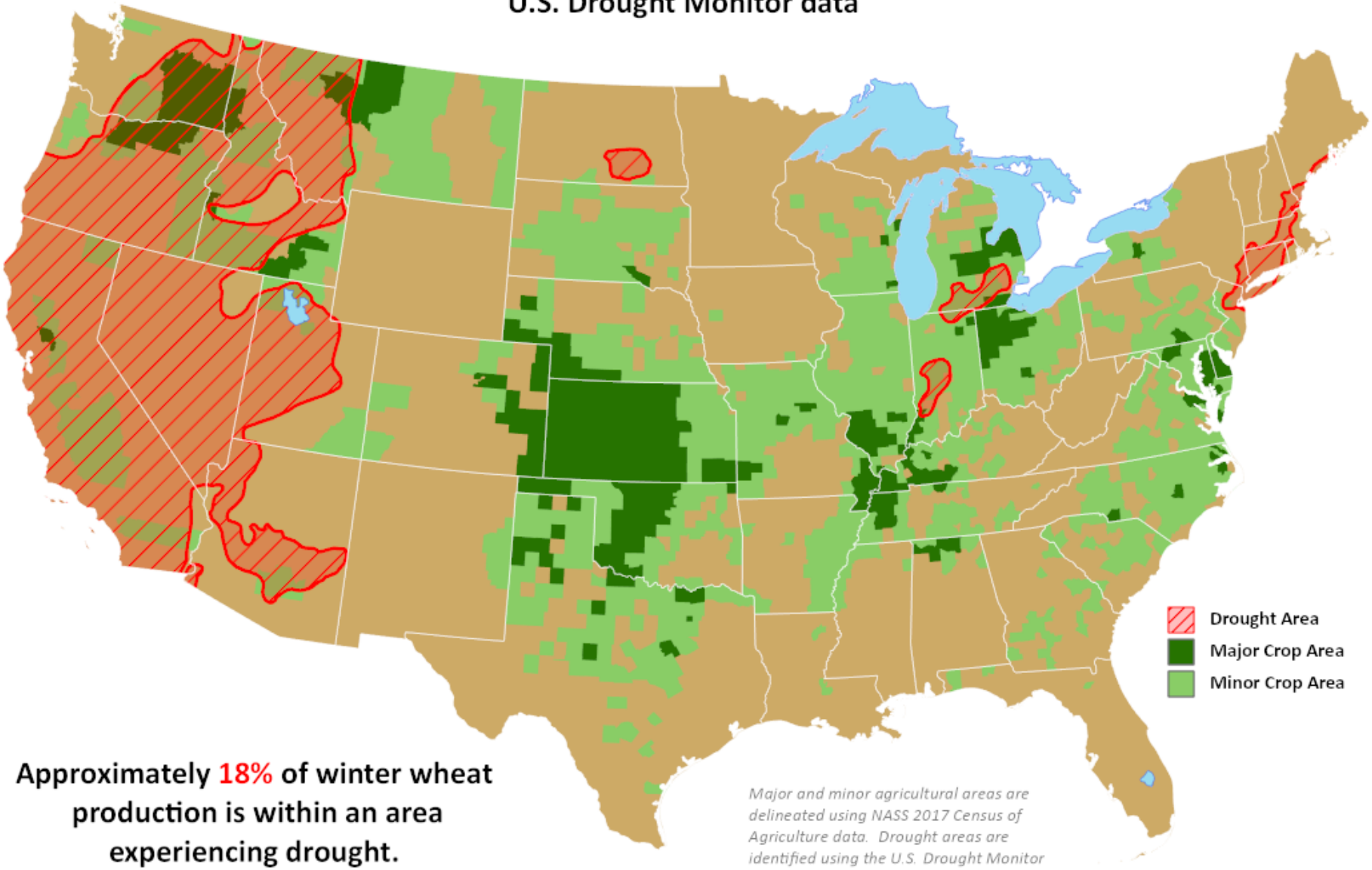

Approximately 18% of winter wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Winter Wheat Located in Drought

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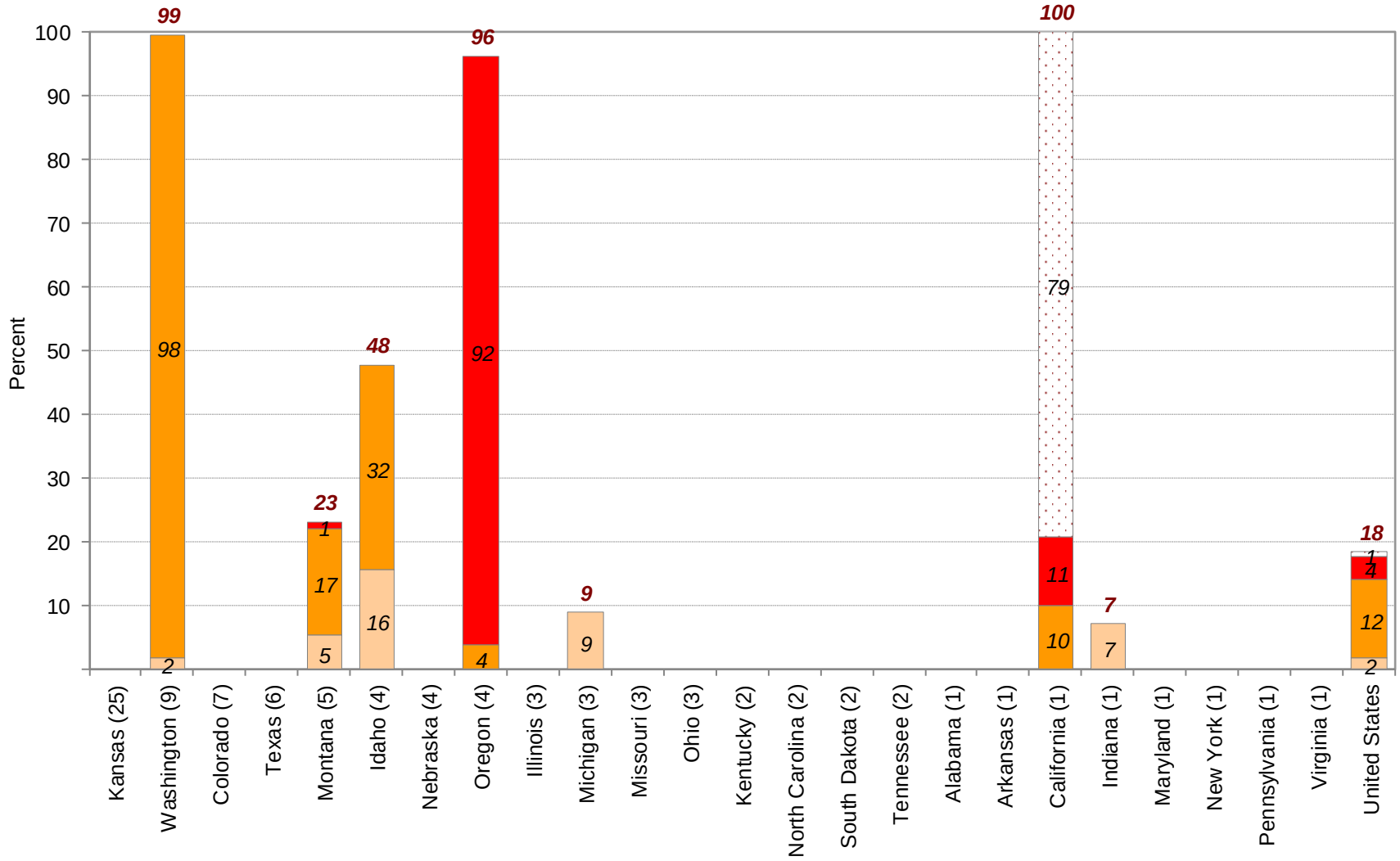

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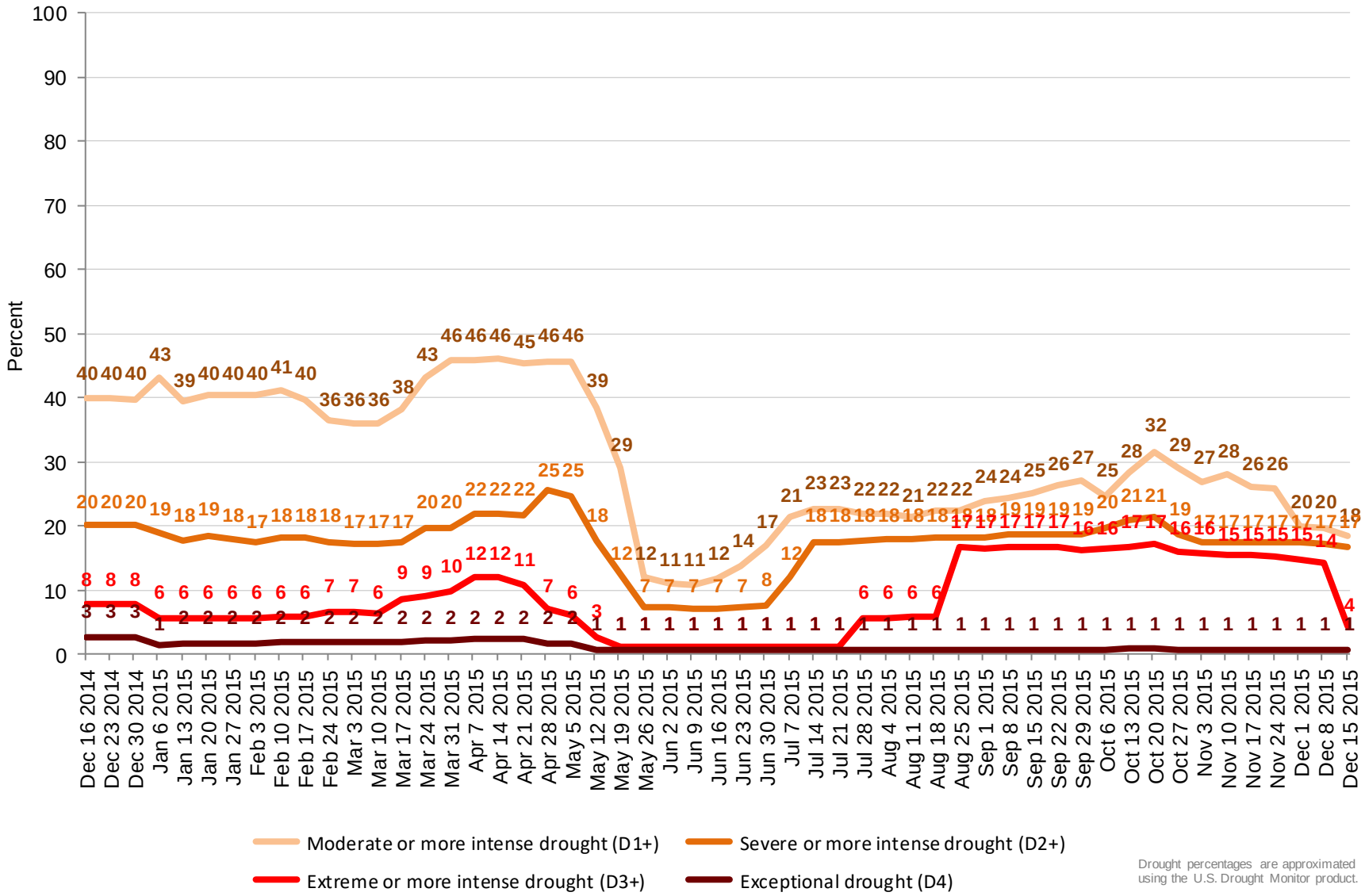
Percent of United States Winter Wheat Located in Drought



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Hay Areas in Drought

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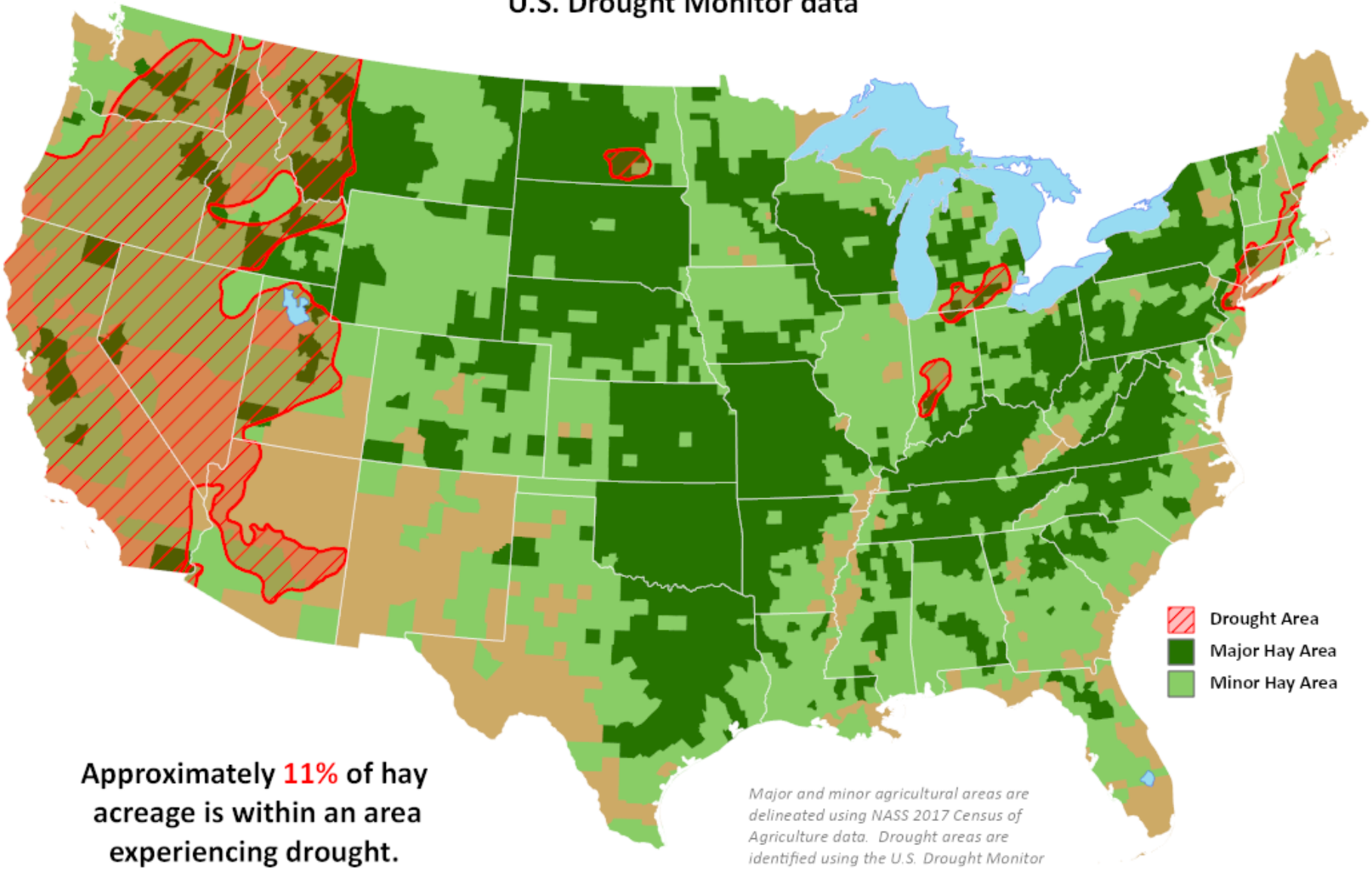

Approximately 11% of hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Hay Located in Drought

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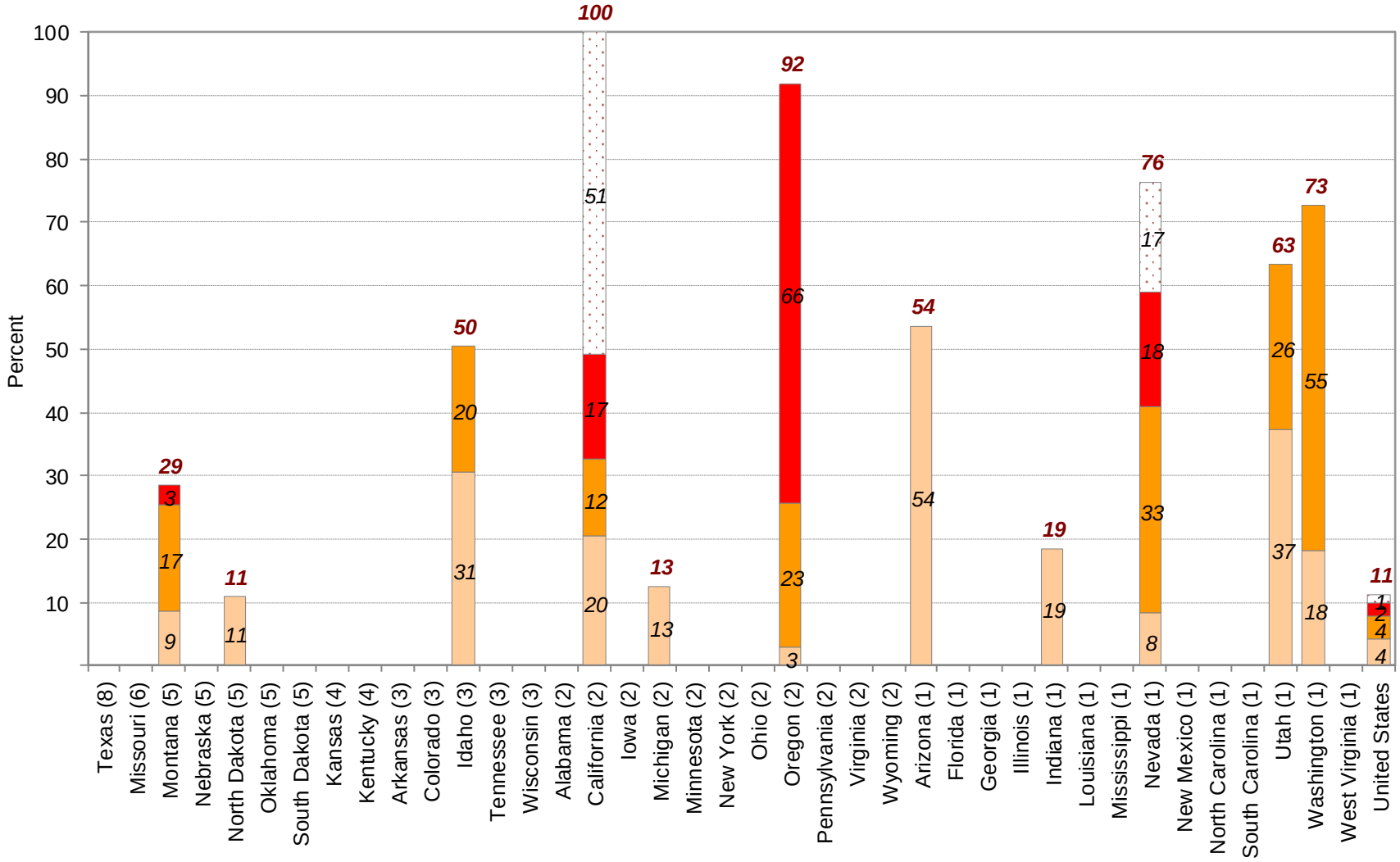

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Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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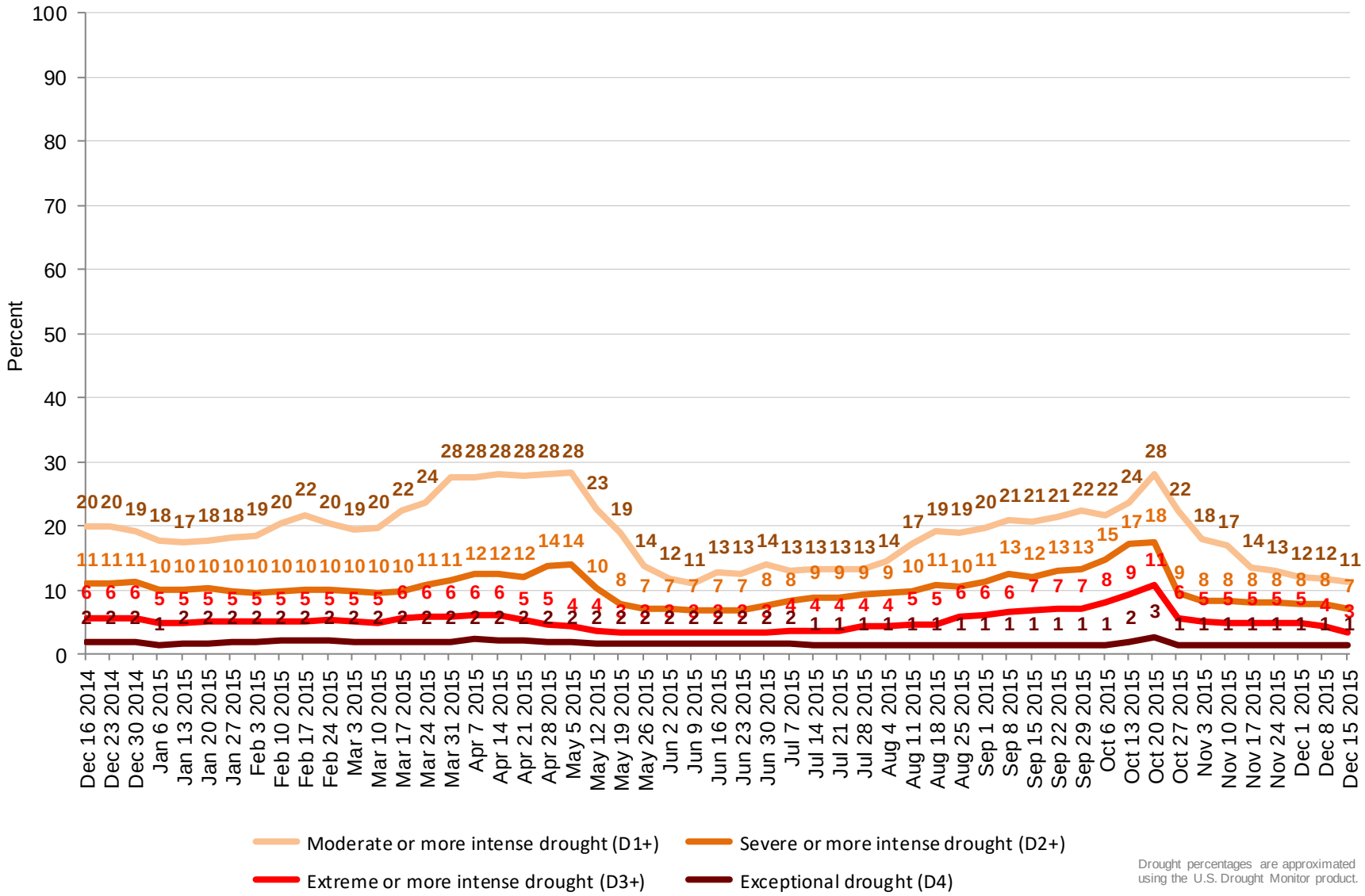
Percent of United States Hay Located in Drought



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Alfalfa Hay Areas in Drought

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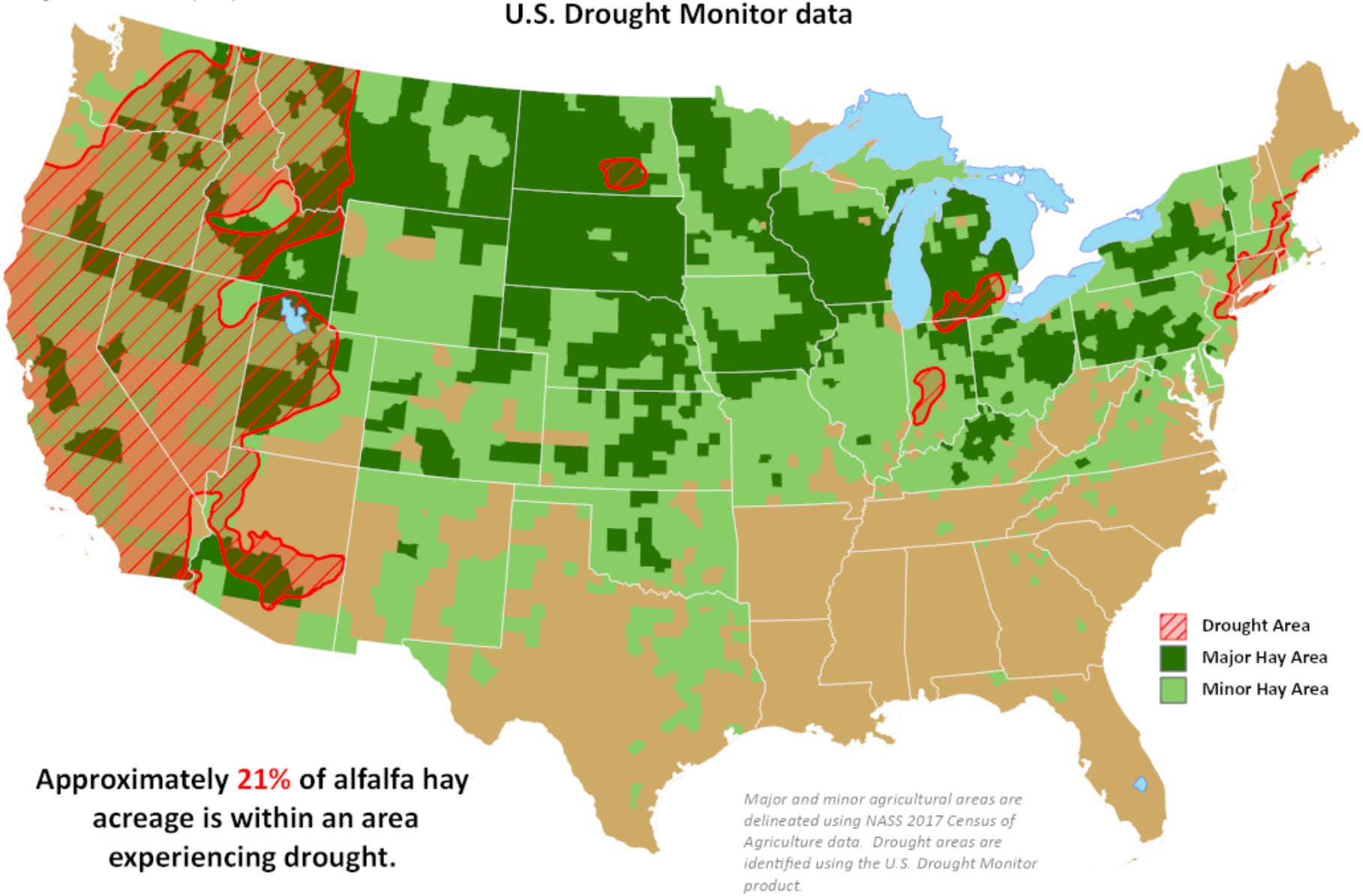

Approximately 21% of alfalfa hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought

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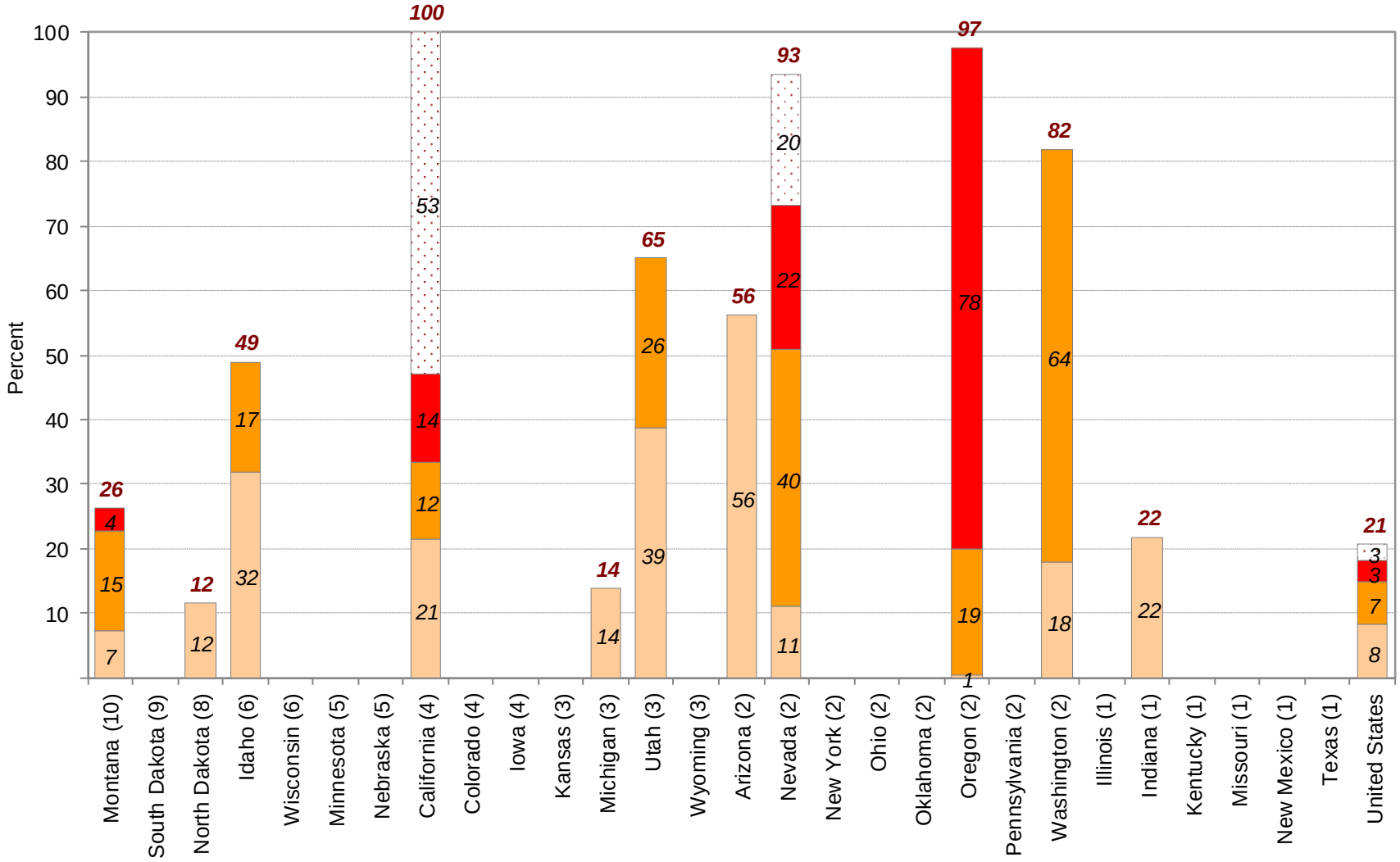

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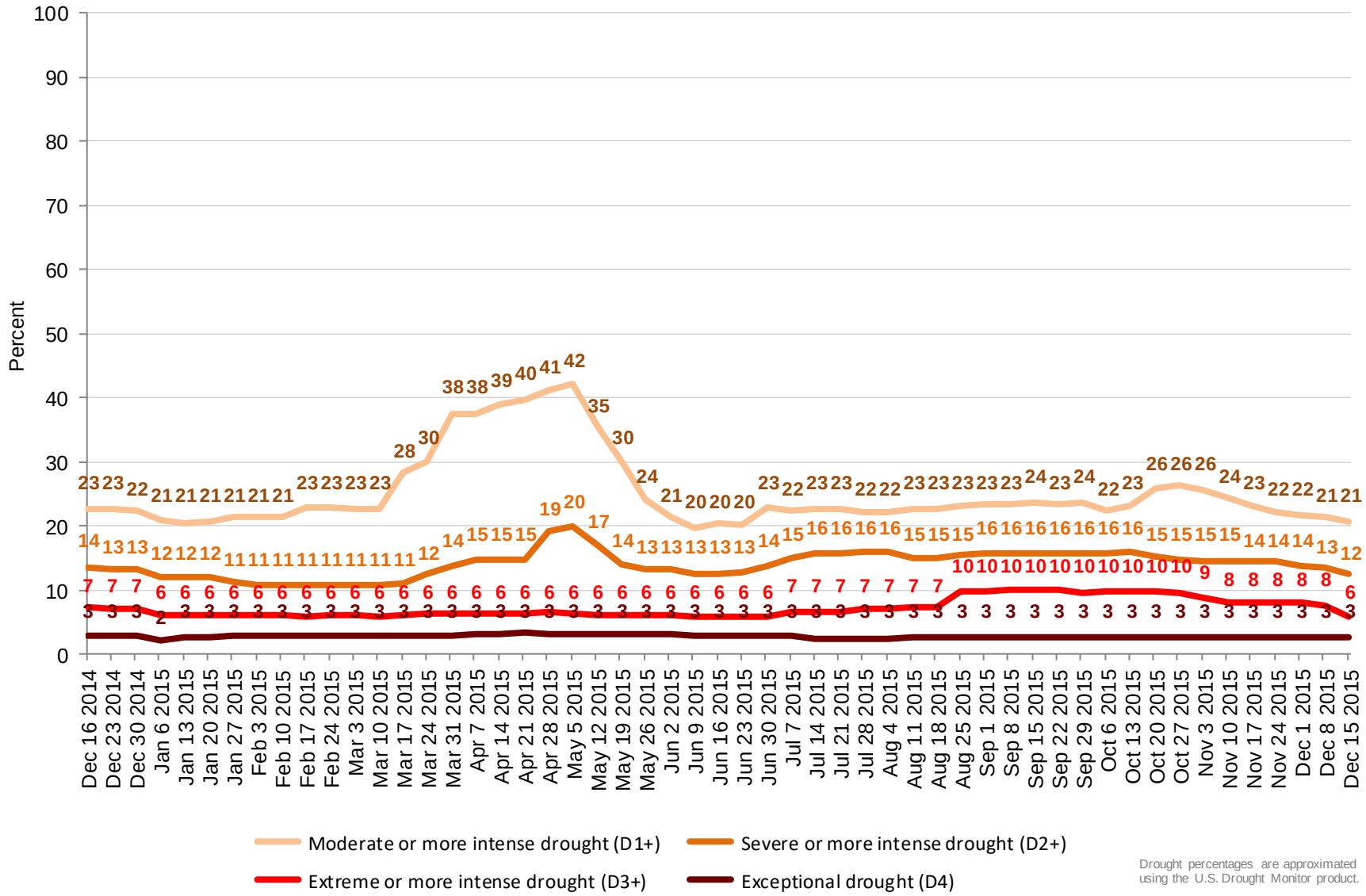
Percent of United States Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought



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Hog Areas in Drought

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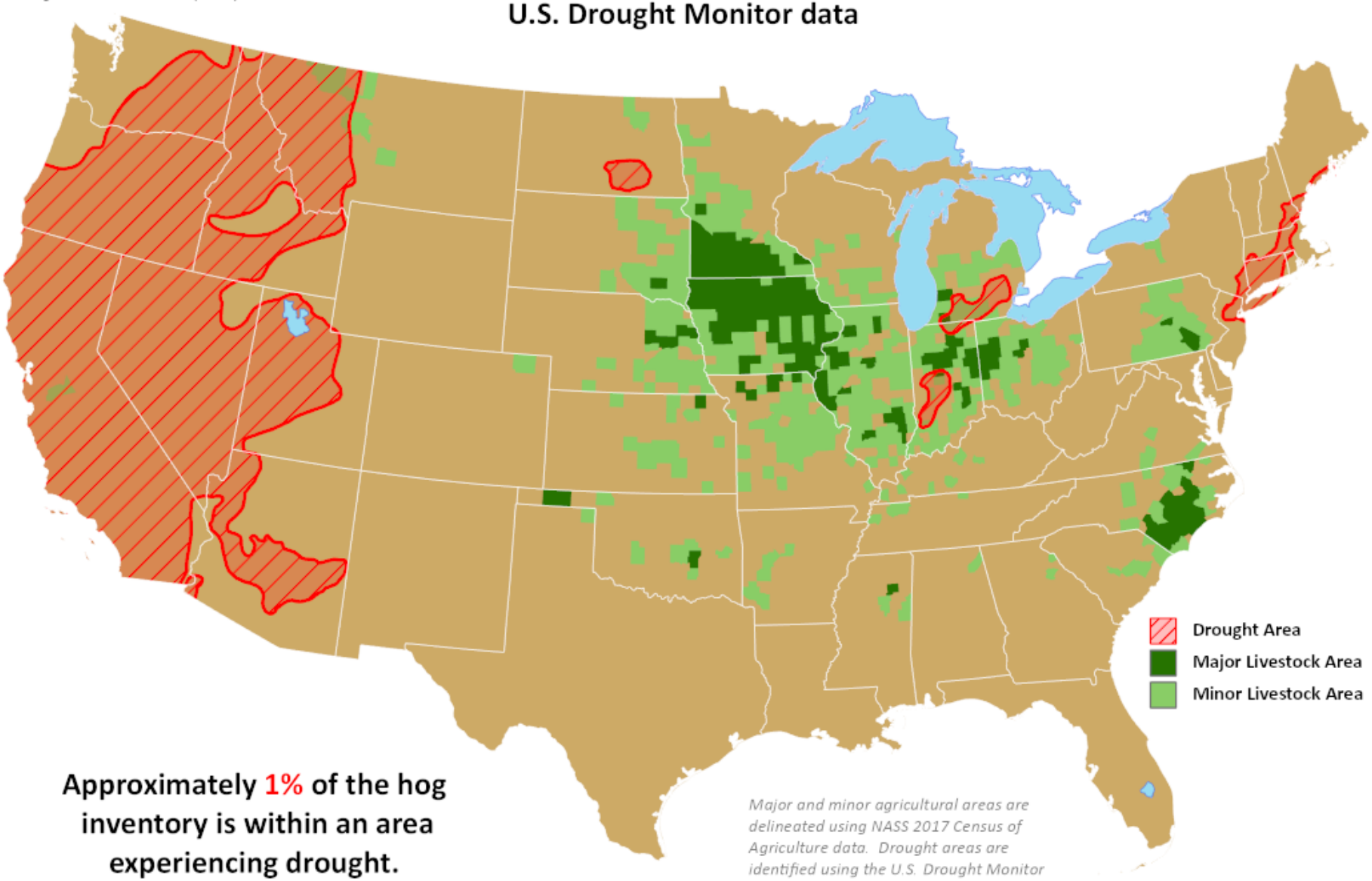

Approximately 1% of the hog inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Hogs Located in Drought

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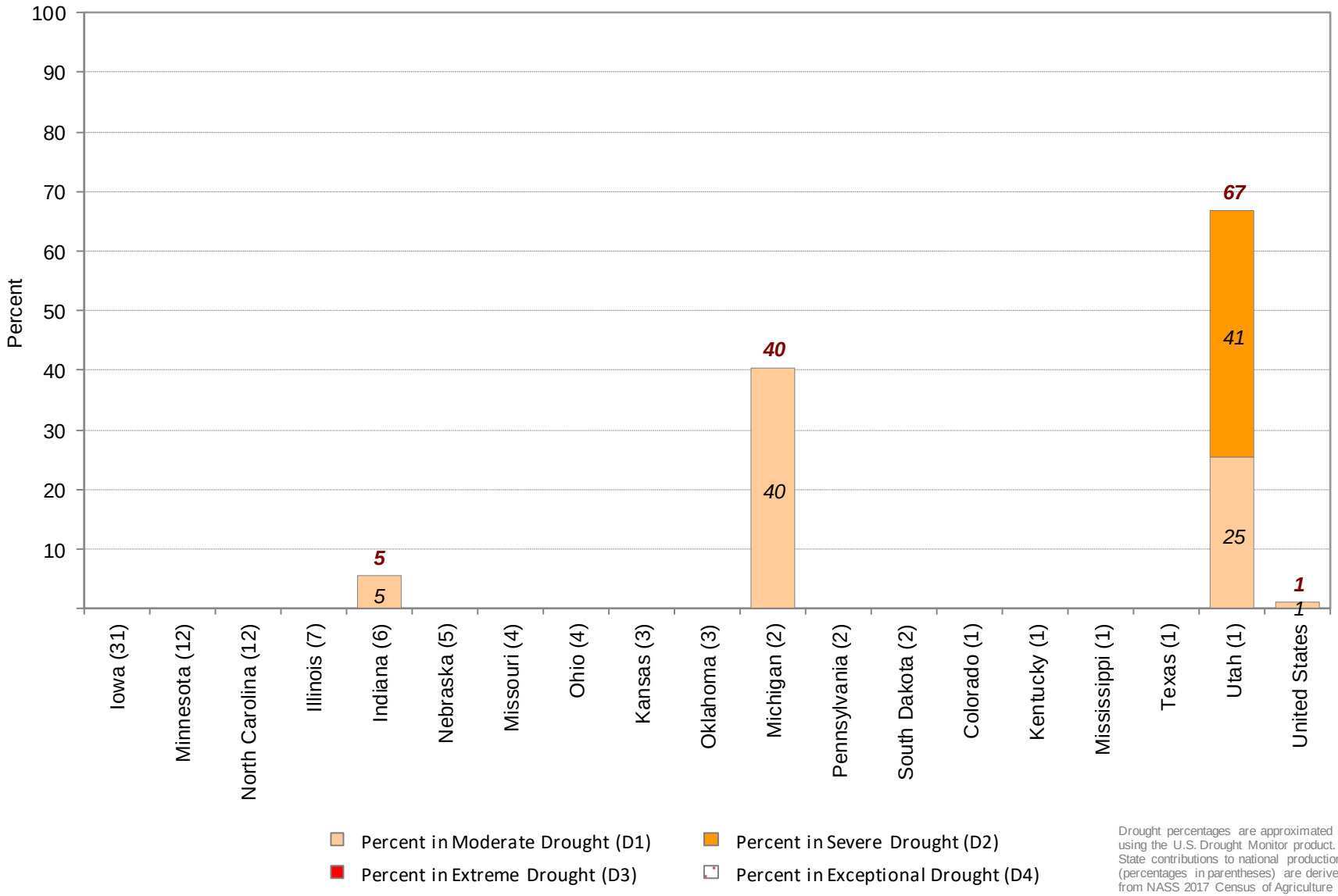

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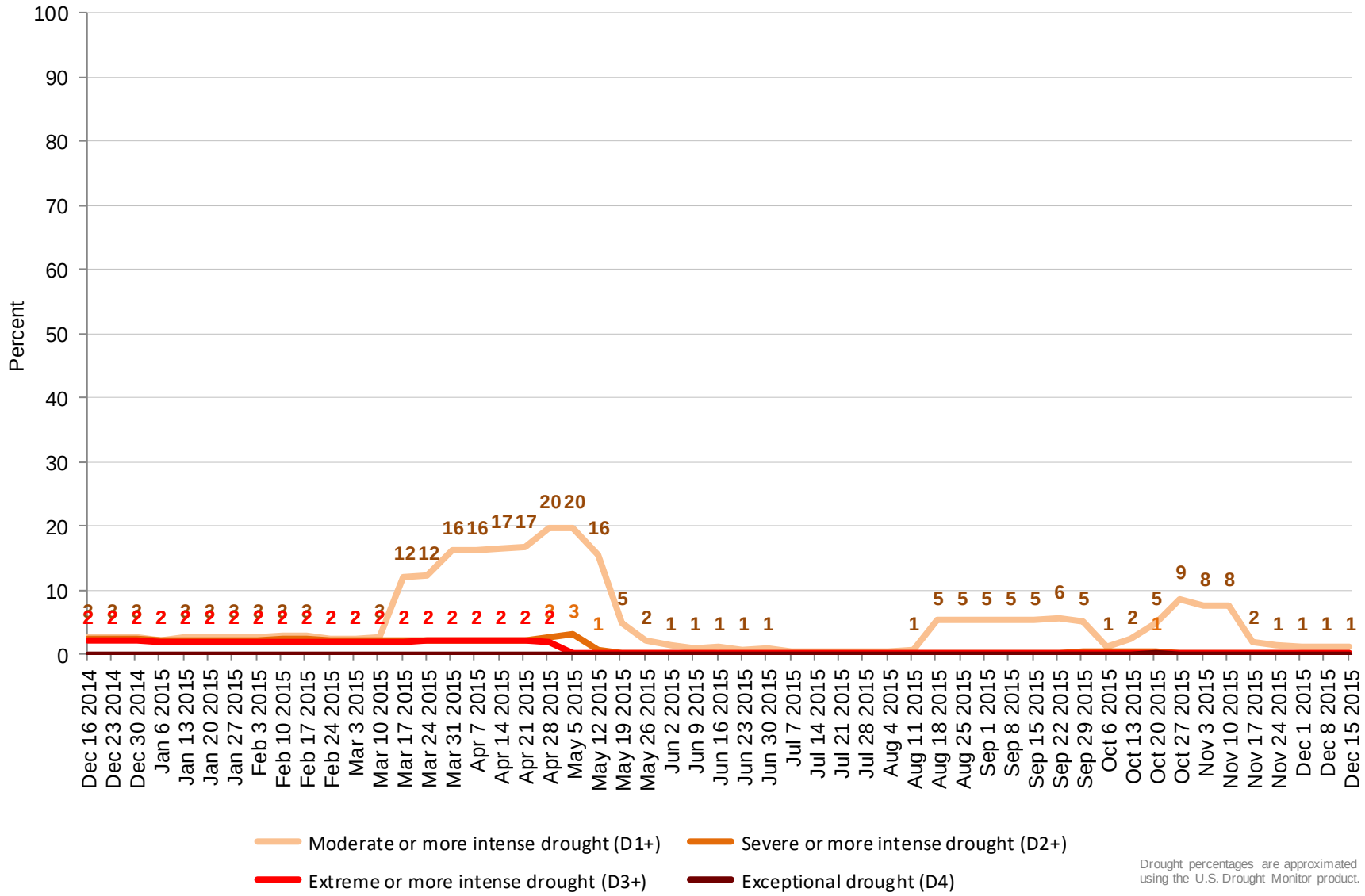
Percent of United States Hogs Located in Drought



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Cattle Areas in Drought

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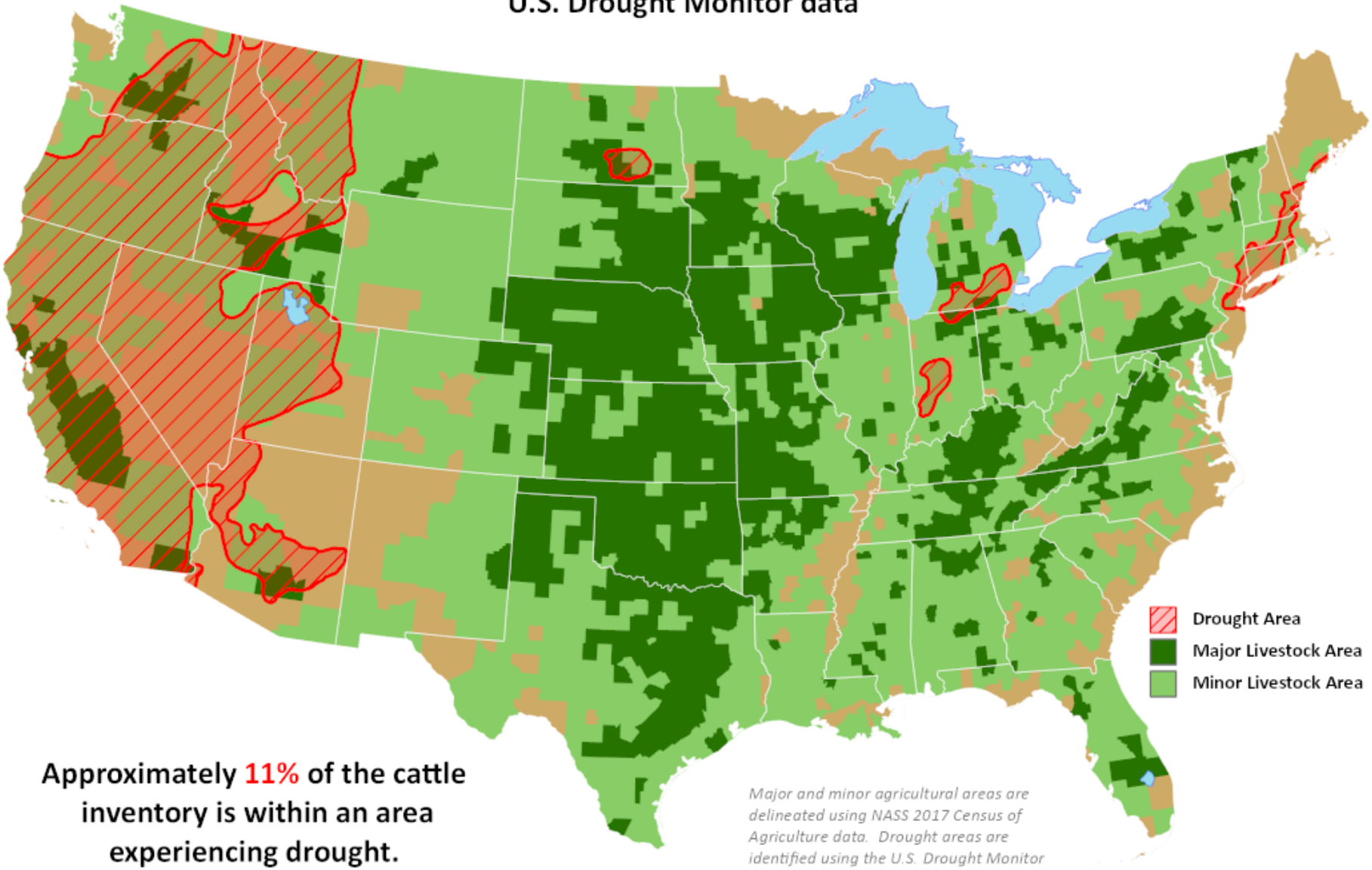

Approximately 11% of the cattle inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Cattle Located in Drought

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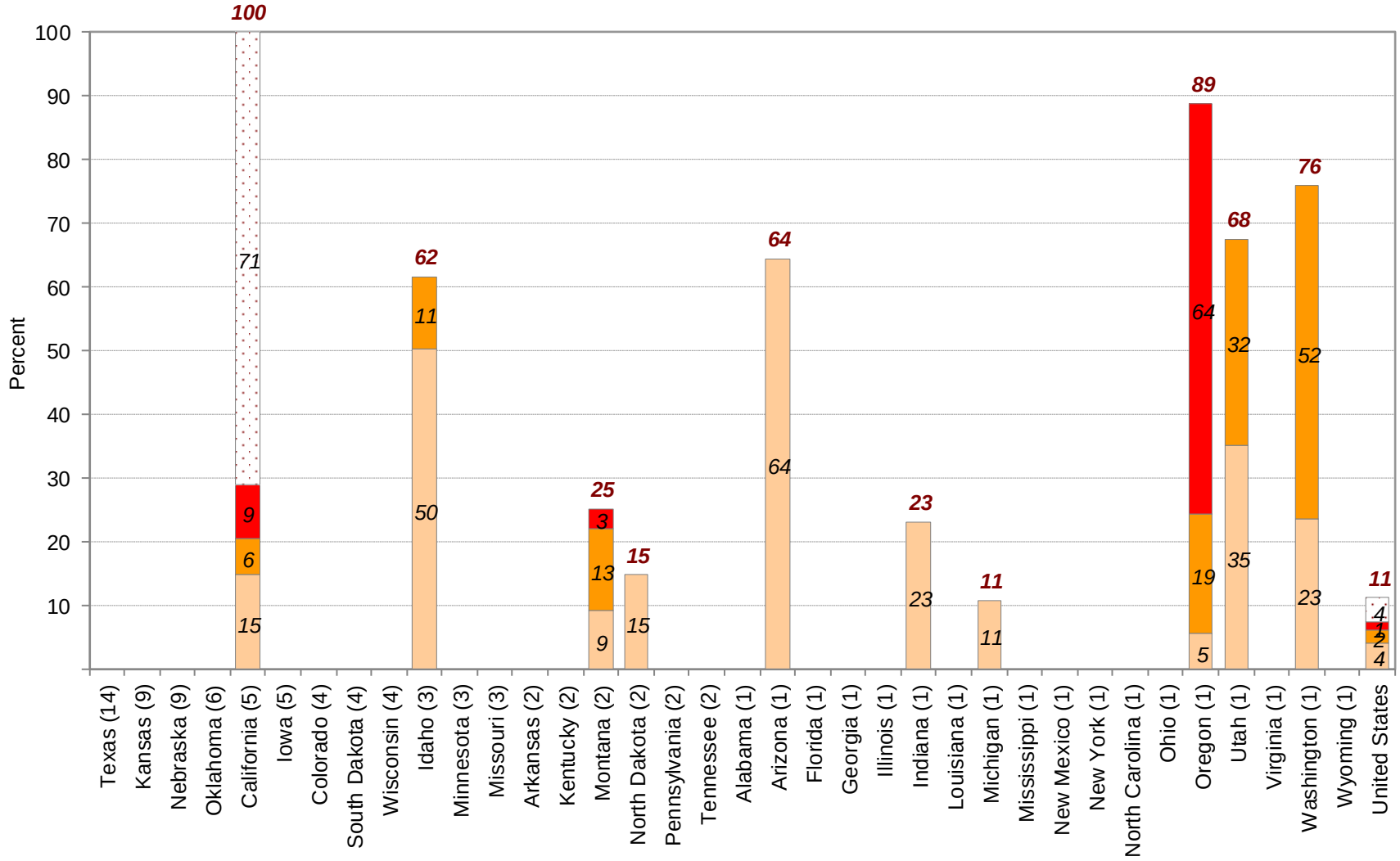

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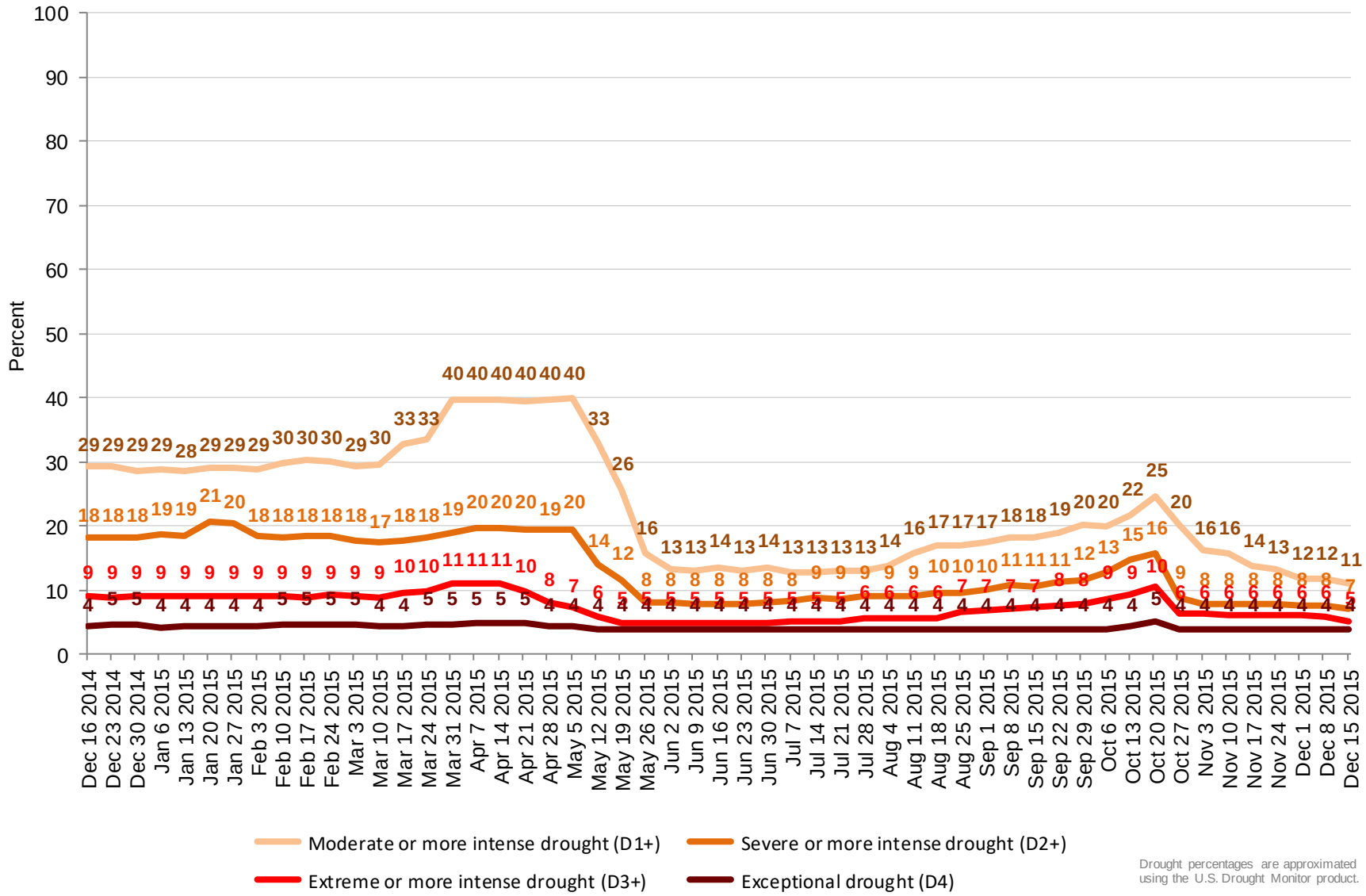
Percent of United States Cattle Located in Drought



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Milk Cow Areas in Drought

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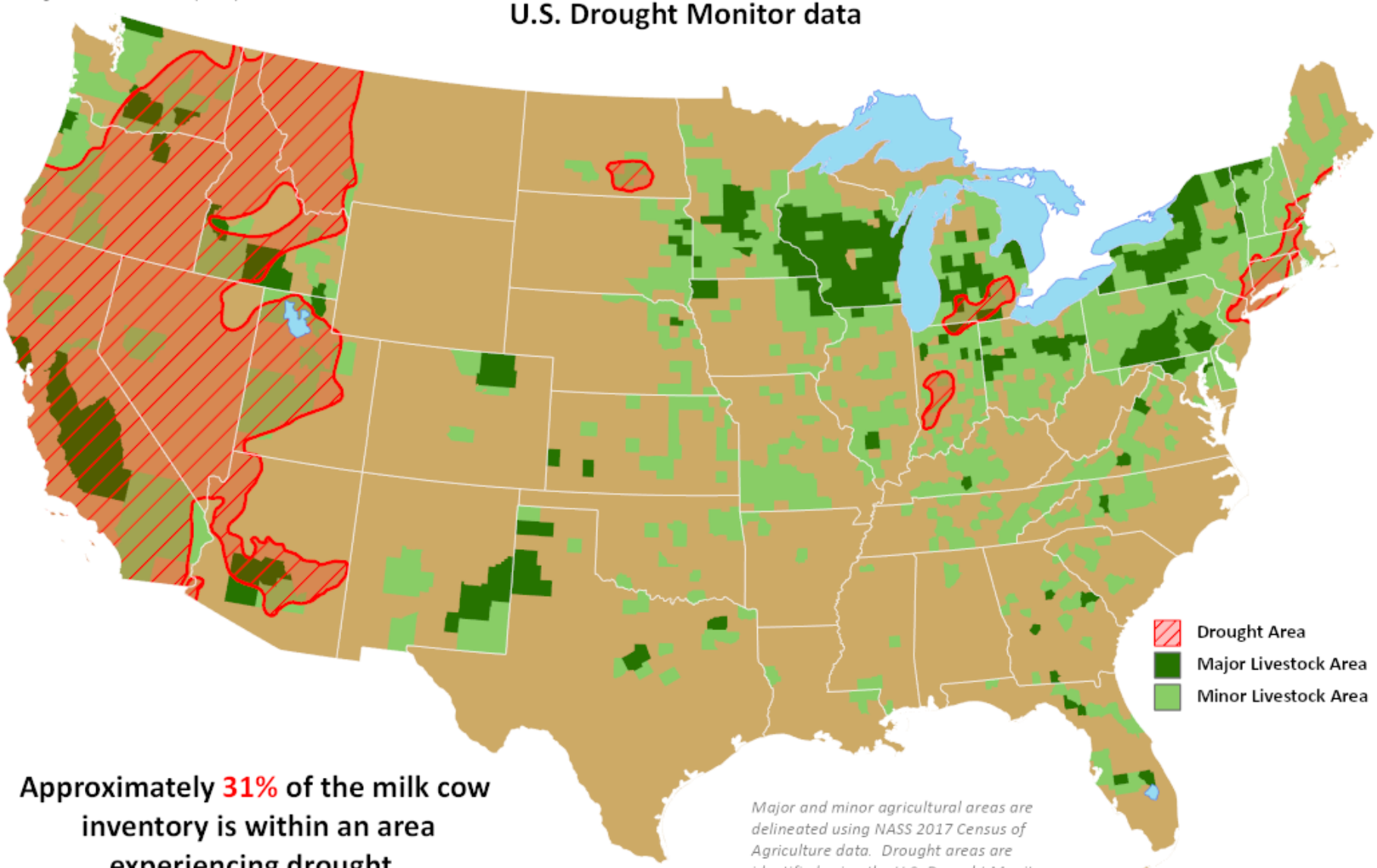

Approximately 31% of the milk cow inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Milk Cows Located in Drought

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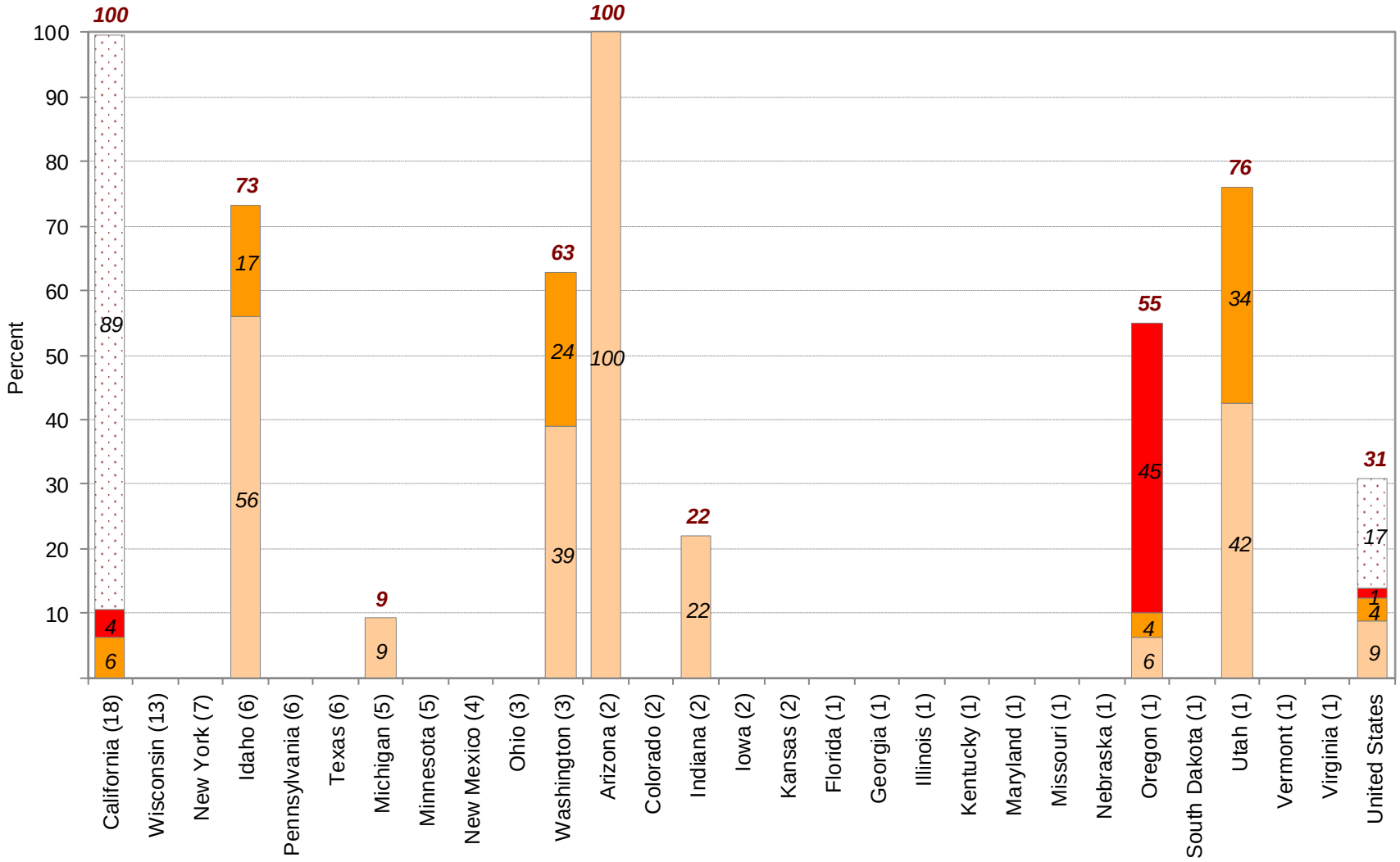

Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)

Percent in Severe Drought (D2)

Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)

Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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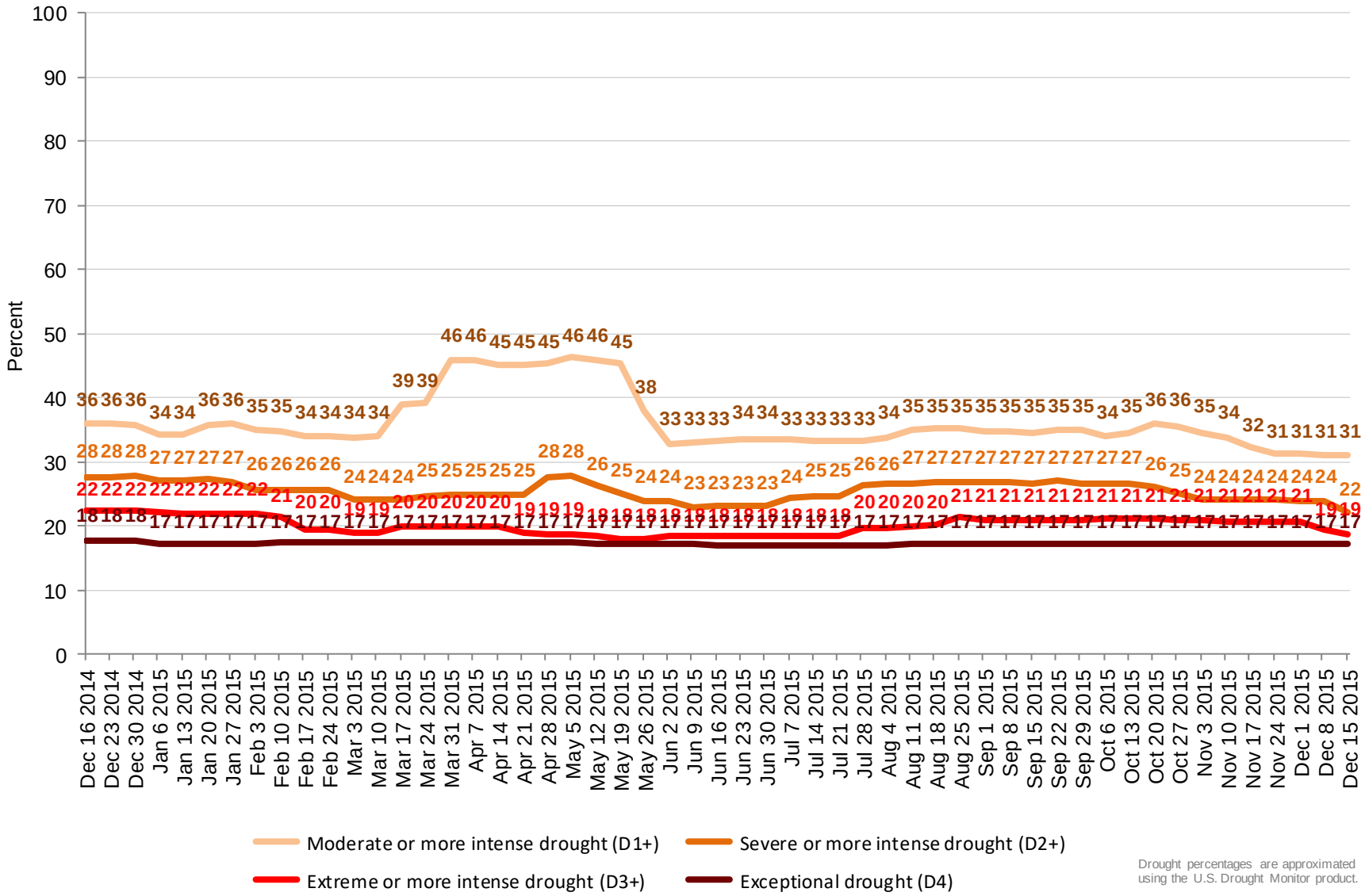
Percent of United States Milk Cows Located in Drought



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Sheep Areas in Drought

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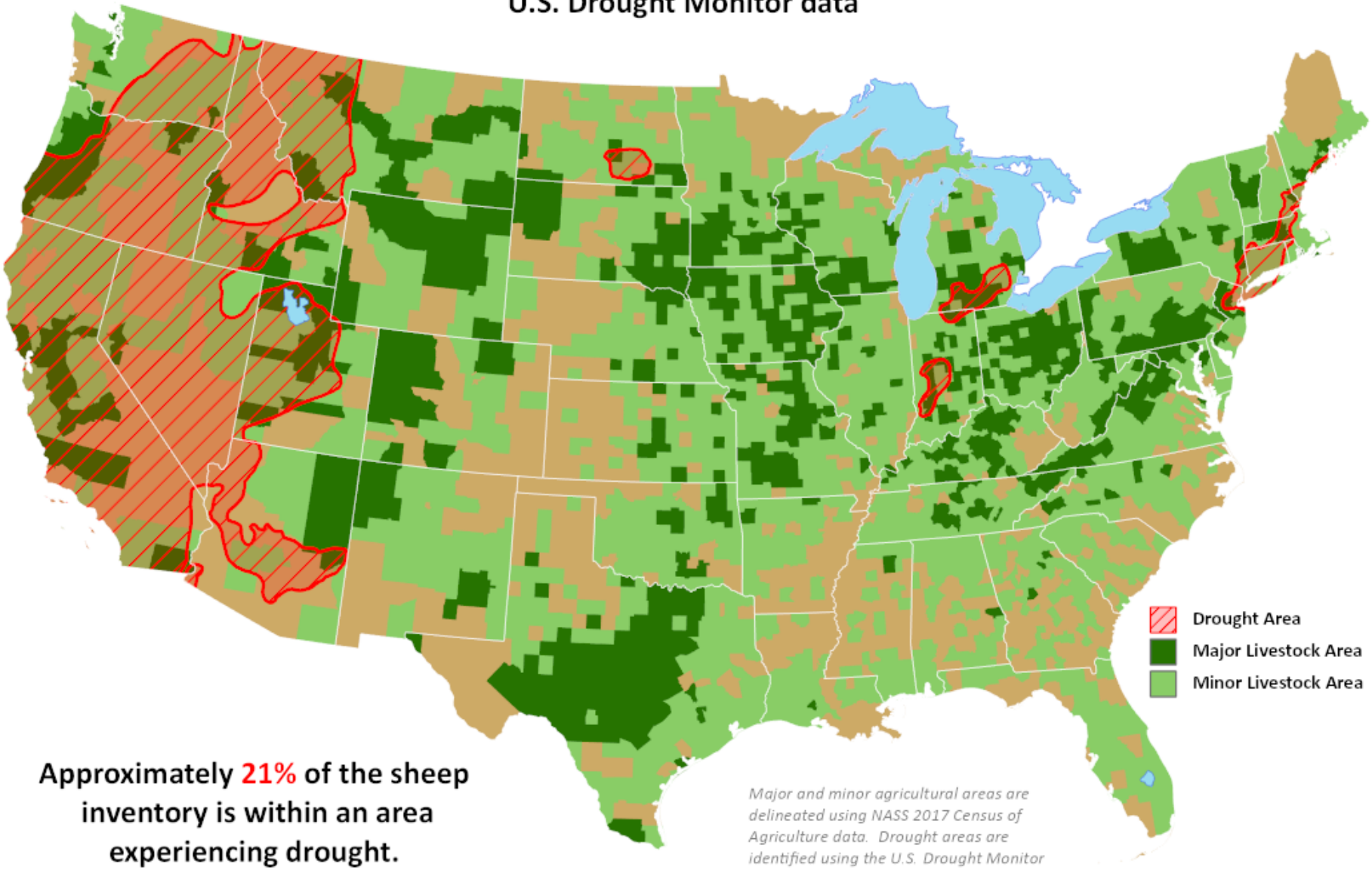

Approximately 21% of the sheep inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sheep Located in Drought

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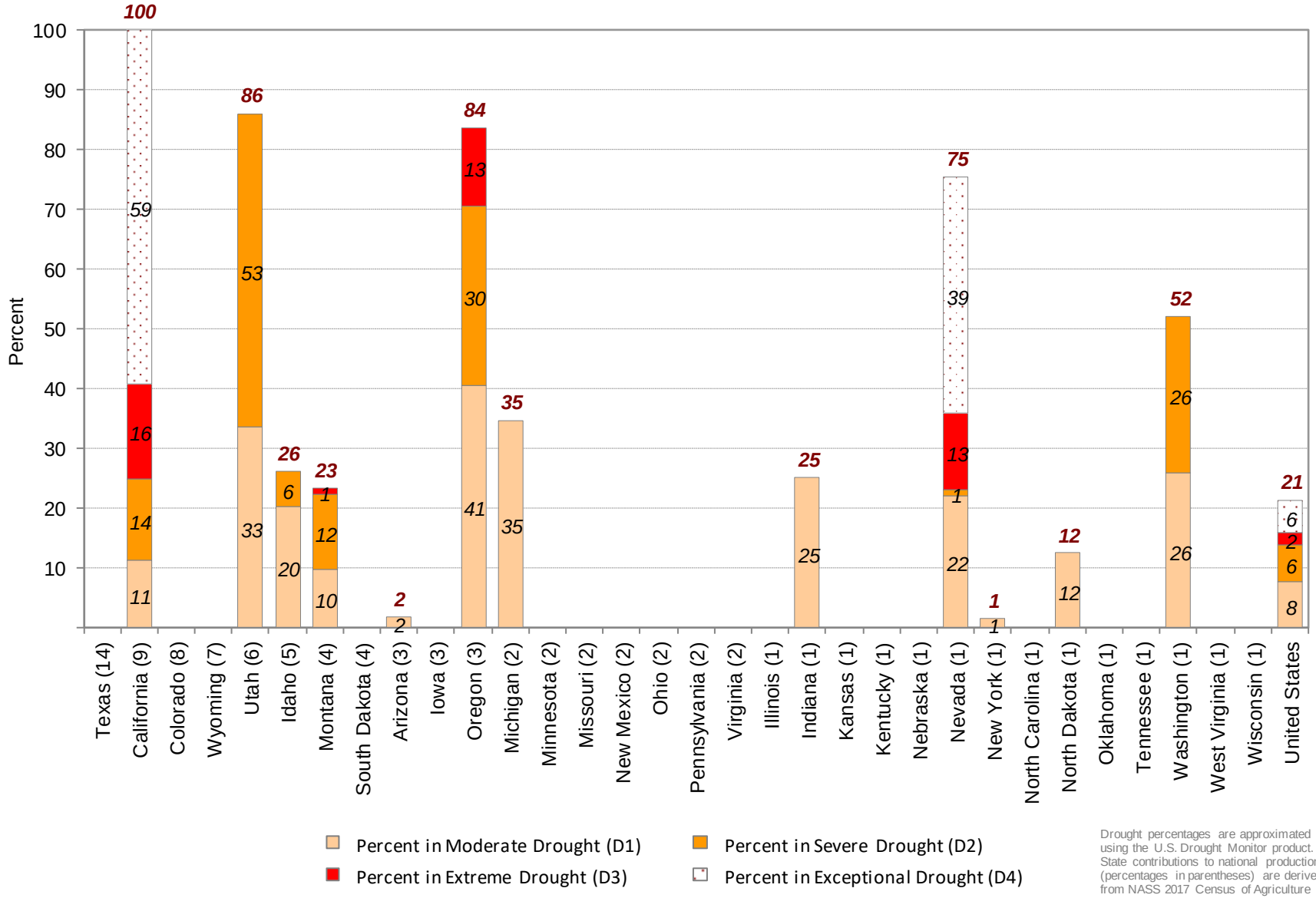

Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)

Percent in Severe Drought (D2)

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Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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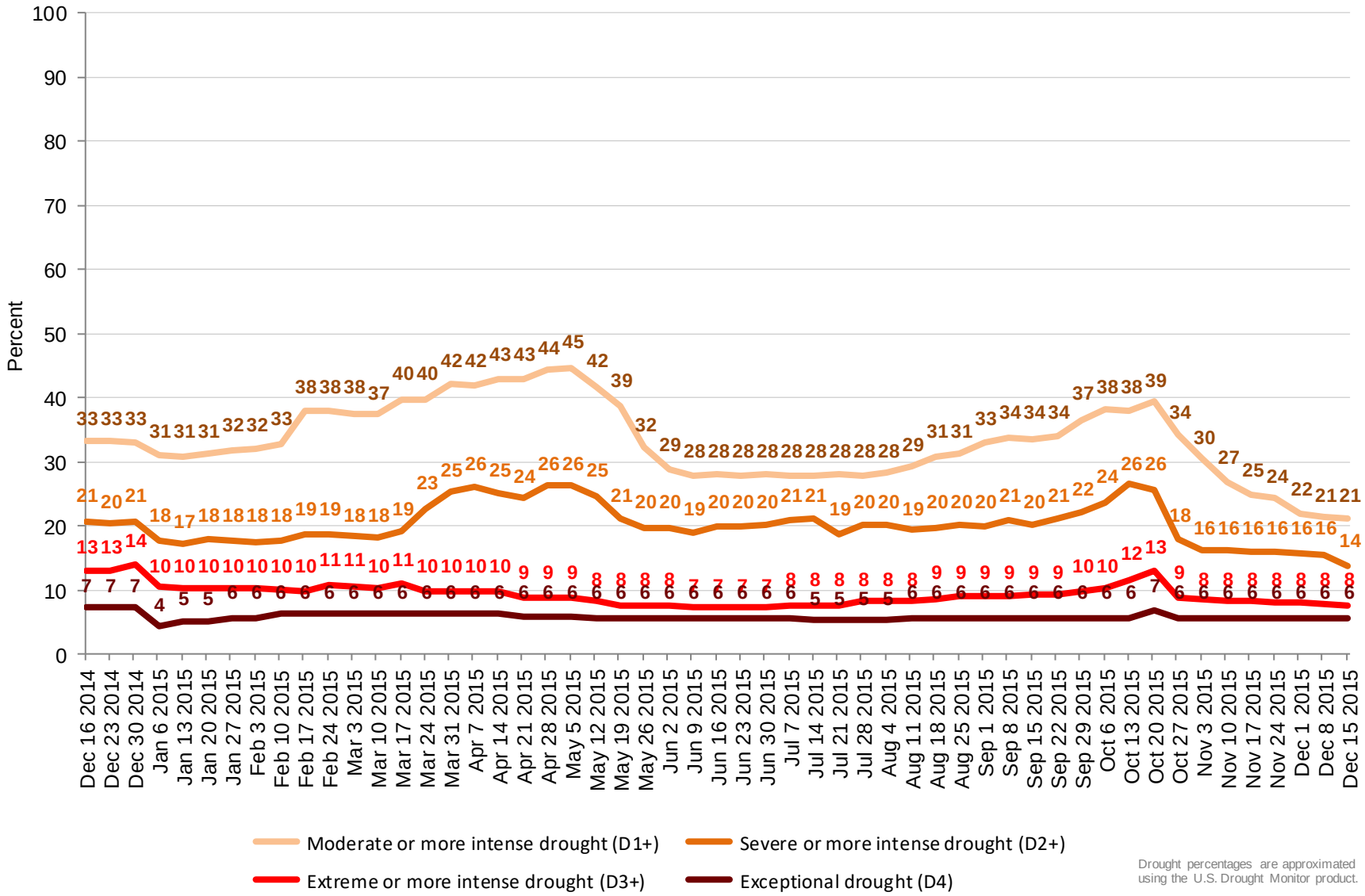
Percent of United States Sheep Located in Drought



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