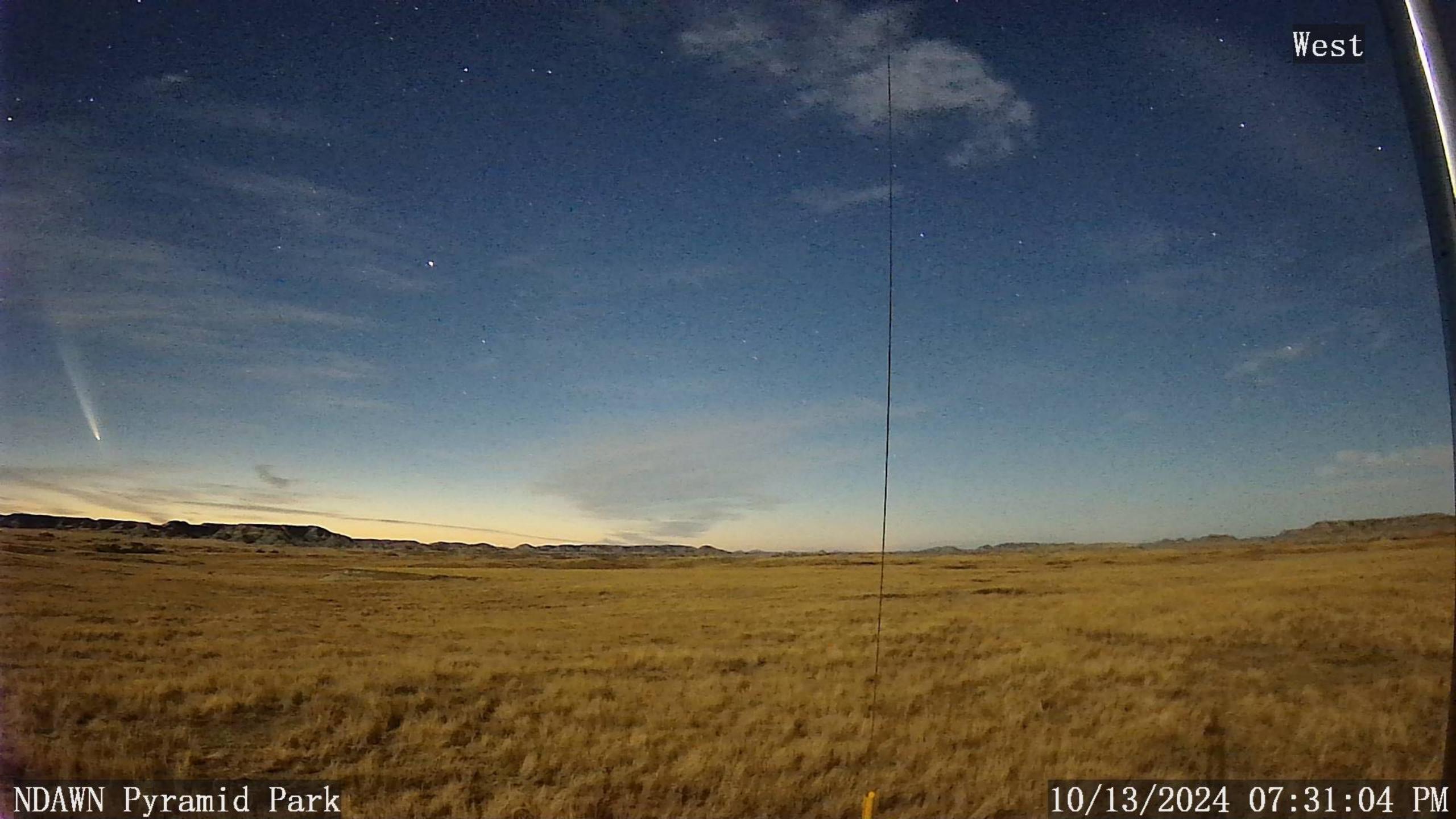
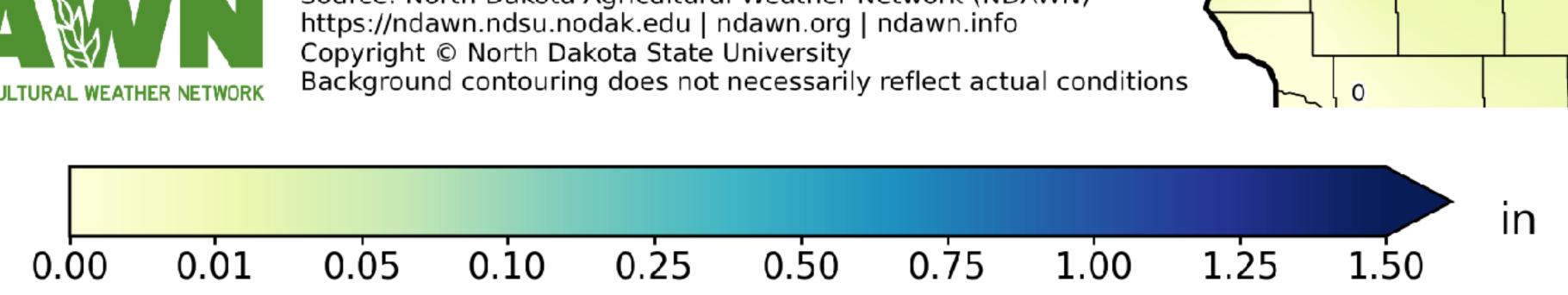
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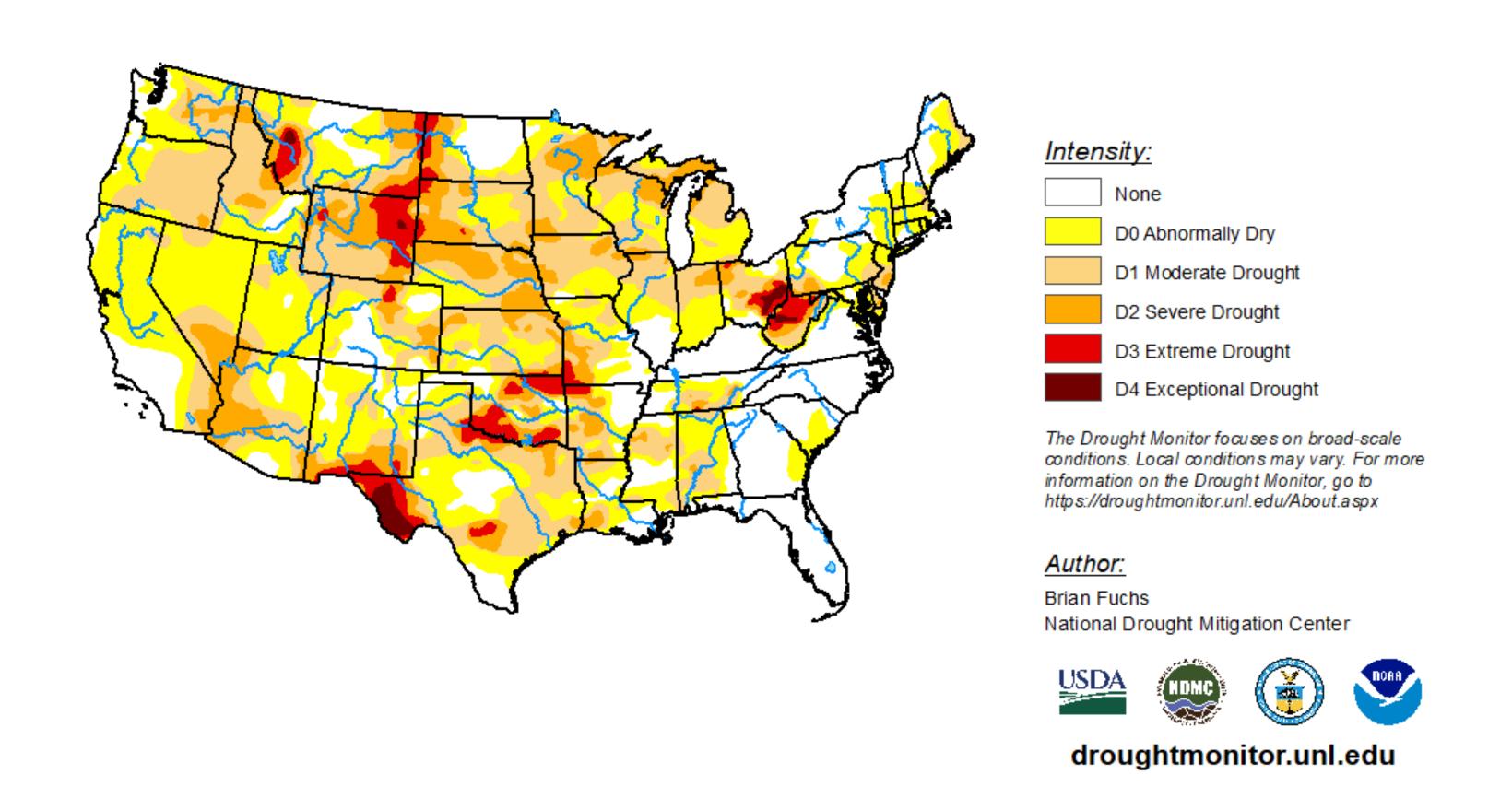




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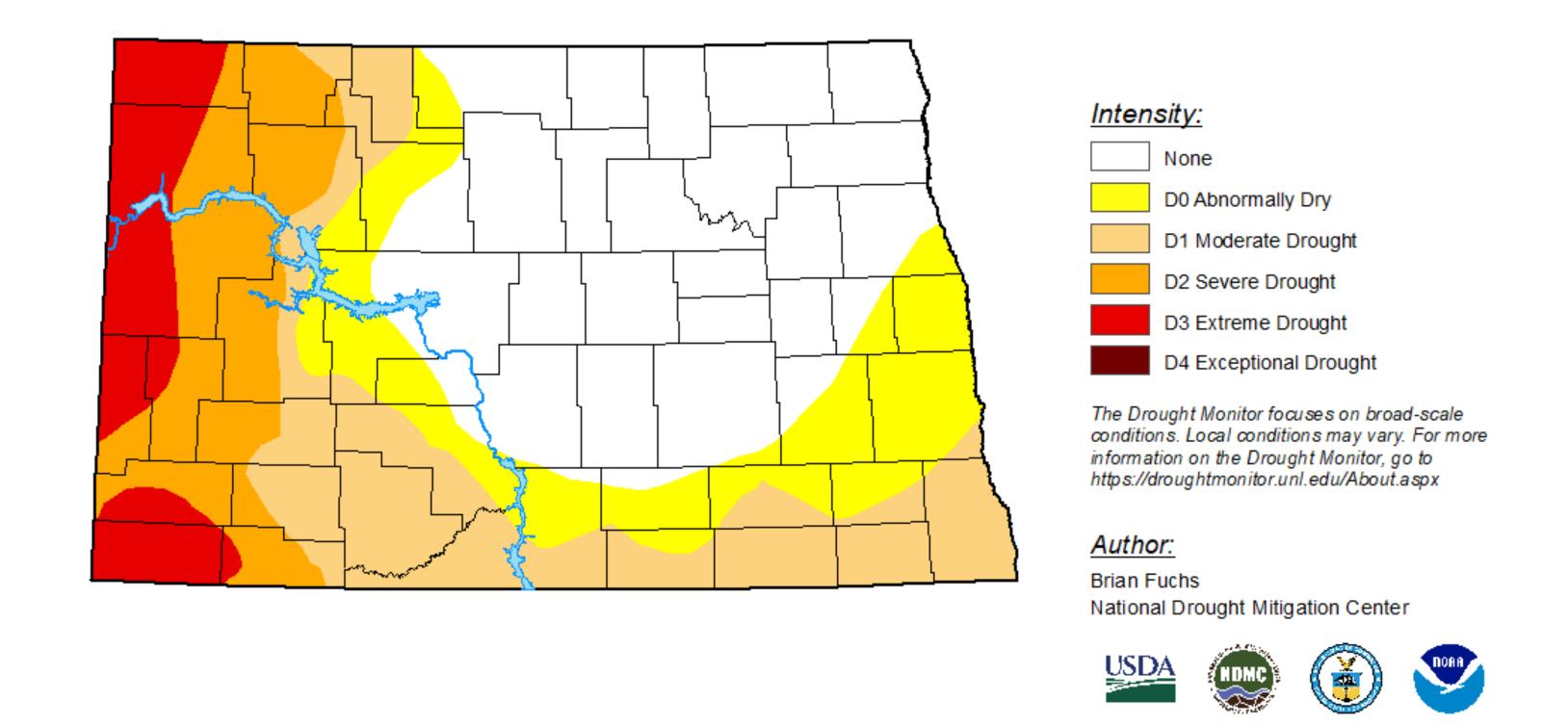


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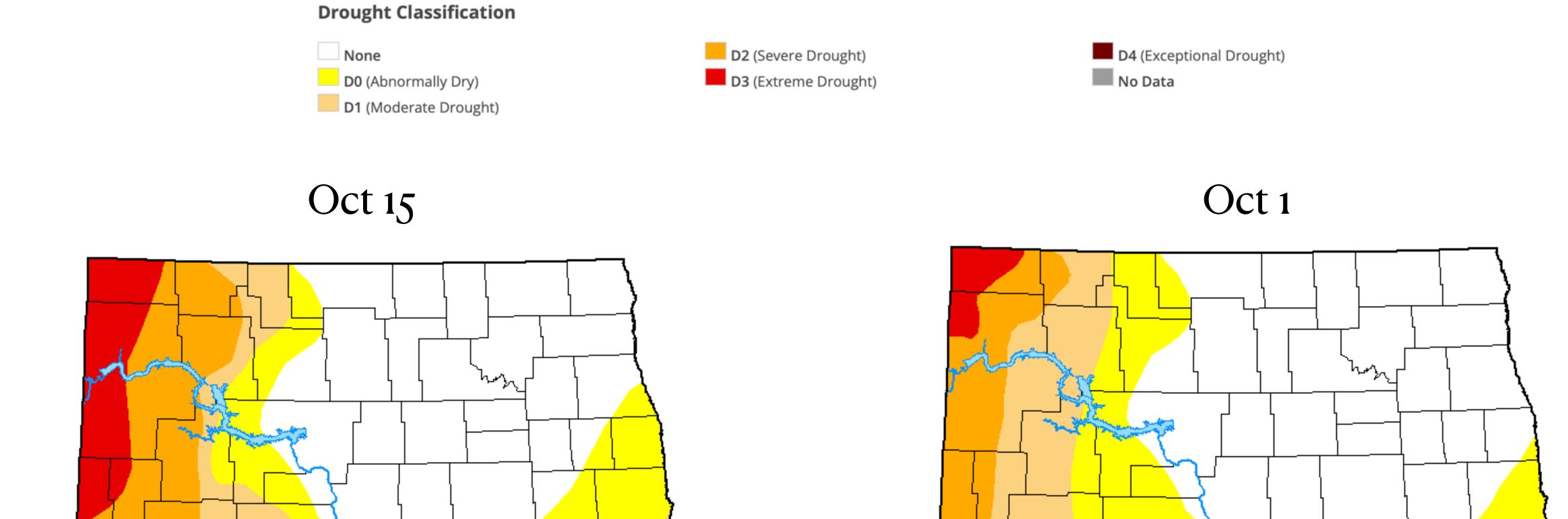
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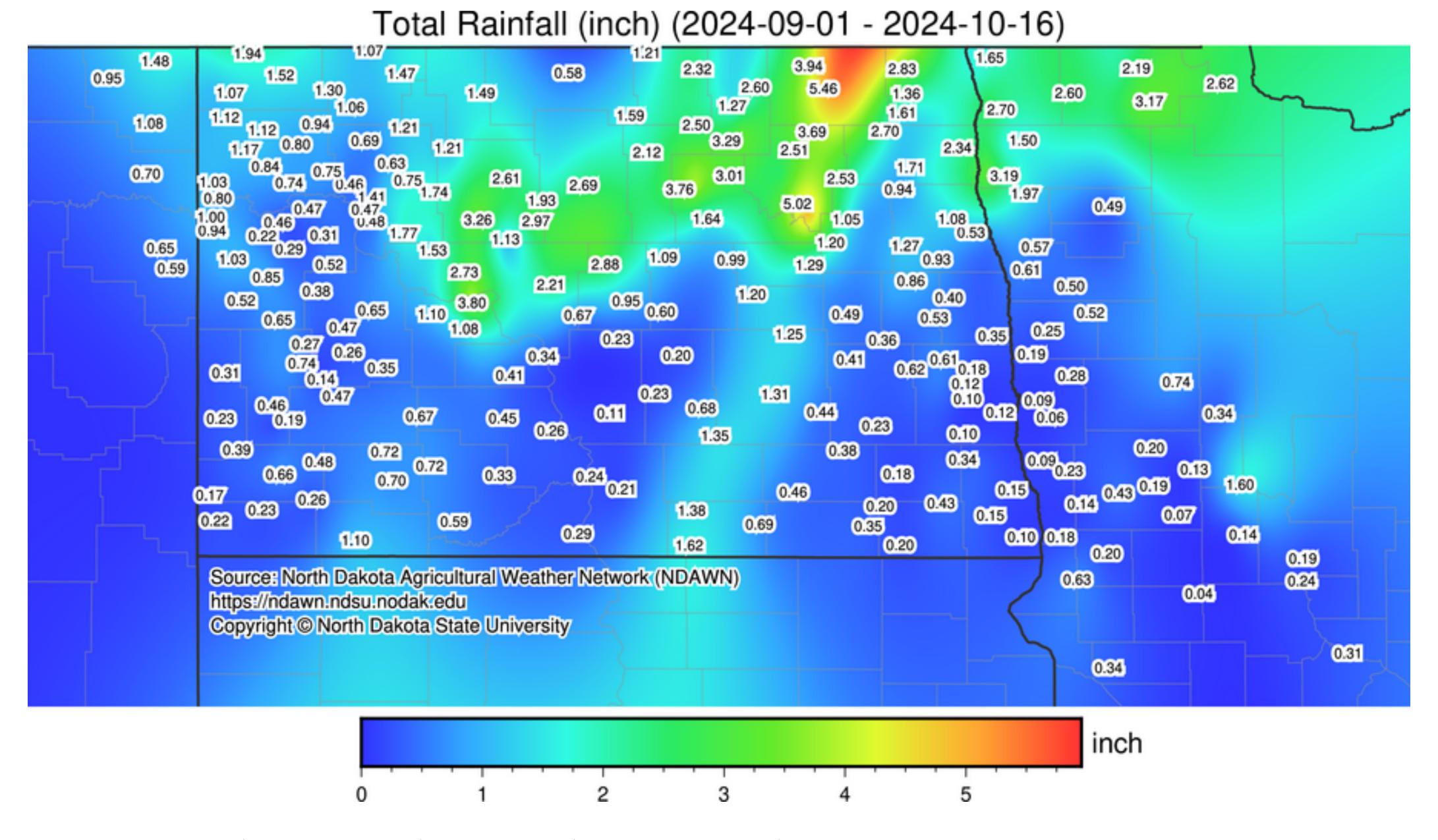
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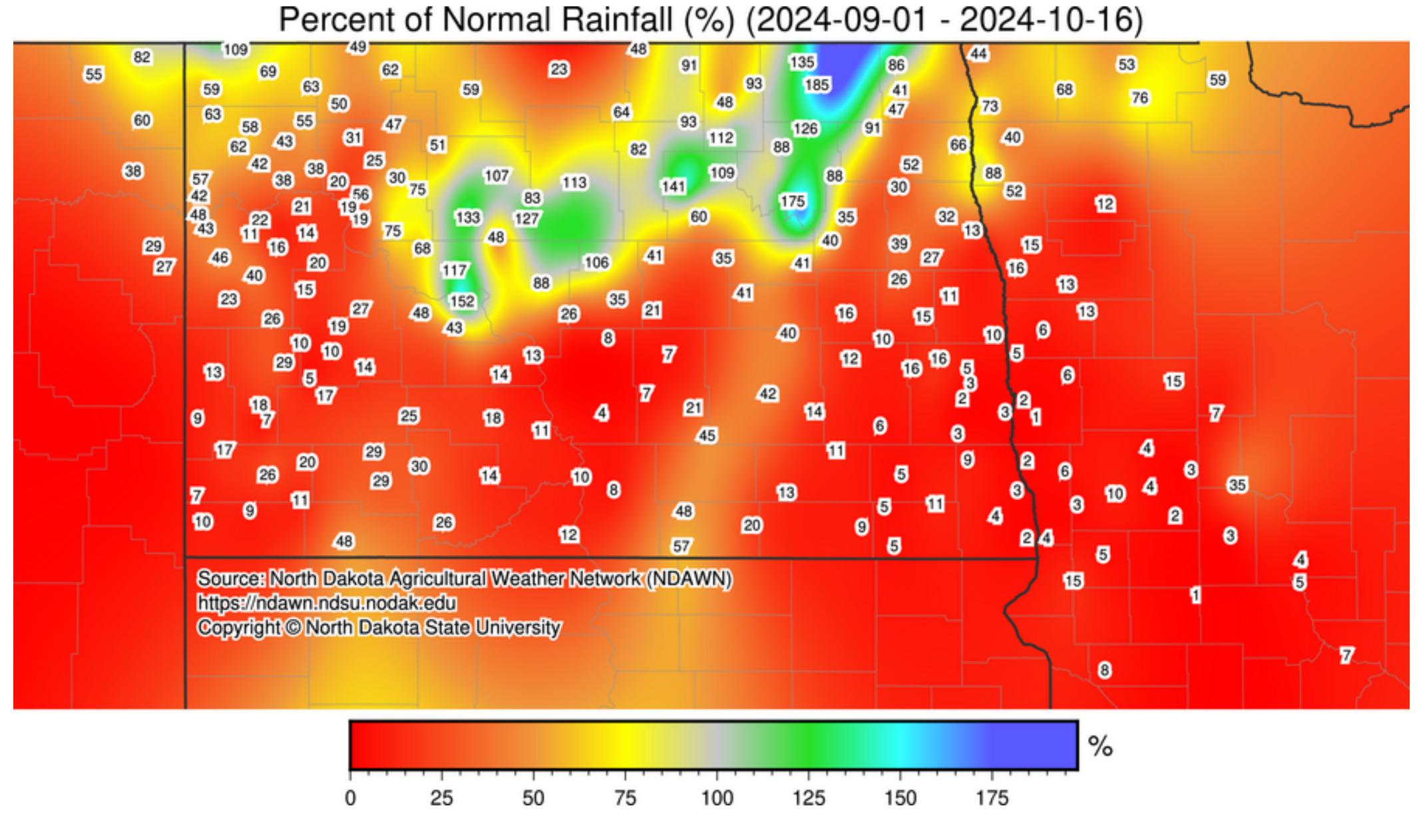
#### Two Week Comparison

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	<u>DSCI</u>
Current	2024-10-15	41.34	58.66	42.14	22.37	8.81	0.00	132
Last Week to Current	2024-10-08	43.57	56.43	35.99	15.73	8.80	0.00	117
3 Months Ago to Current	2024-07-16	91.50	8.50	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	11
Start of Calendar Year to Current	2023-12-26	70.11	29.89	15.72	6.78	0.00	0.00	52
Start of Water Year to Current	2024-10-01	47.89	52.11	25.17	12.68	3.39	0.00	93
One Year Ago to Current	2023-10-17	56.96	43.04	24.42	14.00	0.00	0.00	81

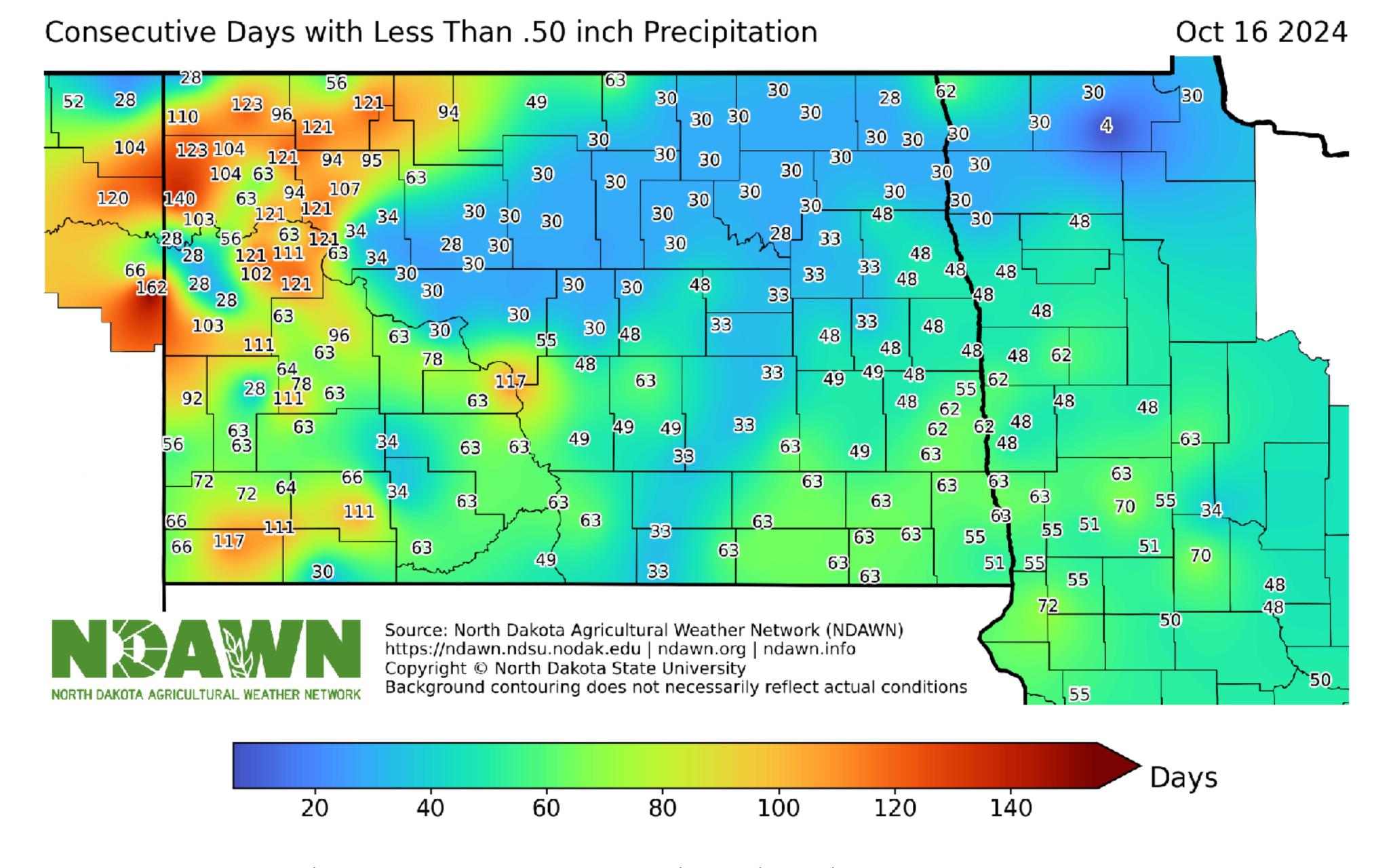
**Estimated Population** in Drought Areas: **158,818** 



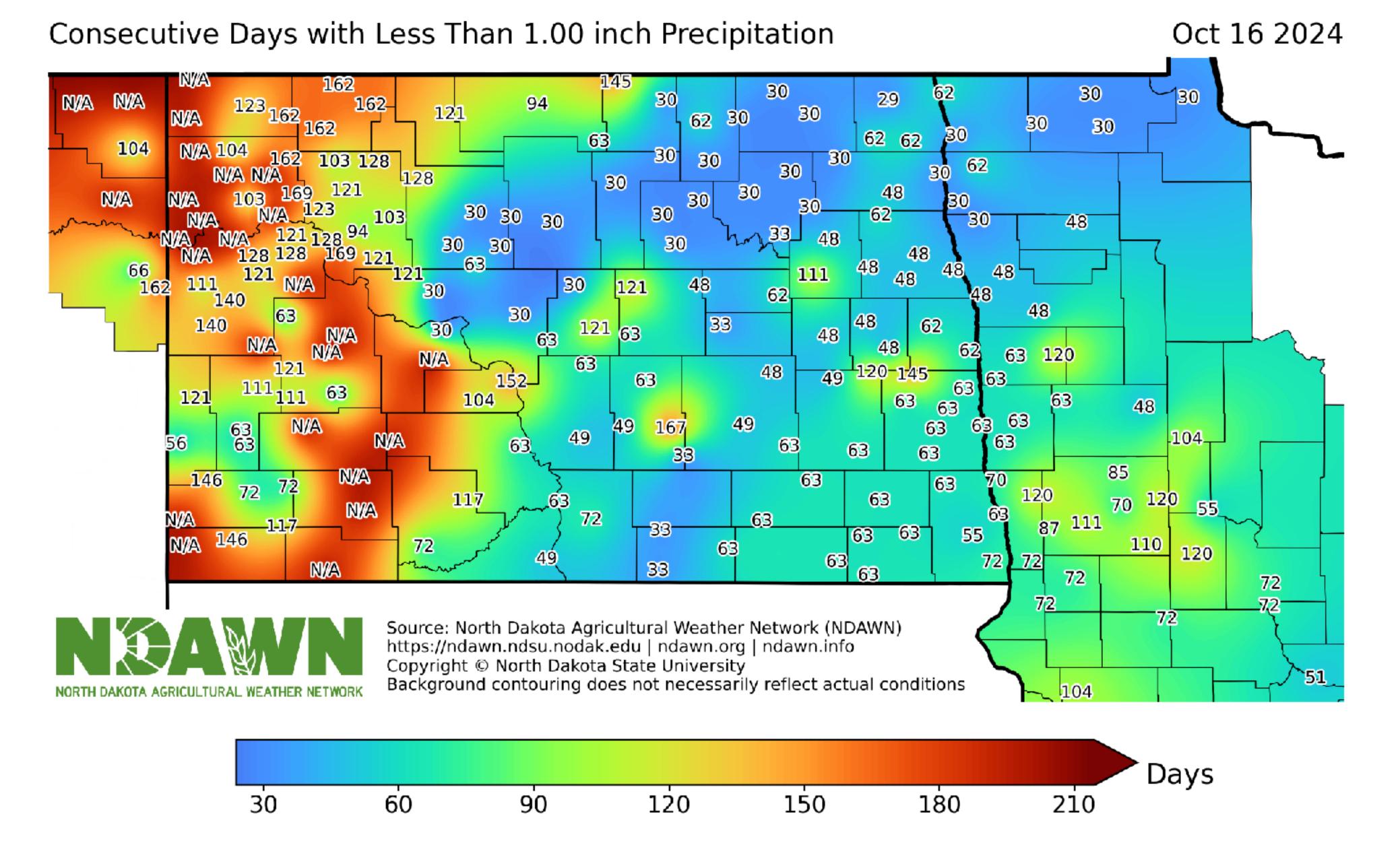
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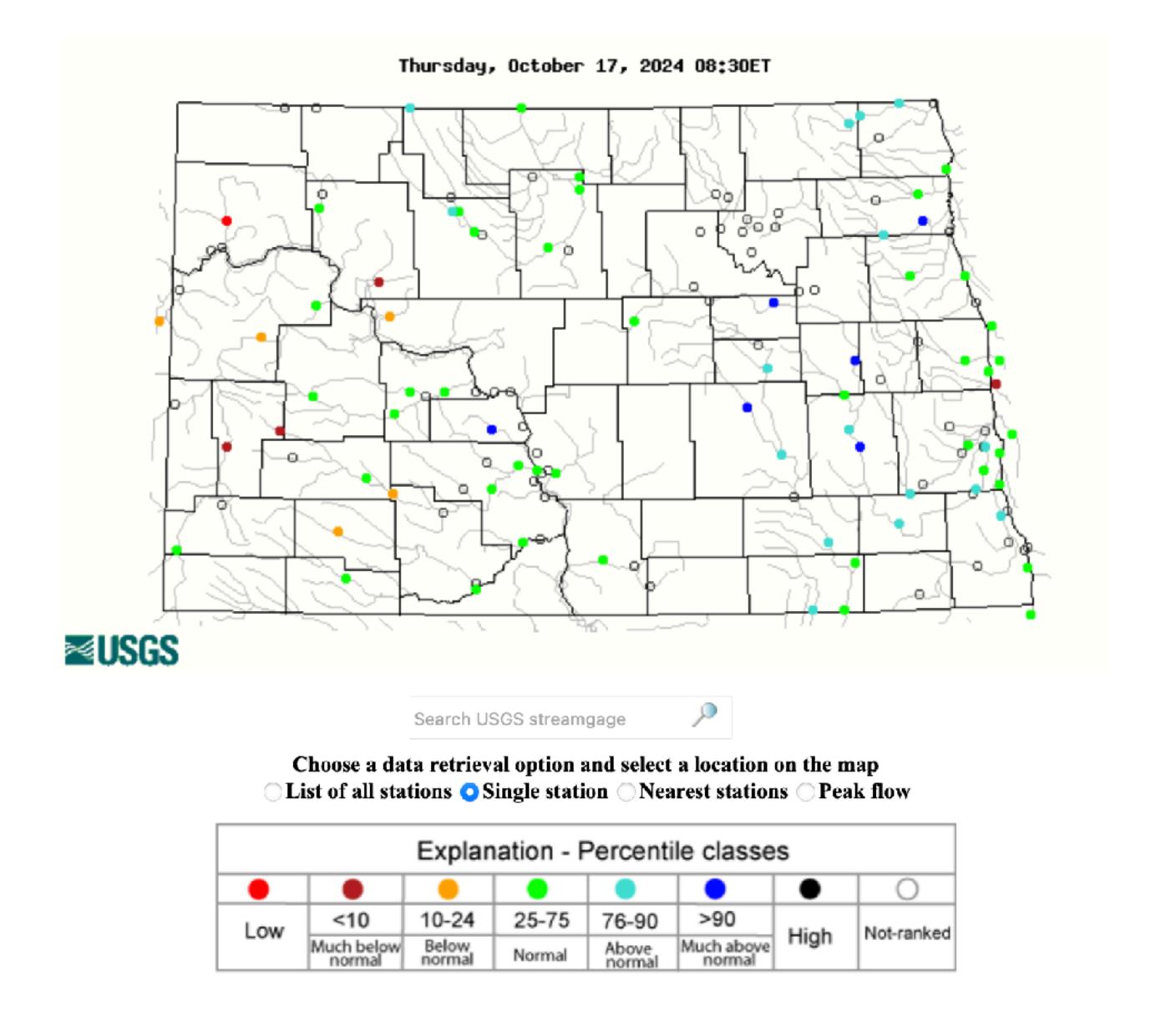
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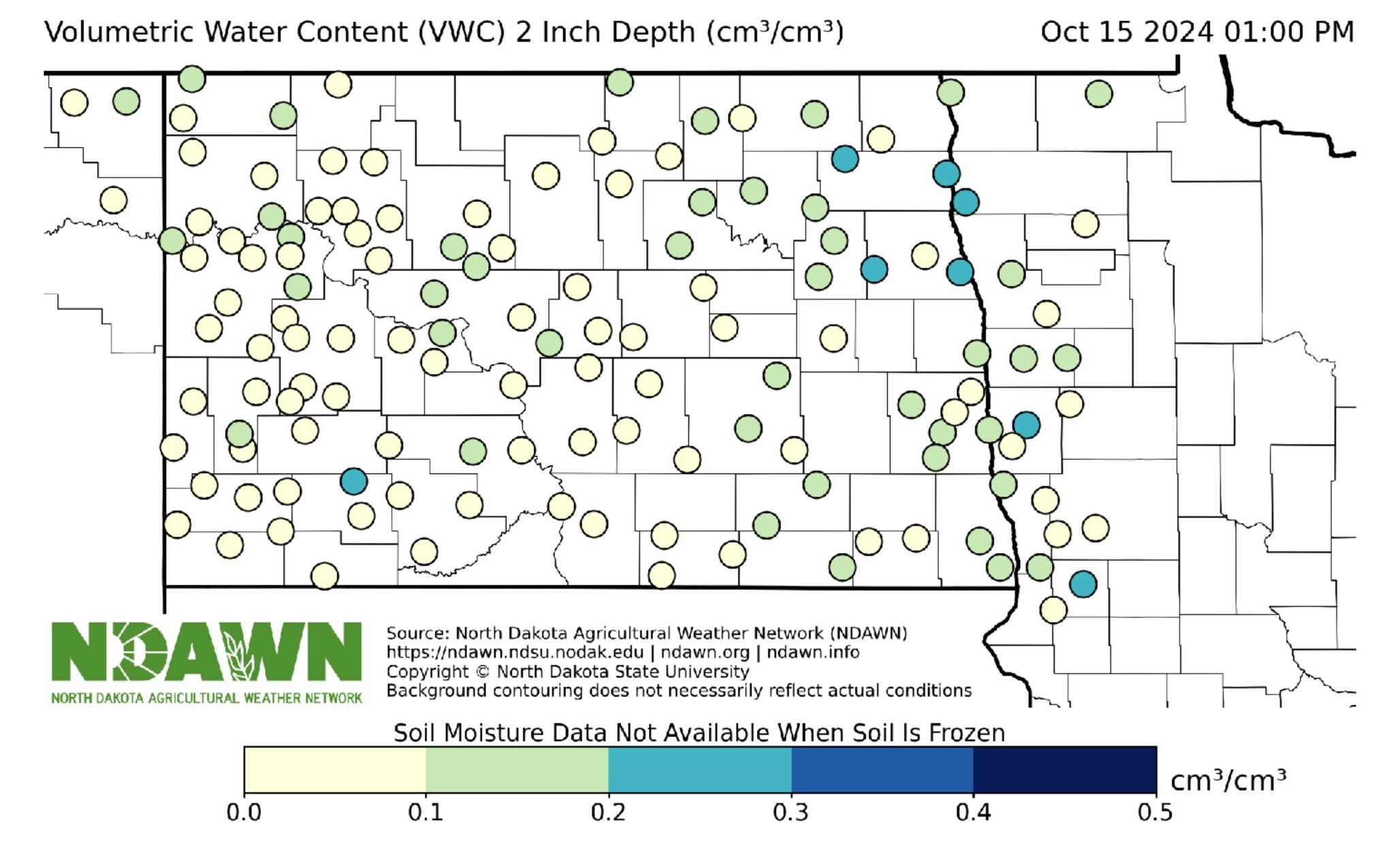
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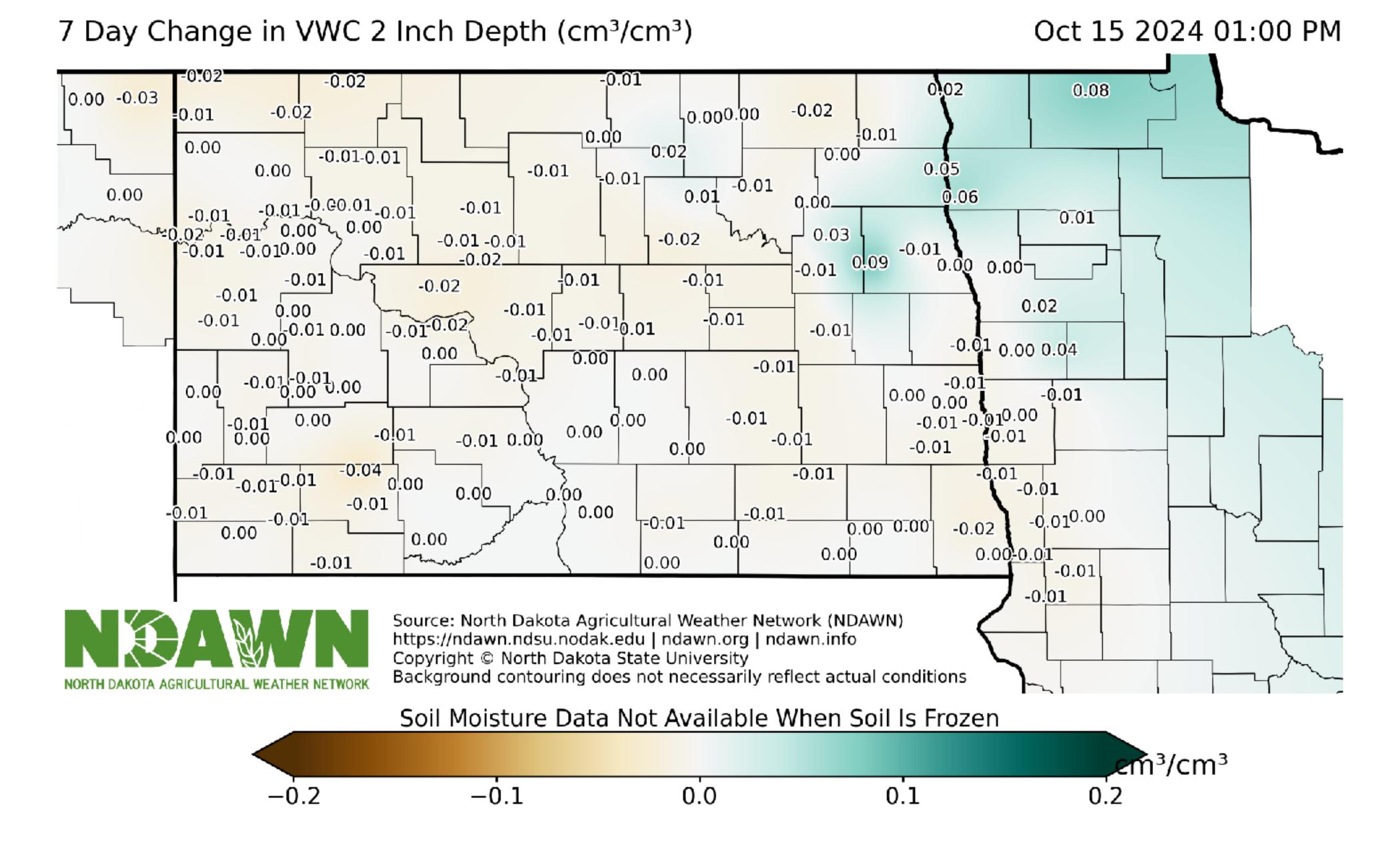
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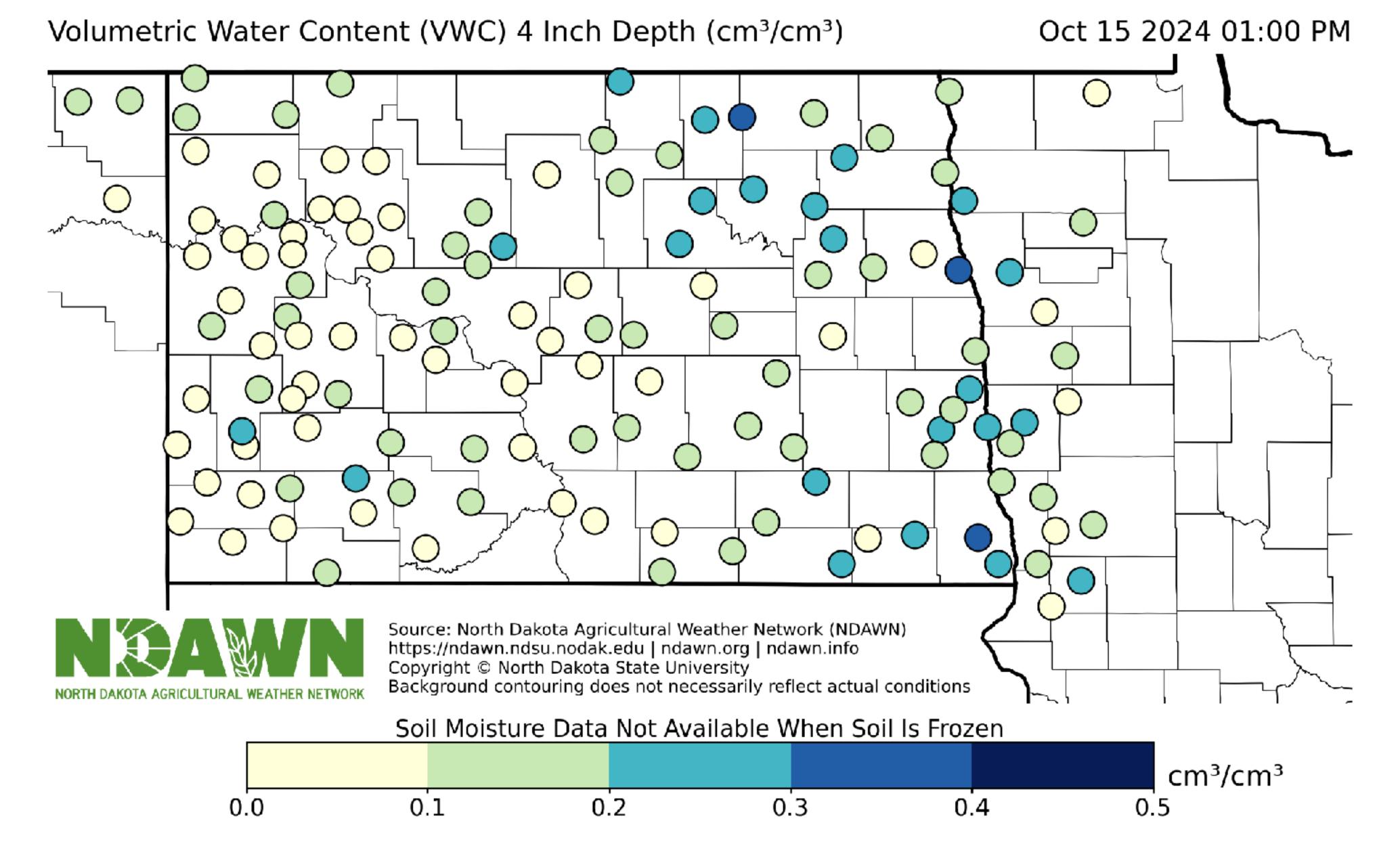
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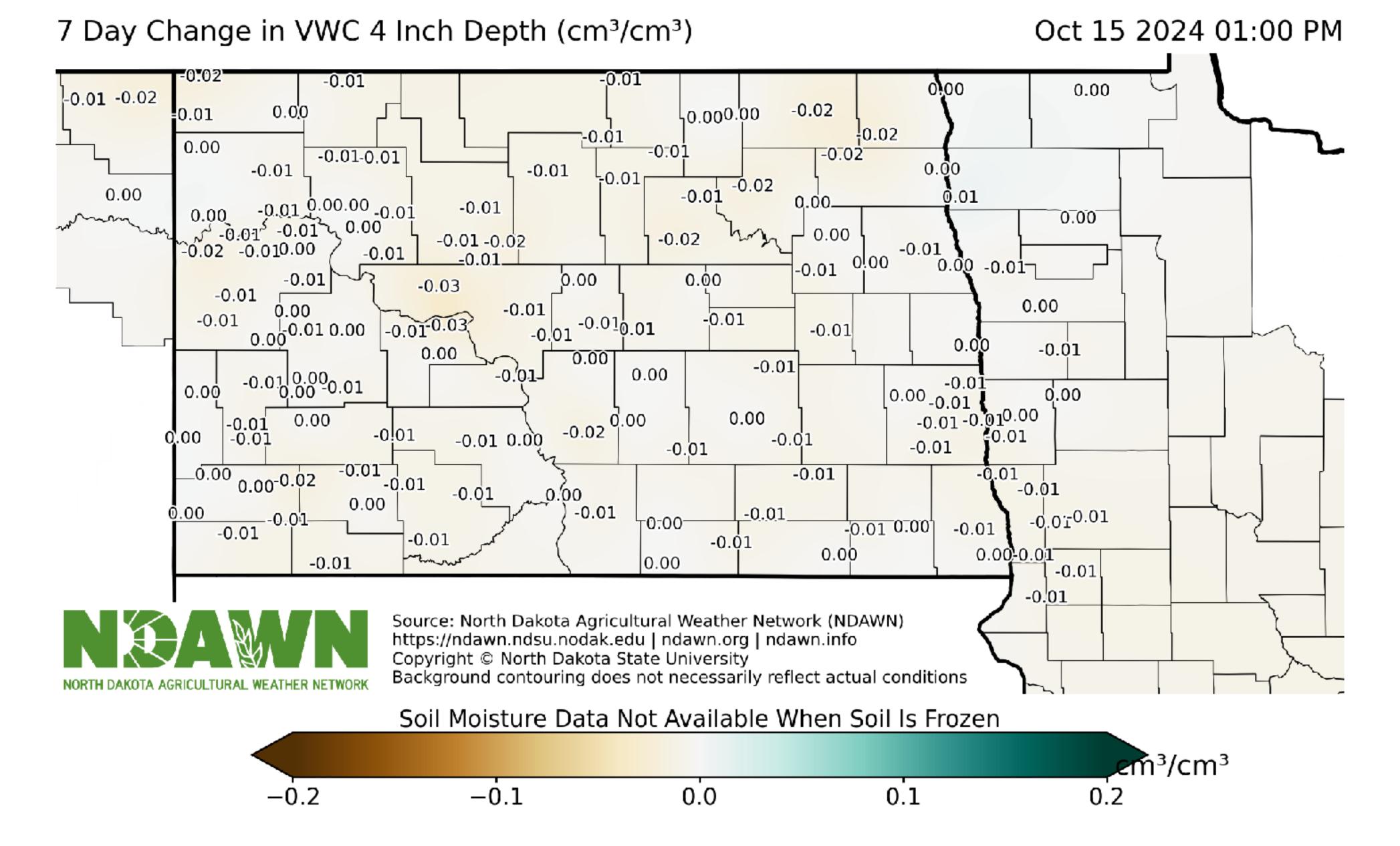
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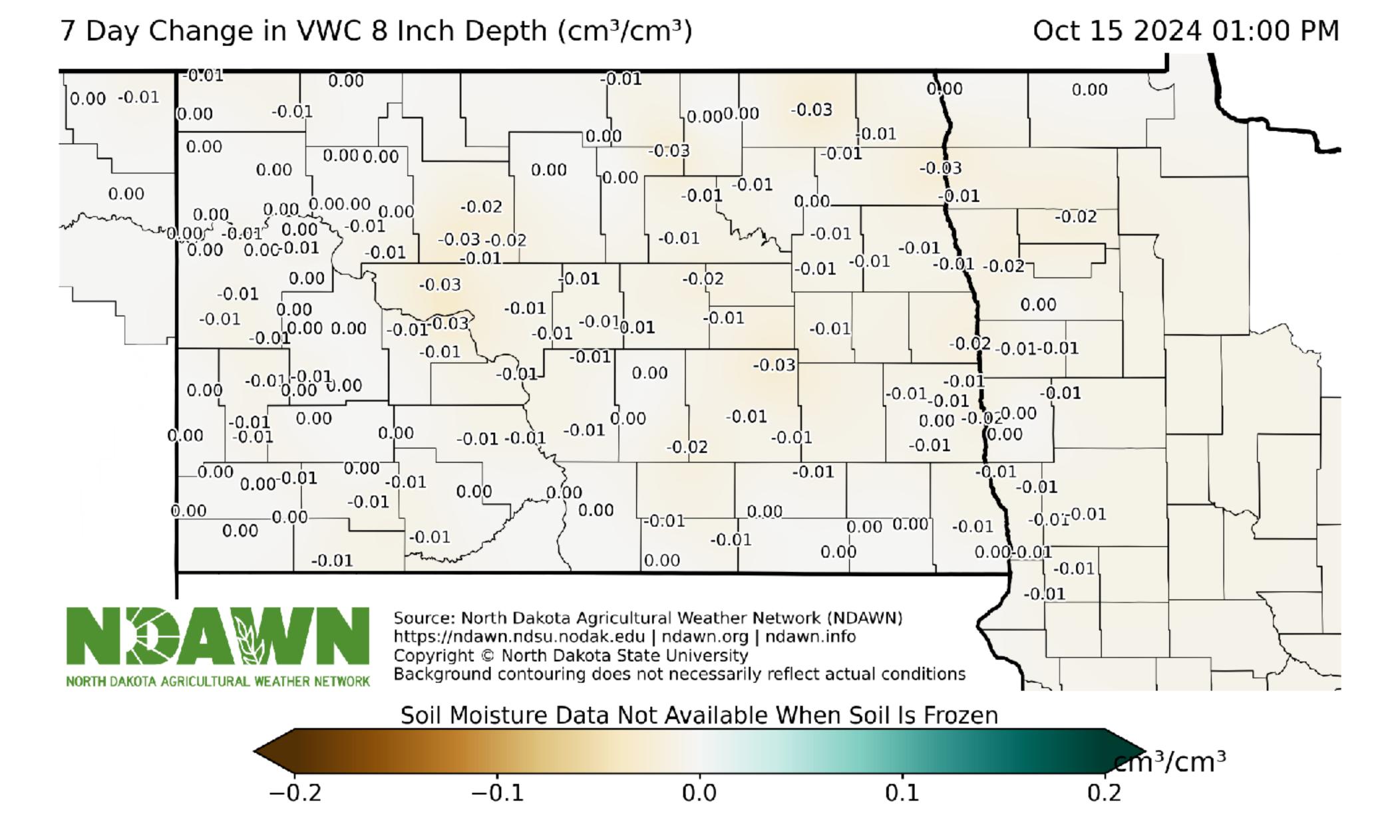
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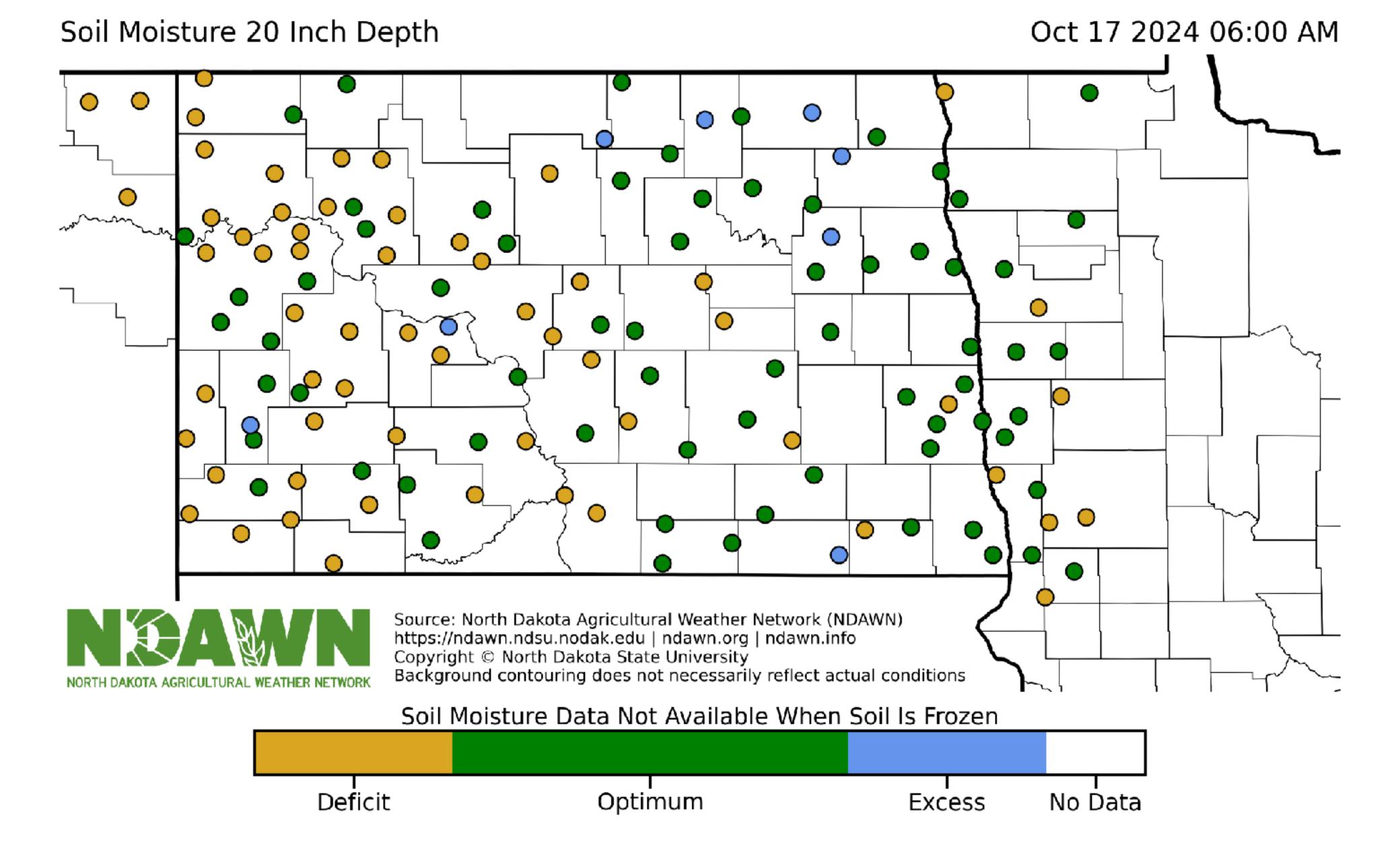
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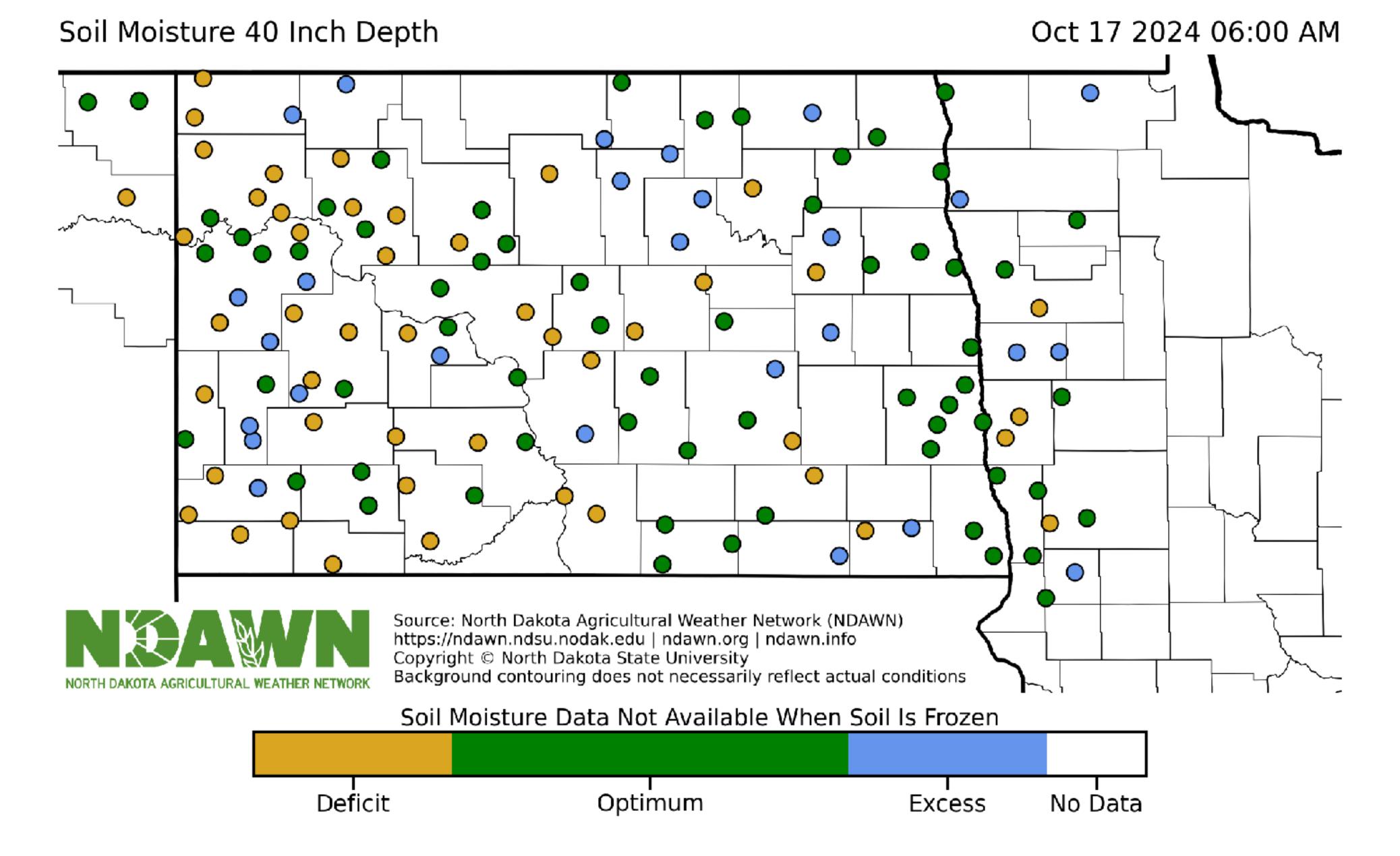
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Soil Water 8 inches

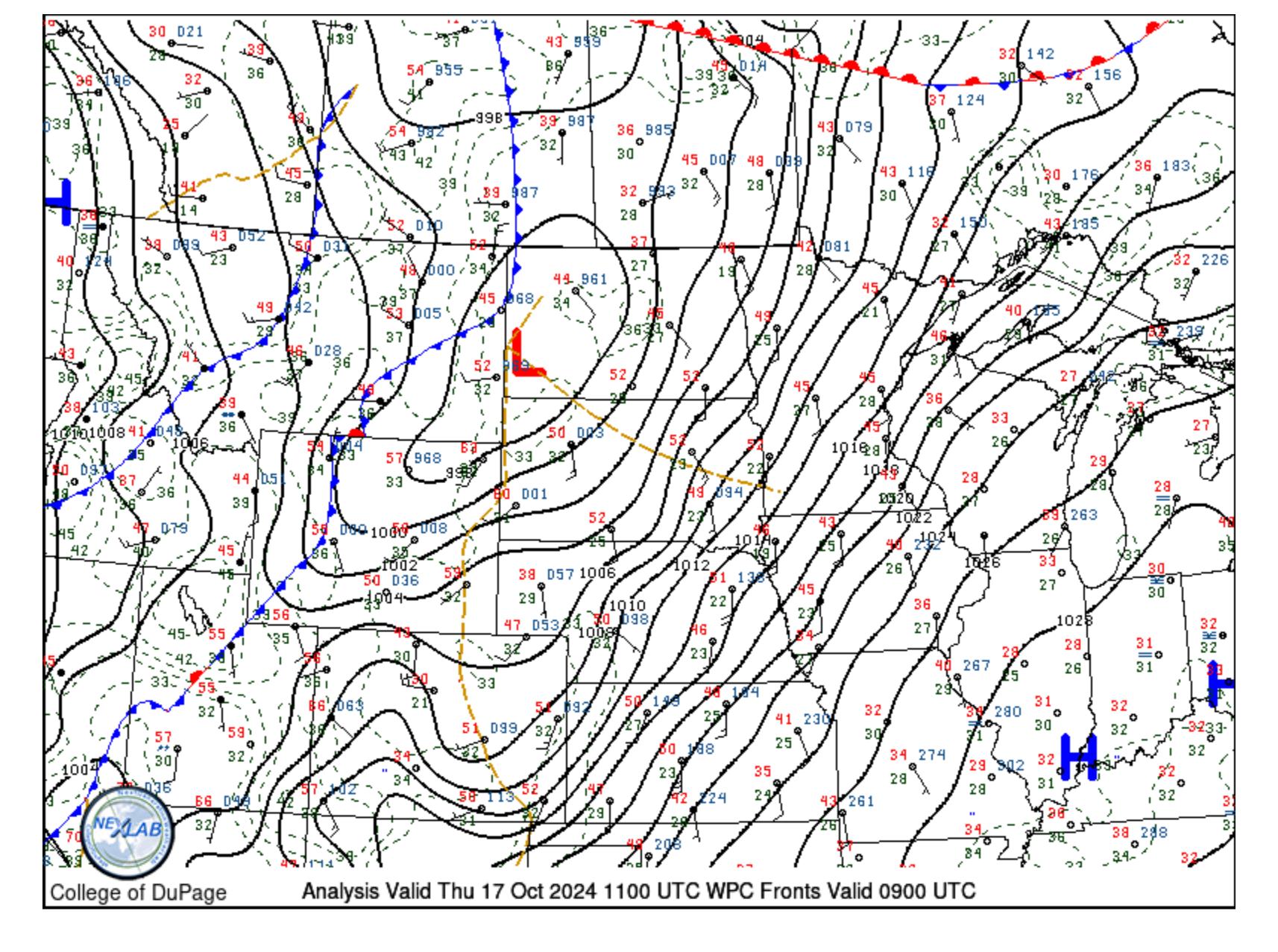


Soil Water 20 inches

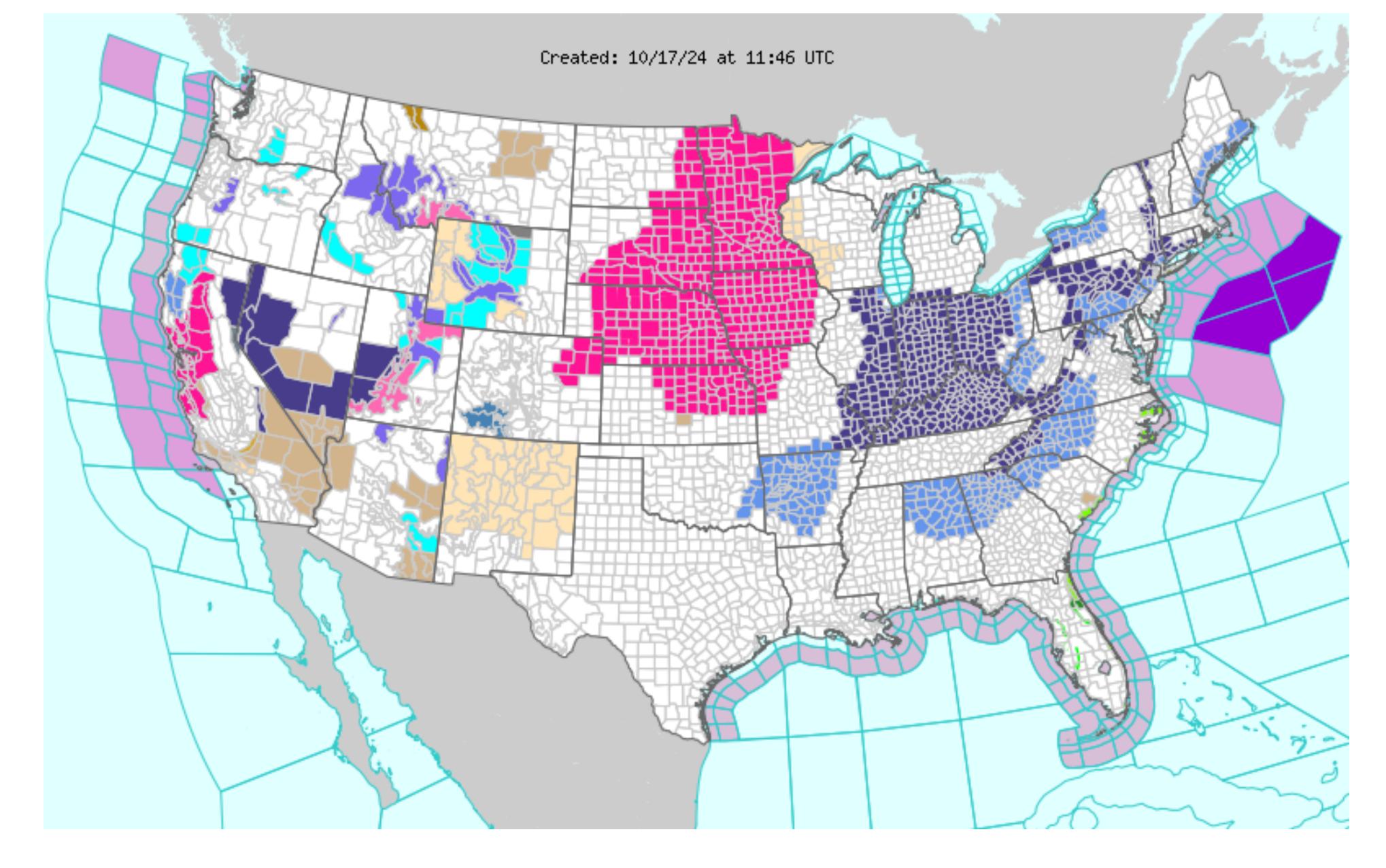


Soil Water 40 inches

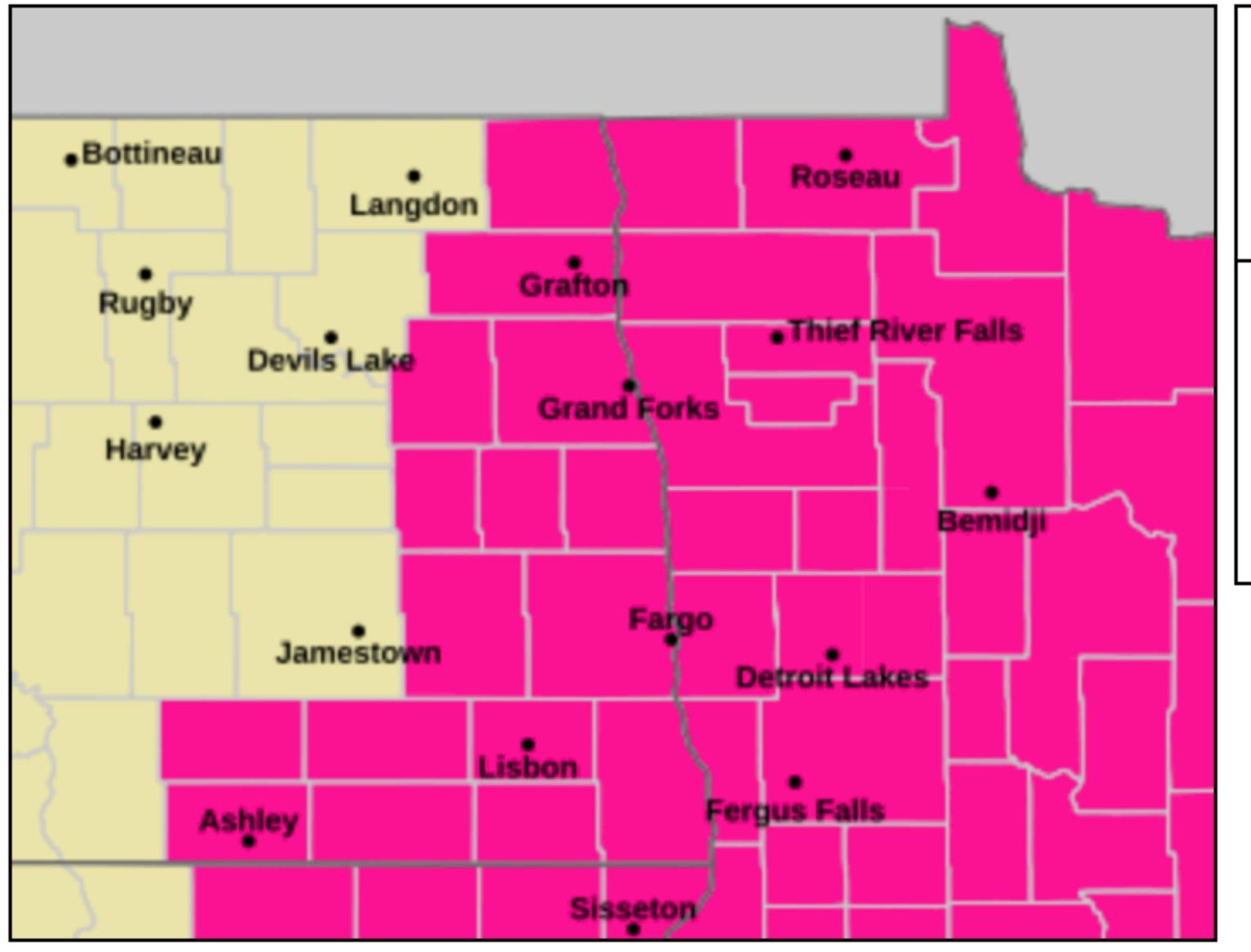
# Next Couple of Days



#### Current Surface Map



Red Flag Warnings





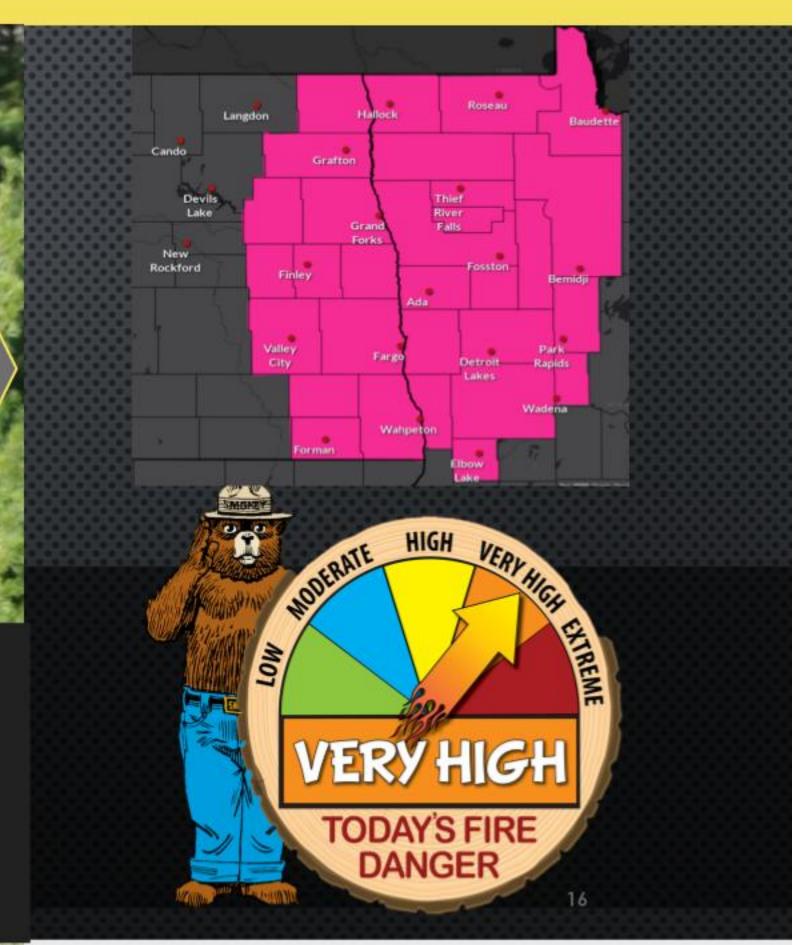
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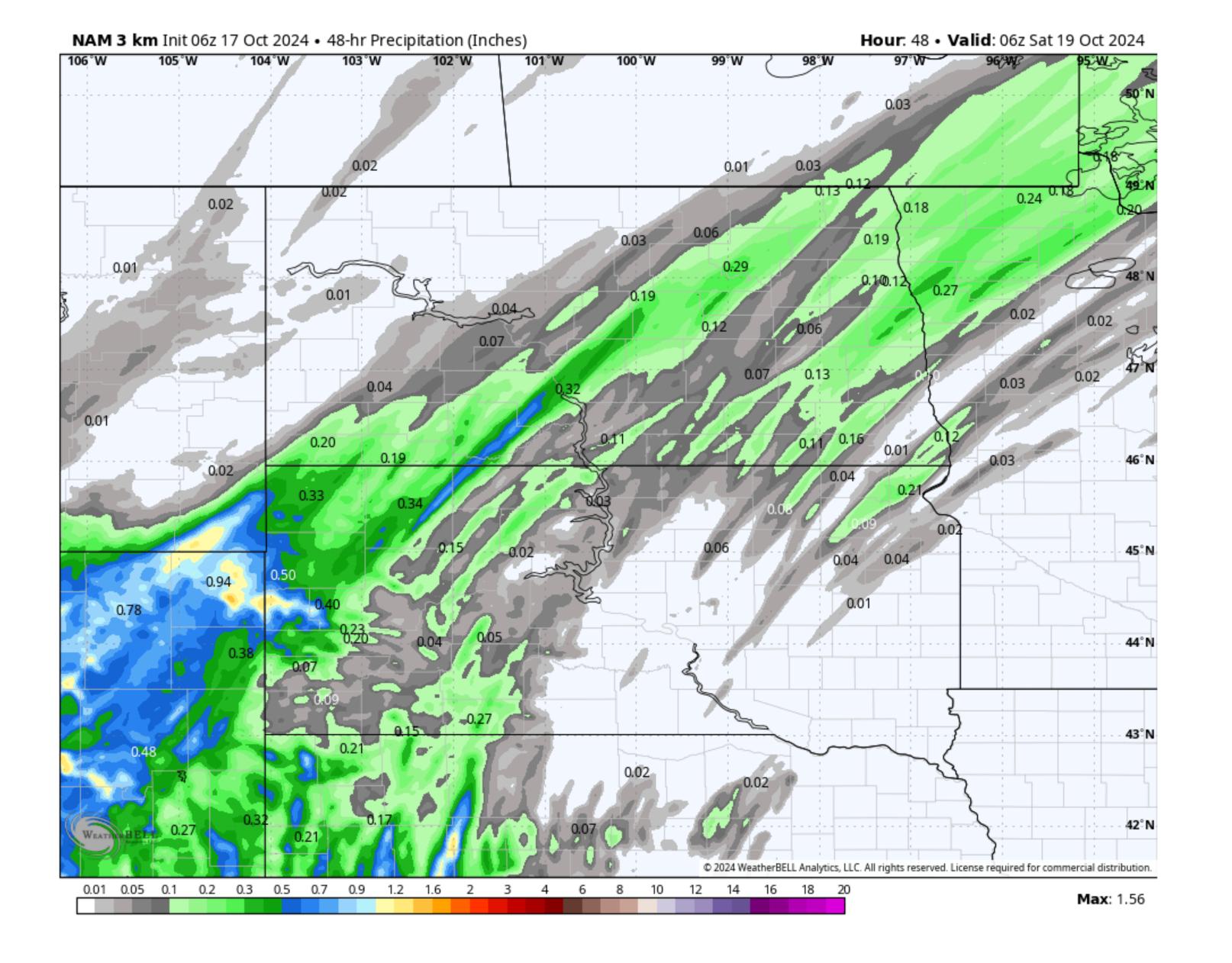
#### Red Flag Warning Today



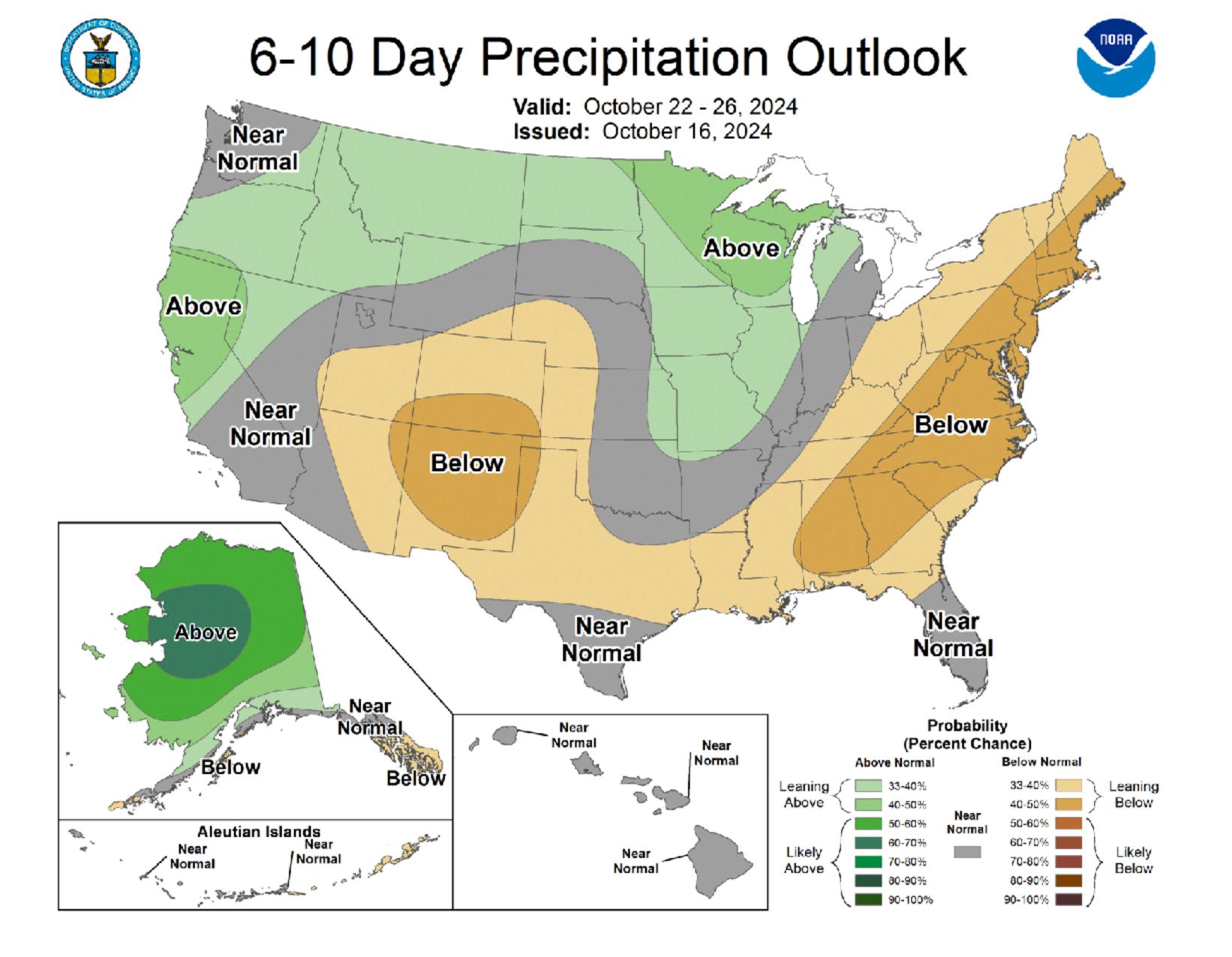
- Avoid outside burning
- Properly dispose cigarettes & matches, don't throw out the car window
- Do not park vehicles in the grass, check trailers for dragging chains
- Be careful with equipment that may spark



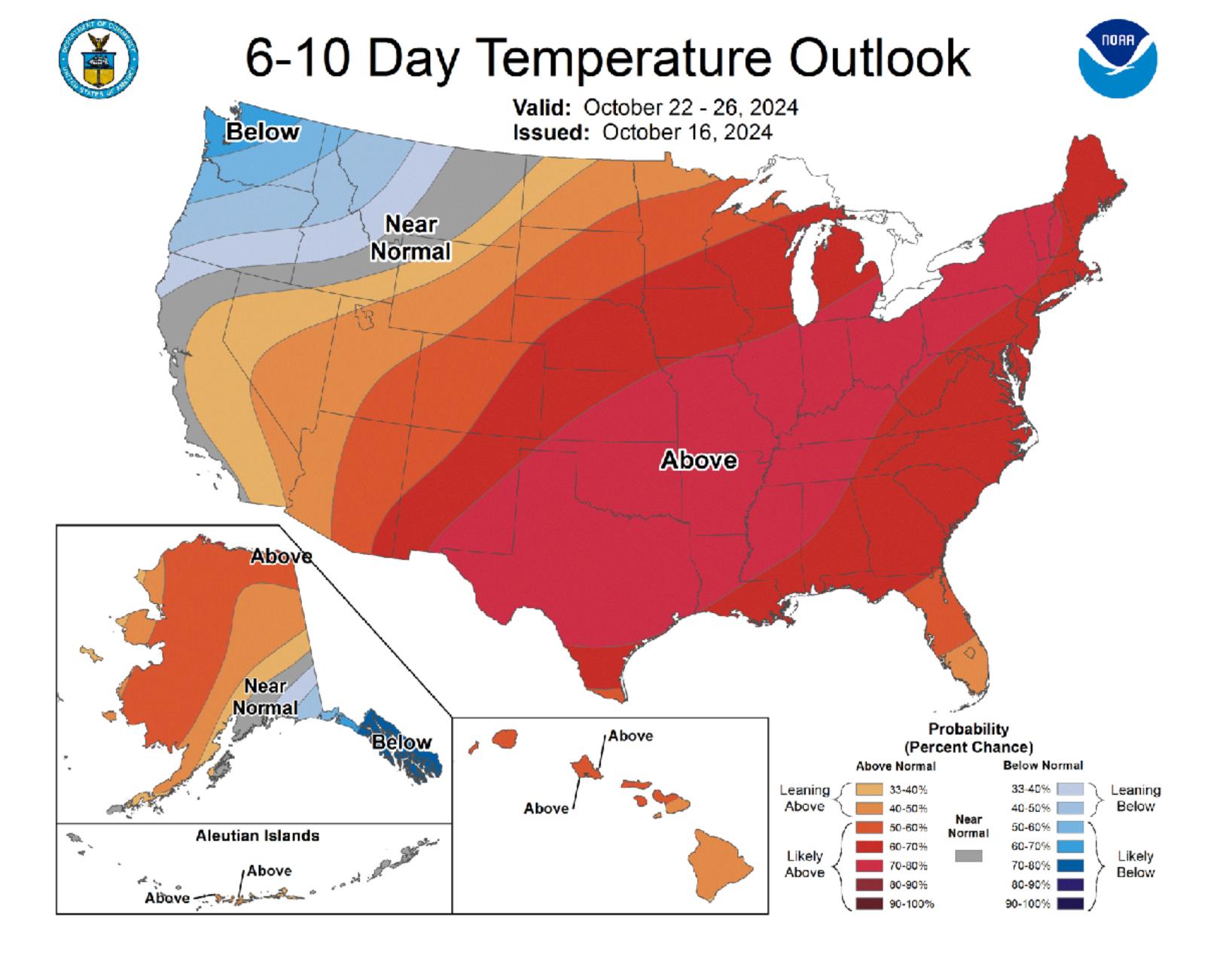




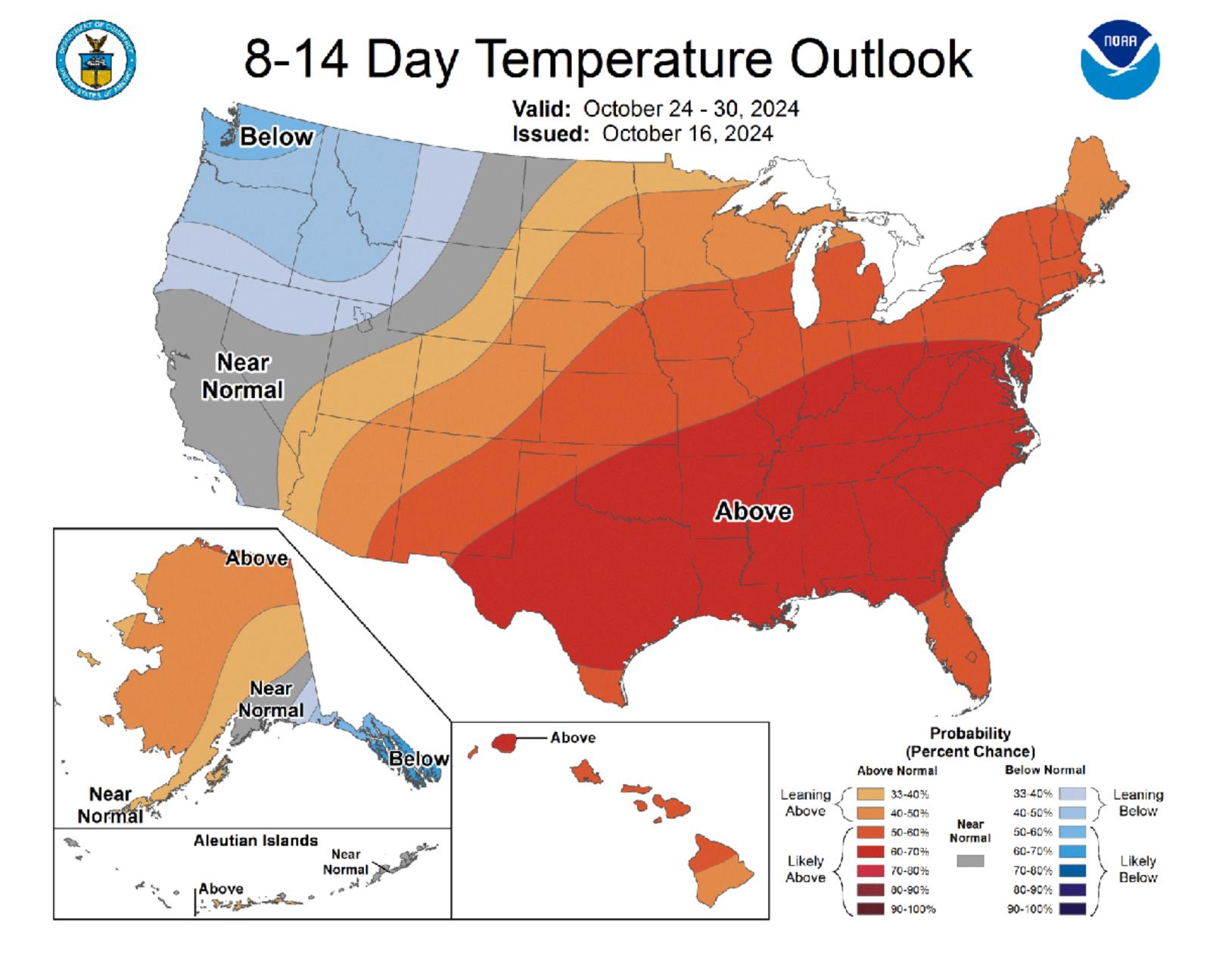
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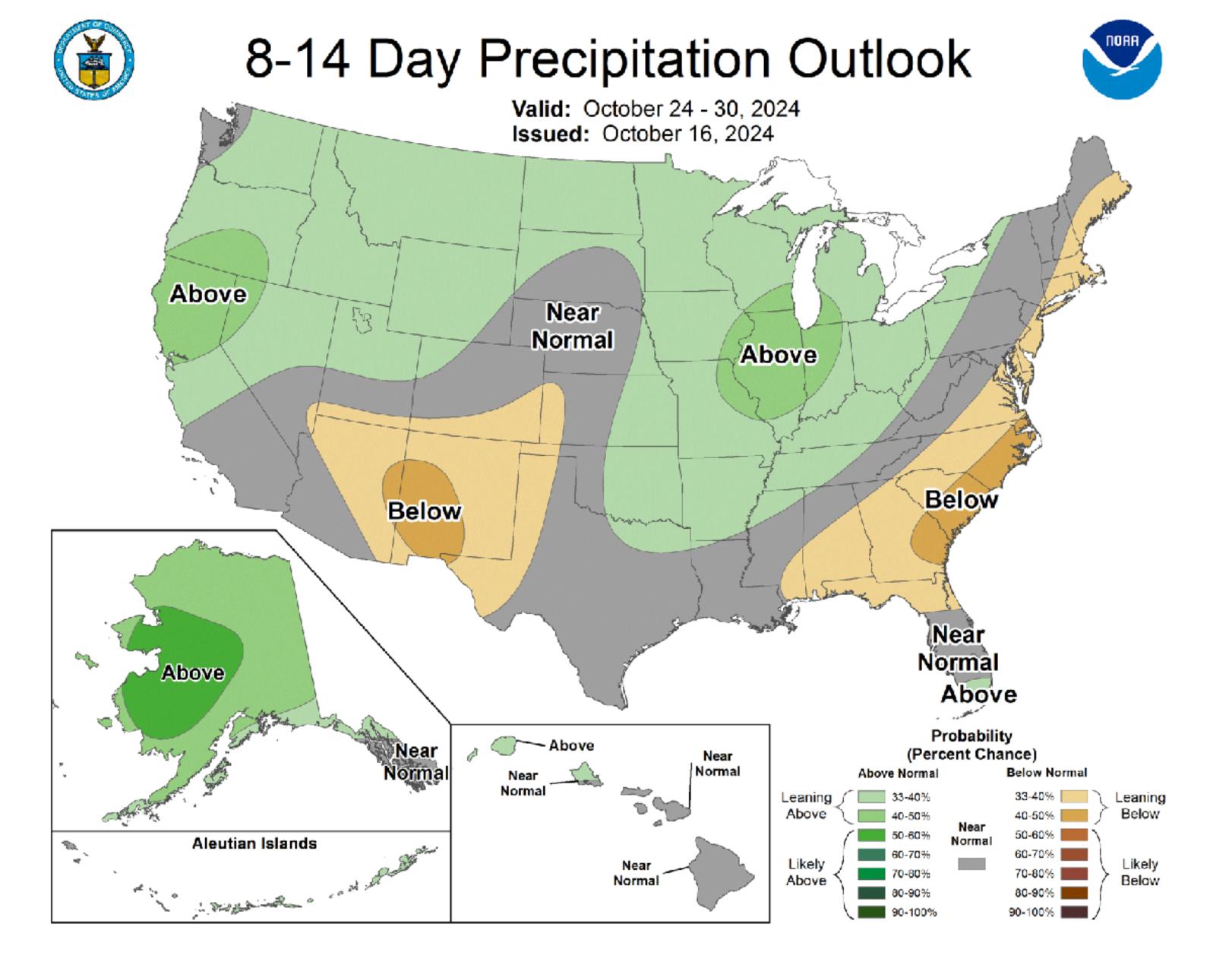
6-10 Day Outlook



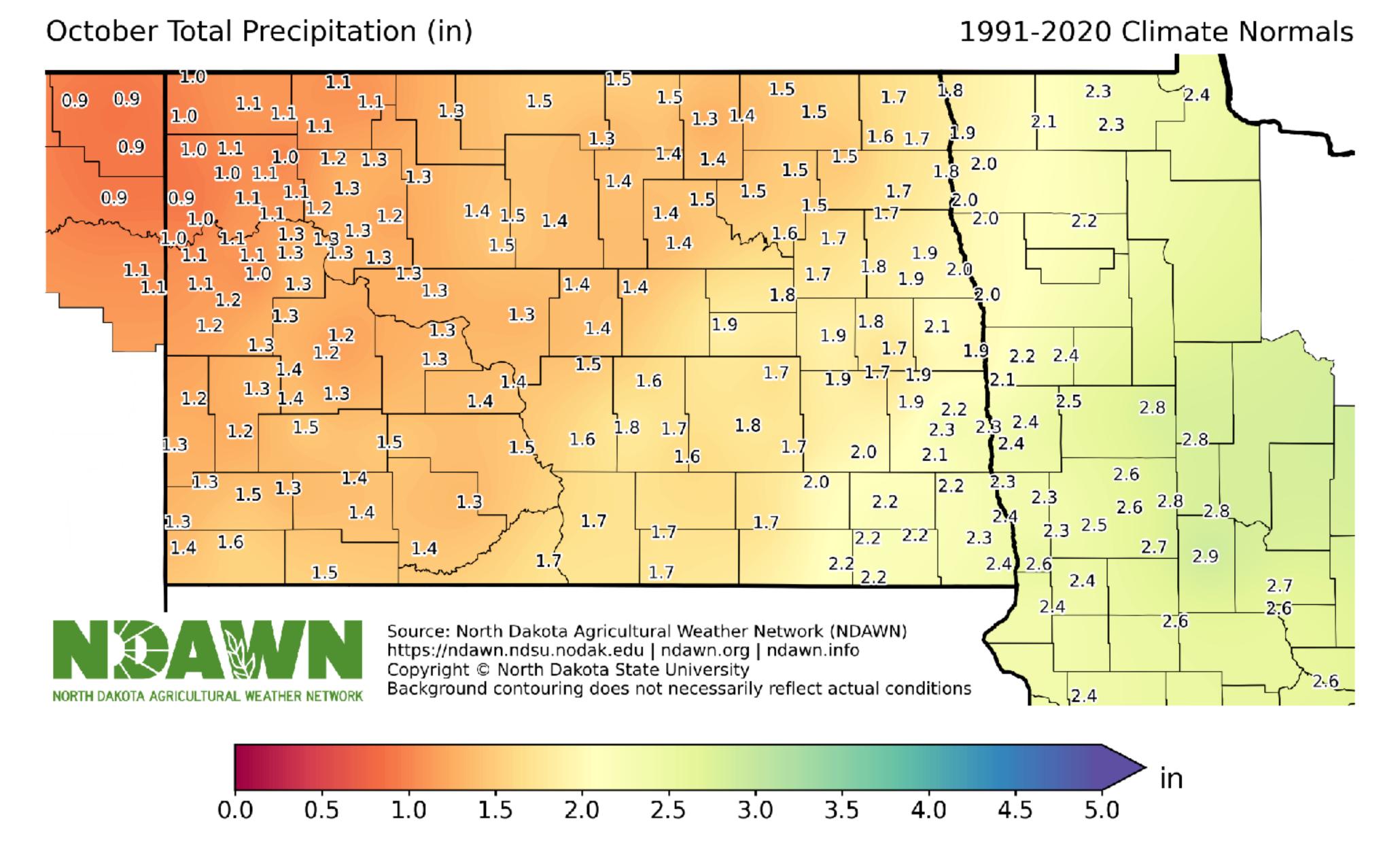
6-10 Day Outlook



8-14 Day Outlook



8-14 Day Outlook



#### October Average Rainfall

# Summary

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Above average temps / Near Average rain rest of month?

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