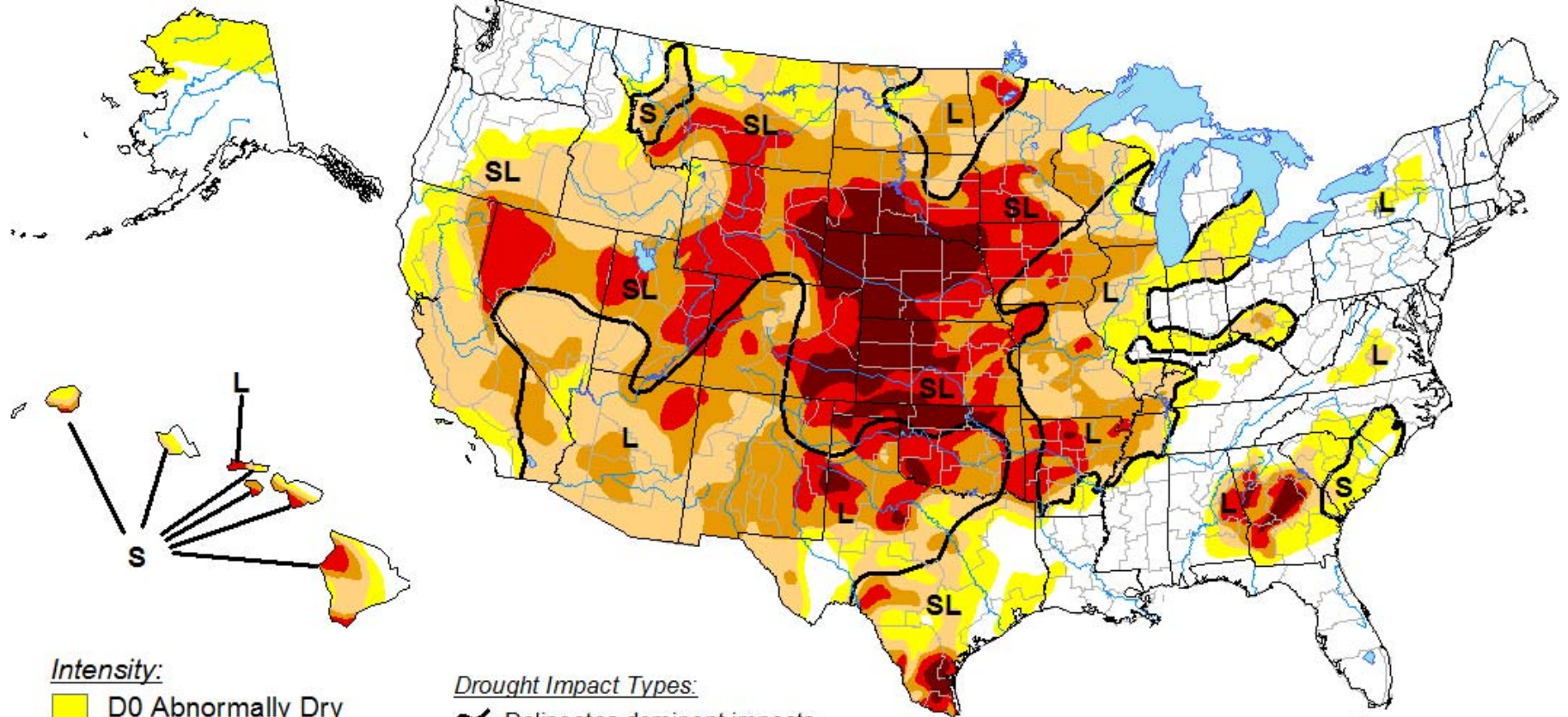







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
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Intensity:

-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Drought - Moderate
-  D2 Drought - Severe
-  D3 Drought - Extreme
-  D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:

-  Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically <6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically >6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



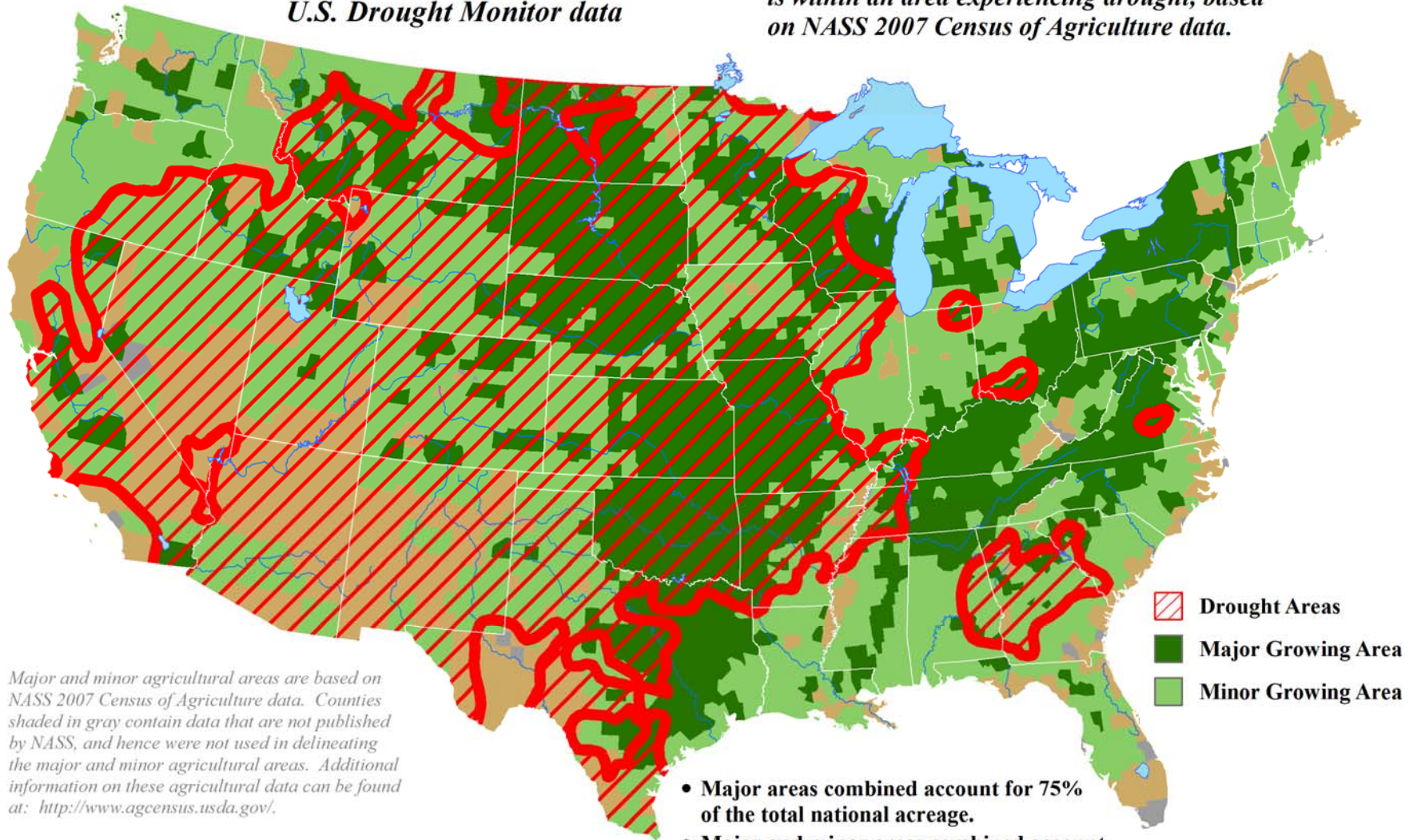
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U.S. Hay Areas Experiencing Drought

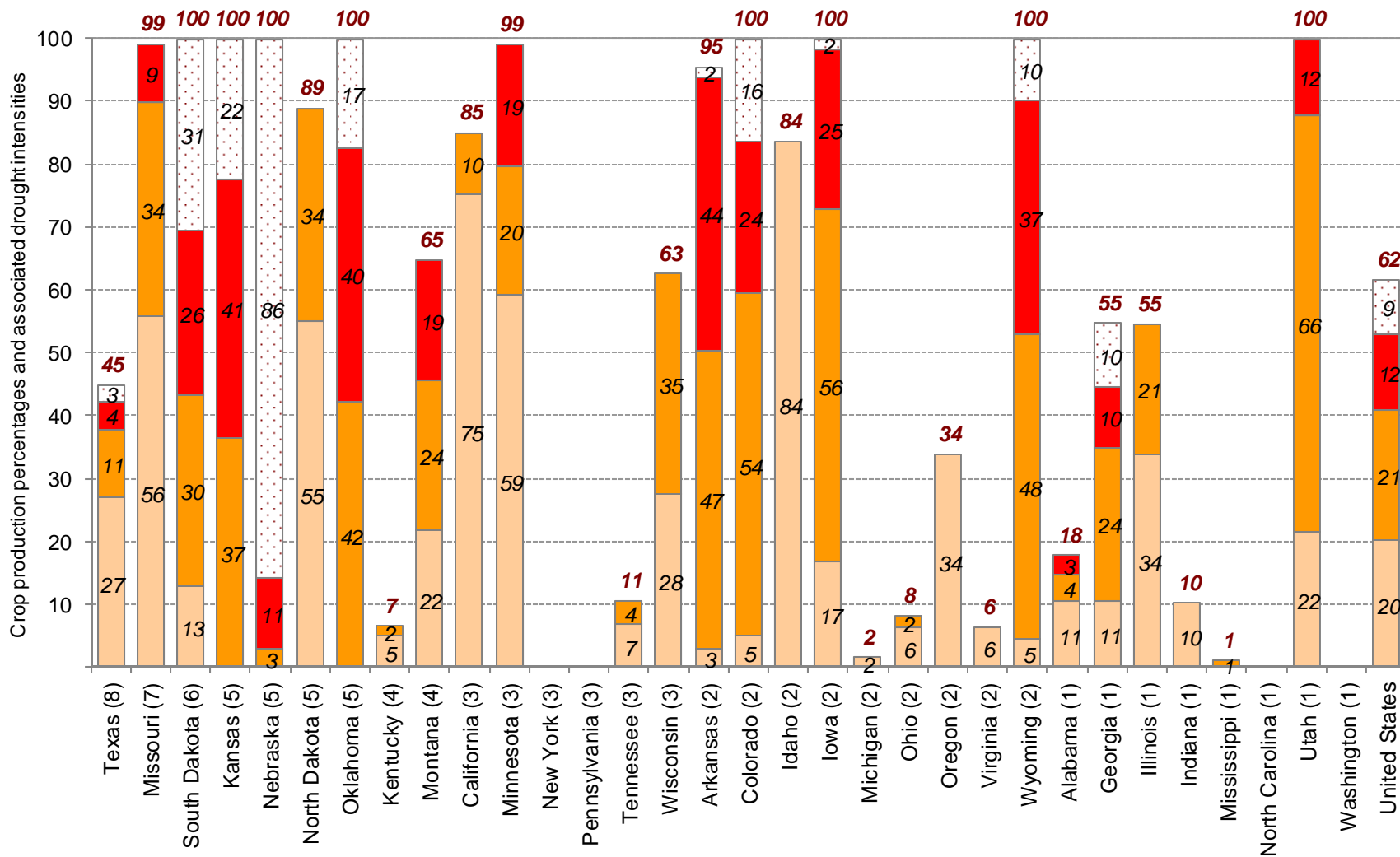
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Approximately 62% of the domestic hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought, based on NASS 2007 Census of Agriculture data.



Approximate Percentage of Hay Located in Drought *

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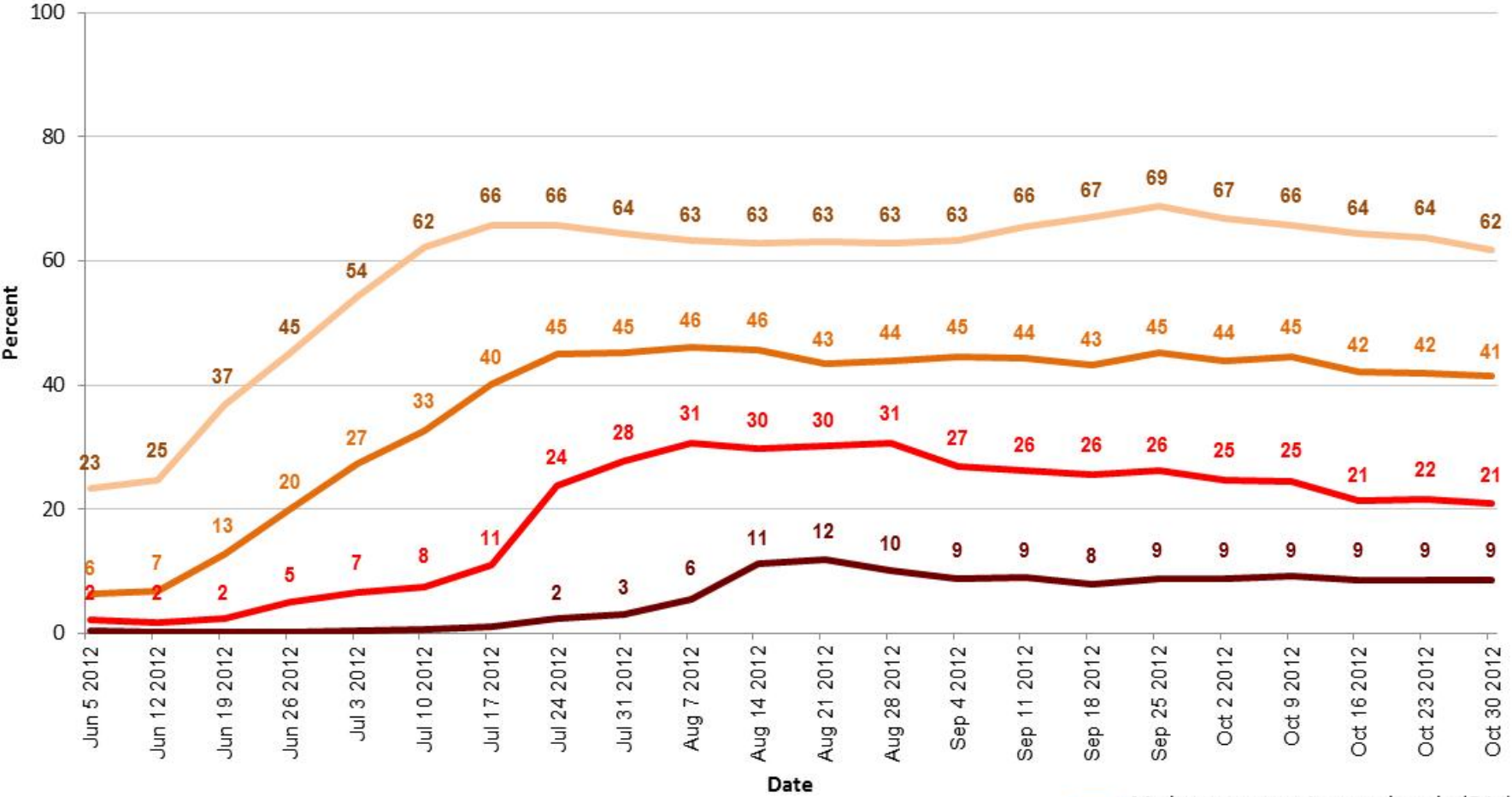


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State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are based upon National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 2007 Census of Agriculture data. More information on NASS data can be found at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

United States Hay Areas Located in Drought



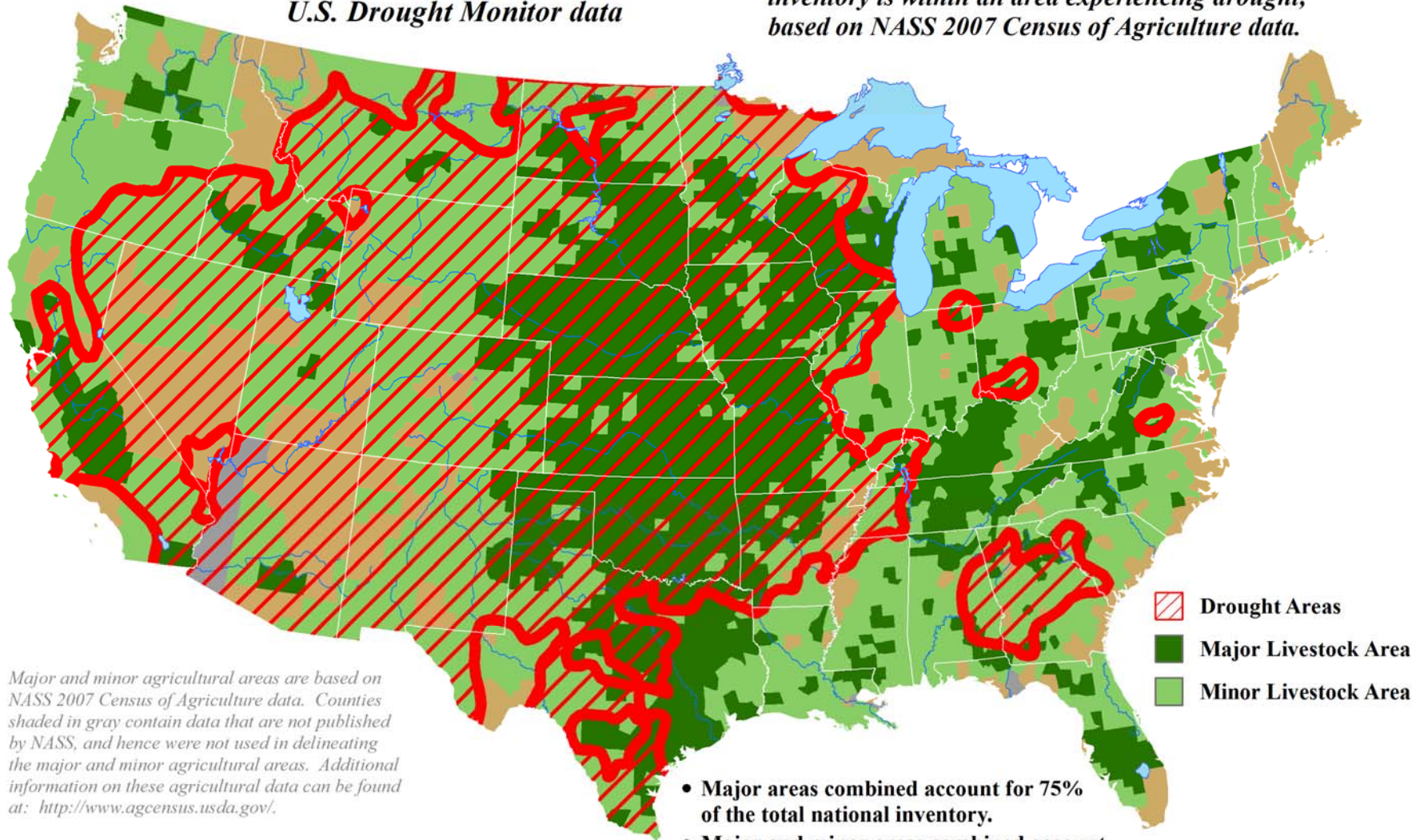

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- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

U.S. Cattle Areas Experiencing Drought

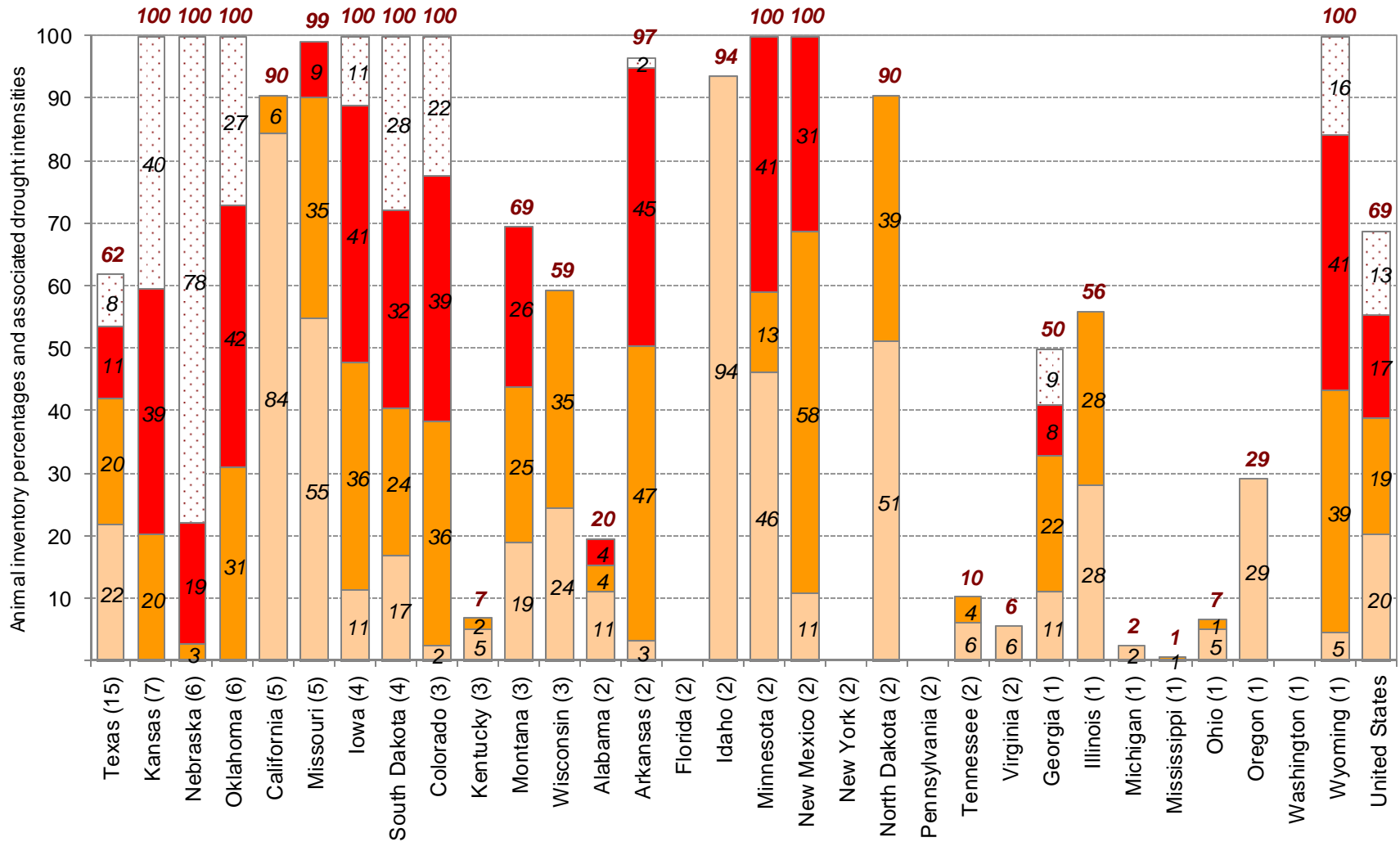
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Approximately 69% of the domestic cattle inventory is within an area experiencing drought, based on NASS 2007 Census of Agriculture data.

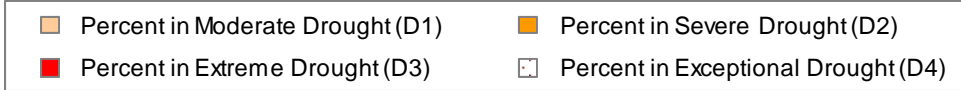


Approximate Percentage of Cattle Located in Drought *

October 30, 2012

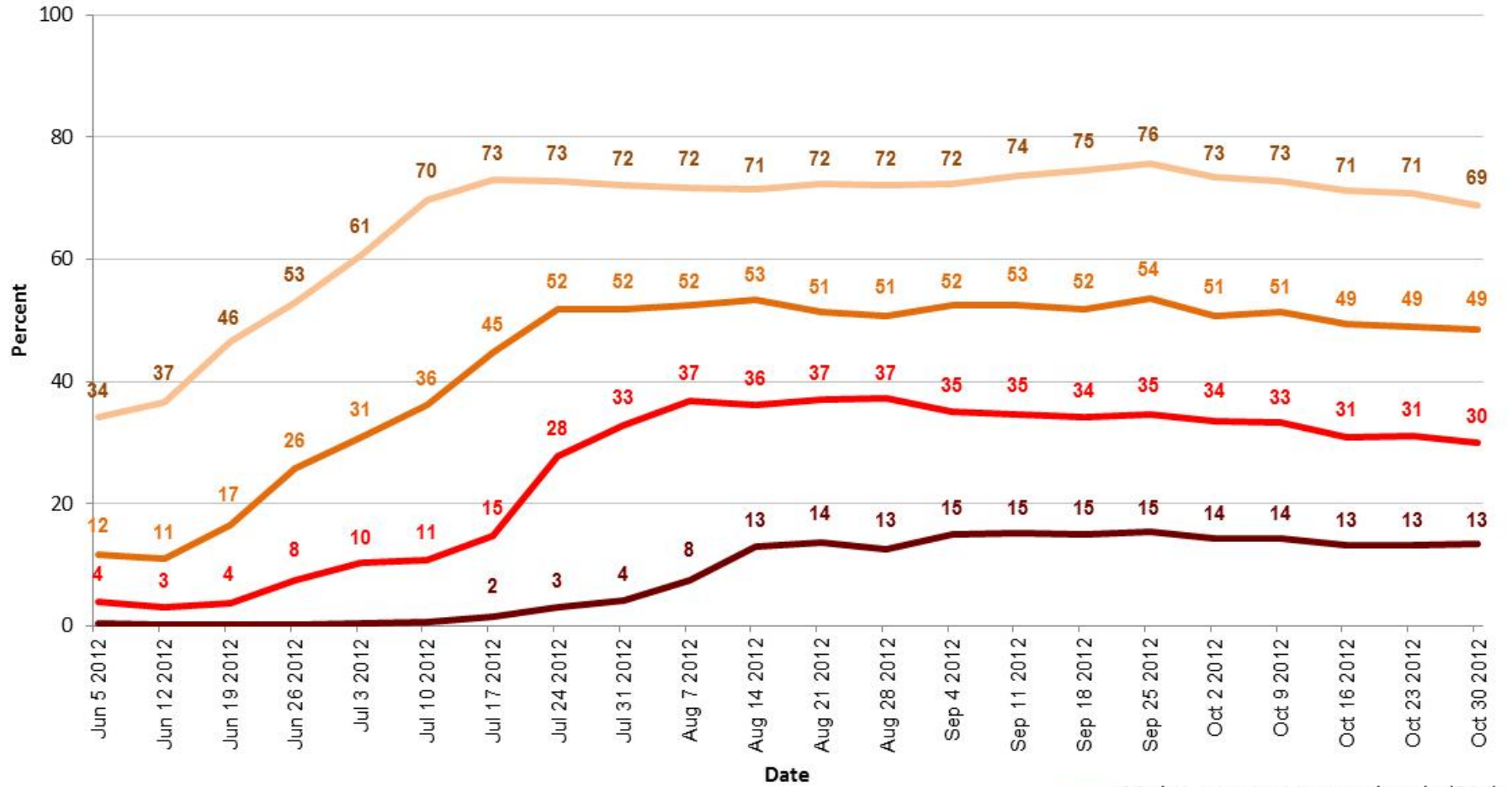


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State contributions to the total national inventory (percentages in parentheses) are based upon National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 2007 Census of Agriculture data. More information on NASS data can be found at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

United States Cattle Areas Located in Drought



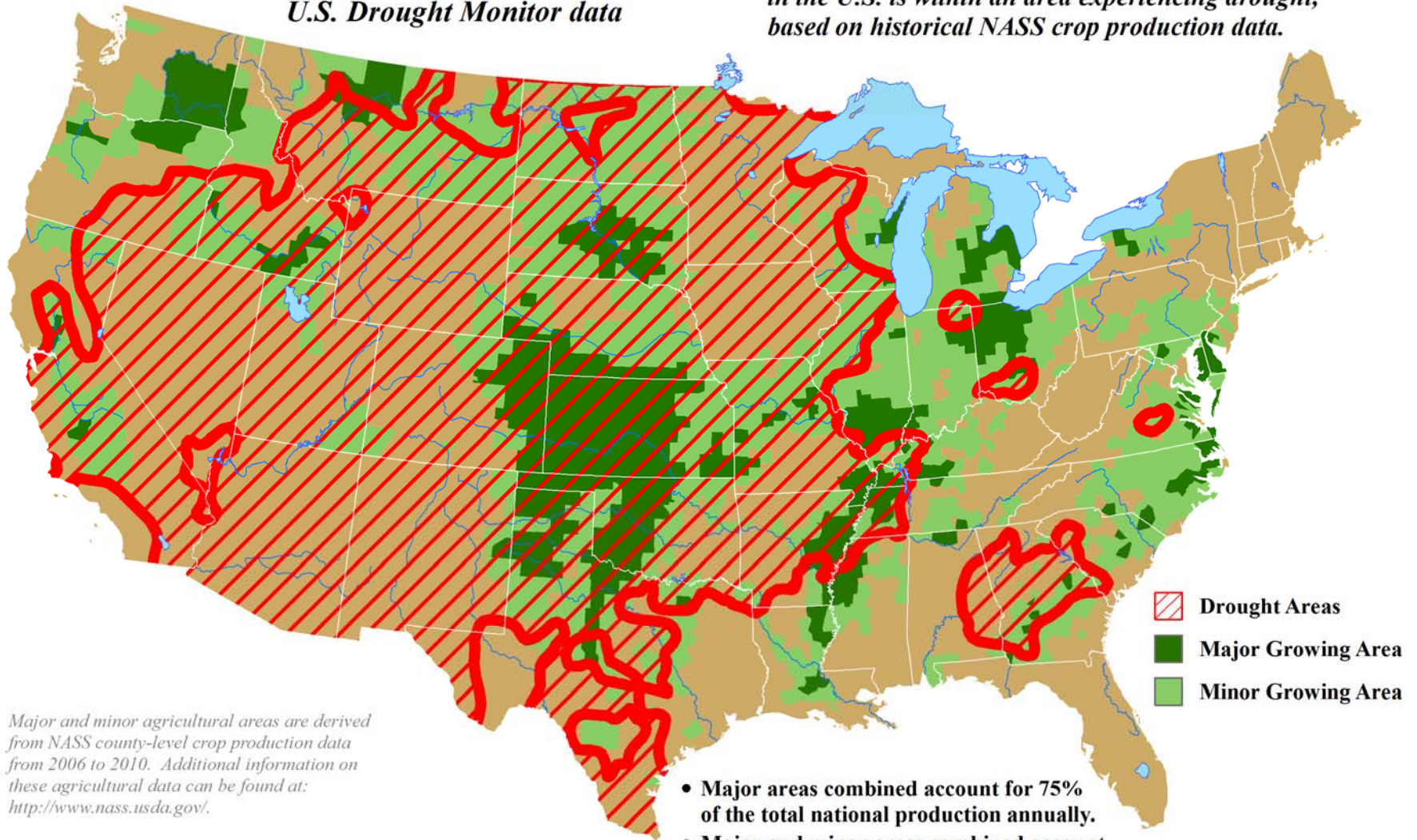

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- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

U.S. Winter Wheat Areas Experiencing Drought

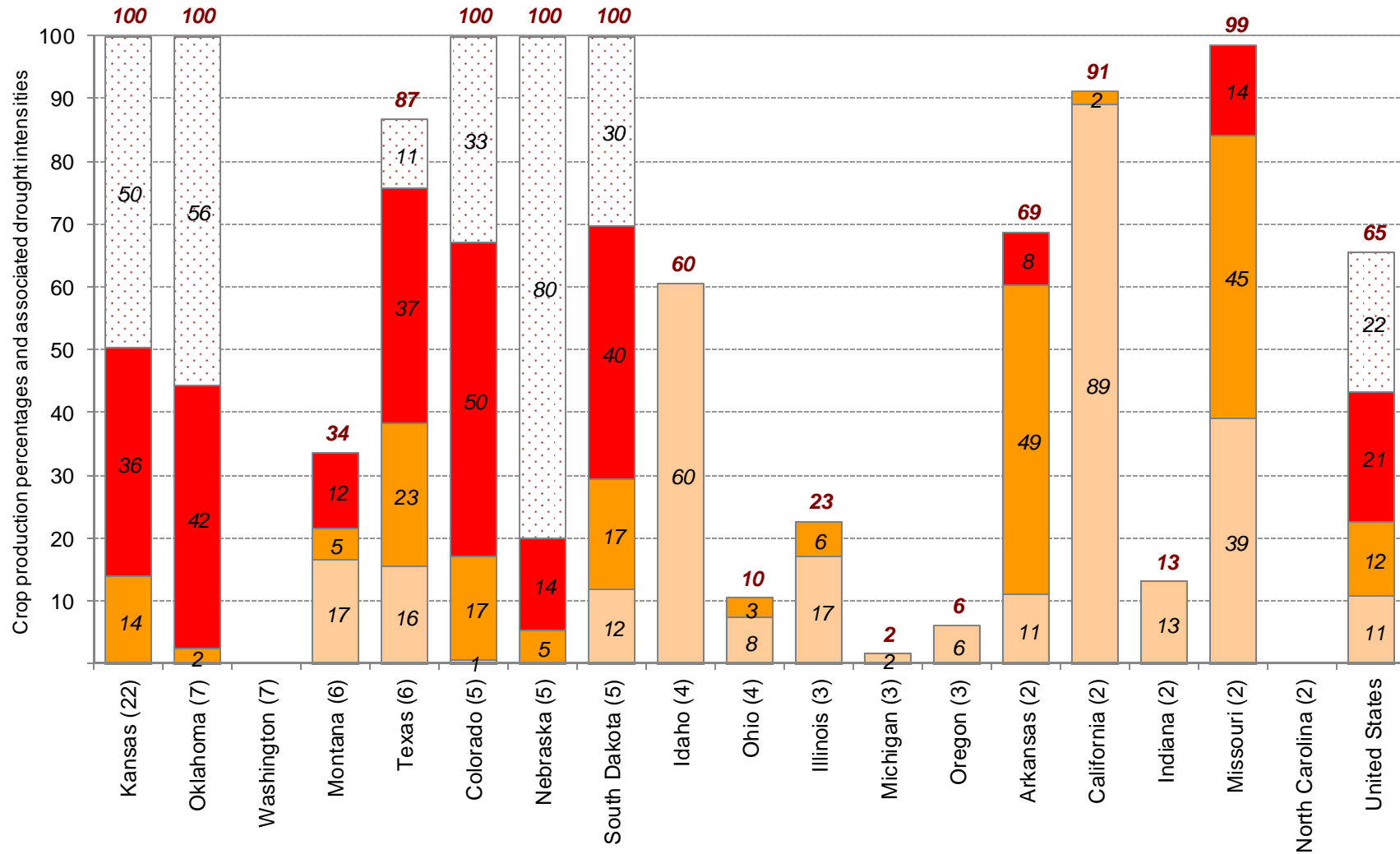
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Approximately 65% of the winter wheat grown
in the U.S. is within an area experiencing drought,
based on historical NASS crop production data.



Approximate Percentage of Winter Wheat Located in Drought *

October 30, 2012

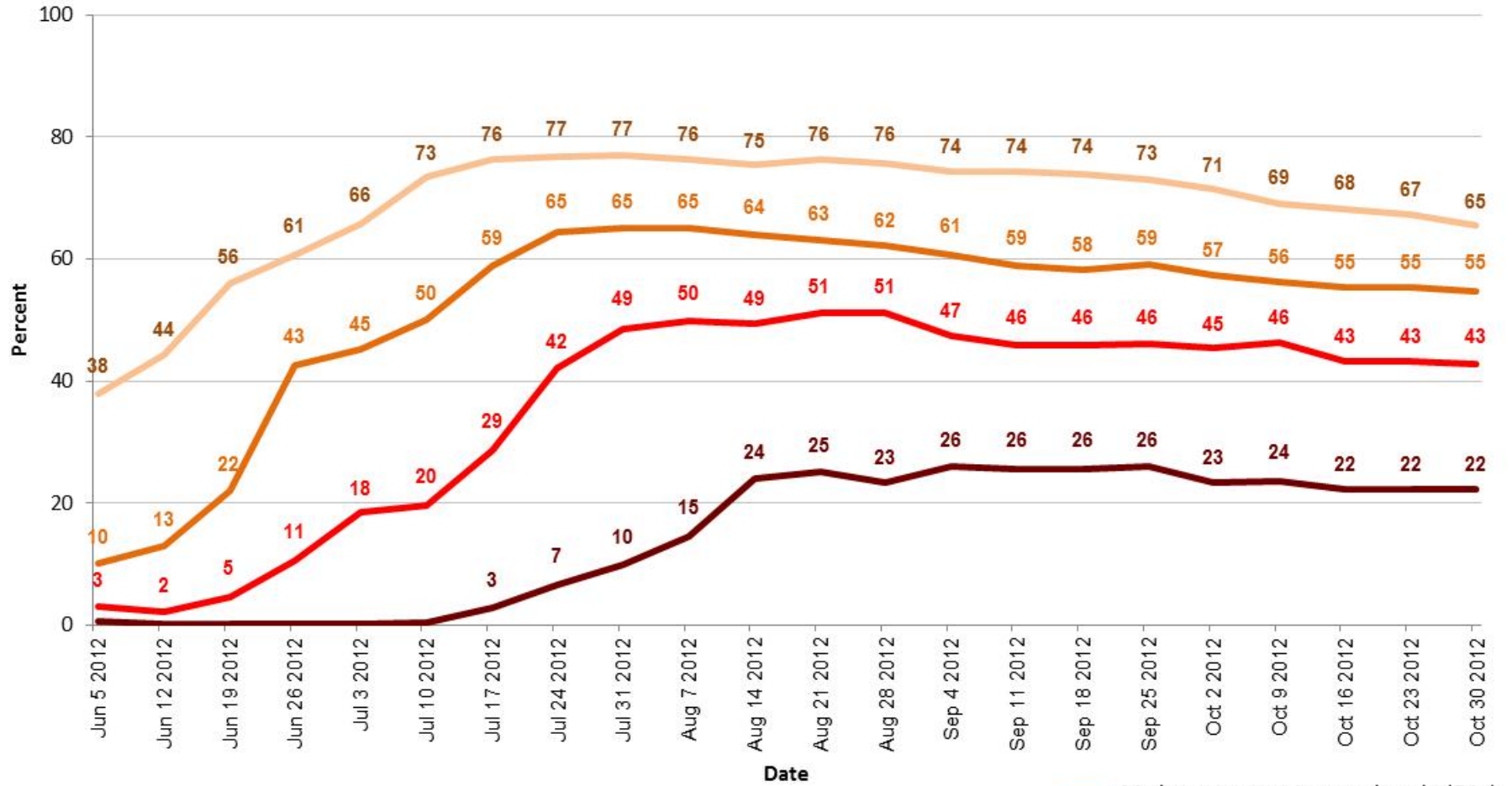


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State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are based upon National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 5-year averages from 2006-2010. More information on NASS data can be found at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

United States Winter Wheat Areas Located in Drought




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