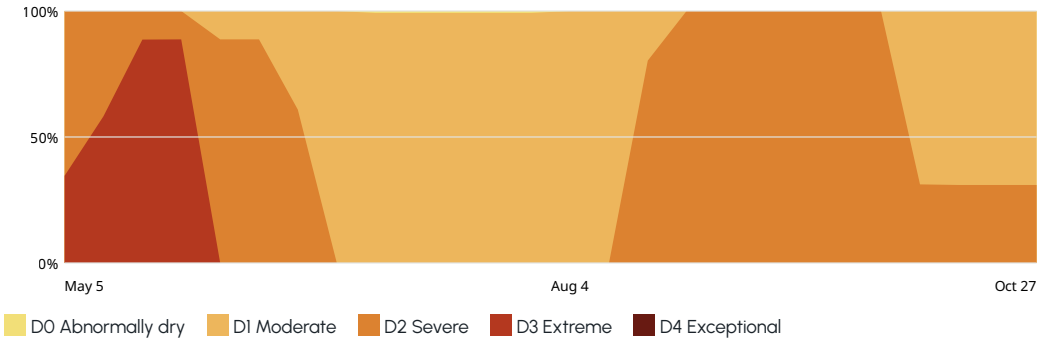
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COUNTY DROUGHT AND BURN-BAN BRIEF · NOV 1, 2026

Rice County, Kansas

Drought

Moderate drought across most of the county (100%); severe drought on 31%. Some severe drought (D2) or worse for **11 straight weeks**.



Share of the county in each level, last 26 weeks. Source: U.S. Drought Monitor, map dated Oct 27, 2026.

Drought pay (LFP)

On FSA's 2026 Livestock Forage Disaster Program list, up to 4 monthly payments. Applications and papers for 2026 losses are due **Mar 1, 2027** at the county FSA office (7 CFR 1416.206(a)).

Source: FSA LFP eligibility file posted Oct 29, 2026.

Disaster designations

· S6269 · Primary · Drought · approved Jun 4, 2026

Primary or contiguous, both open FSA emergency loans for about 8 months.
Source: USDA secretarial designations.

Burn ban

Kansas has no statewide official burn-ban list; county commissions set bans and announce them locally (county emergency management or sheriff).

State information: https://www.kansasforests.org/fire/wildfireresponse.html

Fire weather and fires

No NWS fire-weather alerts right now.

No mapped wildfires within 50 miles.

Sources: National Weather Service alerts; NIFC current fire perimeters, layer updated Nov 1, 2026.

Live page: cownty.com/county/rice-ks · Information only. FSA decides who qualifies for a program. Free to print and post.