In addition to NCIS What's Happening, we are providing:

1. a weekly update of USDA's drought monitor for both corn and soybeans and
2. daily futures price movements for both corn and soybeans including crop revenue guarantee prices, along with the PLC price.

We hope you will find this a useful supplement to our weekly NCIS update.

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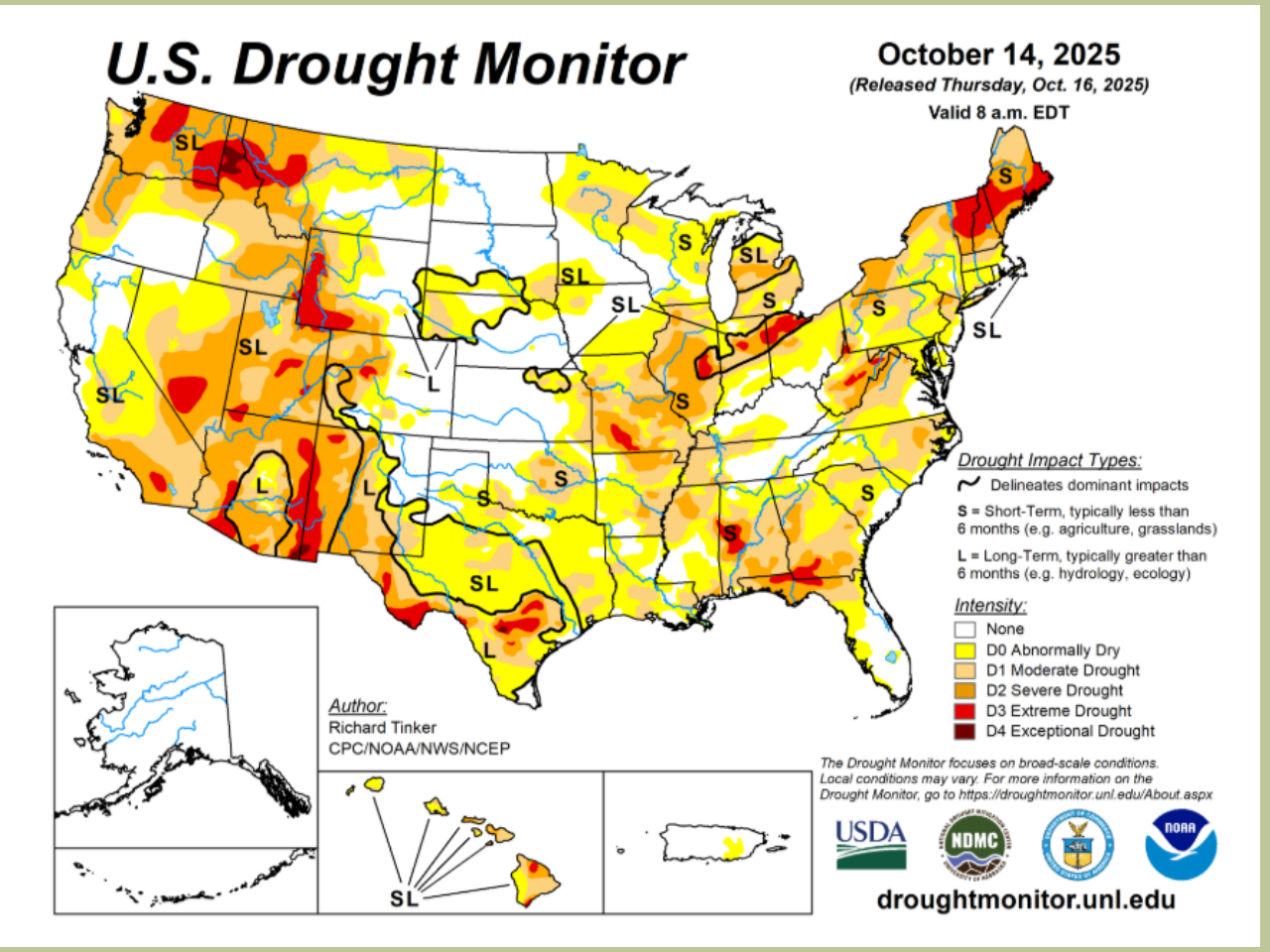

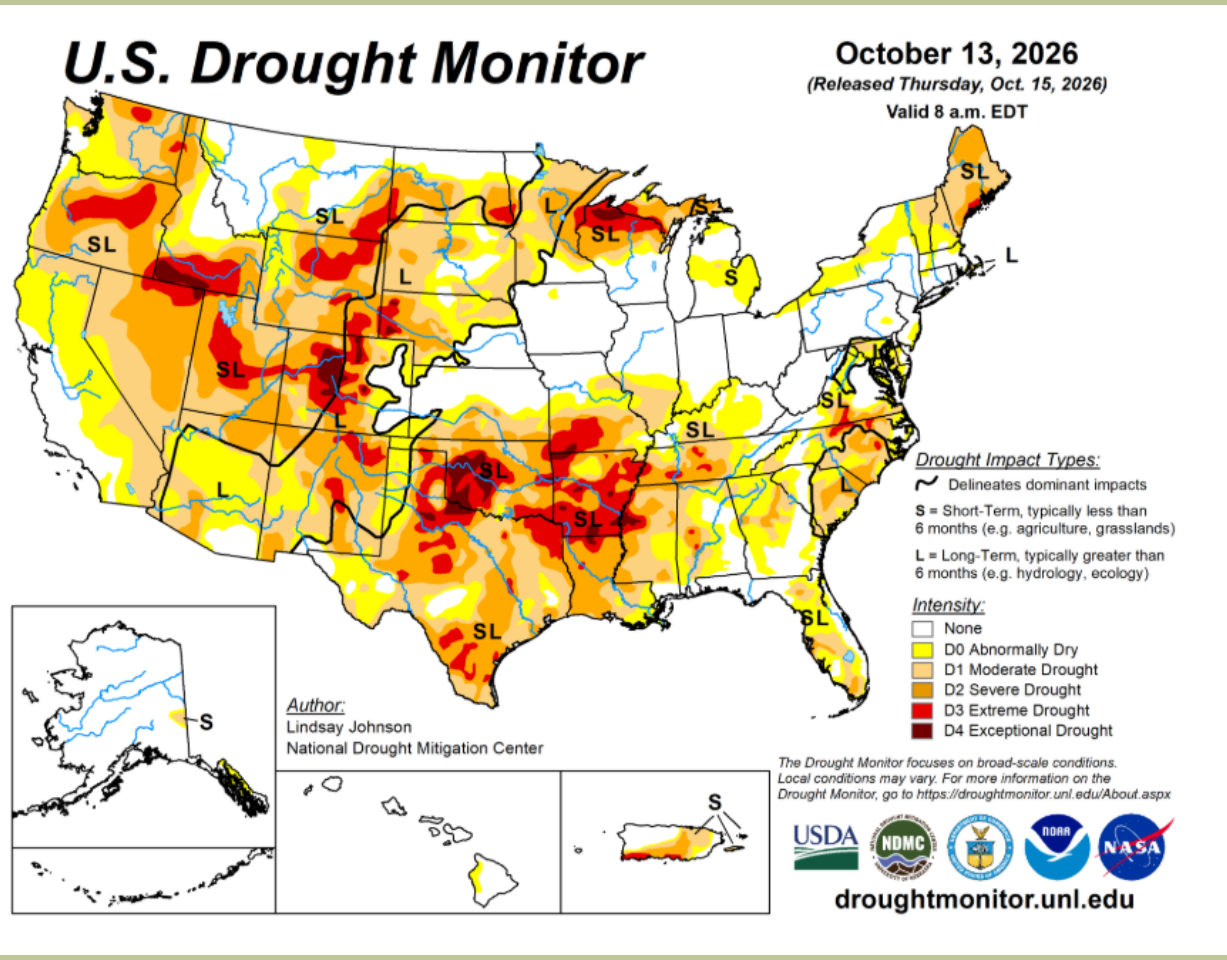

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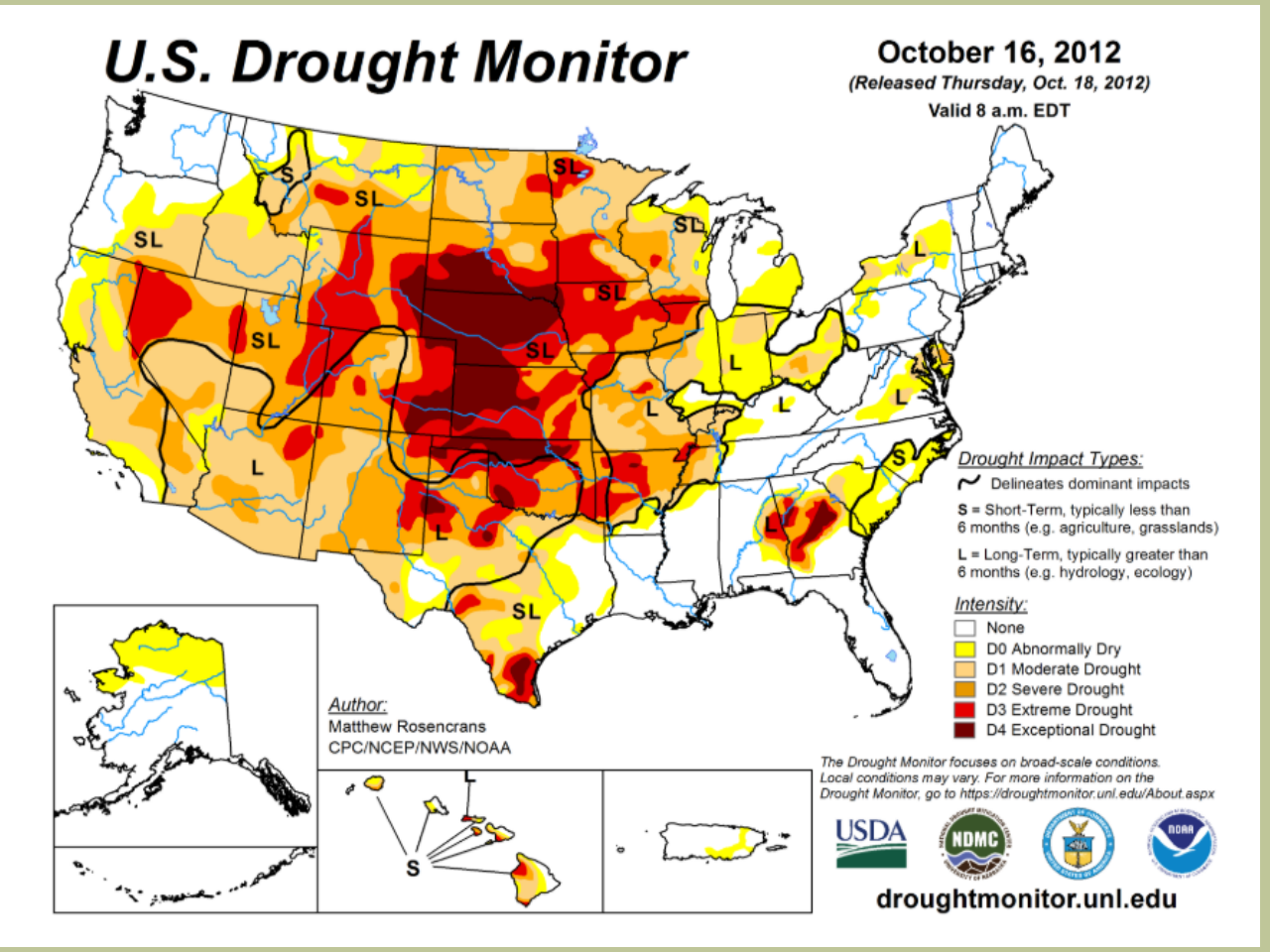

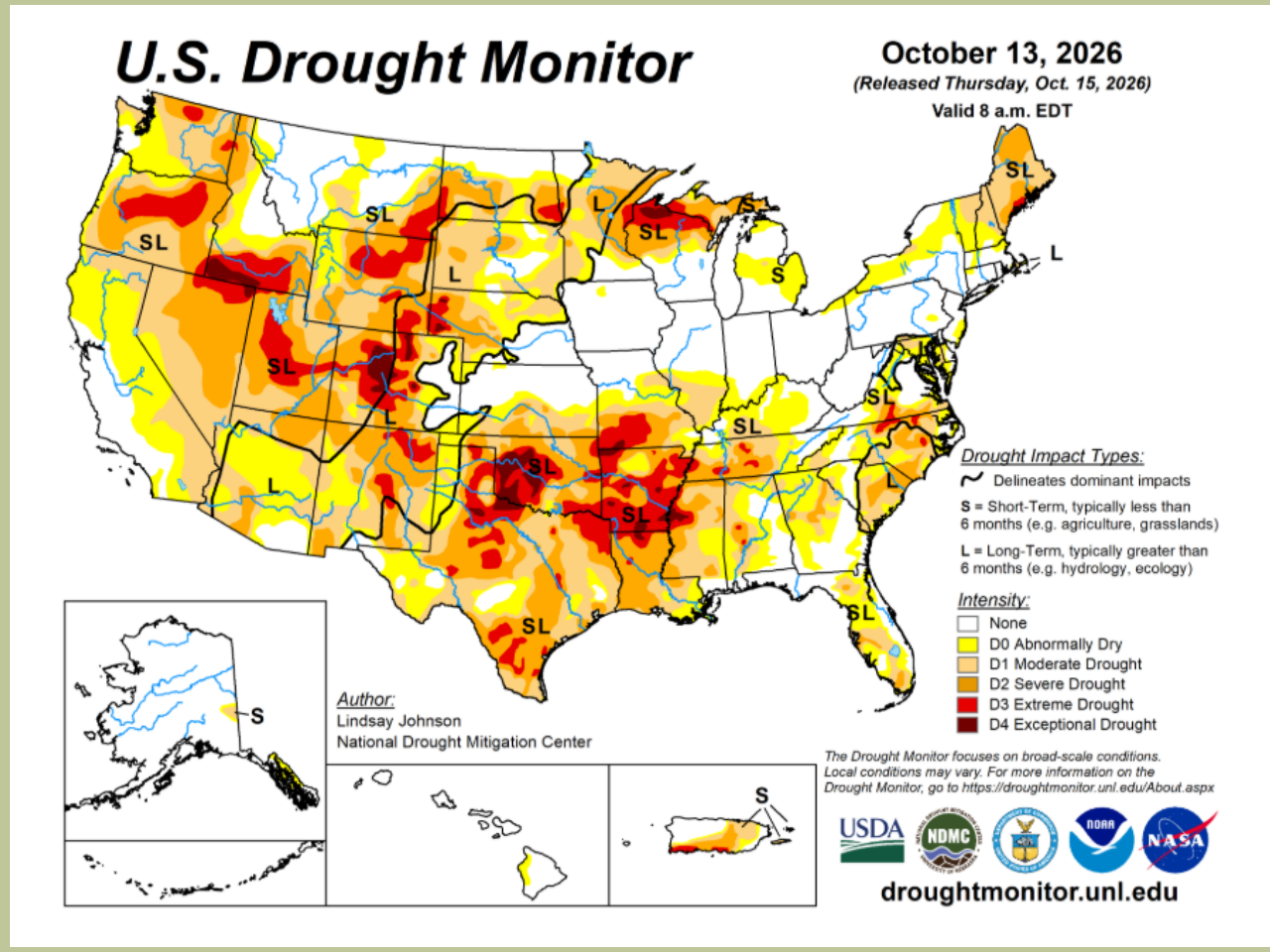

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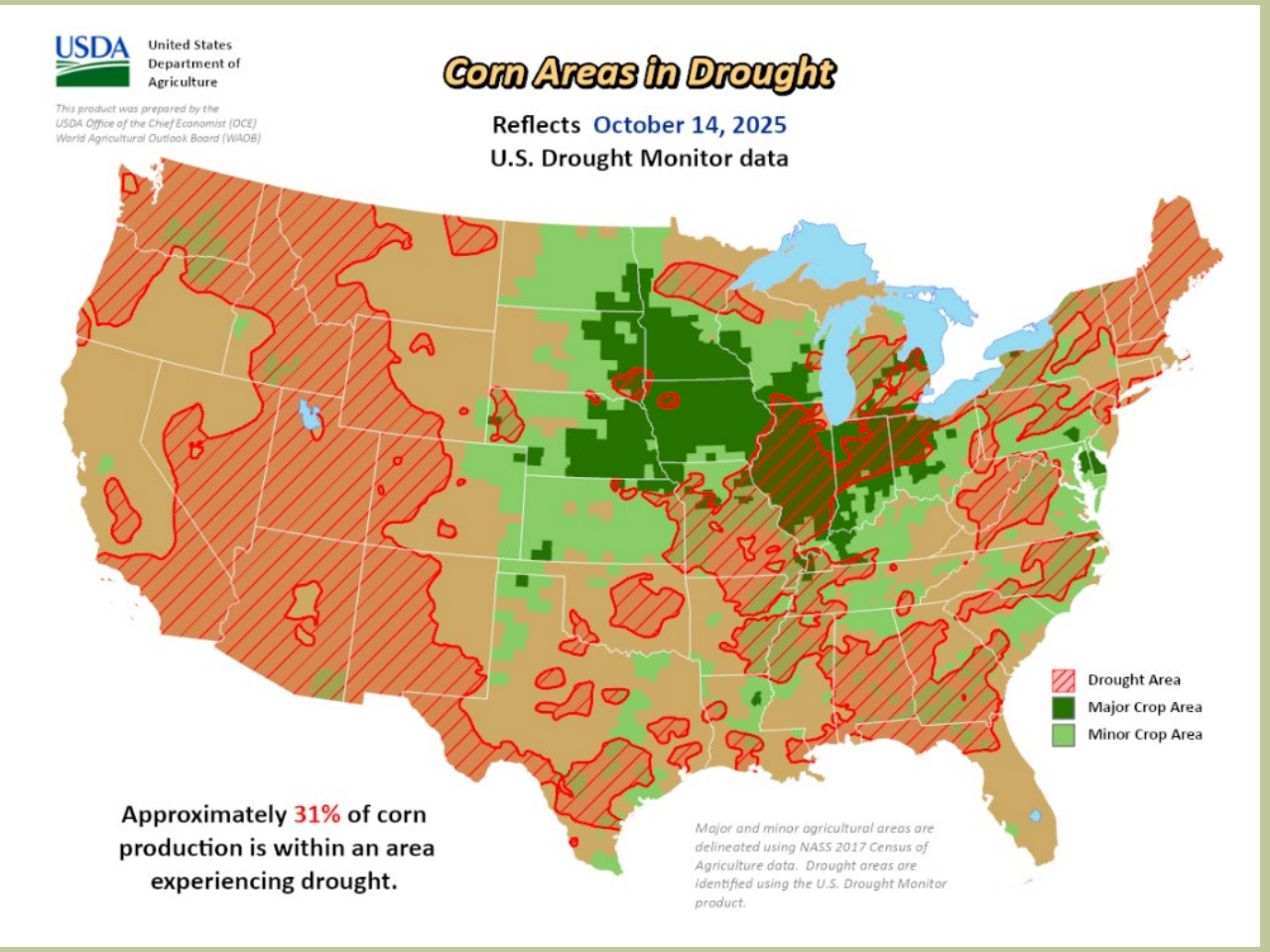

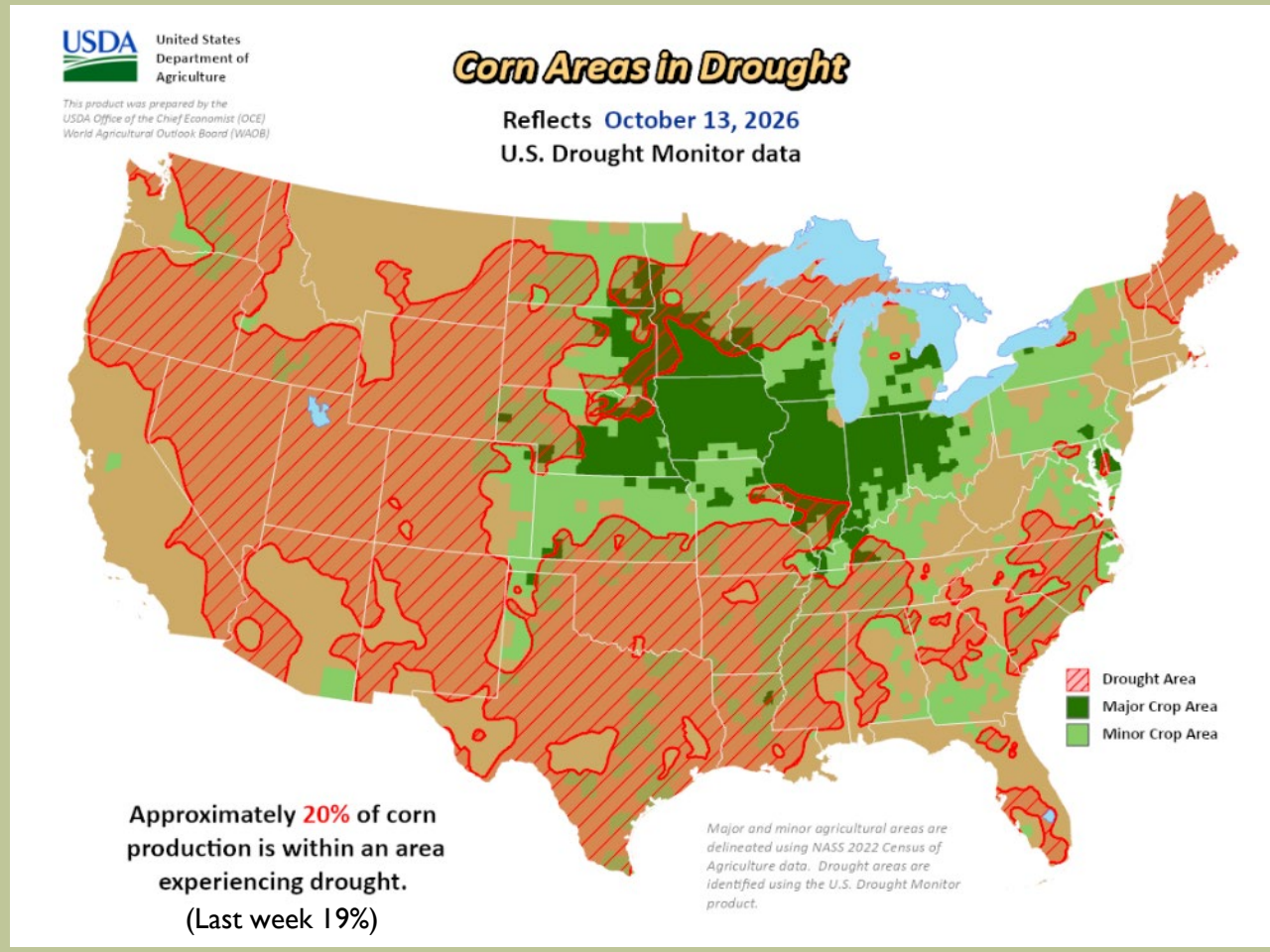

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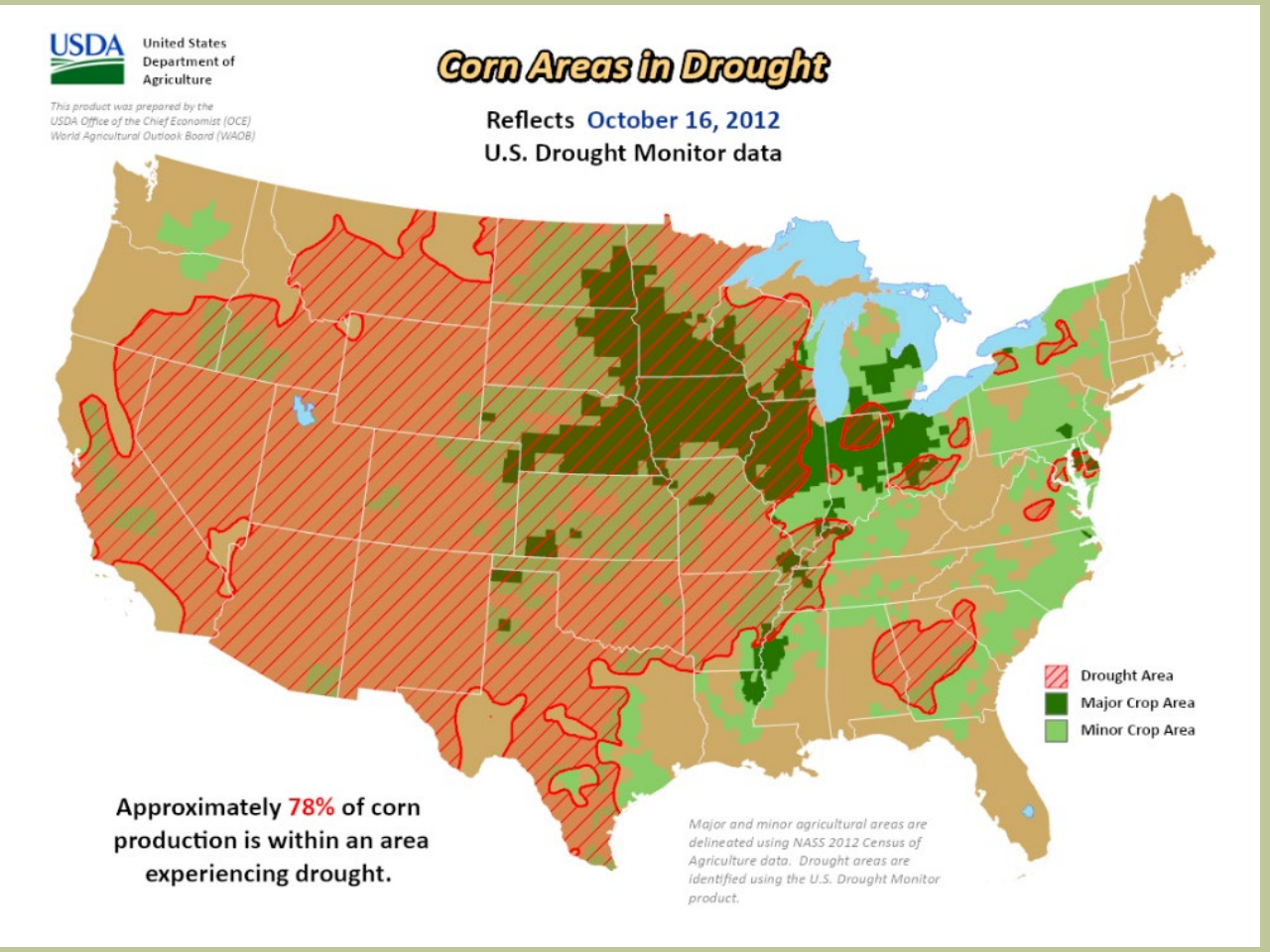

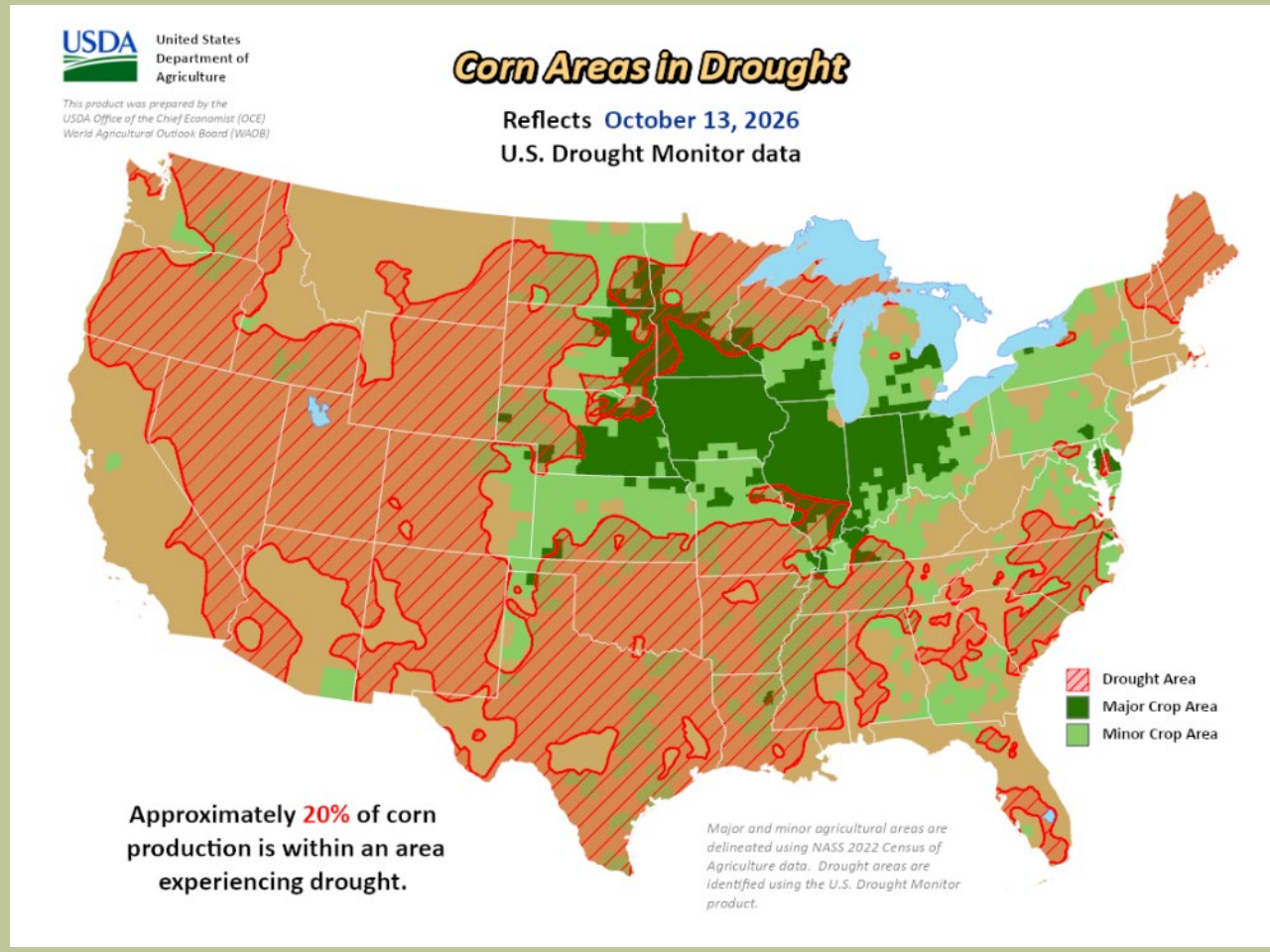

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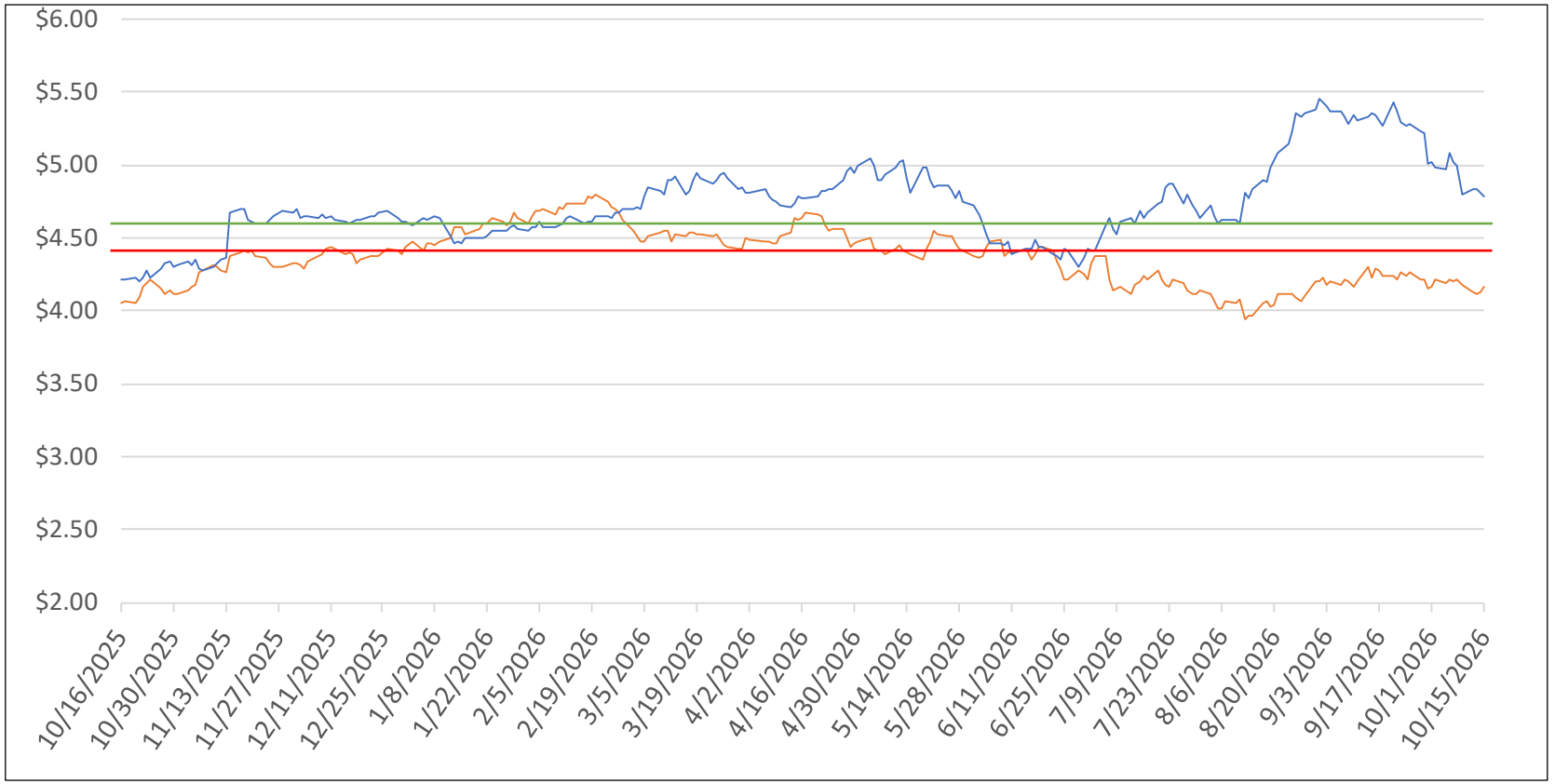

Policy Price Triggers: 2026 PLC $4.42 — 2026 CI $4.62 —

2026 Futures — 2025 Futures —

Corn Dec '26 (ZCZ26)

479-2 **-1-4 (-0.31%)** 09:13 CT [CBOT]

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QUOTE OVERVIEW for Thu, Oct 15th, 2026

Day Low	Day High
477-4	482-6

Open 481-4

Previous Close	480-6
Volume	73,642
Open Interest	843,697
Weighted Alpha	+2.75
Relative Strength	30.85 (-1.31)
5-Day Change	-22-4 (-4.50%)
52-Week High	549-6 (-13.10%)
52-Week Low	425-6 (+12.21%)
National Corn Index	4.3966

Life of Contract Futures Prices for the year as of Thursday; CBOT, December 2026 Corn, High/Low/Close. Compared to Policy Benchmarks, the USDA, Price Loss Coverage Reference Price and the Crop Insurance Price Guarantee.

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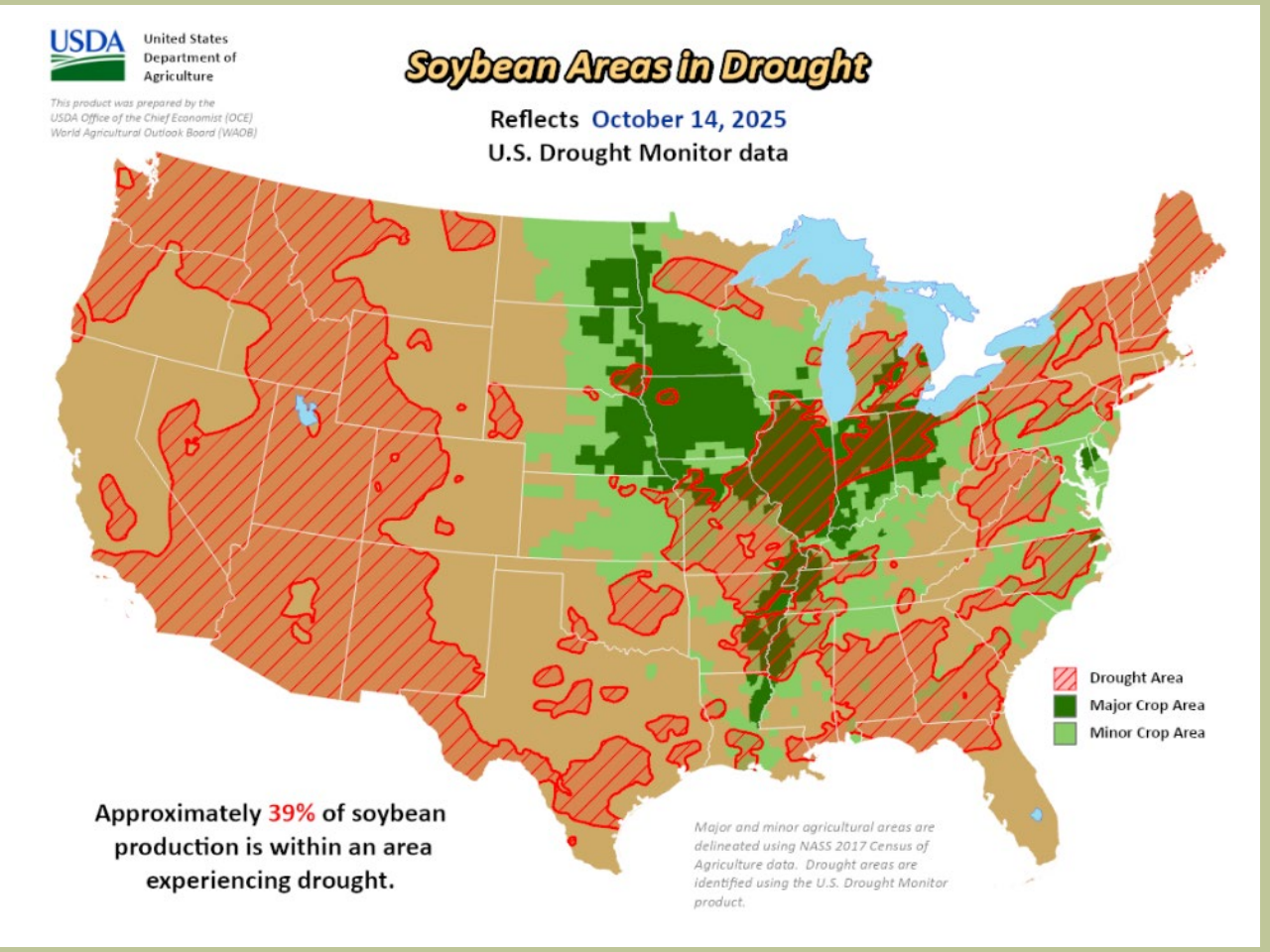

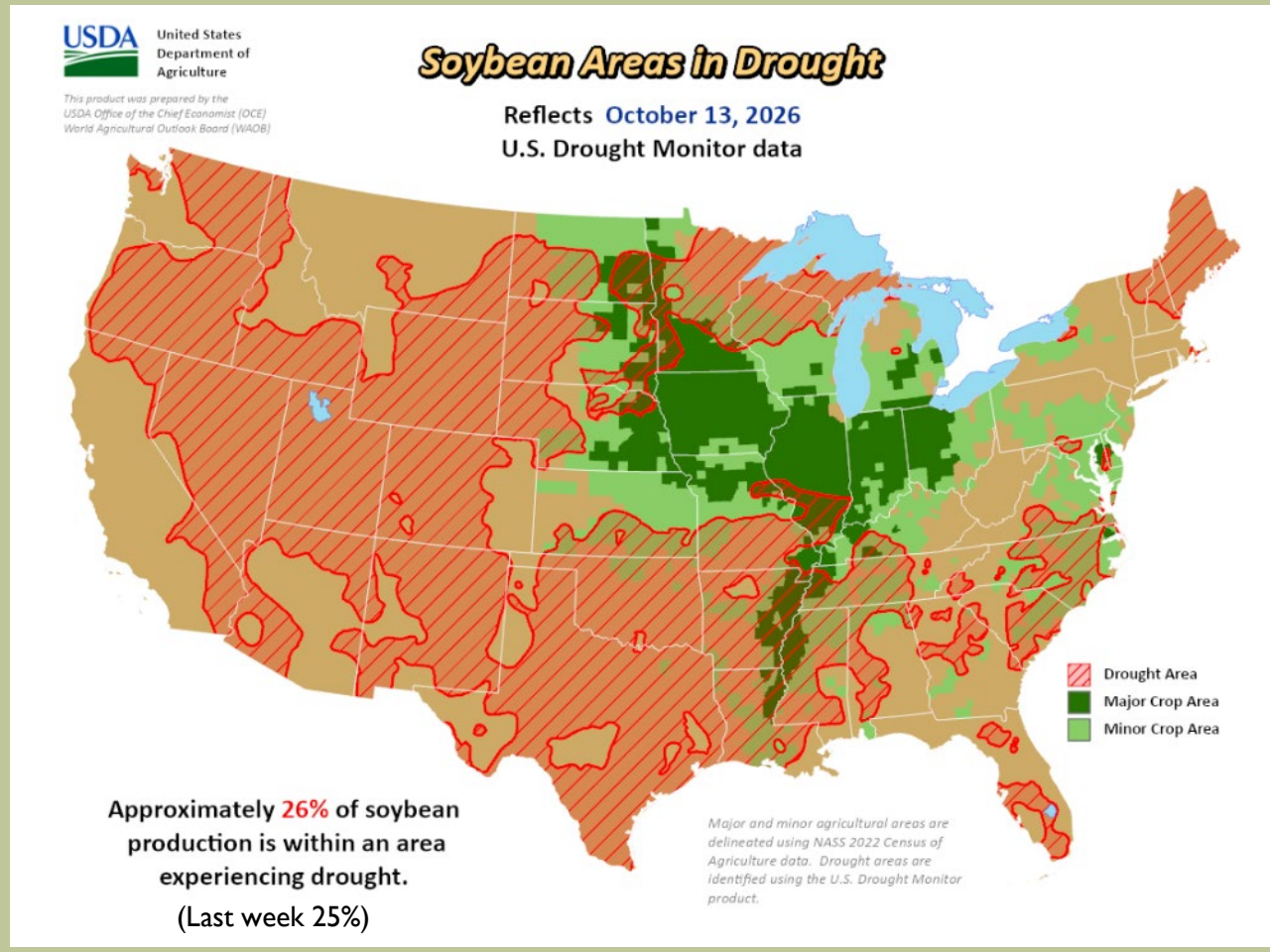

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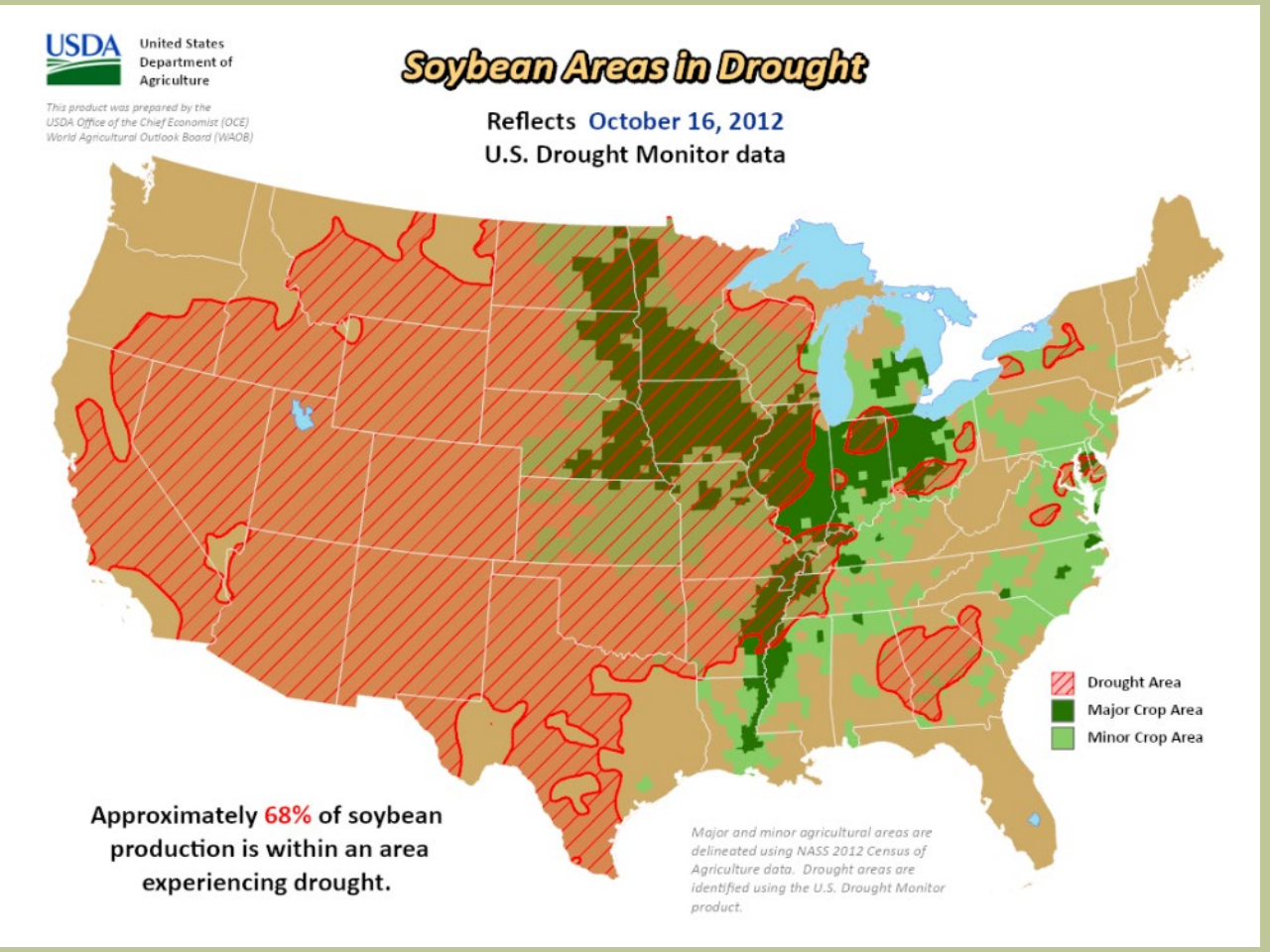

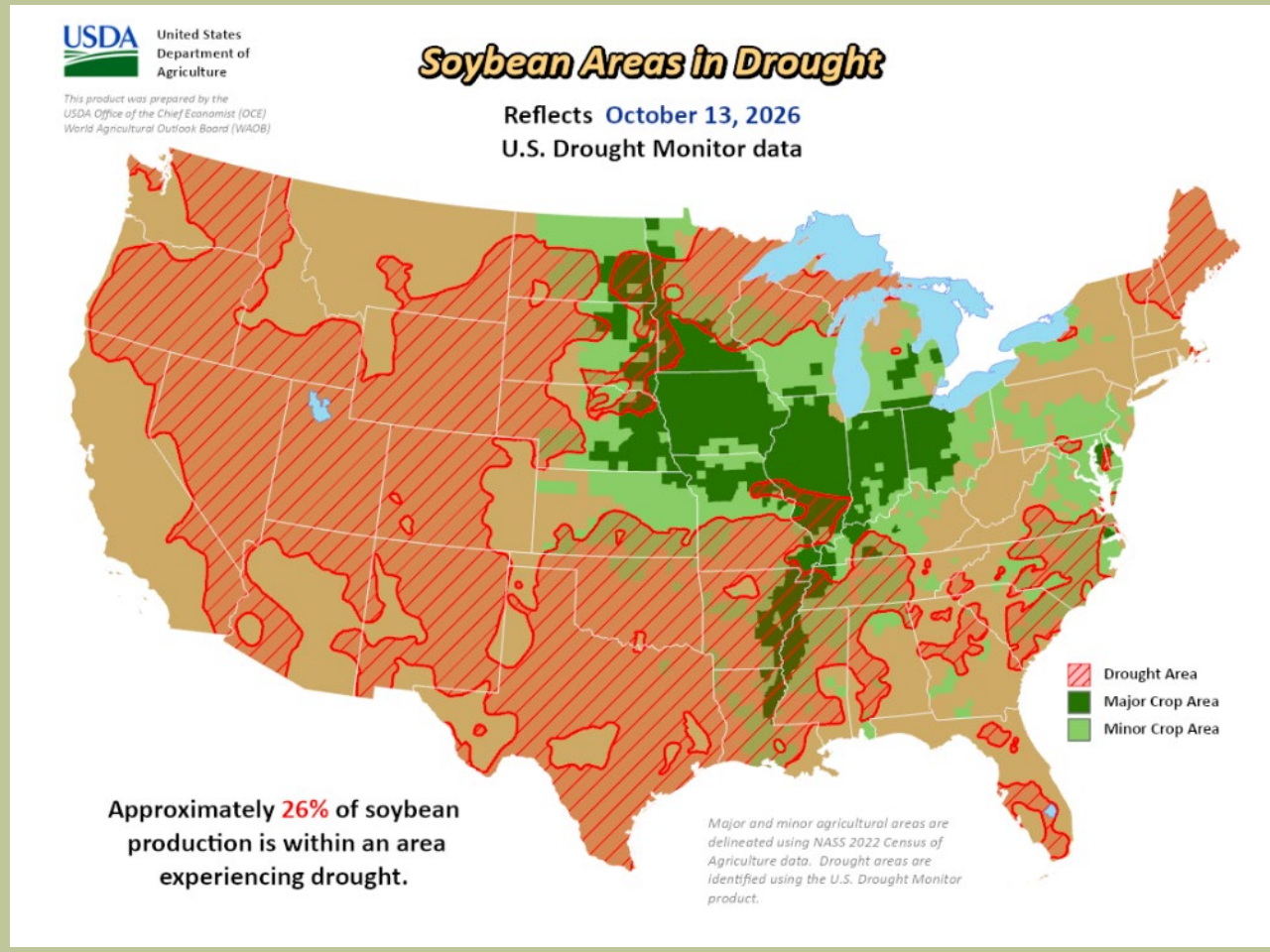

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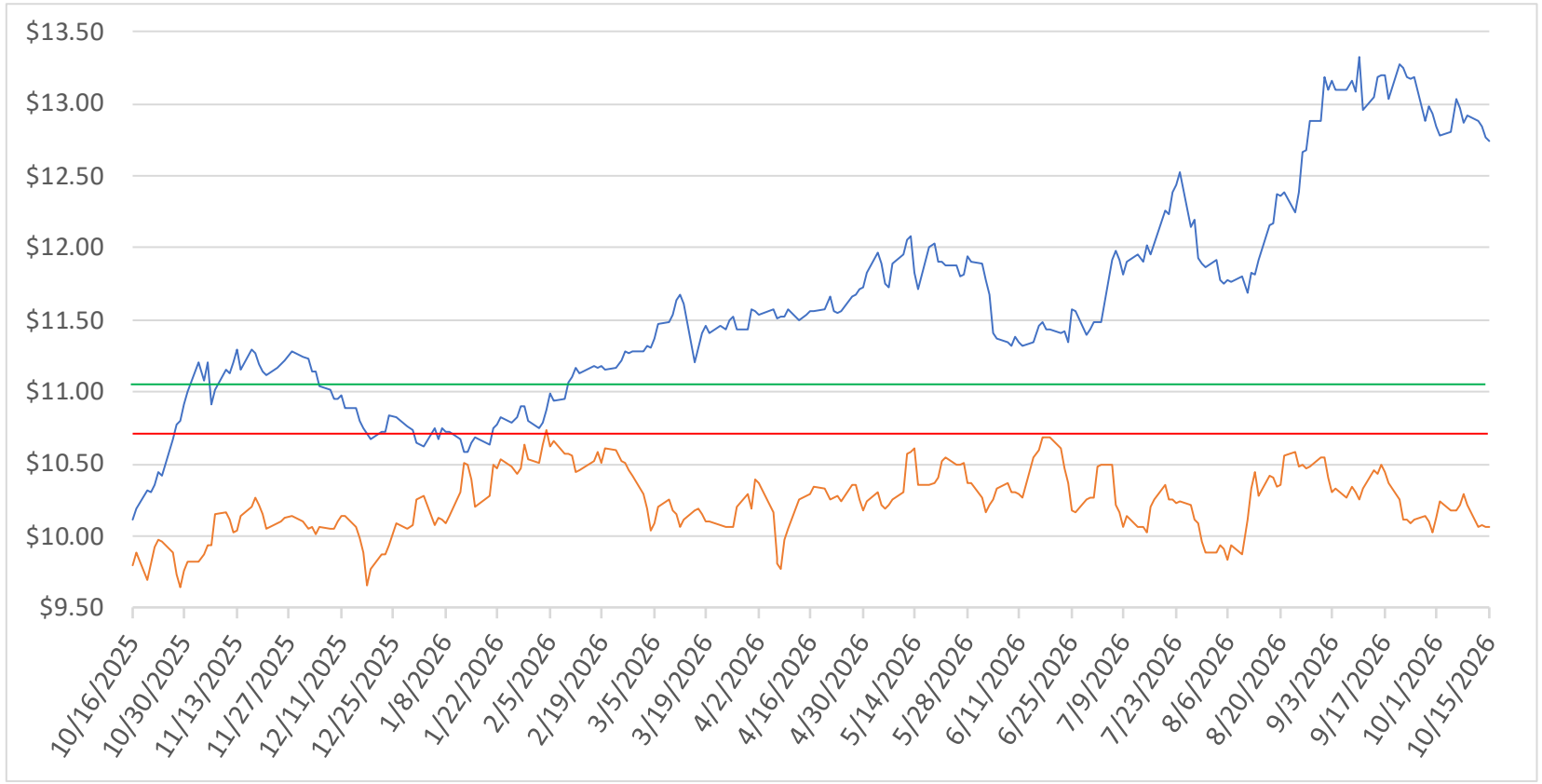

Policy Price Triggers: 2026 PLC $10.71 — 2026 CI $11.09 —

2026 Futures — 2025 Futures —

Soybean Nov '26 (ZSX26)

1273-6 **-3-4 (-0.27%)** 09:16 CT [CBOT]

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QUOTE OVERVIEW for Thu, Oct 15th, 2026

Day Low	Day High
1267-6	1277-2

Open 1277-0

Previous Close	1277-2
Volume	64,622
Open Interest	301,636
Weighted Alpha	+19.61
Relative Strength	42.55 (-2.12)
5-Day Change	-16-0 (-1.24%)
52-Week High	1335-2 (-4.77%)
52-Week Low	1055-0 (+20.52%)
National Soybean Index	12.1397

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