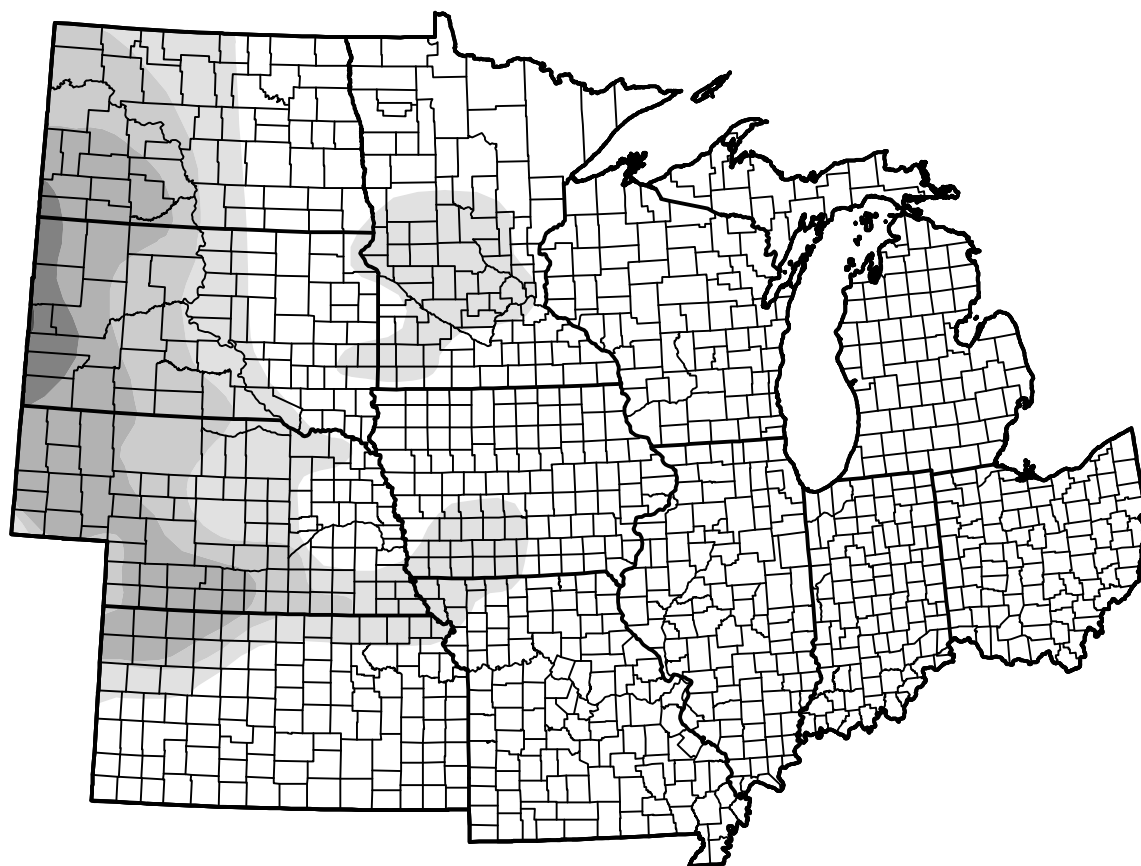


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	71.31	28.69	15.51	8.51	1.06	0.03
Last Week <i>02-08-2005</i>	69.98	30.02	14.83	7.46	0.44	0.03
3 Months Ago <i>11-16-2004</i>	69.78	30.22	14.42	6.54	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	70.29	29.71	13.68	7.35	0.02	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	64.97	35.03	14.36	7.62	0.52	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-17-2004</i>	40.41	59.59	39.65	21.02	6.50	0.00

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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