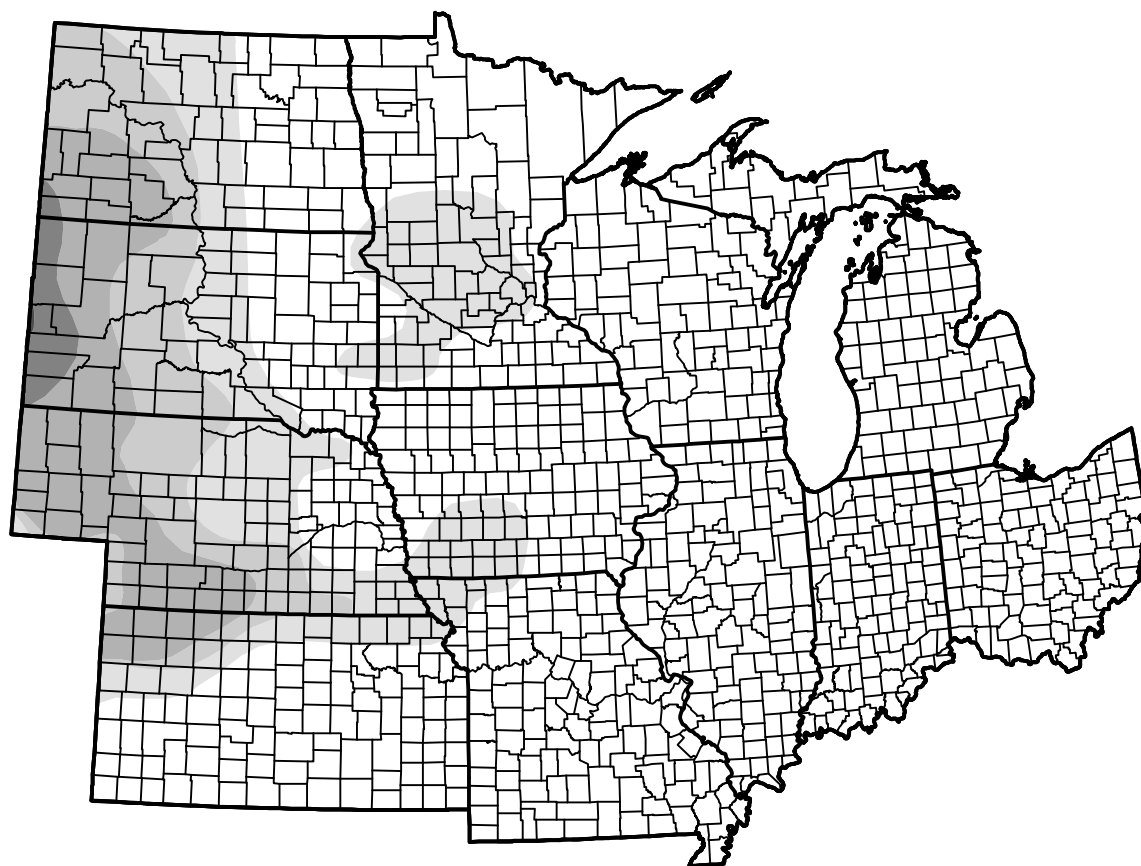


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	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 02-15-2005	71.31	28.69	15.51	8.51	1.06	0.03
3 Months Ago 11-23-2004	71.72	28.28	14.42	6.54	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2005	70.29	29.71	13.68	7.35	0.02	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2004	64.97	35.03	14.36	7.62	0.52	0.00
One Year Ago 02-24-2004	41.67	58.33	39.47	21.02	6.61	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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