

U.S. Drought Monitor

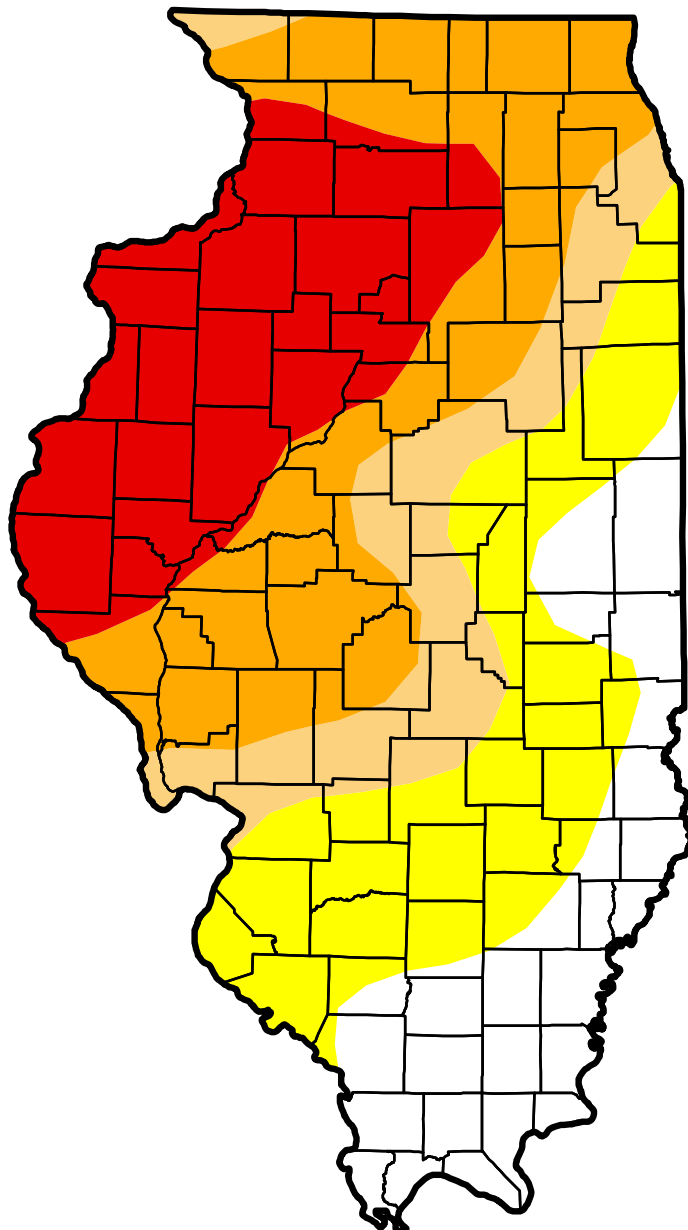
Illinois

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.82	22.08	12.63	24.08	23.39	0.00
Last Week <i>8/16/2005</i>	12.02	26.48	10.98	19.82	30.70	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>5/24/2005</i>	6.89	68.57	24.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/4/2005</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/28/2004</i>	79.95	20.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>8/24/2004</i>	89.99	10.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

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

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

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