

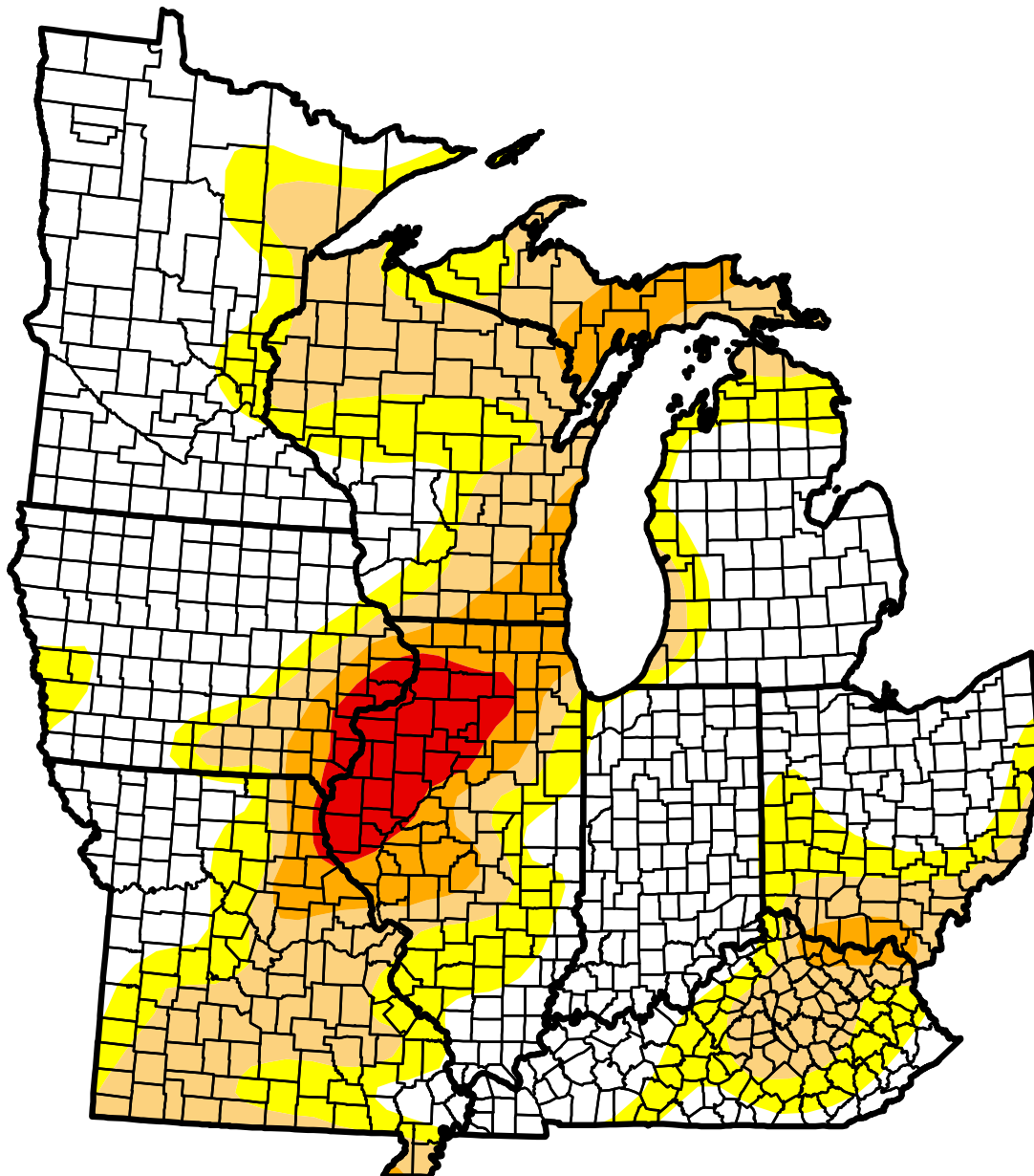
U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.16	49.84	30.68	10.49	3.32	0.00
Last Week <i>8/16/2005</i>	39.66	60.34	37.66	14.25	4.25	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>5/24/2005</i>	54.49	45.51	3.98	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/4/2005</i>	88.70	11.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/28/2004</i>	74.41	25.59	0.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>8/24/2004</i>	89.88	10.12	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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