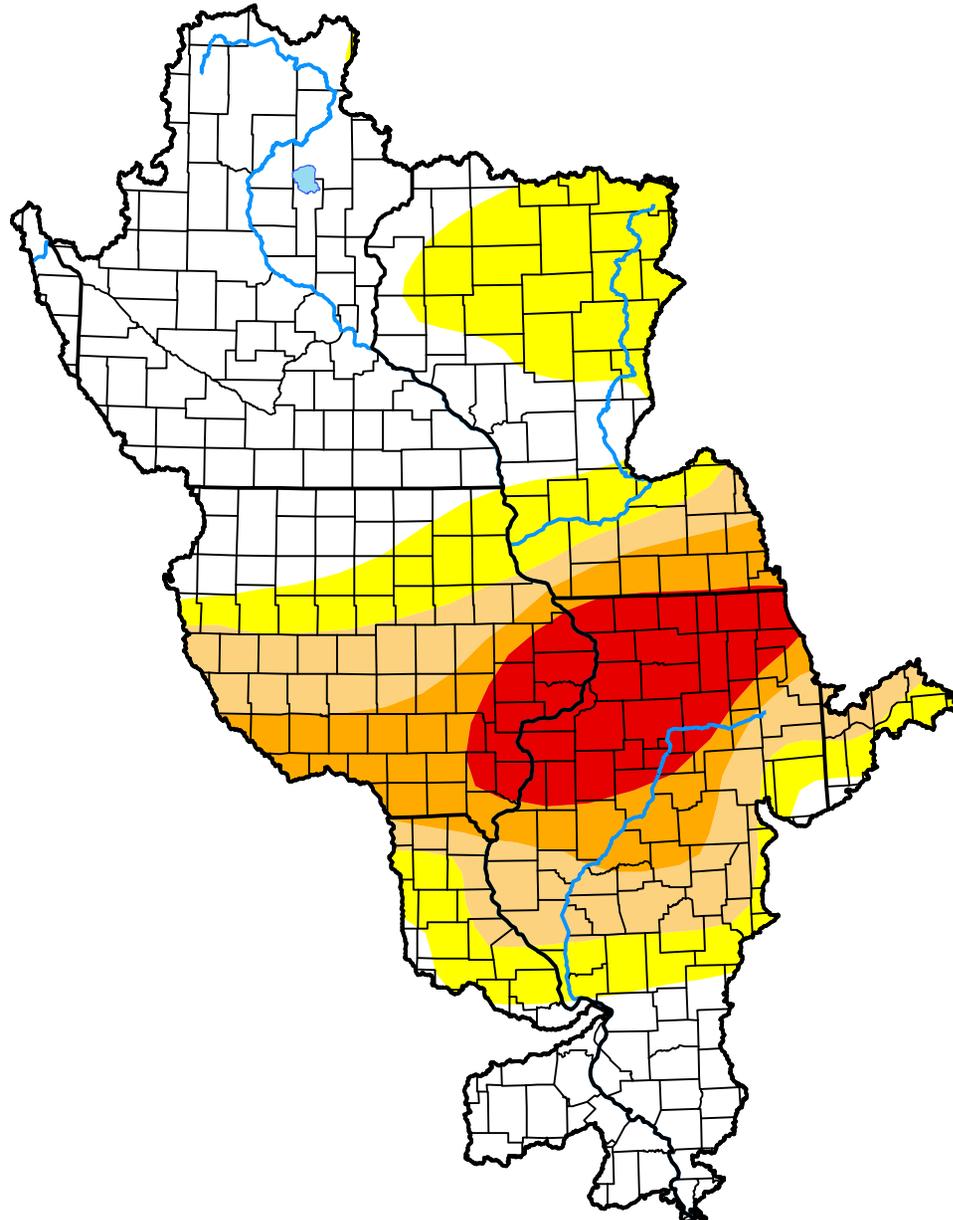


U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 45.06 | 54.94 | 34.06 | 20.34 | 9.66 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>10-13-2005</i> | 45.84 | 54.16 | 31.20 | 18.67 | 8.49 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>07-21-2005</i> | 30.62 | 69.38 | 58.65 | 31.29 | 12.79 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i> | 79.71 | 20.29 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i> | 45.50 | 54.50 | 37.91 | 19.25 | 5.81 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>10-21-2004</i> | 74.54 | 25.46 | 2.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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