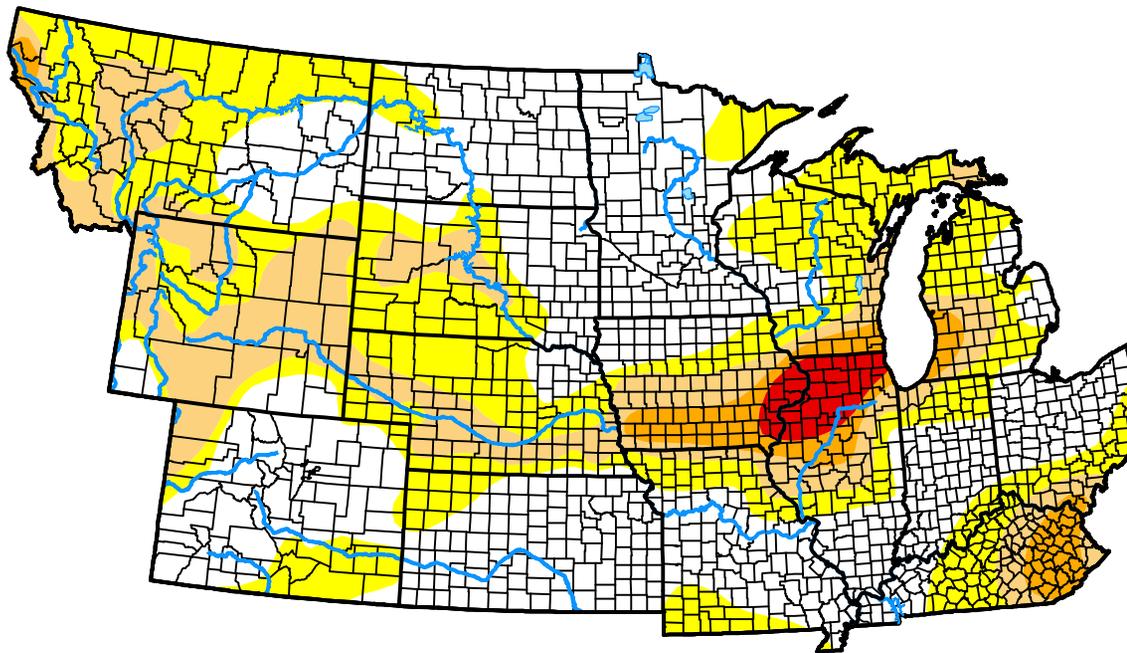


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	45.57	54.43	22.73	5.40	1.59	0.00
Last Week <i>10-11-2005</i>	45.22	54.78	23.59	5.71	1.40	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2005</i>	35.34	64.66	37.20	16.34	2.14	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	53.66	46.34	29.92	18.21	6.90	1.62
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	44.17	55.83	29.64	9.94	0.96	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-19-2004</i>	46.97	53.03	32.87	17.75	7.24	1.58



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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