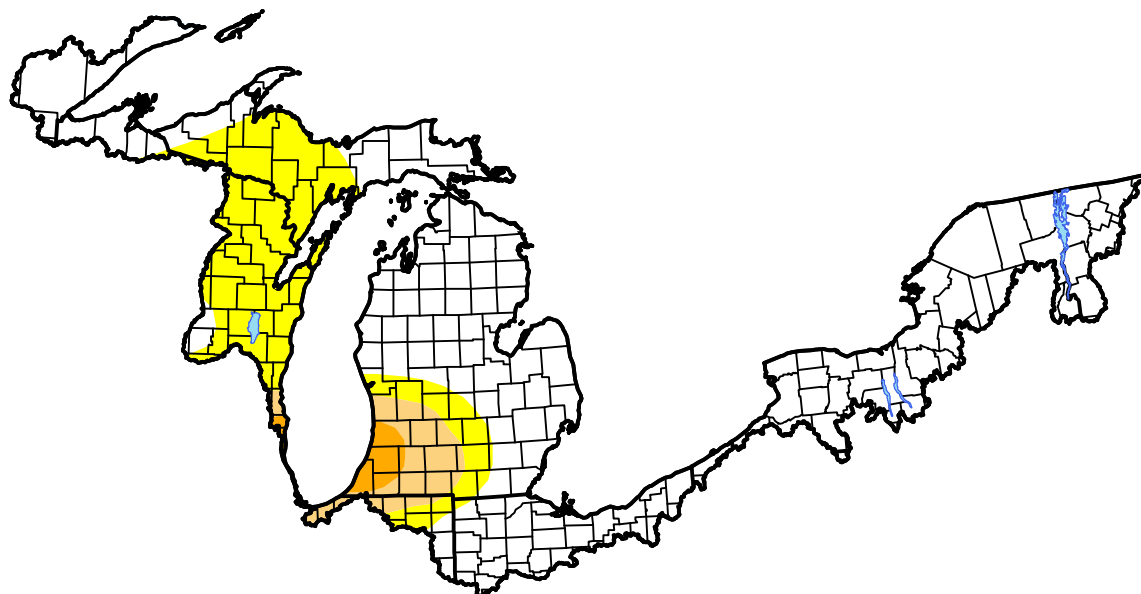


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Great Lakes Watershed

**December 20, 2005**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None   | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 71.13  | 21.74 | 5.29  | 1.82  | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-15-2005</i>              | 71.13  | 21.74 | 5.29  | 1.82  | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-22-2005</i>           | 29.29  | 23.48 | 25.62 | 21.46 | 0.15 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2005</i> | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2005</i>    | 38.69  | 22.29 | 19.48 | 19.50 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-23-2004</i>           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 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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