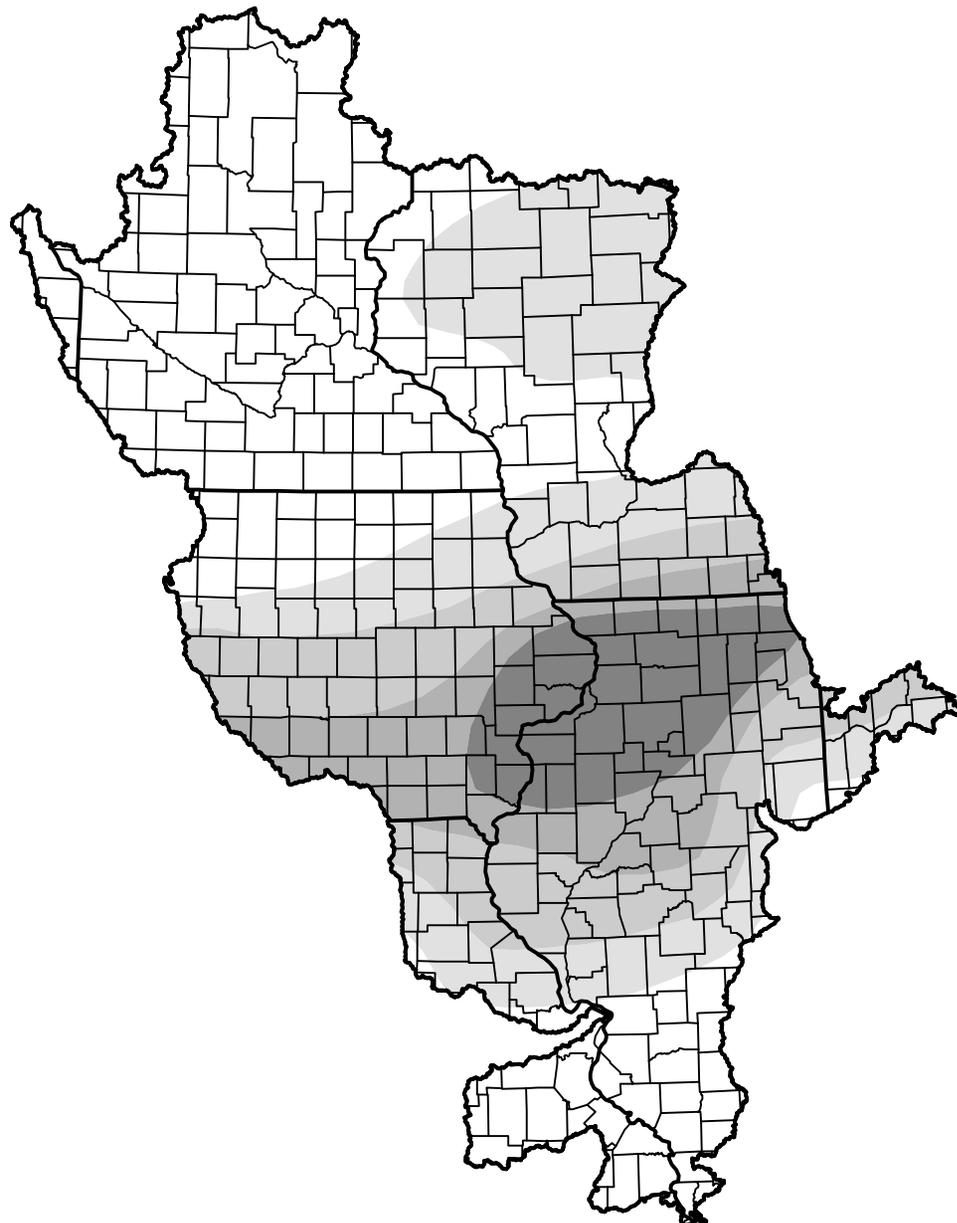


U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

December 20, 2005
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005)

Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Current | 45.87 | 21.12 | 13.87 | 10.14 | 9.01 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>12-15-2005</i> | 45.96 | 21.49 | 13.39 | 10.14 | 9.01 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2005</i> | 44.96 | 13.07 | 17.52 | 17.03 | 7.42 | 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 | 16.59 | 18.66 | 13.43 | 5.81 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>12-23-2004</i> | 93.56 | 6.44 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Intensity:



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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