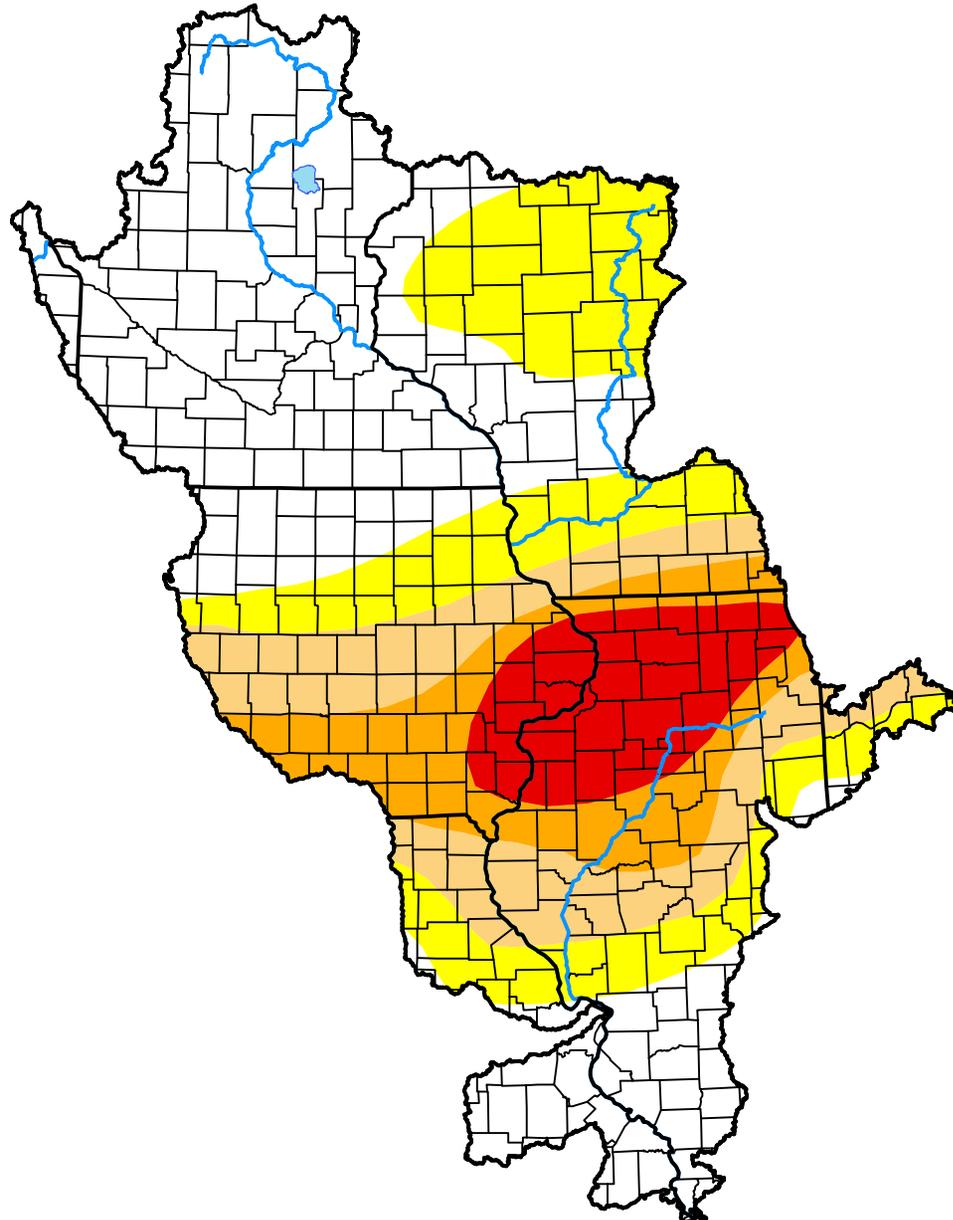


U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	45.87	54.13	33.02	19.15	9.01	0.00
Last Week <i>12-15-2005</i>	45.96	54.04	32.54	19.15	9.01	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2005</i>	44.96	55.04	41.97	24.45	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	54.50	37.91	19.25	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:

- 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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