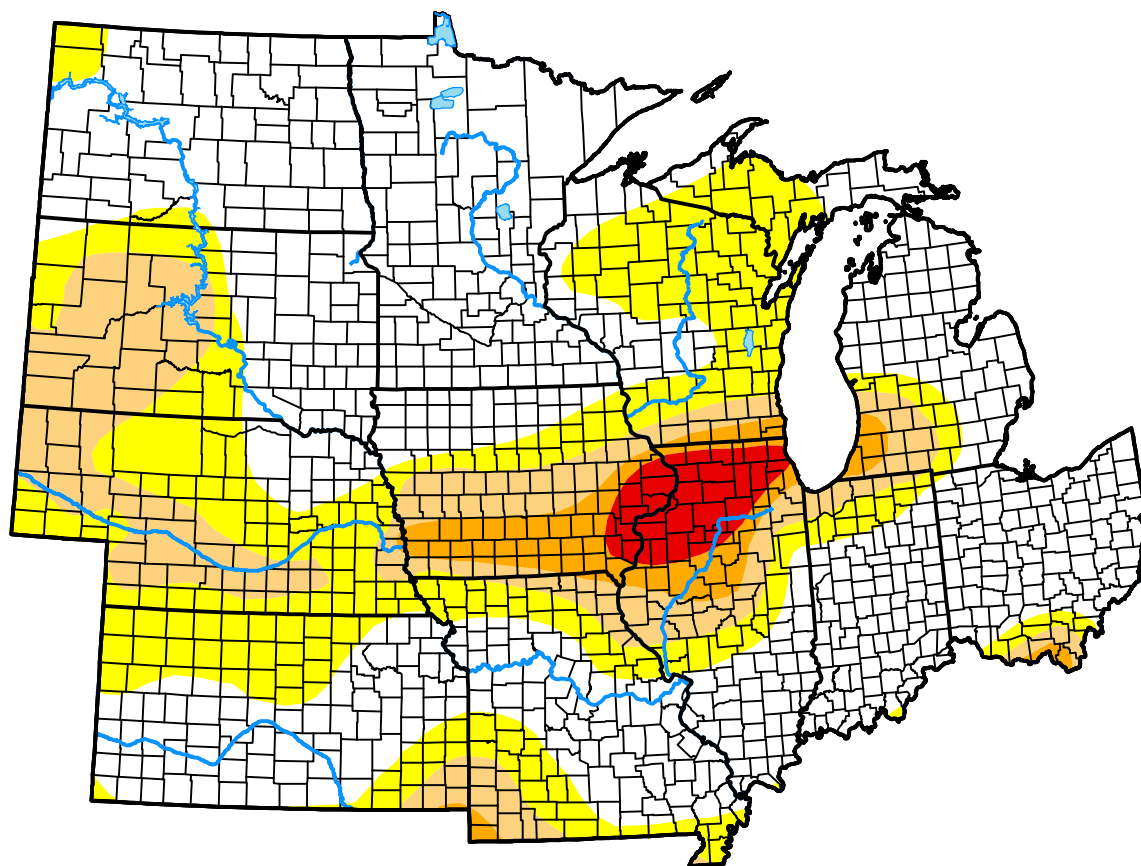


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	56.77	23.91	13.38	3.70	2.24	0.00
Last Week <i>12-13-2005</i>	58.11	23.25	12.83	3.57	2.24	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2005</i>	51.33	22.60	16.25	7.96	1.86	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	70.29	16.04	6.32	7.34	0.02	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.28	22.07	15.66	6.54	1.45	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2004</i>	74.62	11.70	6.69	6.97	0.02	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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