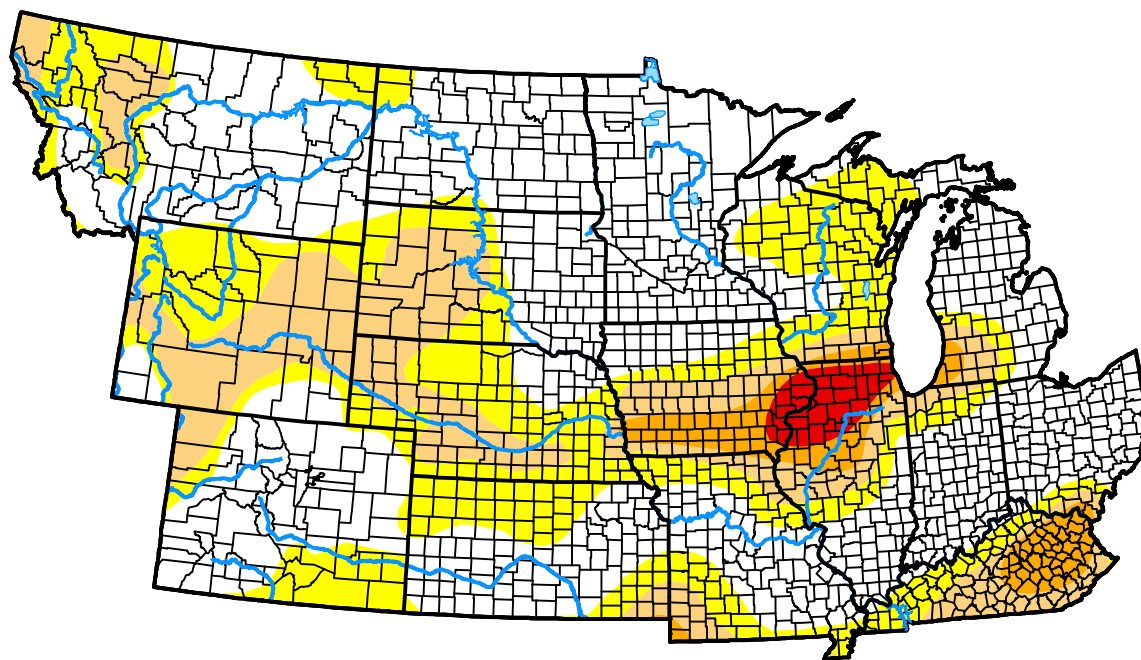


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	53.90	25.06	16.02	3.55	1.48	0.00
Last Week <i>12-13-2005</i>	56.32	23.71	15.02	3.46	1.48	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2005</i>	42.34	26.73	19.23	10.46	1.24	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	53.66	16.43	11.71	11.31	5.27	1.62
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	44.17	26.18	19.70	8.98	0.96	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2004</i>	56.53	13.55	12.08	11.30	4.92	1.62

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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