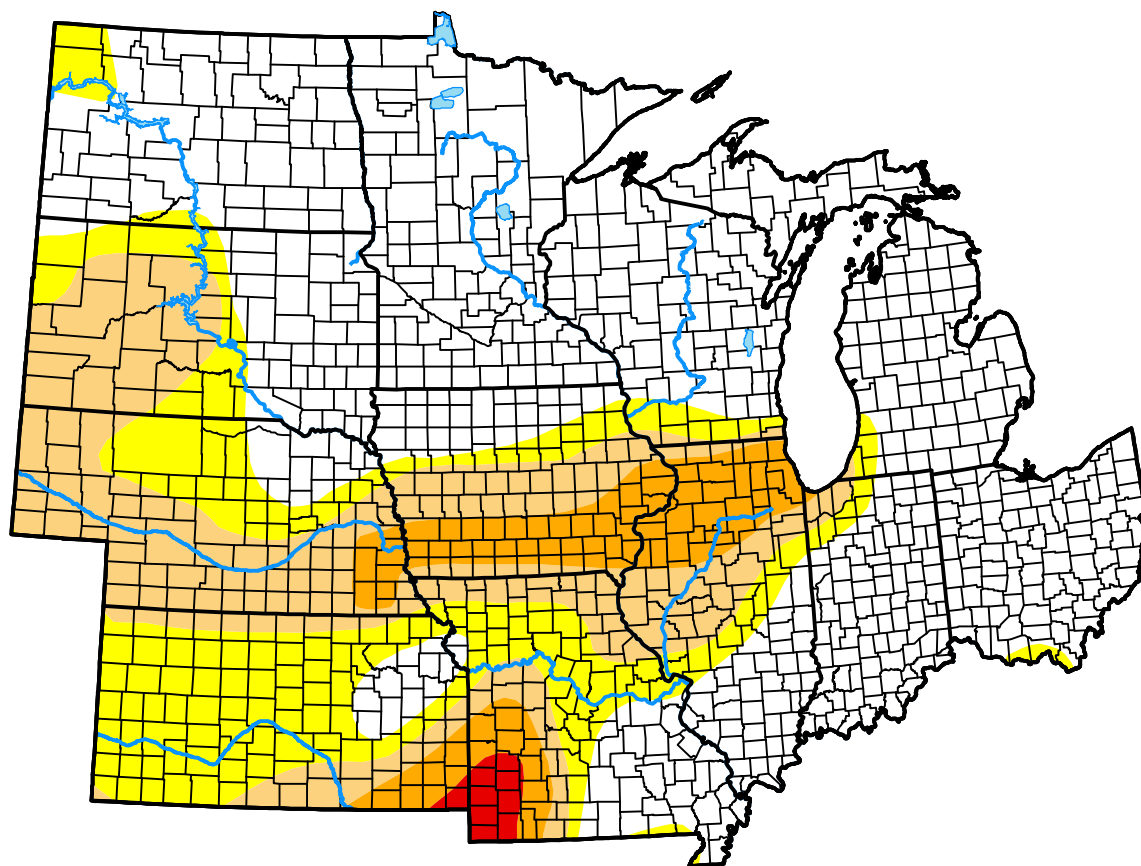


U.S. Drought Monitor North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	56.55	17.94	18.32	6.43	0.76	0.00
Last Week <i>02-14-2006</i>	55.93	19.54	17.27	6.61	0.64	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-22-2005</i>	55.70	26.05	12.34	3.67	2.25	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	58.32	22.61	13.36	3.75	1.96	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>02-22-2005</i>	71.31	13.18	7.00	7.45	1.03	0.03

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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