

# U.S. Drought Monitor

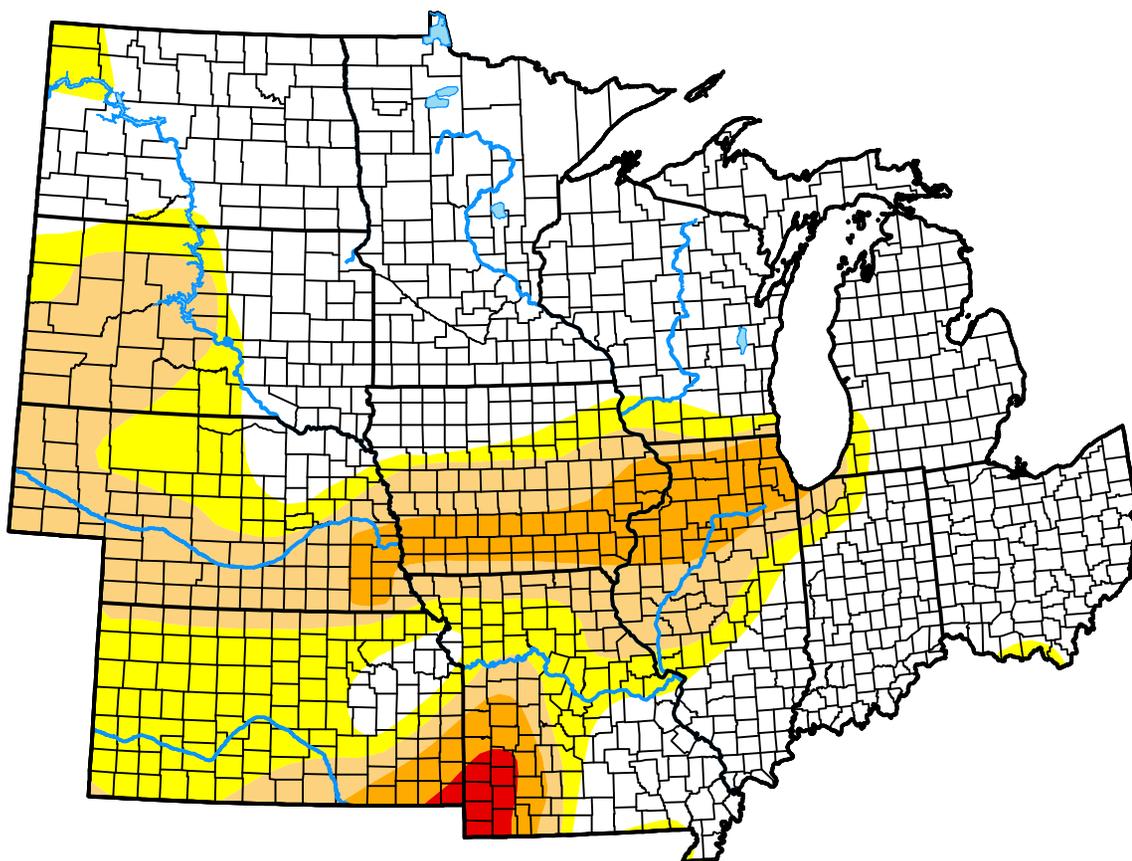
## North Central States

February 21, 2006  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	56.55	43.45	25.51	7.19	0.76	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-14-2006</i>	55.93	44.07	24.53	7.25	0.64	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-22-2005</i>	55.70	44.30	18.25	5.92	2.25	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	58.32	41.68	19.07	5.71	1.96	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.28	45.72	23.65	7.99	1.45	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-22-2005</i>	71.31	28.69	15.51	8.51	1.06	0.03



**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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