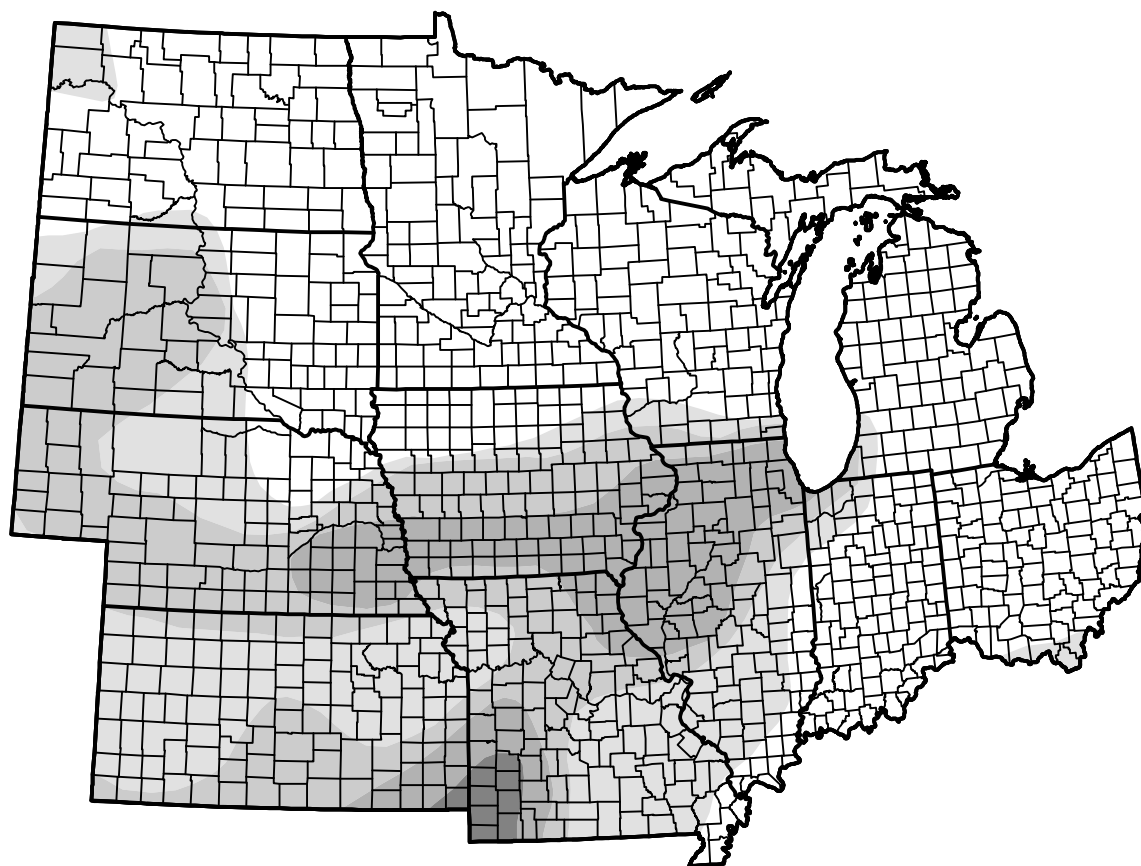


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	51.50	19.09	19.36	9.30	0.76	0.00
Last Week <i>02-21-2006</i>	56.55	17.94	18.32	6.43	0.76	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-29-2005</i>	61.00	21.42	11.78	3.57	2.24	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>03-01-2005</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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