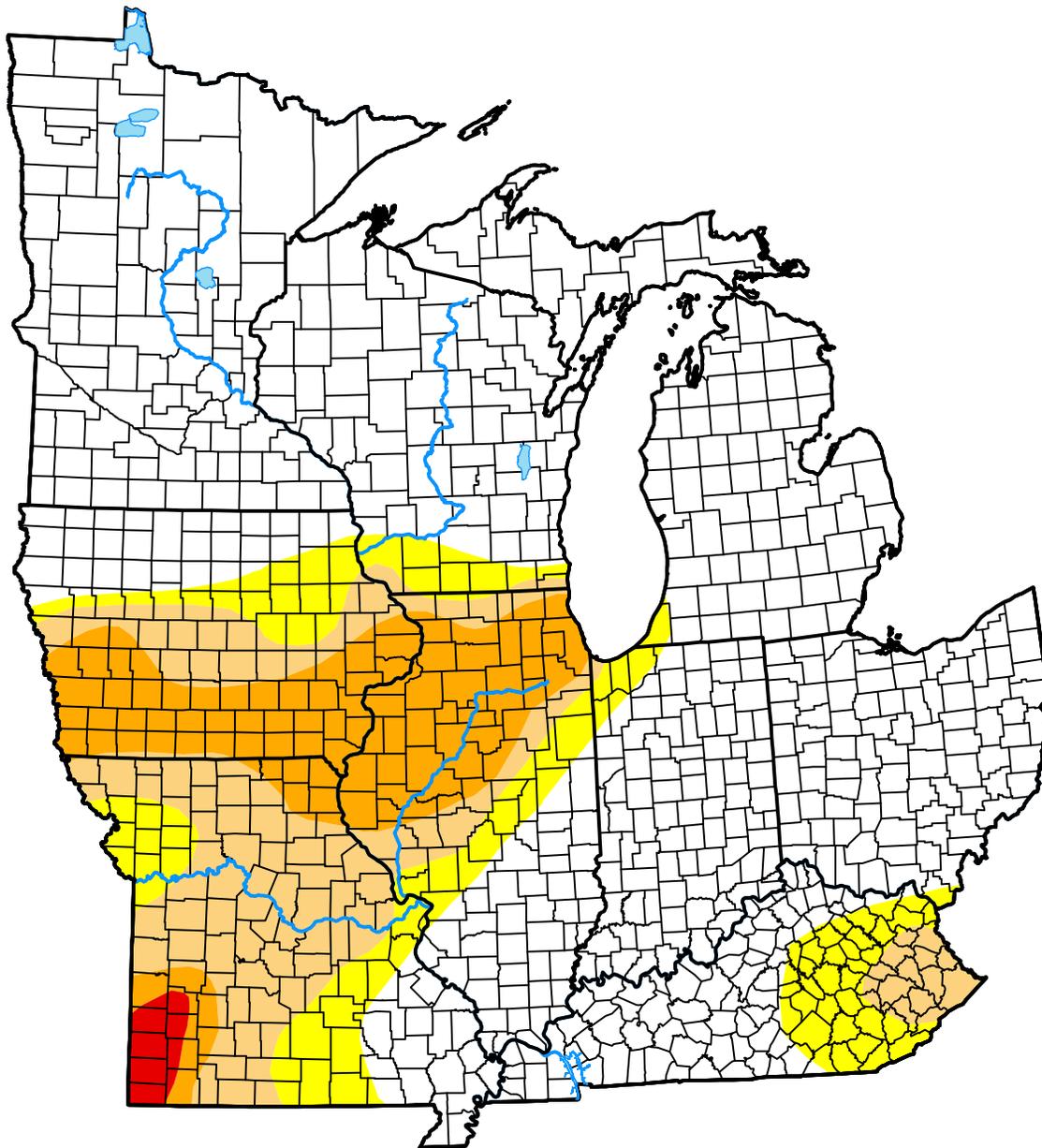


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 67.87 | 9.45  | 12.03 | 9.92  | 0.72 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-07-2006</i>              | 53.04 | 16.94 | 17.80 | 11.22 | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-13-2005</i>           | 56.96 | 20.03 | 11.59 | 7.98  | 3.44 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 58.15 | 19.10 | 13.13 | 6.61  | 3.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 52.84 | 18.06 | 16.83 | 10.04 | 2.22 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-15-2005</i>           | 92.61 | 7.39  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |

**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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