

U.S. Drought Monitor

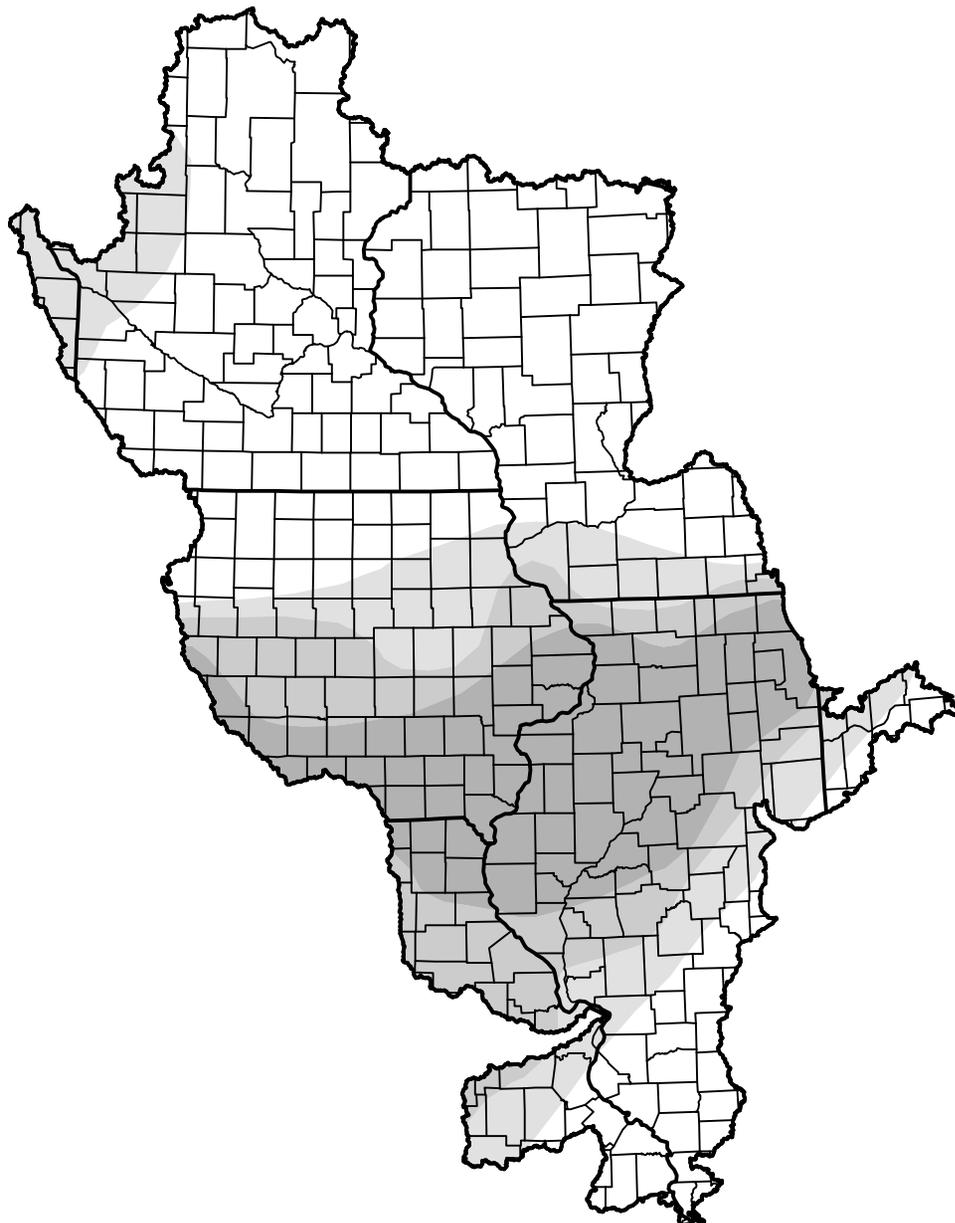
Upper Mississippi Watershed

March 21, 2006
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Current | 52.85 | 15.52 | 12.44 | 19.19 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>03-16-2006</i> | 56.18 | 12.10 | 12.53 | 19.19 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>12-22-2005</i> | 45.87 | 21.12 | 13.87 | 10.14 | 9.01 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i> | 46.57 | 20.97 | 14.85 | 9.72 | 7.88 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i> | 45.50 | 16.59 | 18.66 | 13.43 | 5.81 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>03-24-2005</i> | 86.93 | 13.07 | 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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