

U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

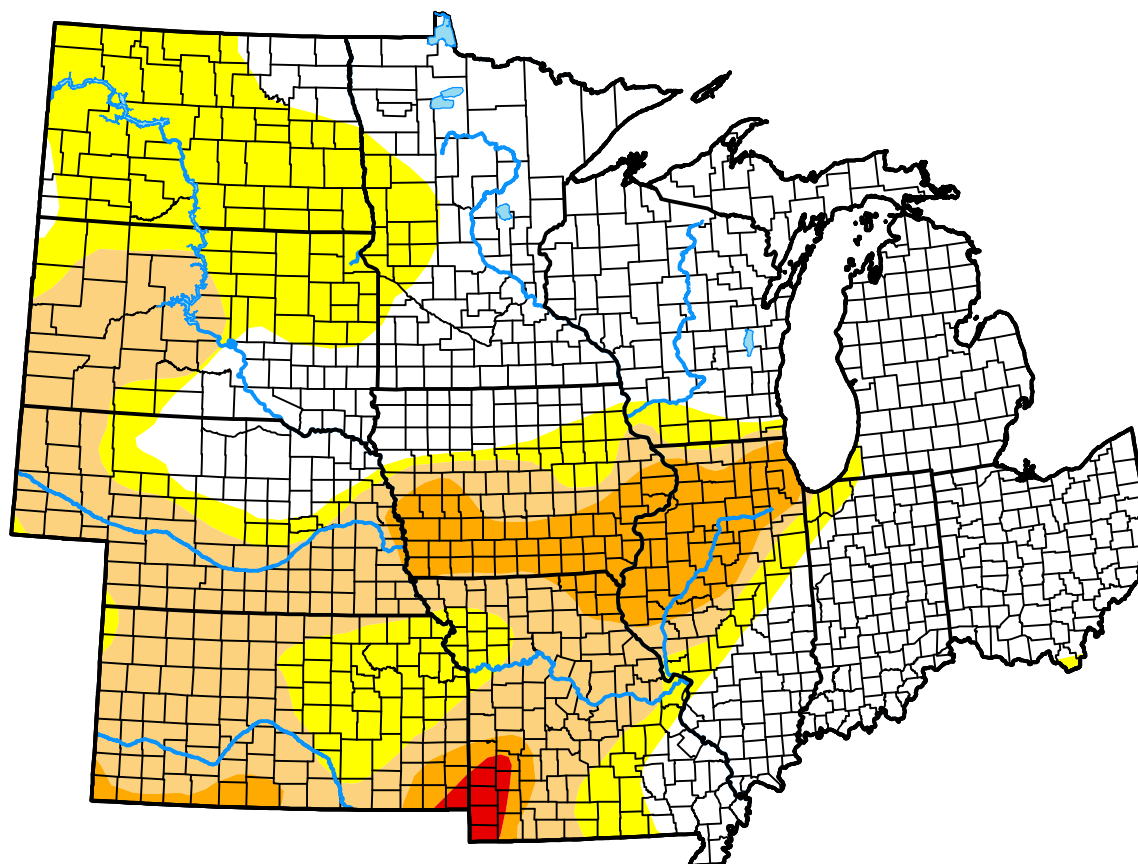
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	45.97	54.03	31.54	8.10	0.56	0.00
Last Week 03-14-2006	54.87	45.13	33.29	9.70	0.58	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-20-2005	56.77	43.23	19.31	5.93	2.24	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2006	58.32	41.68	19.07	5.71	1.96	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2005	54.28	45.72	23.65	7.99	1.45	0.00
One Year Ago 03-22-2005	71.02	28.98	15.51	8.51	1.23	0.07



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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