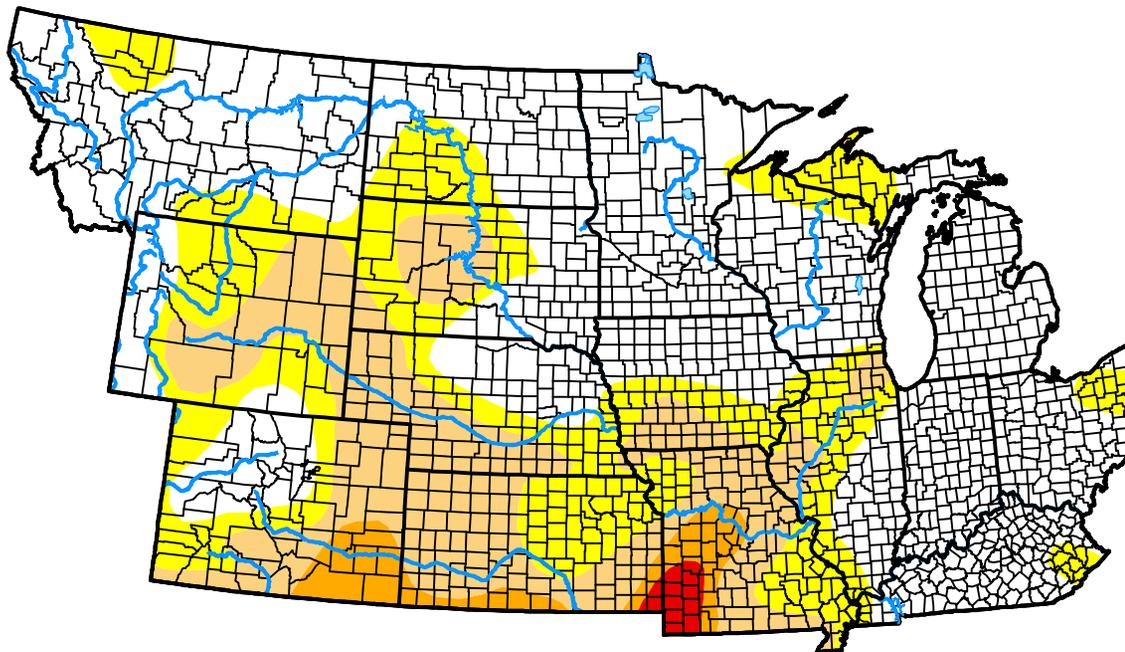


U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

April 18, 2006
(Released Thursday, Apr. 20, 2006)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.93	46.07	23.32	3.77	0.68	0.00
Last Week <i>04-11-2006</i>	55.69	44.31	23.50	2.31	0.38	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-17-2006</i>	53.60	46.40	23.33	4.59	1.50	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	54.22	45.78	20.37	4.24	1.30	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	44.17	55.83	29.64	9.94	0.96	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-19-2005</i>	52.37	47.63	30.43	21.69	10.52	3.26



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>

Author:

Richard Tinker
CPC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP



droughtmonitor.unl.edu