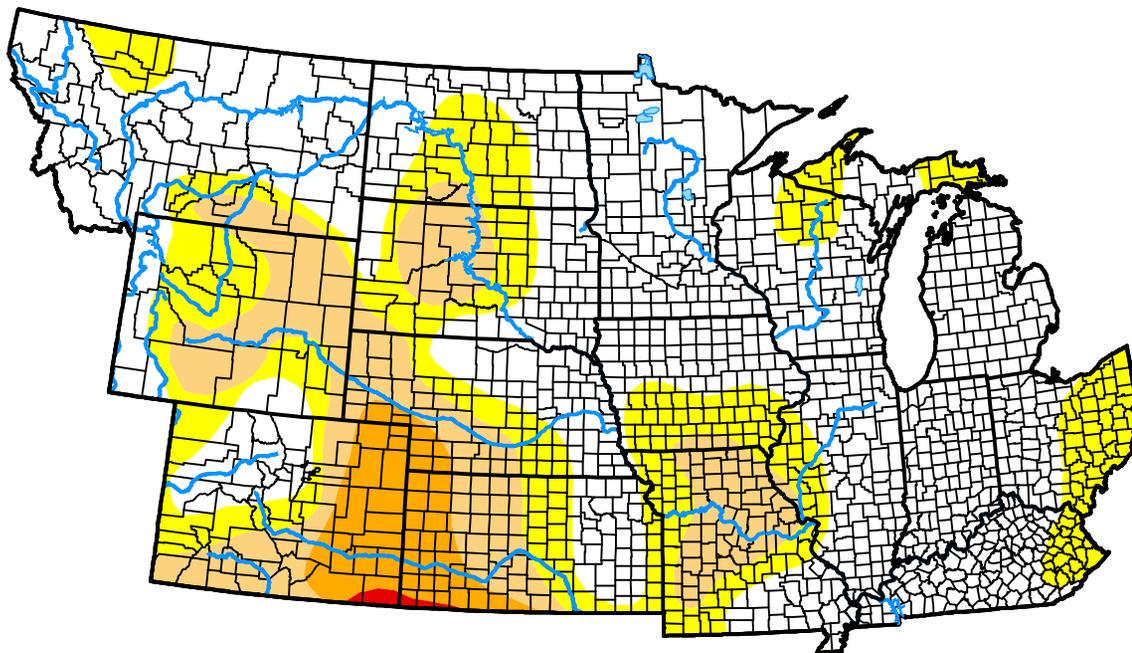


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	57.35	22.43	15.10	4.89	0.23	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-09-2006</i>	54.67	22.65	18.56	4.00	0.13	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-14-2006</i>	52.88	23.97	18.34	4.38	0.43	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	54.22	25.41	16.13	2.94	1.30	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	44.17	26.18	19.70	8.98	0.96	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-17-2005</i>	49.01	22.36	13.71	11.92	3.00	0.00



### 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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