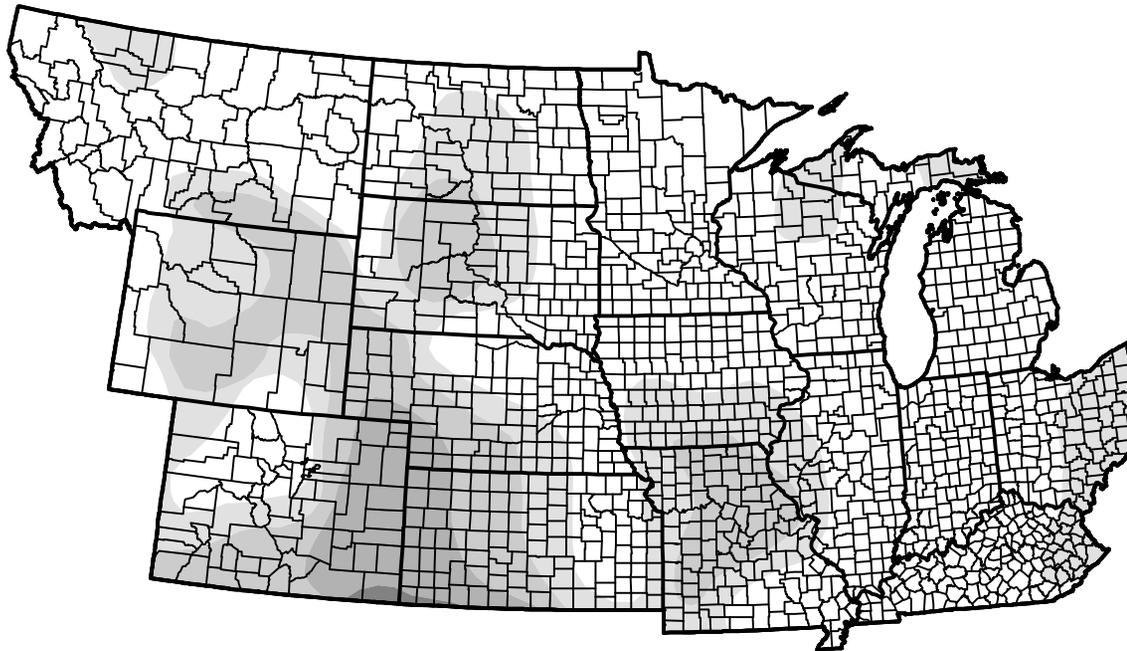


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.35	42.65	20.22	5.12	0.23	0.00
Last Week <i>05-09-2006</i>	54.67	45.33	22.68	4.13	0.13	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2006</i>	52.88	47.12	23.15	4.81	0.43	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>05-17-2005</i>	49.01	50.99	28.63	14.92	3.00	0.00



Intensity:



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