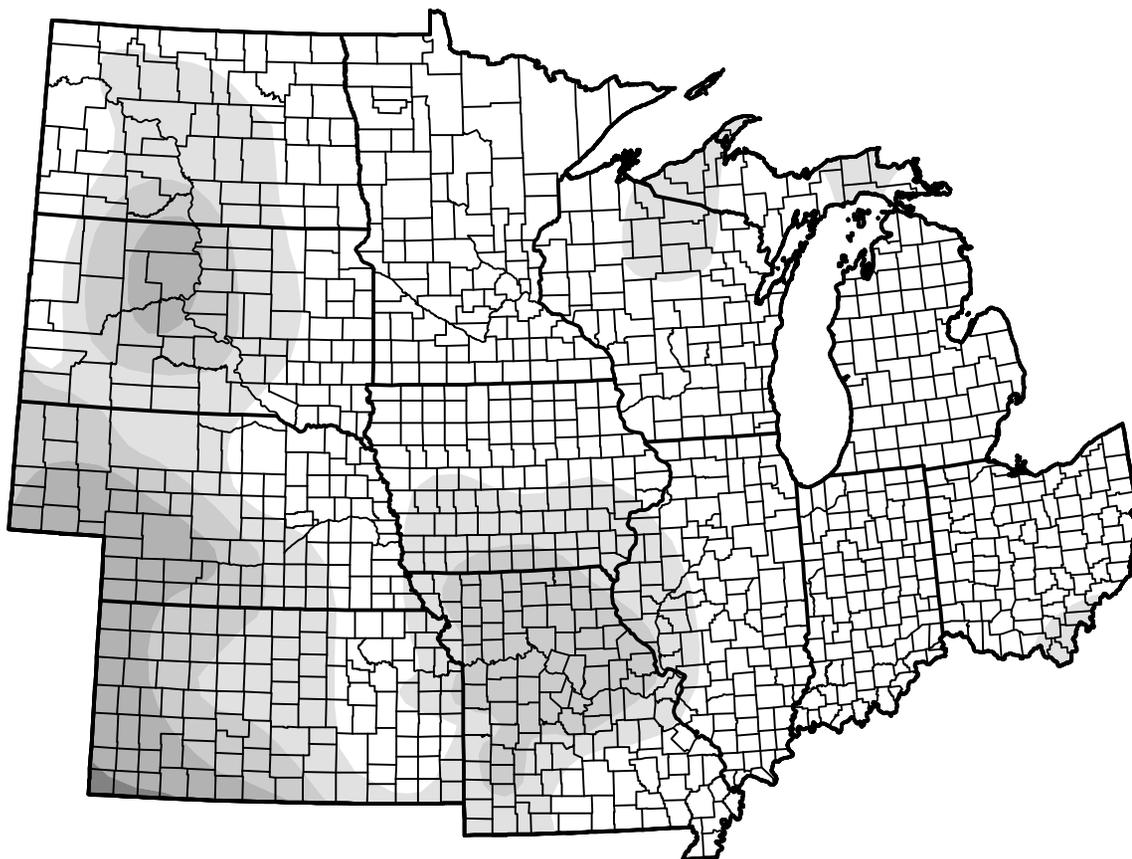


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.35	39.65	18.50	6.06	0.18	0.00
Last Week <i>05-16-2006</i>	60.41	39.59	16.85	3.56	0.14	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-21-2006</i>	56.55	43.45	25.51	7.19	0.76	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	58.32	41.68	19.07	5.71	1.96	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.28	45.72	23.65	7.99	1.45	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-24-2005</i>	47.39	52.61	12.04	3.85	0.10	0.00

Intensity:



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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