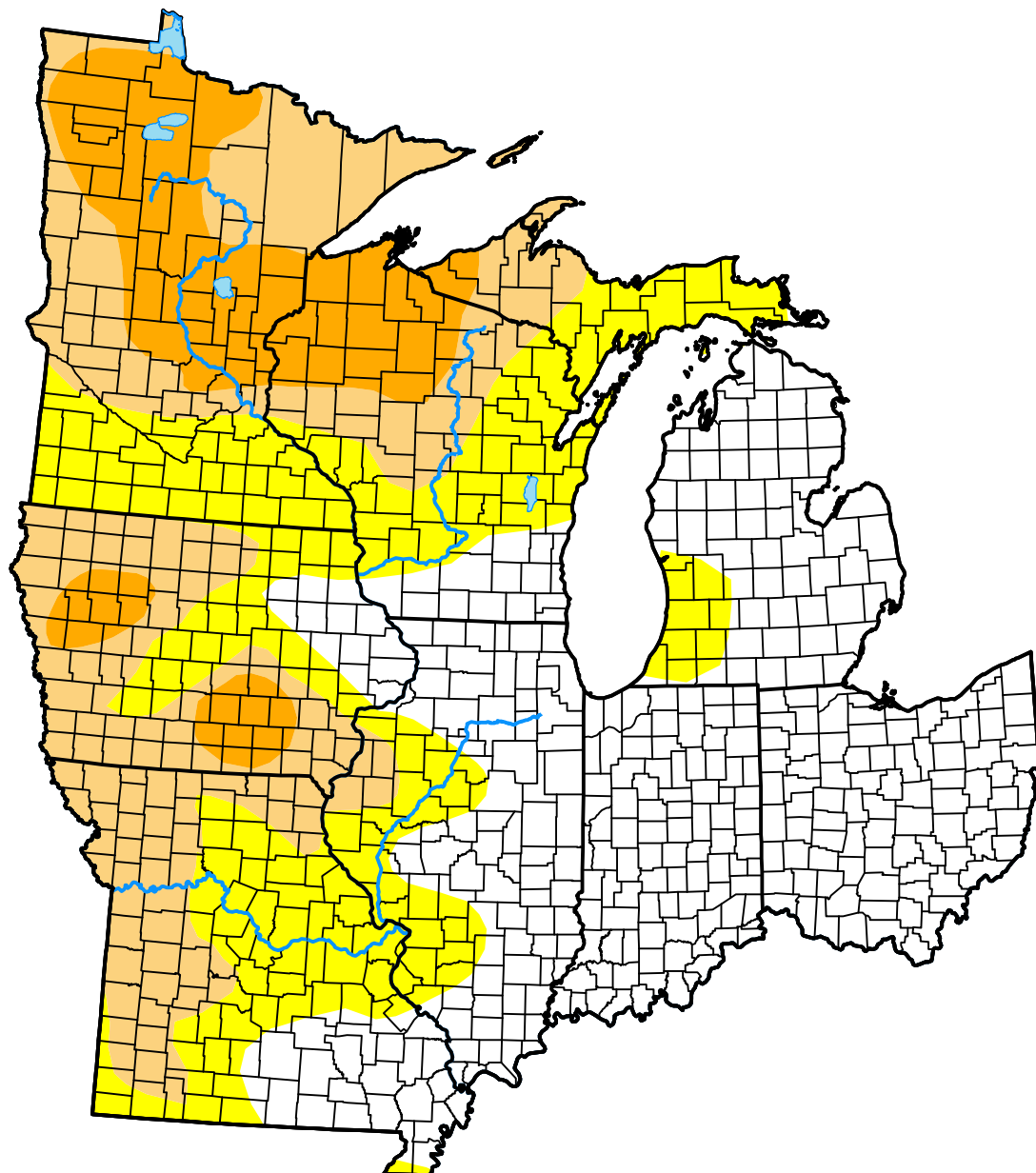


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	40.35	24.57	22.69	12.38	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-11-2006</i>	41.75	33.10	23.23	1.92	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>04-18-2006</i>	66.28	18.57	11.23	2.49	1.43	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	62.66	18.00	10.03	6.04	3.27	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	52.29	18.16	16.20	10.93	2.42	0.00
One Year Ago <i>07-19-2005</i>	27.37	26.38	25.32	15.54	5.39	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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