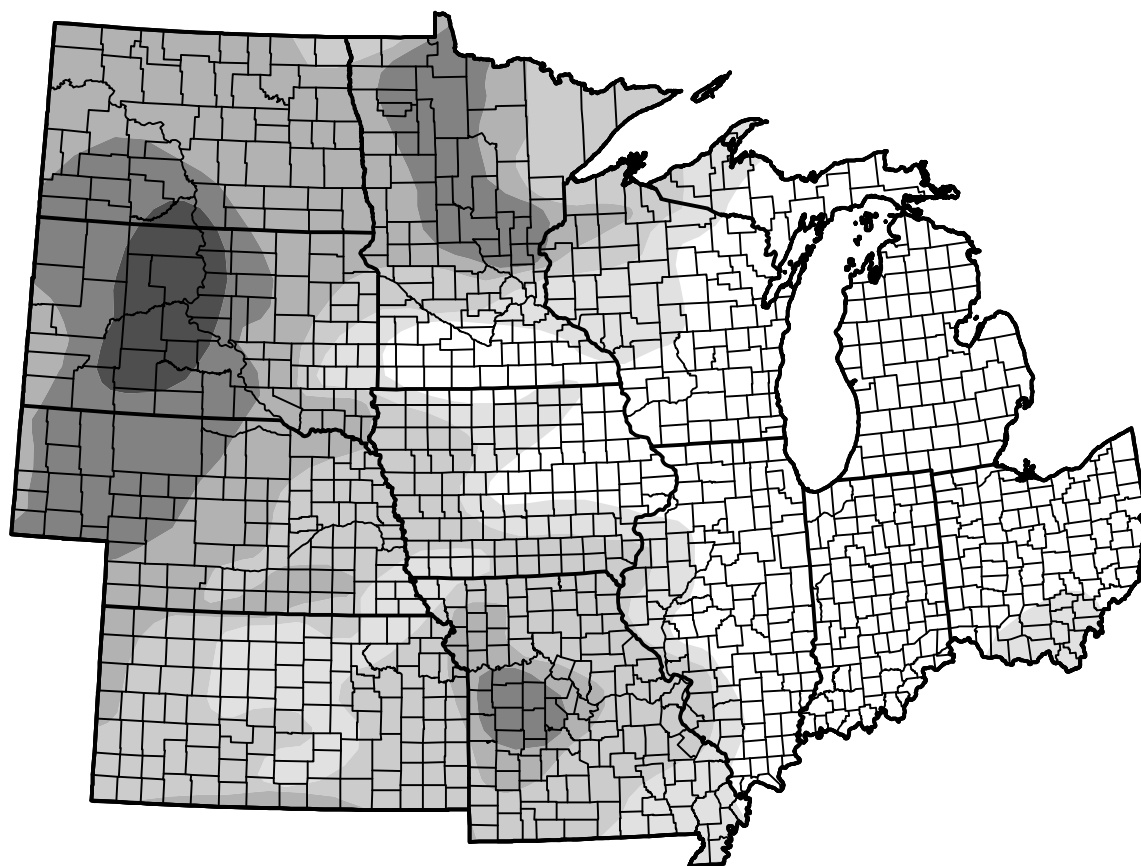


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	29.76	70.24	57.29	35.14	15.45	2.72
Last Week <i>08-08-2006</i>	29.30	70.70	59.01	37.79	15.56	2.88
3 Months Ago <i>05-16-2006</i>	60.41	39.59	16.85	3.56	0.14	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>08-16-2005</i>	47.08	52.92	28.05	9.80	2.77	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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