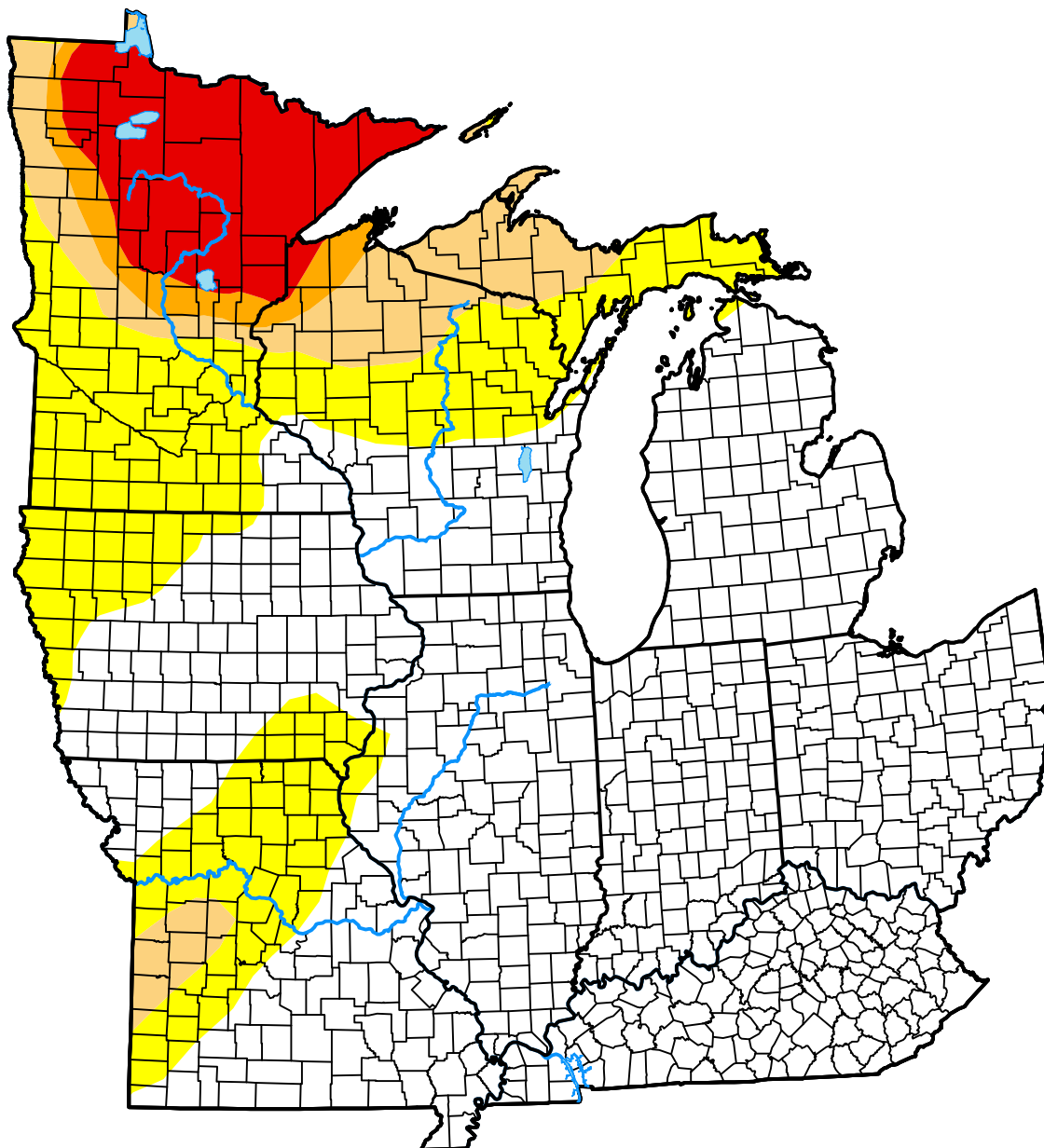


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 64.53 | 20.02 | 6.59  | 1.85 | 7.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-28-2006</i>              | 61.80 | 16.23 | 11.13 | 3.83 | 7.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-05-2006</i>           | 57.55 | 19.50 | 12.99 | 5.34 | 4.62 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 58.15 | 19.10 | 13.13 | 6.61 | 3.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2006</i>    | 63.58 | 15.62 | 10.50 | 2.56 | 7.73 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-06-2005</i>           | 56.88 | 19.34 | 12.36 | 7.98 | 3.44 | 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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