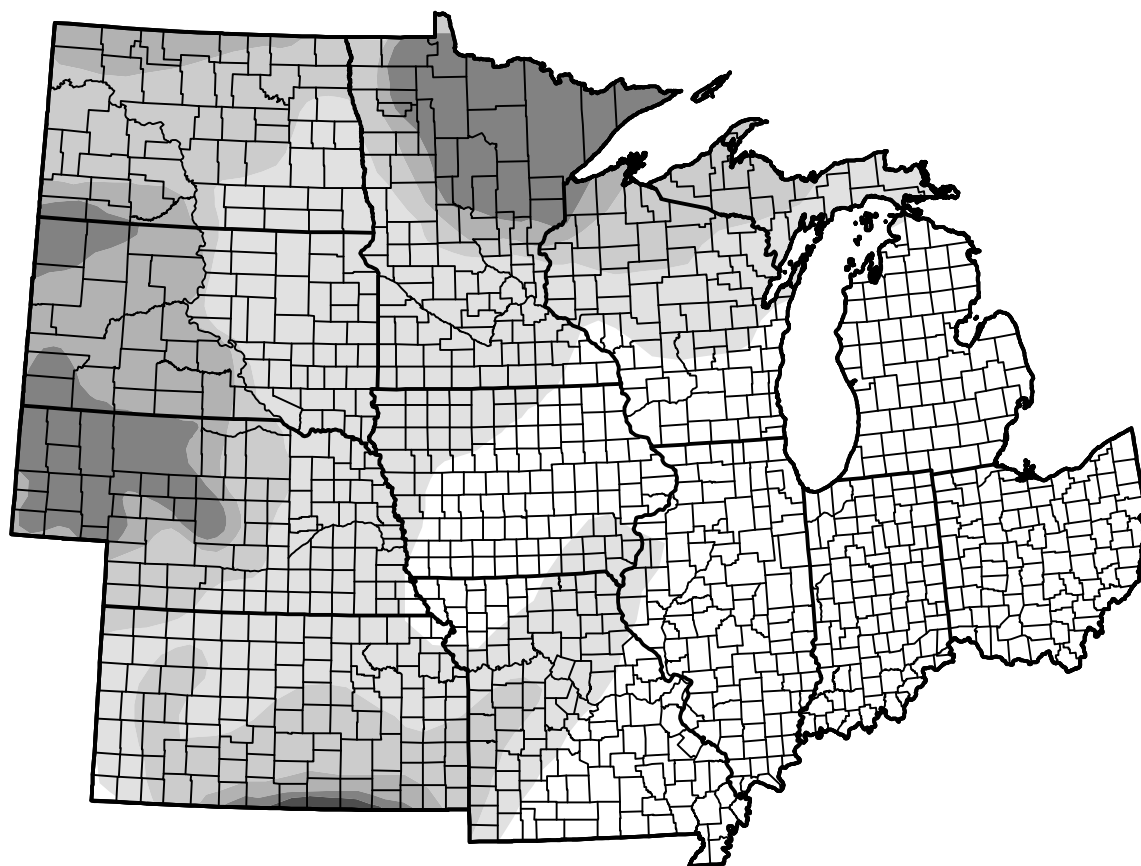


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	35.59	29.27	16.85	8.93	9.20	0.16
Last Week <i>12-05-2006</i>	37.19	29.26	15.49	8.78	9.27	0.01
3 Months Ago <i>09-12-2006</i>	39.42	17.03	21.35	9.75	12.45	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	58.32	22.61	13.36	3.75	1.96	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	42.50	20.39	17.96	9.27	9.88	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-13-2005</i>	58.11	23.25	12.83	3.57	2.24	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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