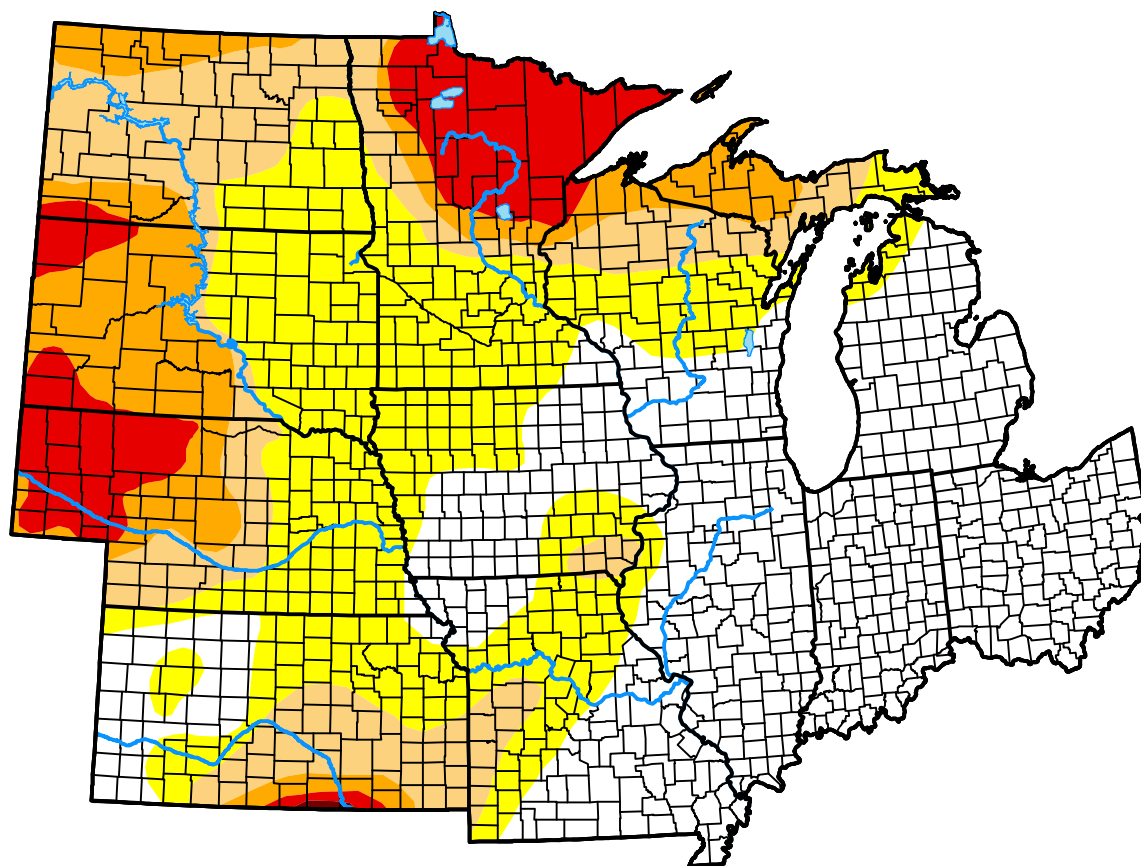


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.09	62.91	34.46	19.51	8.75	0.07
Last Week <i>12-19-2006</i>	34.33	65.67	36.43	19.77	9.41	0.16
3 Months Ago <i>09-26-2006</i>	42.50	57.50	37.11	19.15	9.88	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>09-26-2006</i>	42.50	57.50	37.11	19.15	9.88	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-27-2005</i>	56.77	43.23	19.31	5.93	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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