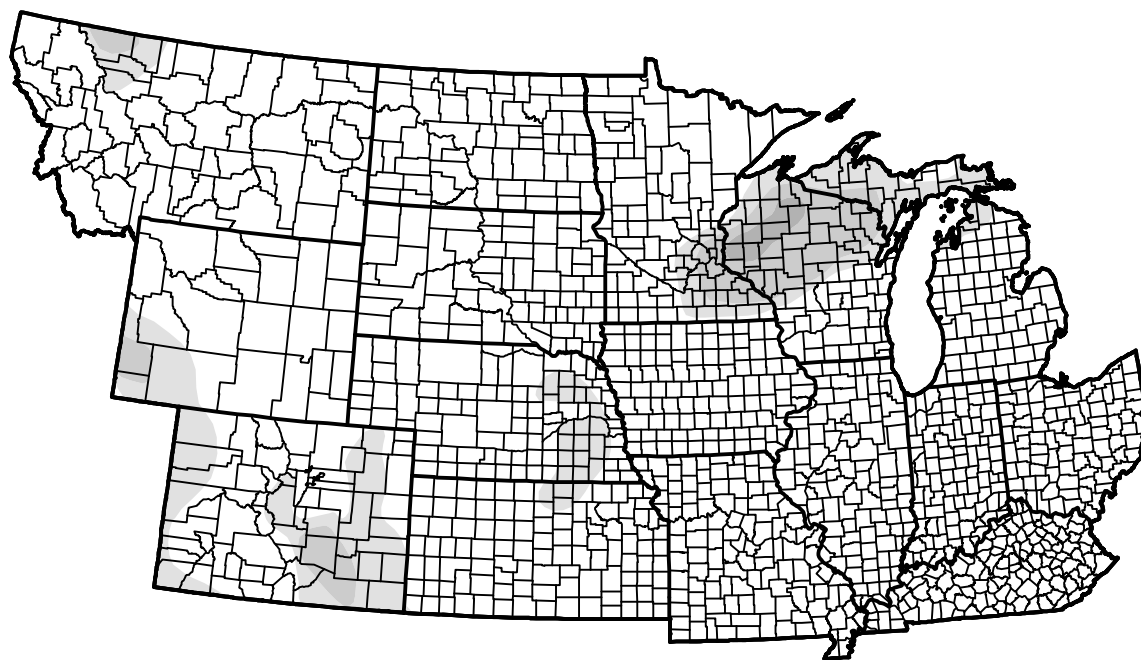


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 87.59 | 12.41 | 3.98  | 0.46  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-05-2009</i>              | 83.96 | 16.04 | 4.46  | 0.72  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-10-2009</i>           | 72.44 | 27.56 | 6.46  | 1.70  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 65.73 | 34.27 | 10.66 | 1.86  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 57.05 | 42.95 | 16.45 | 3.54  | 0.85  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-13-2008</i>           | 66.09 | 33.91 | 18.85 | 6.67  | 1.80  | 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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