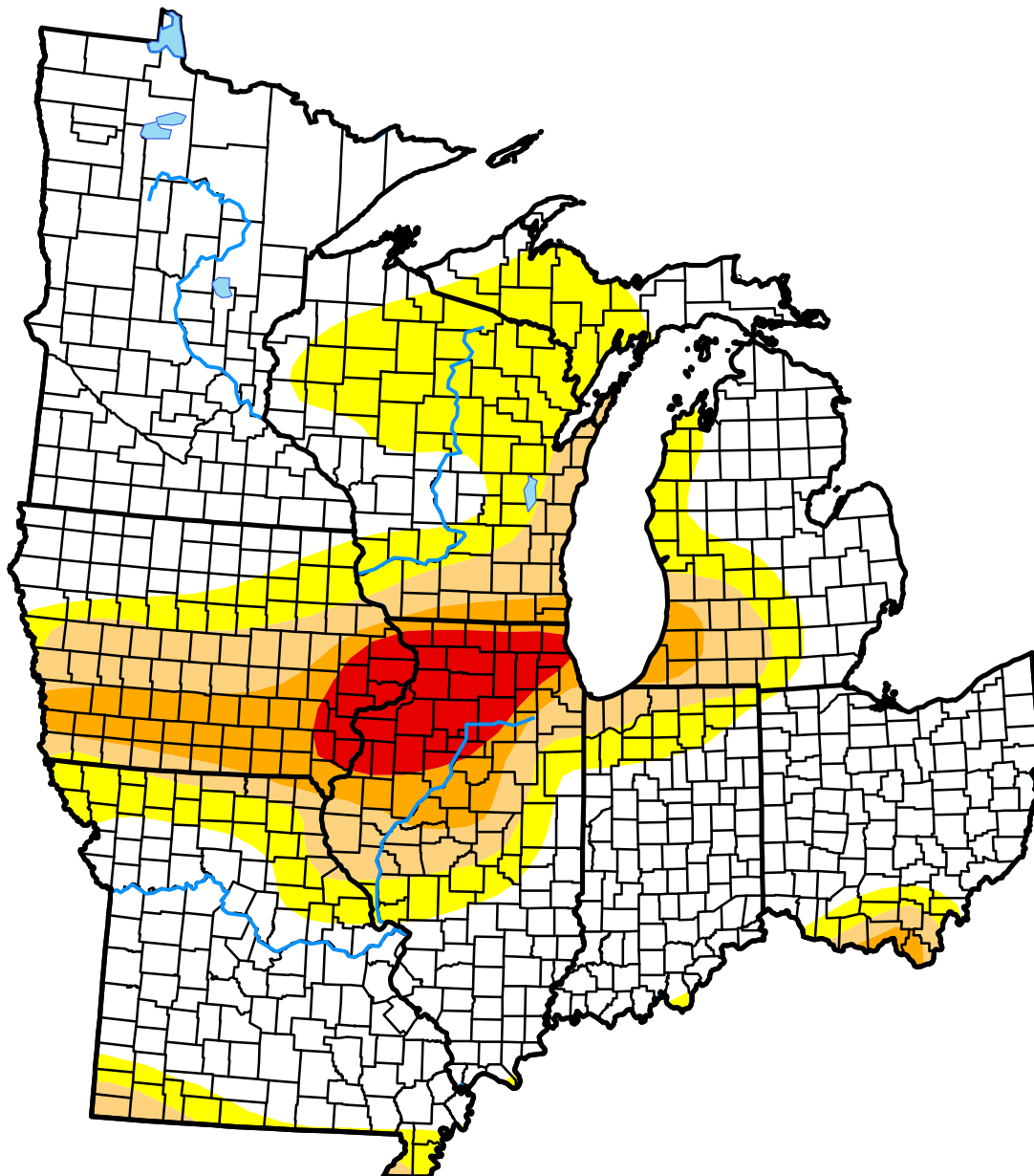


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	61.72	18.46	10.16	5.92	3.74	0.00
Last Week <i>11-22-2005</i>	59.42	20.35	10.35	6.13	3.75	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>08-30-2005</i>	49.20	24.33	16.10	6.75	3.62	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	87.70	12.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	52.29	18.16	16.20	10.93	2.42	0.00
One Year Ago <i>11-30-2004</i>	93.22	6.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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