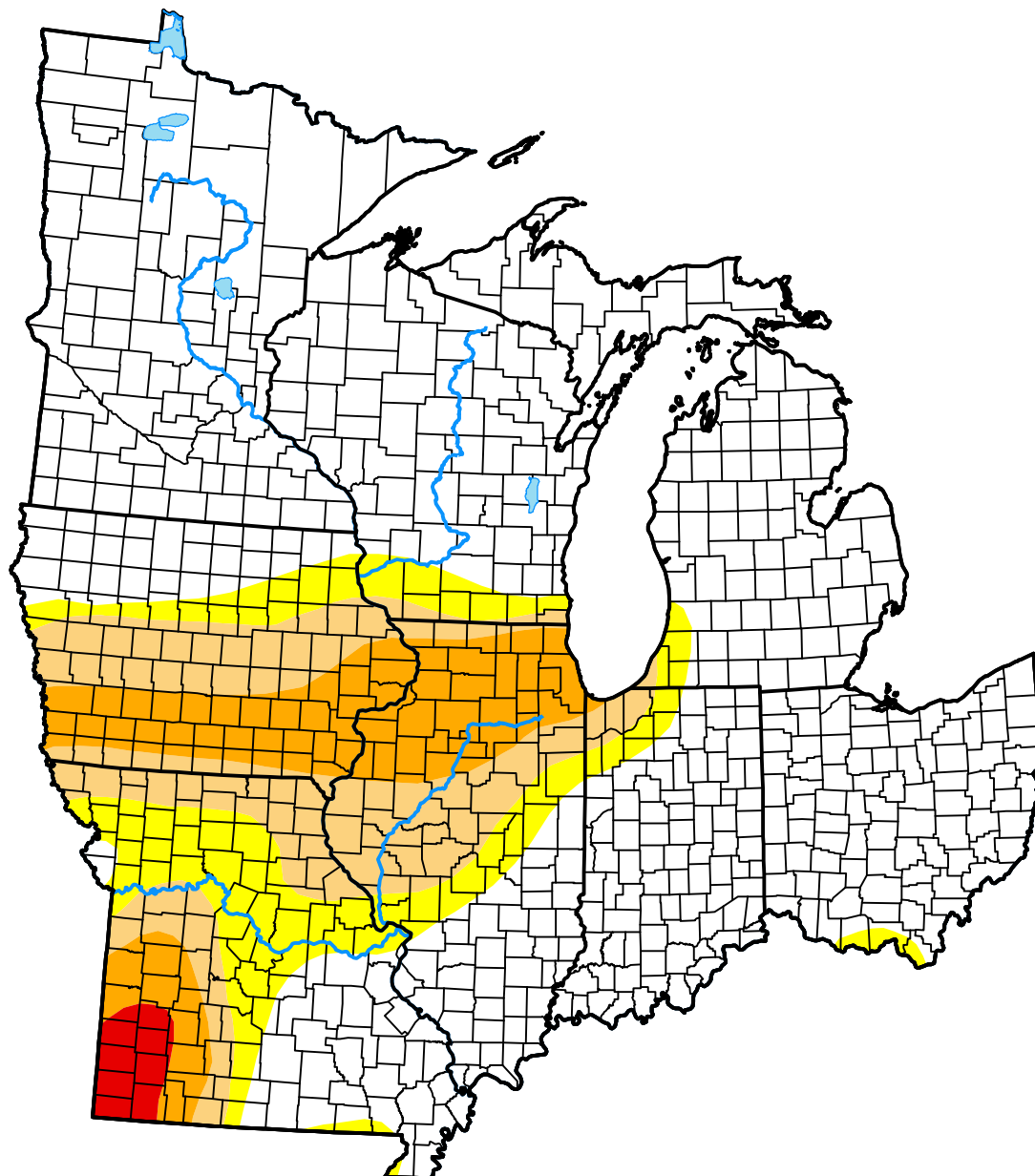


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	69.73	9.23	11.31	8.65	1.08	0.00
Last Week <i>02-14-2006</i>	68.22	11.36	10.57	8.90	0.95	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-22-2005</i>	59.42	20.35	10.35	6.13	3.75	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	62.66	18.00	10.03	6.04	3.27	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>02-22-2005</i>	91.85	8.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	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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