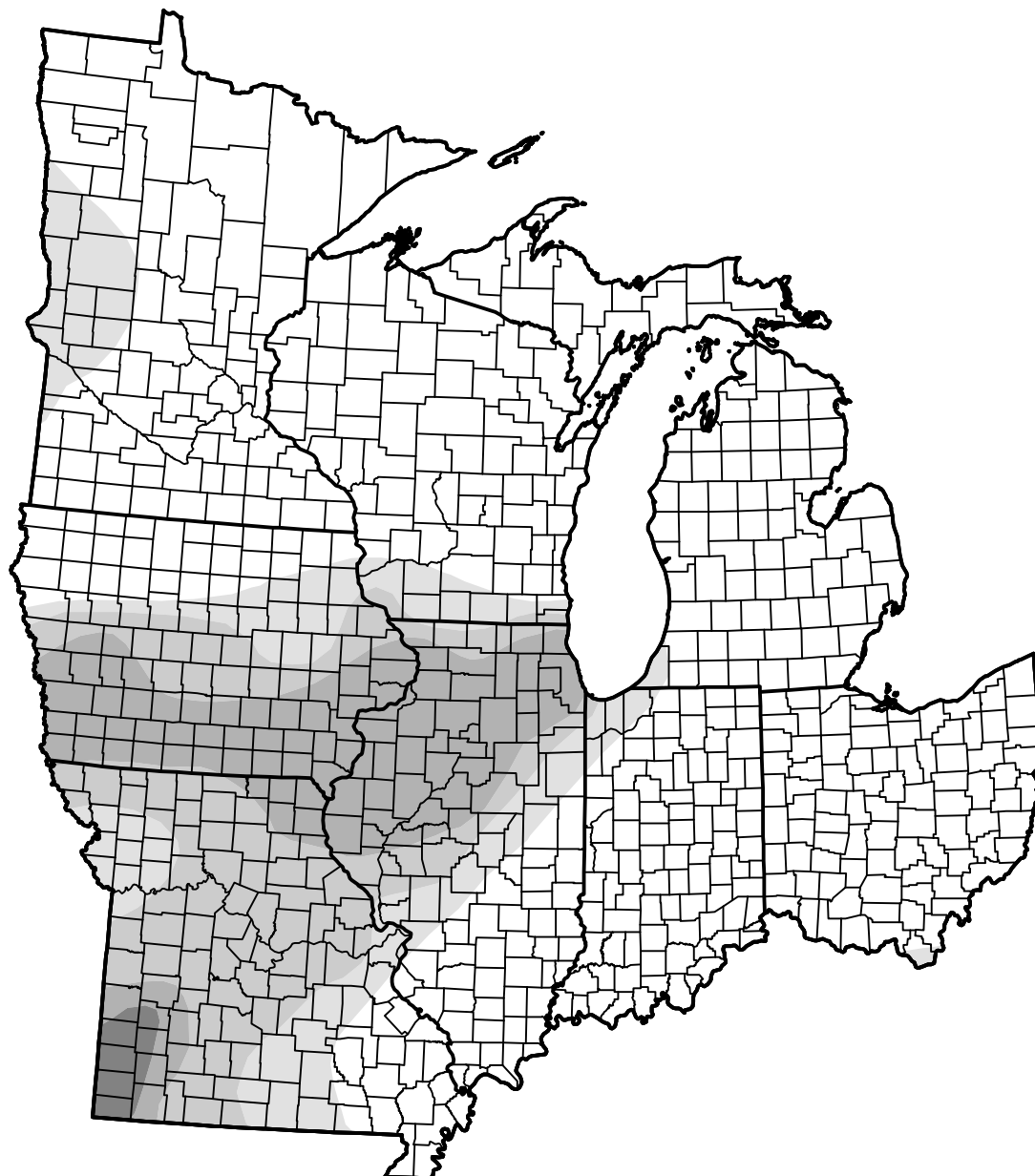


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.31	33.69	23.58	11.58	0.77	0.00
Last Week <i>03-14-2006</i>	68.51	31.49	23.62	11.58	0.78	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-20-2005</i>	59.99	40.01	19.88	9.83	3.74	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	62.66	37.34	19.34	9.31	3.27	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	52.29	47.71	29.54	13.35	2.42	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-22-2005</i>	92.26	7.74	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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