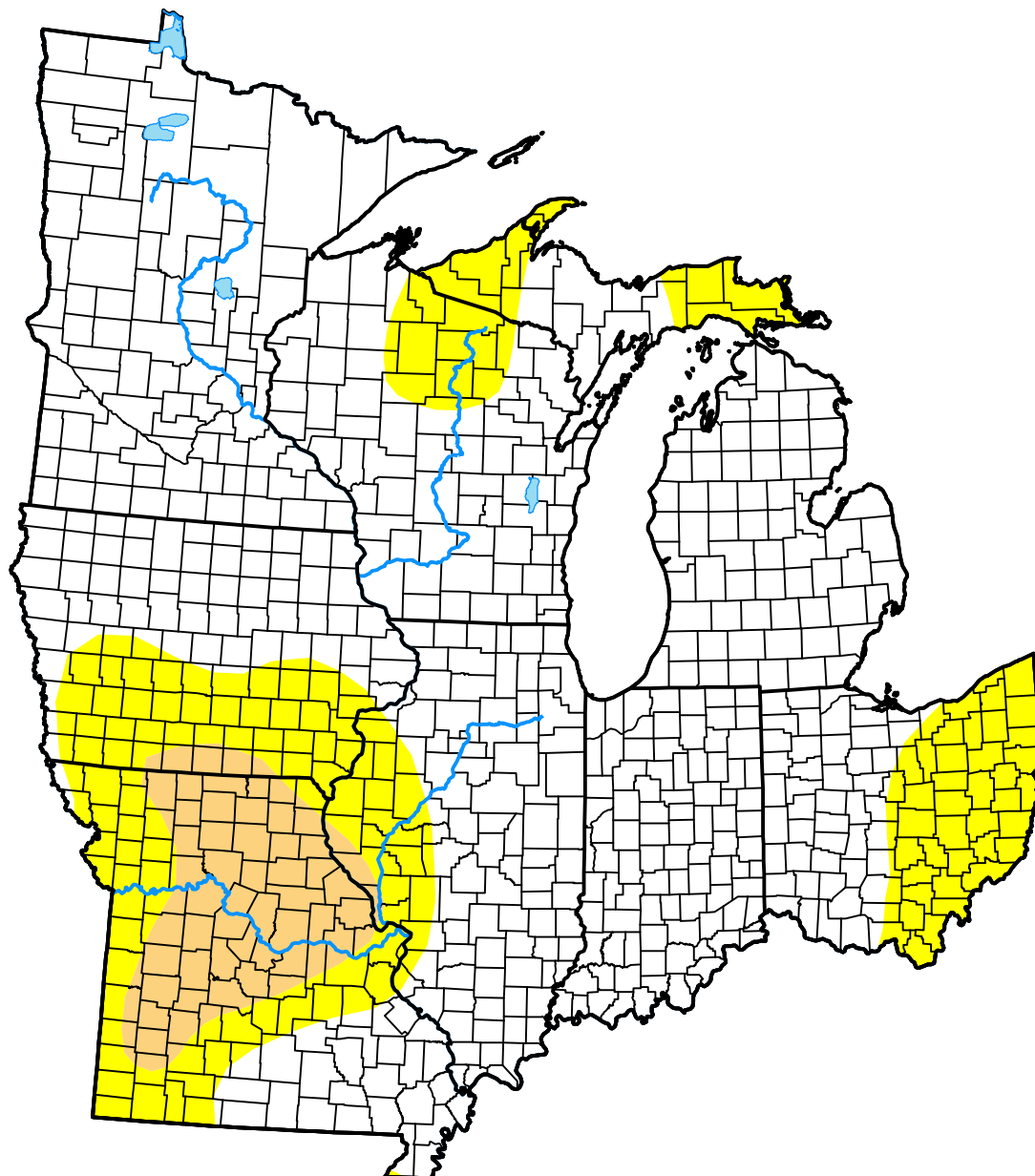


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 73.13 | 26.87 | 7.08  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-09-2006</i>              | 65.15 | 34.85 | 14.01 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-14-2006</i>           | 68.22 | 31.78 | 20.42 | 9.85  | 0.95  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 62.66 | 37.34 | 19.34 | 9.31  | 3.27  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 52.29 | 47.71 | 29.54 | 13.35 | 2.42  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-17-2005</i>           | 64.85 | 35.15 | 0.41  | 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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