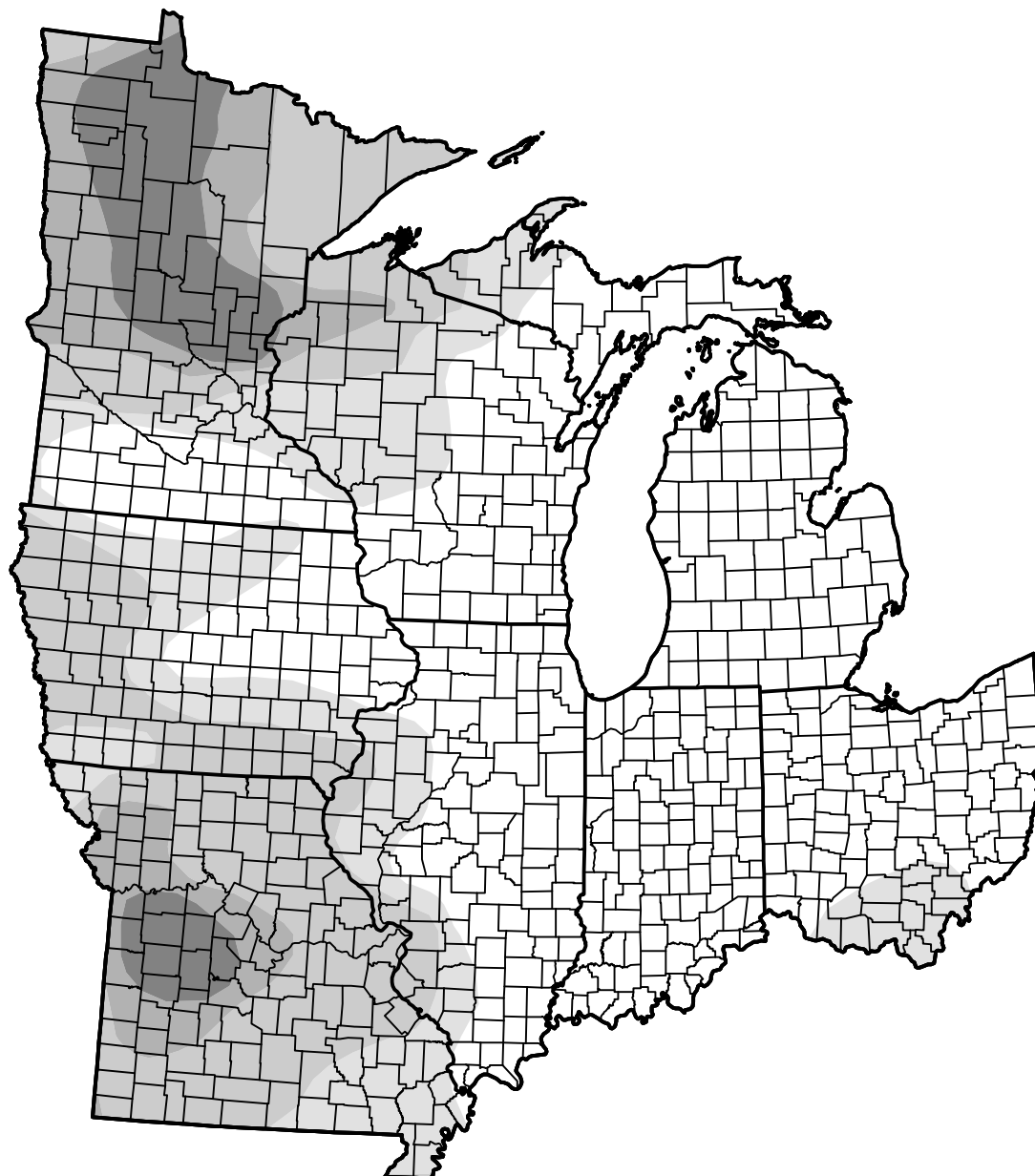


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

**August 15, 2006**  
*(Released Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 49.72 | 15.64 | 19.89 | 7.93  | 6.82 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-08-2006</i>              | 48.94 | 14.87 | 19.61 | 11.15 | 5.42 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-16-2006</i>           | 73.13 | 19.78 | 7.08  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 62.66 | 18.00 | 10.03 | 6.04  | 3.27 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 52.29 | 18.16 | 16.20 | 10.93 | 2.42 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-16-2005</i>           | 42.49 | 20.69 | 21.84 | 10.35 | 4.63 | 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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