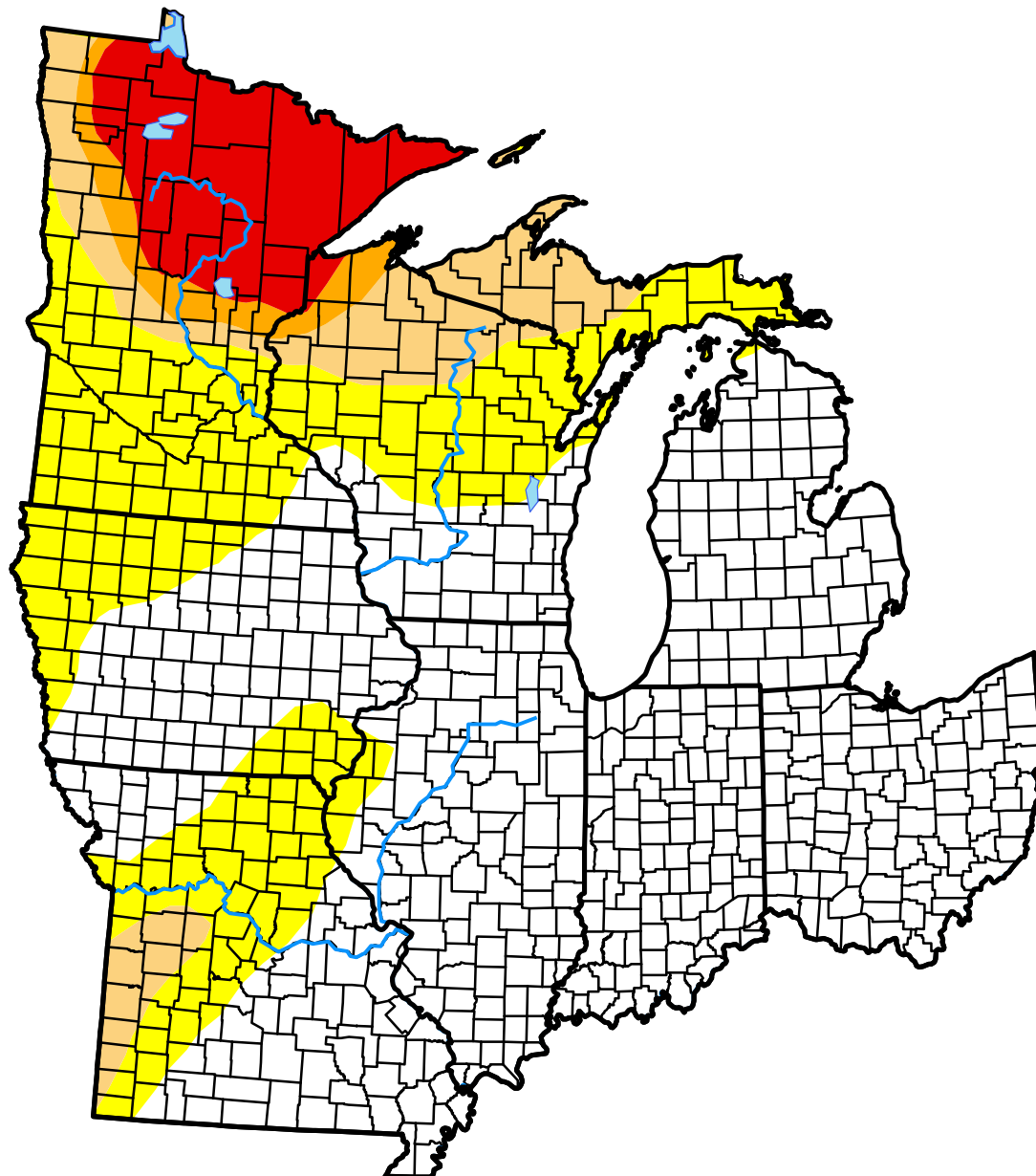


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	58.95	41.05	17.37	9.64	7.62	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-05-2006</i>	61.40	38.60	16.81	9.64	7.62	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-12-2006</i>	59.11	40.89	24.03	10.97	6.46	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	62.66	37.34	19.34	9.31	3.27	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2006</i>	60.38	39.62	22.63	11.20	8.41	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-13-2005</i>	61.35	38.65	19.20	9.66	3.74	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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