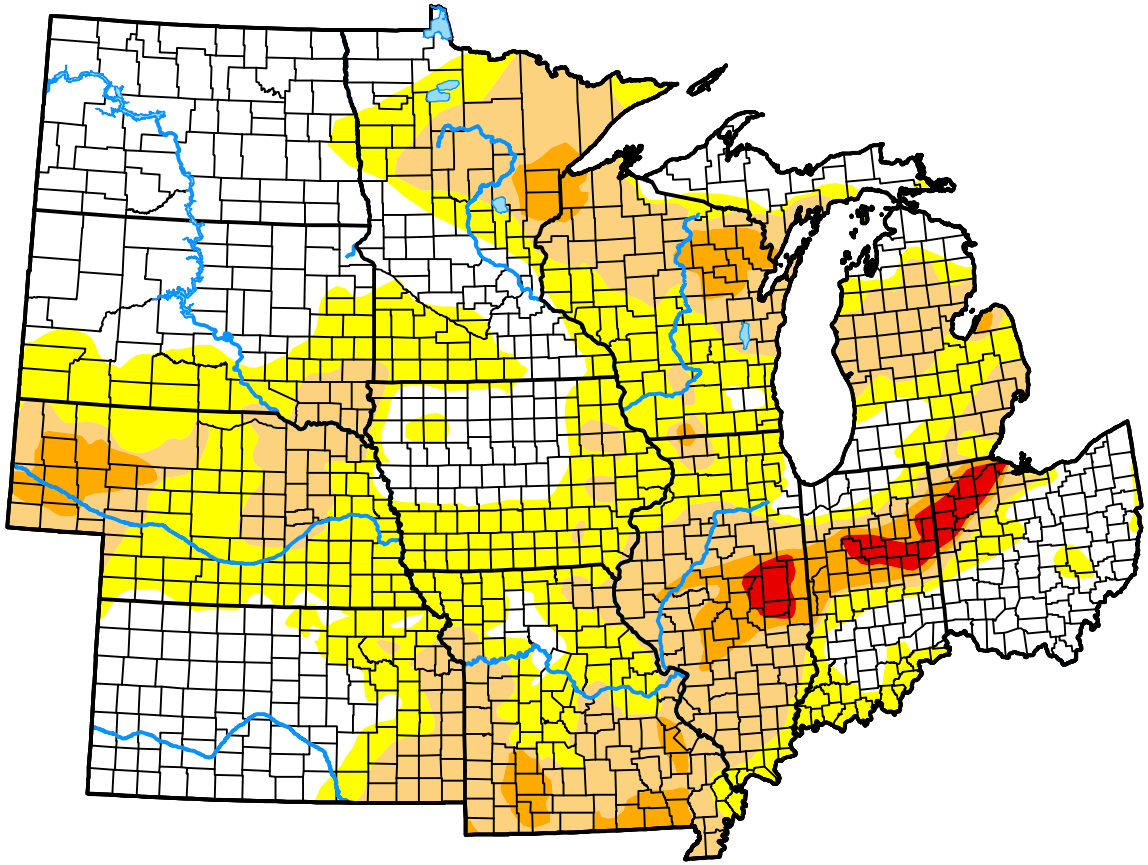
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	38.60	31.26	23.21	5.66	1.26	0.00
Last Week *12-30-2025*	40.71	30.22	24.57	3.51	0.99	0.00
3 Months Ago *10-07-2025*	45.26	28.62	17.88	7.55	0.68	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.60	31.26	23.21	5.66	1.26	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	53.65	23.69	16.34	6.08	0.24	0.00
One Year Ago *01-07-2025*	30.52	24.01	31.13	11.66	2.68	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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