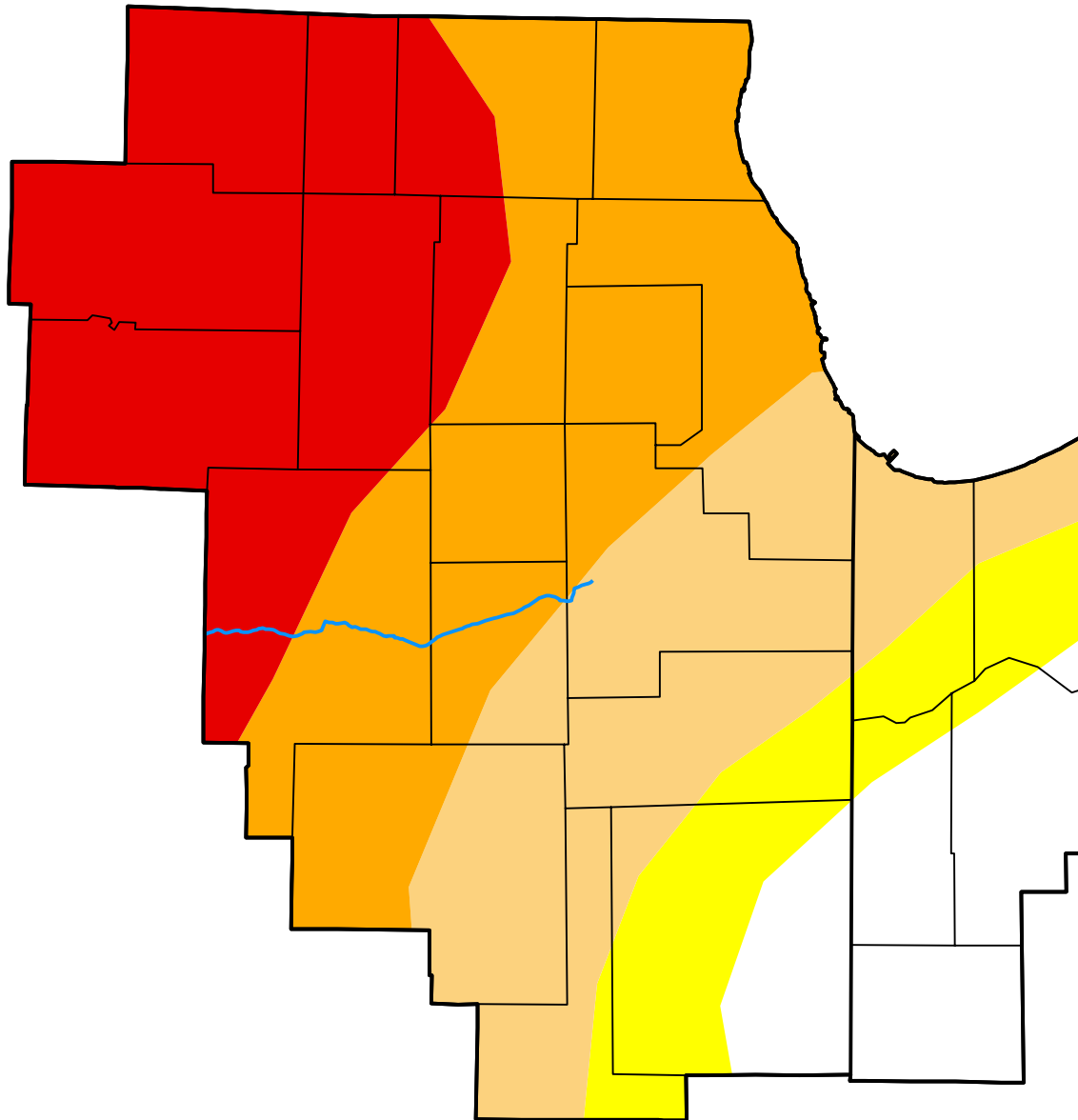


U.S. Drought Monitor

Chicago, IL WFO

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	12.09	10.11	22.38	28.33	27.08	0.00
Last Week <i>08-11-2005</i>	0.00	9.25	20.12	19.05	51.58	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-19-2005</i>	23.80	74.34	1.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	64.53	35.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-19-2004</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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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