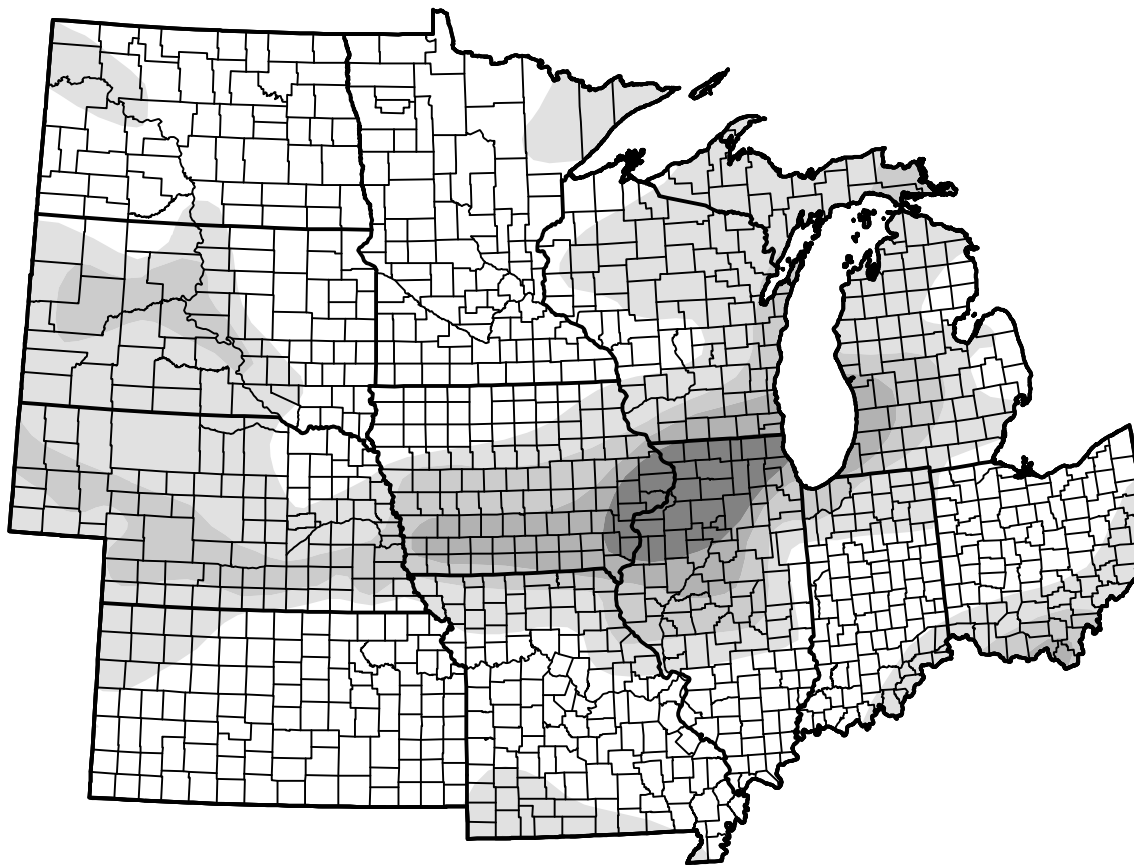


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.94	48.06	18.00	6.40	2.41	0.00
Last Week <i>10-11-2005</i>	52.39	47.61	16.91	5.68	2.11	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2005</i>	36.67	63.33	33.78	13.29	3.23	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	70.29	29.71	13.68	7.35	0.02	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.28	45.72	23.65	7.99	1.45	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-19-2004</i>	59.49	40.51	17.55	6.74	0.00	0.00

Intensity:



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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