

# U.S. Drought Monitor

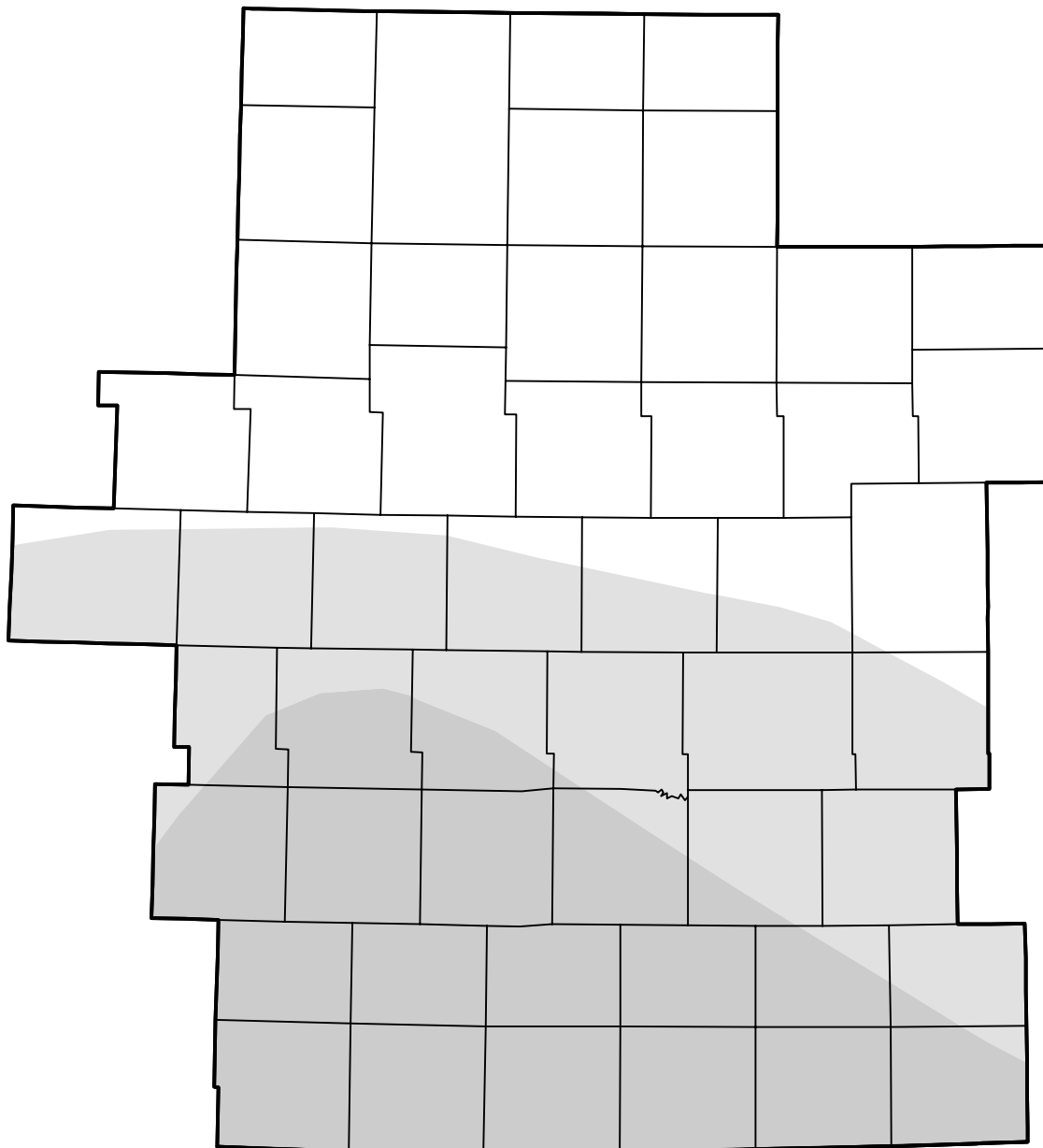
## Des Moines, IA WFO

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	46.45	24.36	29.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-13-2006</i>	43.97	25.99	30.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-19-2006</i>	22.45	12.73	36.78	28.03	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2006</i>	20.55	17.35	34.06	28.03	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2005</i>	45.09	18.23	32.89	3.78	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-21-2005</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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