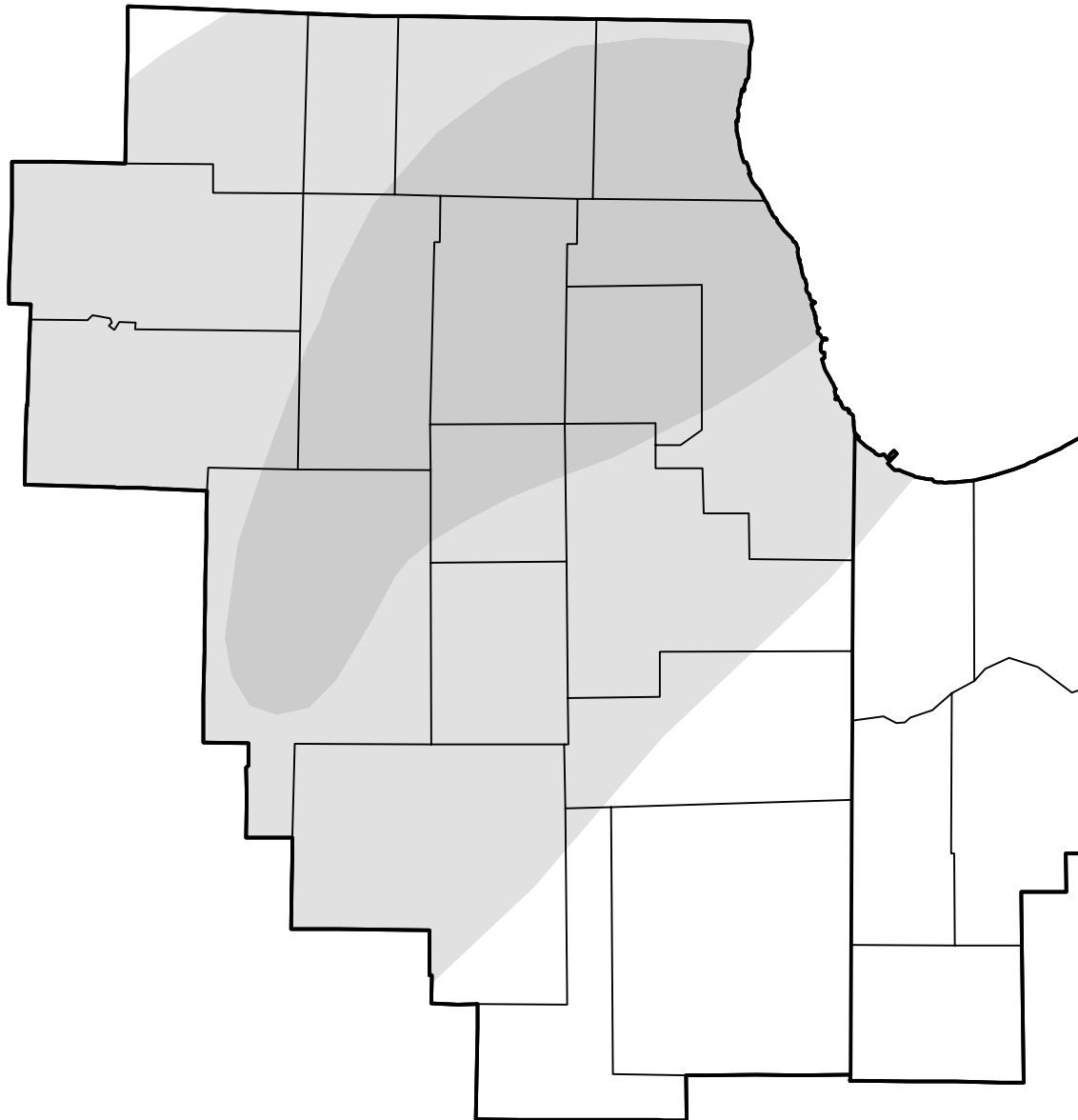


U.S. Drought Monitor

Chicago, IL WFO

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	32.63	67.37	24.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-13-2006</i>	4.91	95.09	61.17	18.61	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-19-2006</i>	0.92	99.08	86.45	64.98	43.84	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i>	6.48	93.52	78.10	53.00	25.81	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i>	2.15	97.85	81.83	54.65	31.79	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-21-2005</i>	99.35	0.65	0.00	0.00	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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