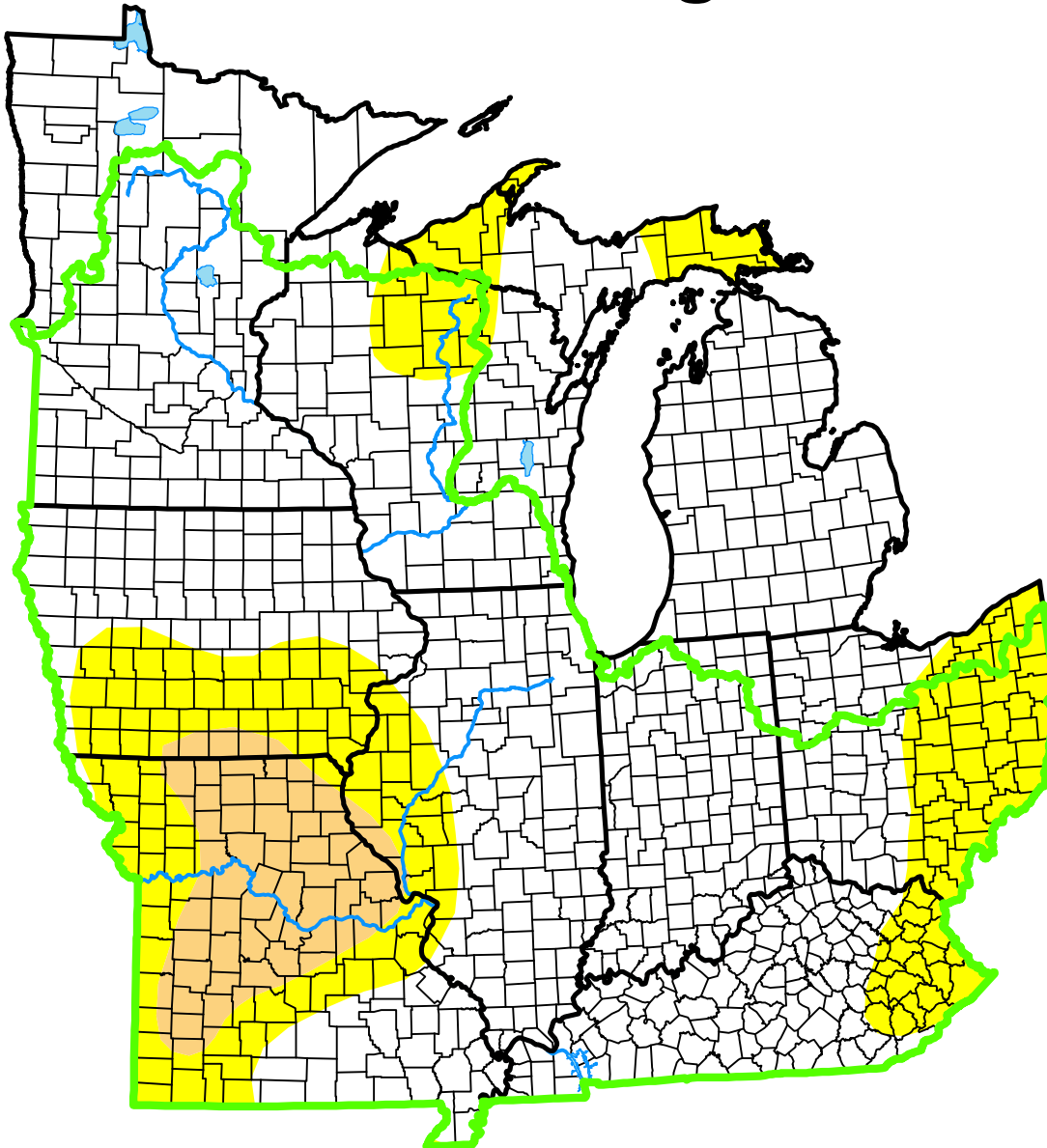


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	68.46	31.54	8.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-09-2006</i>	65.88	34.12	12.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2006</i>	57.97	42.03	24.32	11.89	1.16	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	50.67	49.33	29.56	12.78	4.01	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	58.99	41.01	24.83	9.82	2.96	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-17-2005</i>	79.21	20.79	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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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