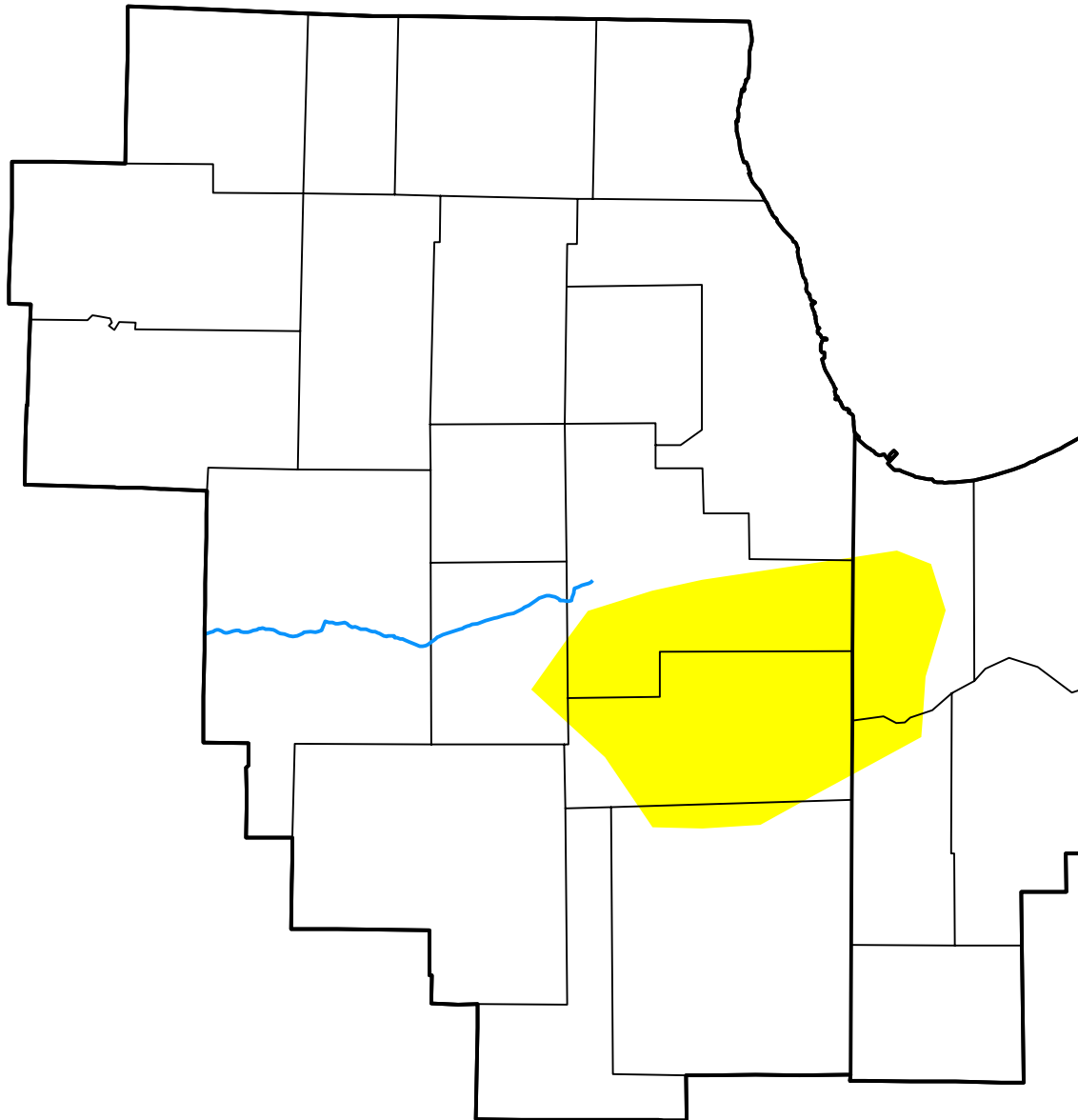


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Chicago, IL WFO

**July 31, 2018**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	90.32	9.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>07-26-2018</i>	90.32	9.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-03-2018</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2018</i>	97.96	2.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2017</i>	18.34	81.66	4.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-03-2017</i>	99.23	0.77	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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