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#### County

Champaign

#### Region/State

Region 5

#### Which of the following best describes current conditions in this county?

Moderately Dry (soil is dry, plants may be browning or stressed, water bodies are low)

If conditions are on the dry end, which of the following US Drought Monitor categories best fit current conditions. To better judge the fit, see explanation of USDM categories here:

<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About/AbouttheData/DroughtClassification.aspx>

Severe Drought (D2)

#### Quick synopsis of conditions that will appear in the main feed

On a trip to Monmouth this past week I saw the beginning of some likely spider mite infestations; if the drought continues, these become increasingly likely in soybean. This is a great reason to hold off on broad spectrum insecticide applications, which don't touch the mites but eliminate their natural enemies. (Also, a good reason not to mow your grassways if you don't have to).