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Even with the recent rains falling in the Hayward area, they are nothing more than "a drop in the bucket" according to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources water and zoning specialist Dave Kafura with the Hayward Service Center.

Kafura said that the current year-to-date precipitation deficit is -6.61 inches. Added to -12.22 in 2006, -5.88 in 2005, -1.66 in 2004 and -7.18 in 2003, the total deficit for rain is 2.6 feet below average.

Kafura said there needs to be a "frequent, steady (and) soaking type of precipitation" which will be the only way to break the drought. Sporadic storms and fast-moving downpours cannot offset such a well-entrenched drought.

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