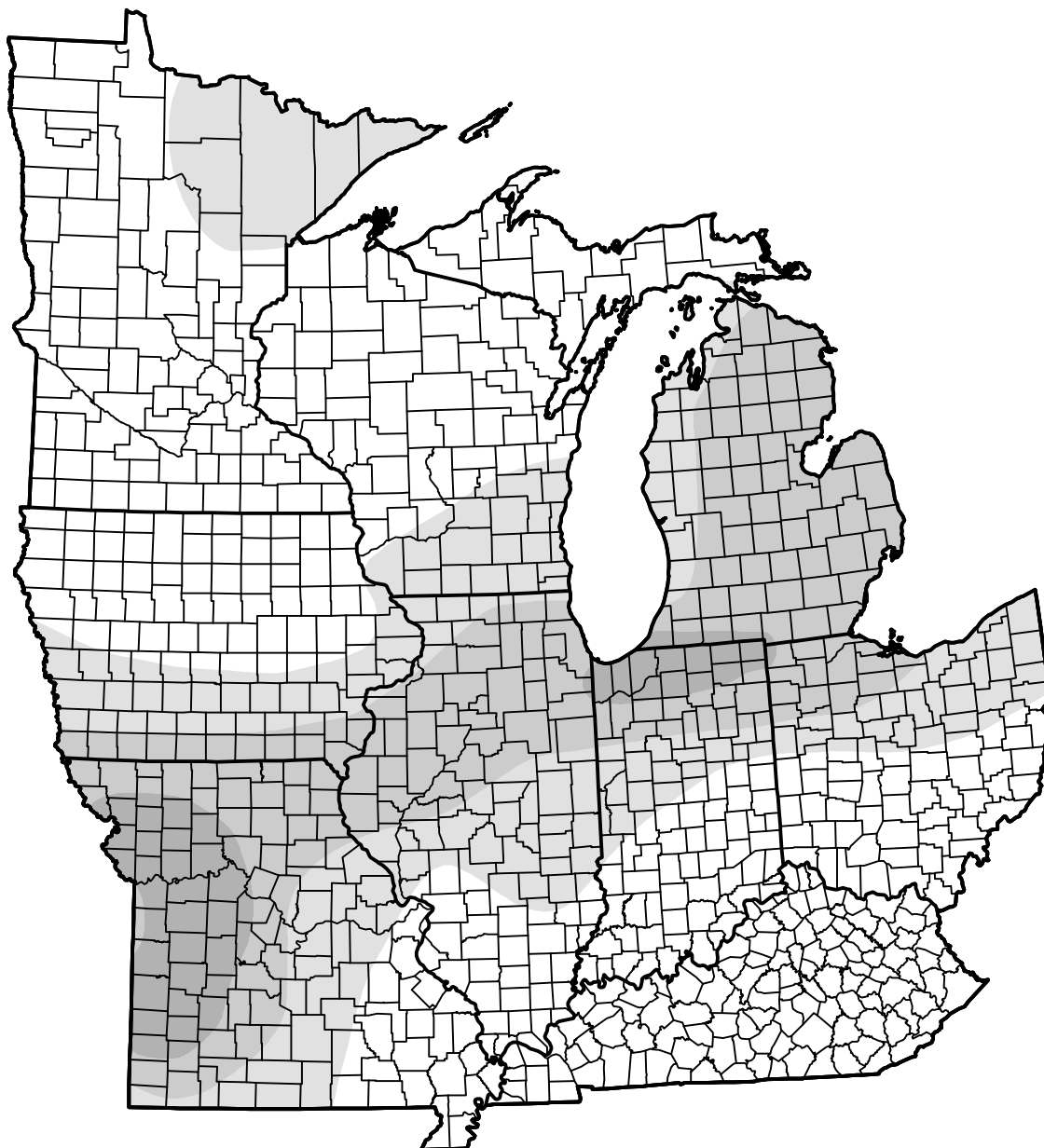


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 54.18 | 21.73 | 19.15 | 4.94 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-10-2002</i>              | 55.09 | 22.92 | 18.19 | 3.79 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-17-2002</i>           | 60.72 | 14.00 | 16.89 | 8.39 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i> | 94.46 | 5.49  | 0.04  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 57.19 | 25.80 | 14.16 | 2.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-18-2001</i>           | 98.83 | 1.17  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

**Intensity:**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate 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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