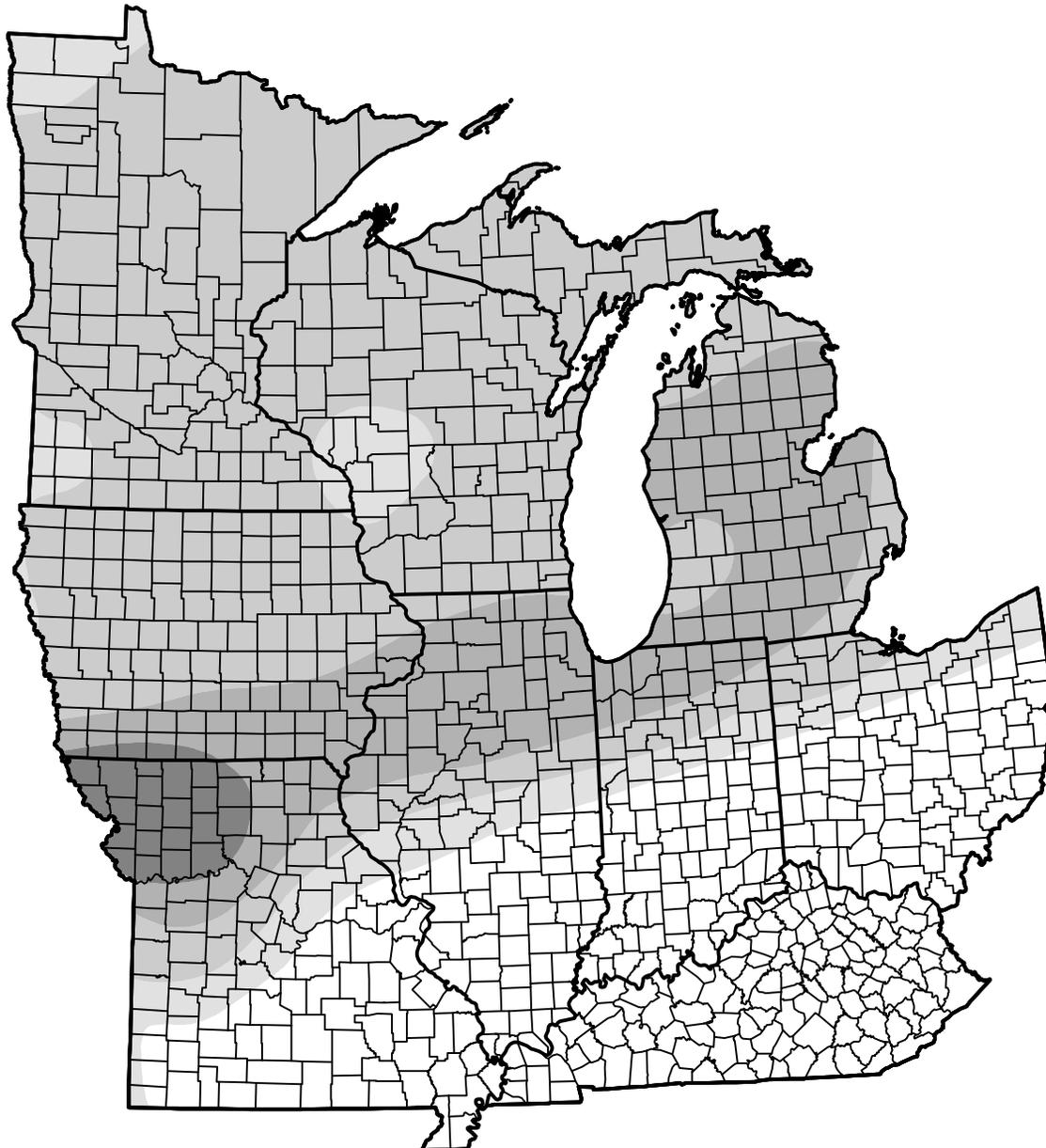


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	29.73	70.27	62.06	18.43	2.54	0.00
Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i>	28.02	71.98	41.08	18.61	2.58	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	54.18	45.82	24.09	4.94	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	51.12	48.88	24.16	5.50	1.21	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	57.19	42.81	17.01	2.85	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-19-2002</i>	78.92	21.08	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:



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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