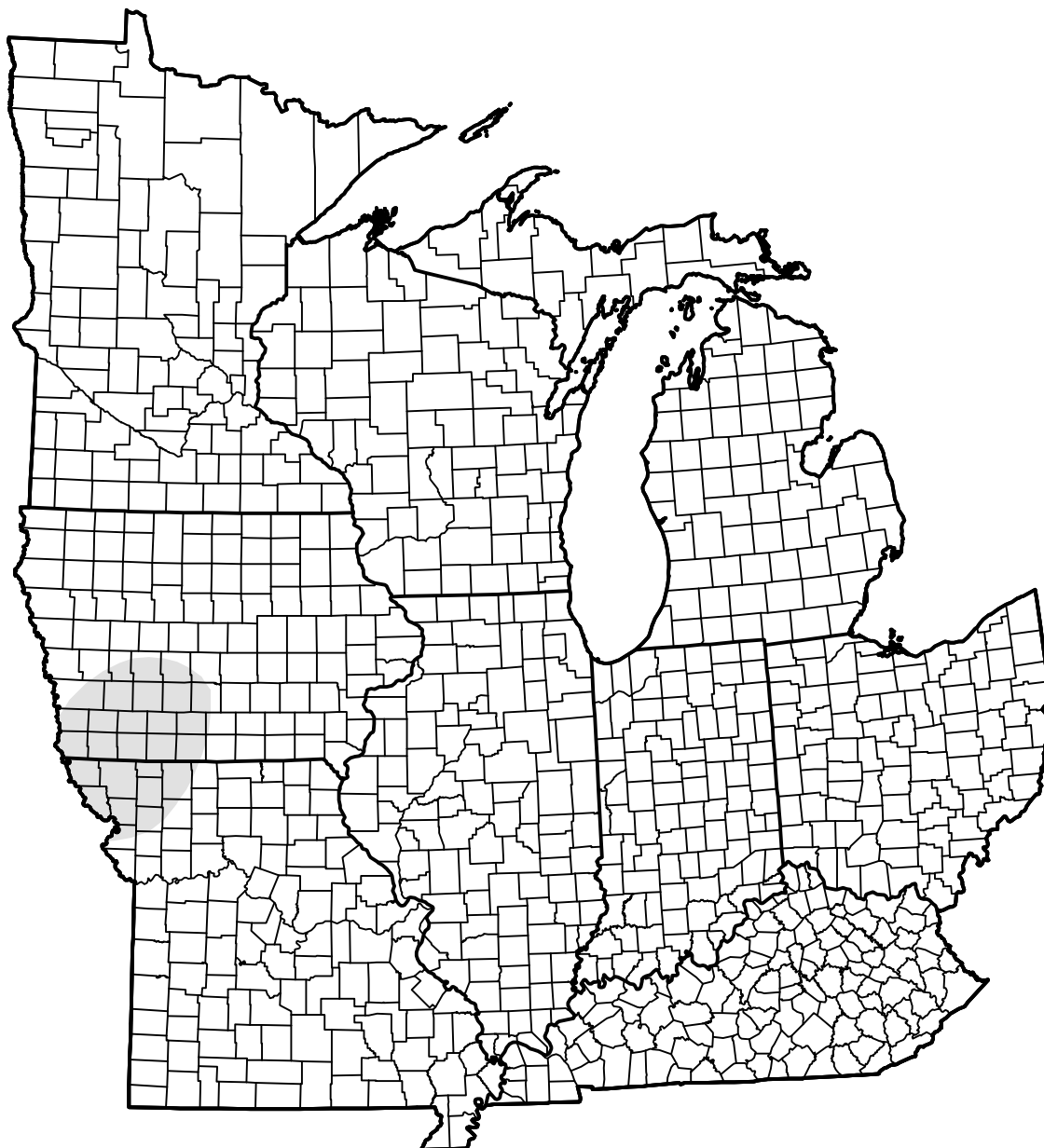


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest



**December 14, 2004**

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**Valid 7 a.m. EST**

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 97.34 | 2.66  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-07-2004</i>              | 97.98 | 2.02  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-14-2004</i>           | 96.92 | 3.08  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2003</i> | 63.10 | 36.90 | 25.14 | 11.79 | 4.54  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2004</i>    | 74.41 | 25.59 | 0.73  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-16-2003</i>           | 62.40 | 37.60 | 26.60 | 11.61 | 4.28  | 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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