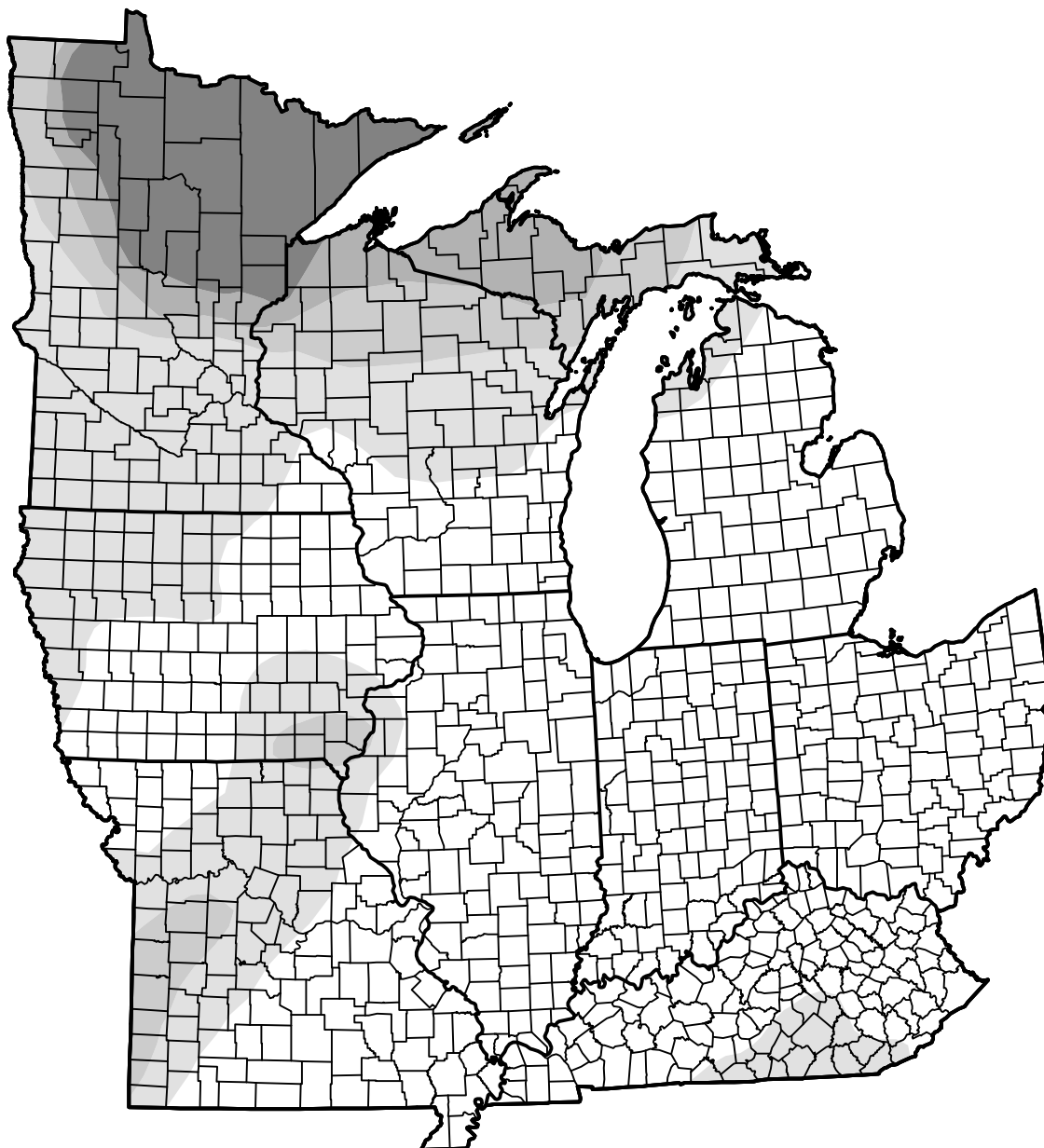


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 59.03 | 23.02 | 6.83  | 4.04 | 7.07 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-19-2006</i>              | 59.03 | 23.04 | 6.82  | 4.04 | 7.07 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-26-2006</i>           | 63.58 | 15.62 | 10.50 | 2.56 | 7.73 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 58.15 | 19.10 | 13.13 | 6.61 | 3.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2006</i>    | 63.58 | 15.62 | 10.50 | 2.56 | 7.73 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-27-2005</i>           | 55.67 | 20.70 | 12.05 | 8.14 | 3.44 | 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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