

# U.S. Drought Monitor

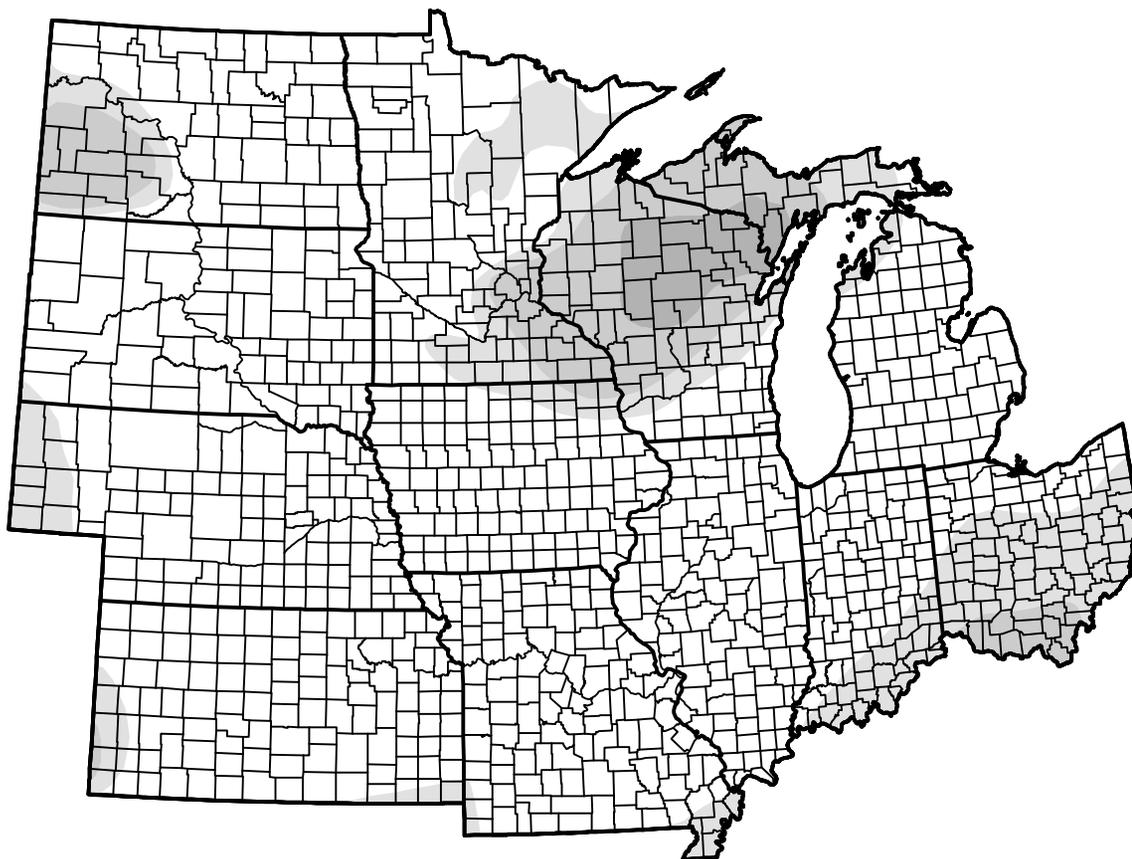
## North Central States

**December 16, 2008**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	77.92	12.22	7.65	2.21	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-09-2008</i>	78.10	11.98	7.71	2.21	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-16-2008</i>	68.96	18.39	10.45	1.11	1.09	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2008</i>	66.79	18.98	11.04	3.03	0.17	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	64.42	20.73	12.09	1.67	1.09	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2007</i>	66.79	19.08	10.85	3.11	0.17	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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