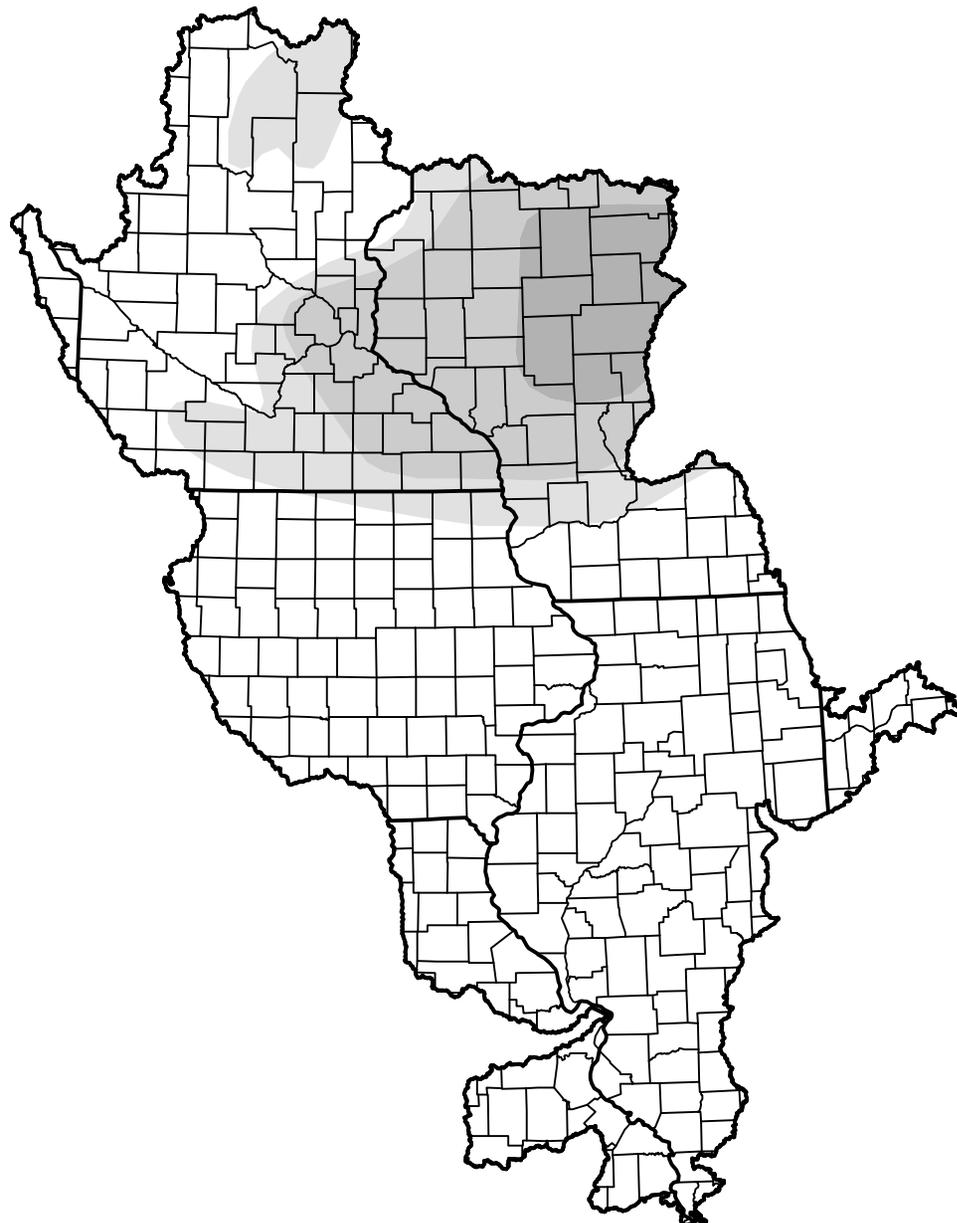


U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	72.62	27.38	17.40	5.26	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-18-2008</i>	70.63	29.37	18.88	5.26	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-25-2008</i>	53.06	46.94	30.55	0.52	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	80.48	19.52	5.74	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	53.06	46.94	30.70	2.10	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-27-2007</i>	80.48	19.52	5.74	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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