

# U.S. Drought Monitor

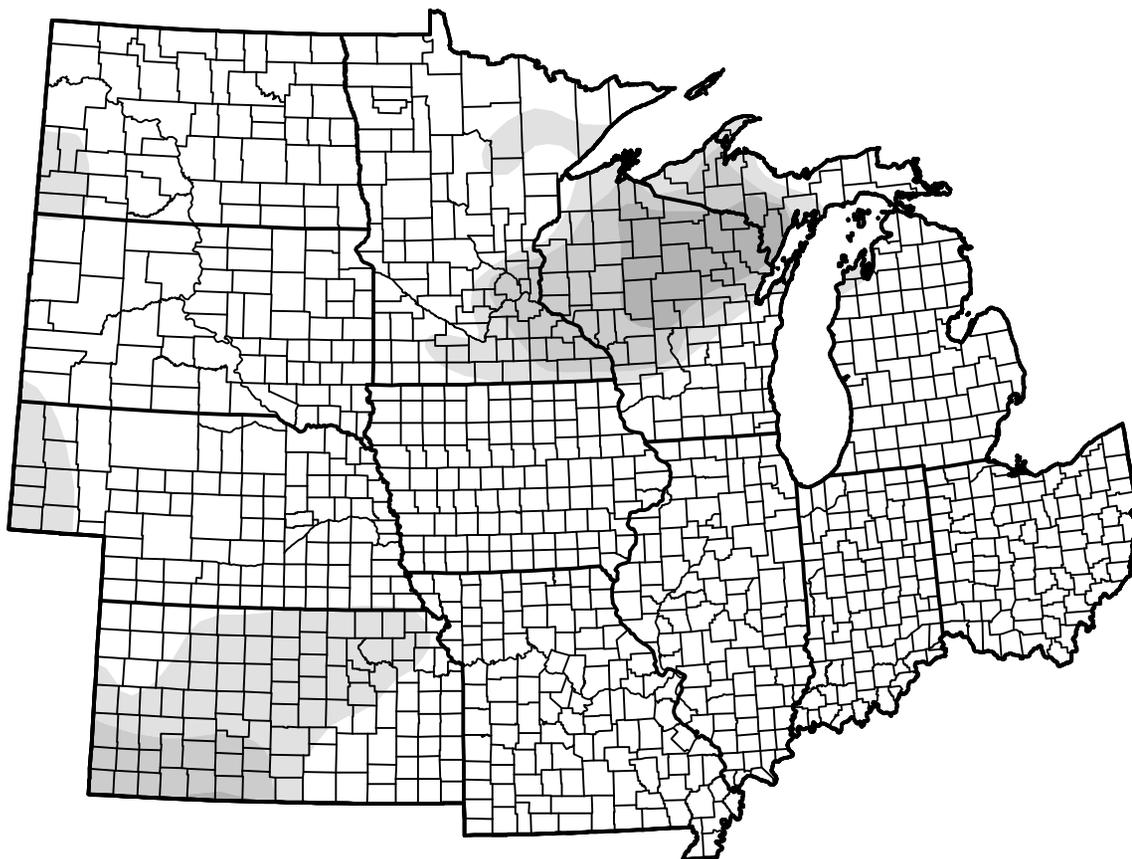
## North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	82.04	17.96	7.79	2.38	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-10-2009</i>	82.04	17.96	7.79	2.31	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-16-2008</i>	77.92	22.08	9.86	2.21	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	82.22	17.78	8.69	2.21	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	64.42	35.58	14.85	2.76	1.09	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-18-2008</i>	66.95	33.05	13.54	5.33	0.71	0.00



**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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