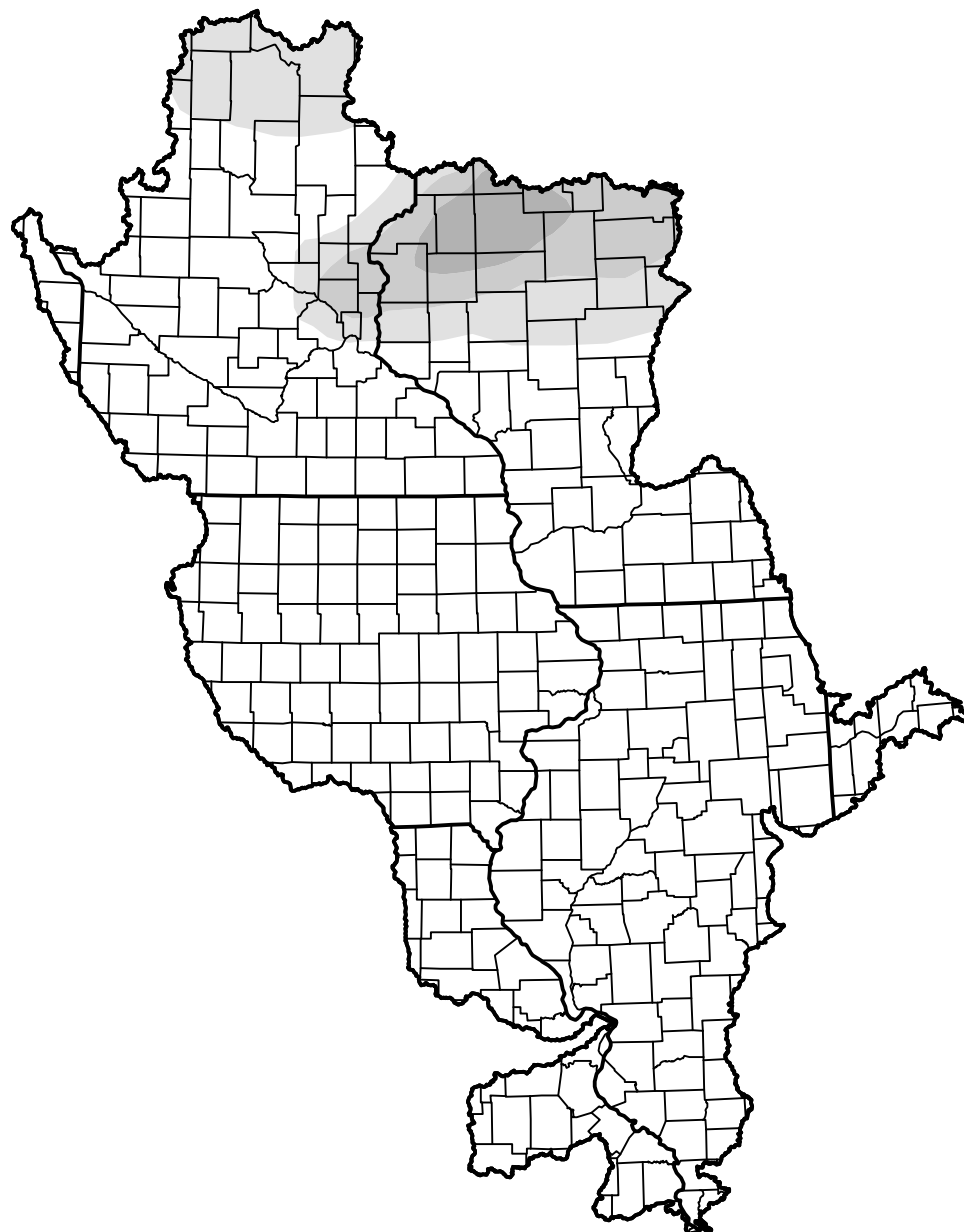


U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	85.60	7.85	4.58	1.97	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-10-2009</i>	85.60	7.85	4.58	1.97	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2009</i>	55.60	29.13	12.00	3.26	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	72.62	9.98	12.14	5.26	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	56.44	18.55	13.79	7.90	3.33	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2008</i>	70.63	10.50	13.62	5.26	0.00	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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