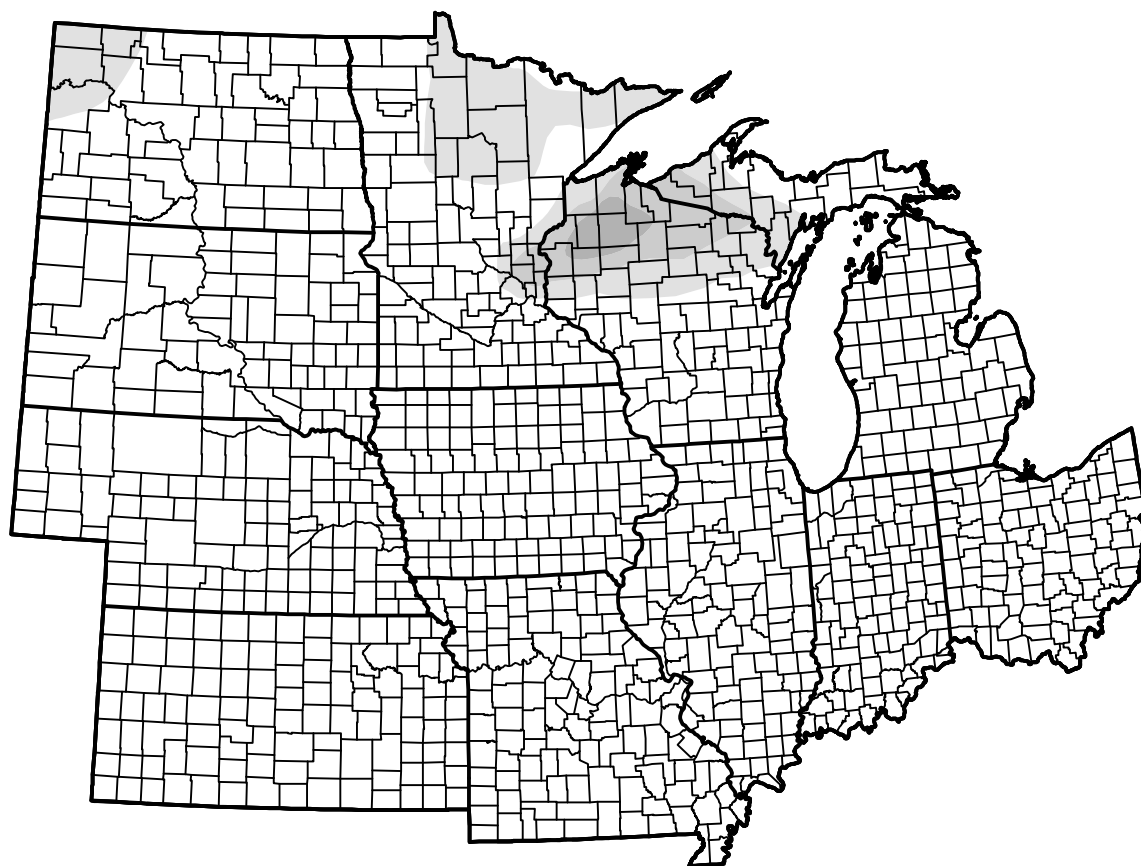


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	91.63	6.10	1.75	0.52	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-15-2009	91.63	6.10	1.75	0.52	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-22-2009	72.49	17.66	5.68	3.39	0.77	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2008	82.22	9.09	6.48	2.21	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2009	75.10	14.95	5.38	3.75	0.83	0.00
One Year Ago 12-23-2008	78.99	11.77	7.03	2.21	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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