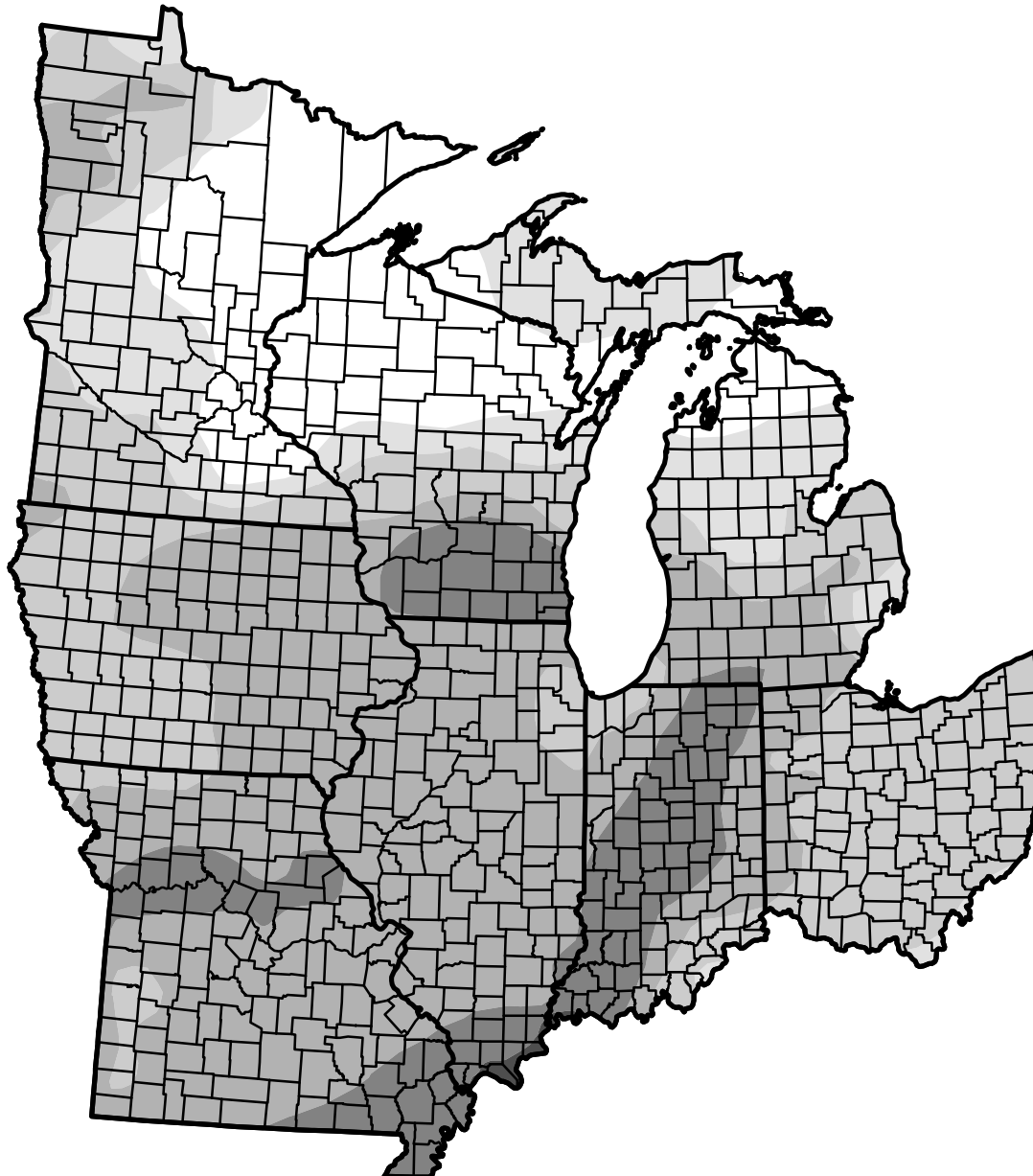


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	15.02	12.45	24.04	37.34	10.93	0.22
<b>Last Week</b> <i>07-10-2012</i>	18.15	20.66	29.39	27.01	4.68	0.11
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>04-17-2012</i>	60.70	22.18	10.42	6.70	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	69.36	15.99	7.26	7.40	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.39	28.37	9.77	5.47	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>07-19-2011</i>	88.88	11.02	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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