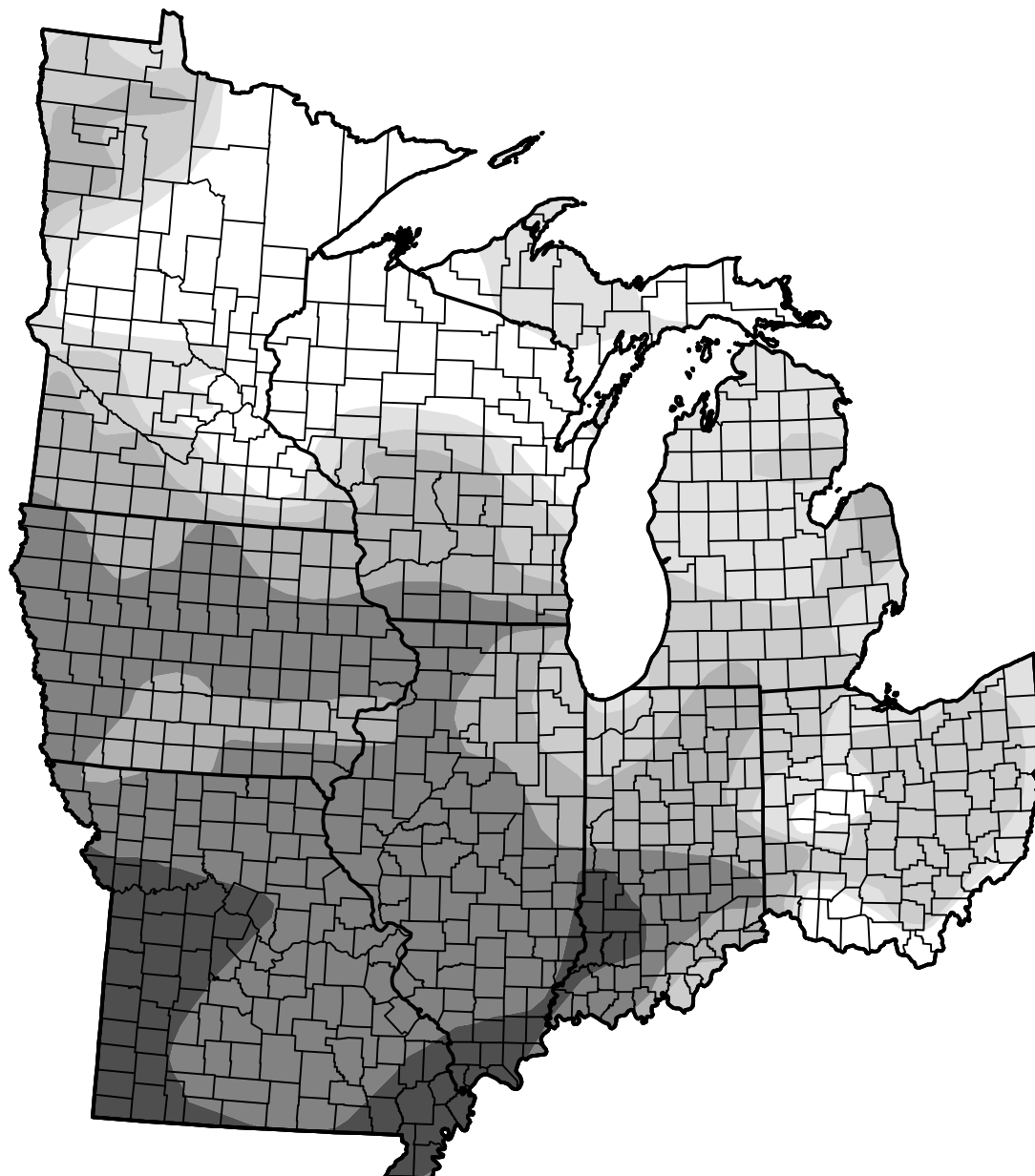


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.02	81.98	68.48	53.32	36.55	7.26
Last Week <i>08-14-2012</i>	18.12	81.88	68.62	53.56	36.66	7.72
3 Months Ago <i>05-22-2012</i>	51.39	48.61	10.43	0.68	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	69.36	30.64	14.65	7.40	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.39	43.61	15.24	5.47	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-23-2011</i>	57.82	42.18	10.57	0.65	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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