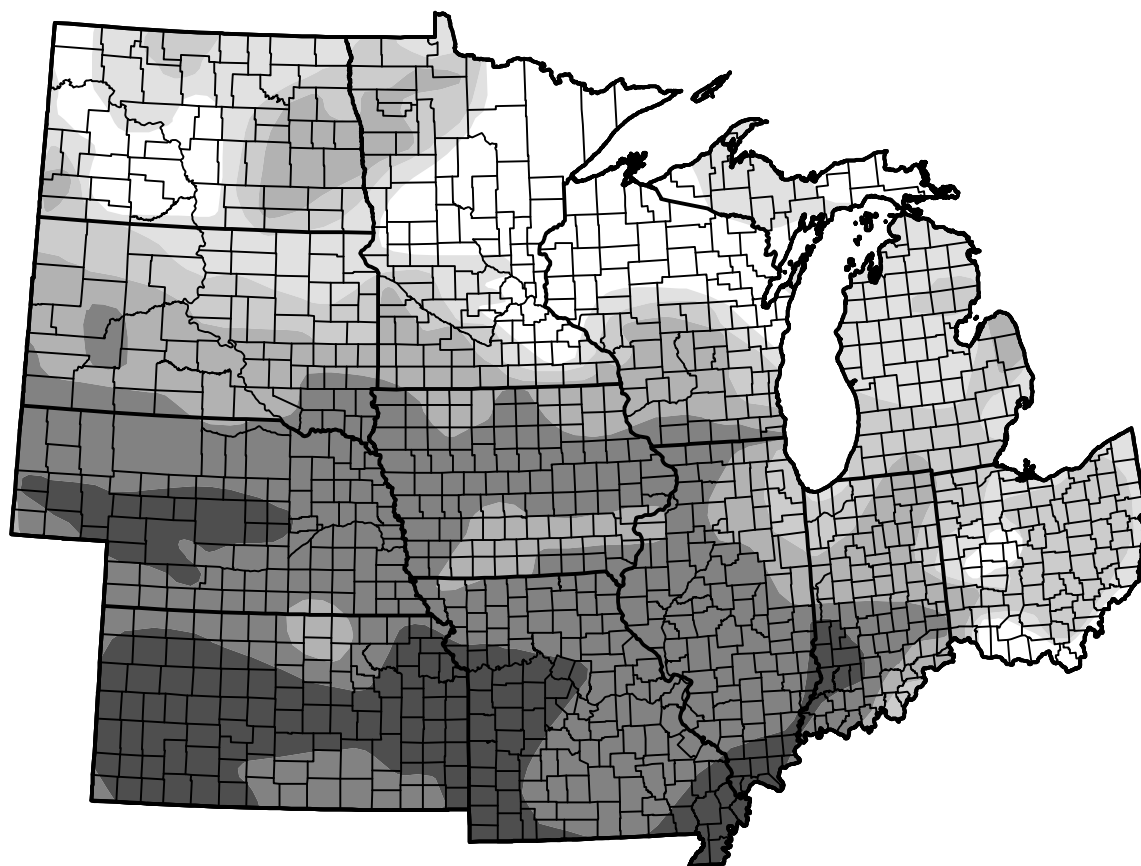


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.32	86.68	73.47	60.21	43.97	13.81
Last Week <i>08-14-2012</i>	13.49	86.51	73.54	60.37	42.65	13.69
3 Months Ago <i>05-22-2012</i>	51.68	48.32	10.71	0.66	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	58.20	41.80	17.43	7.20	1.37	0.02
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	59.58	40.42	16.96	8.51	3.07	1.89
One Year Ago <i>08-23-2011</i>	64.89	35.11	13.06	5.66	2.53	1.56

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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