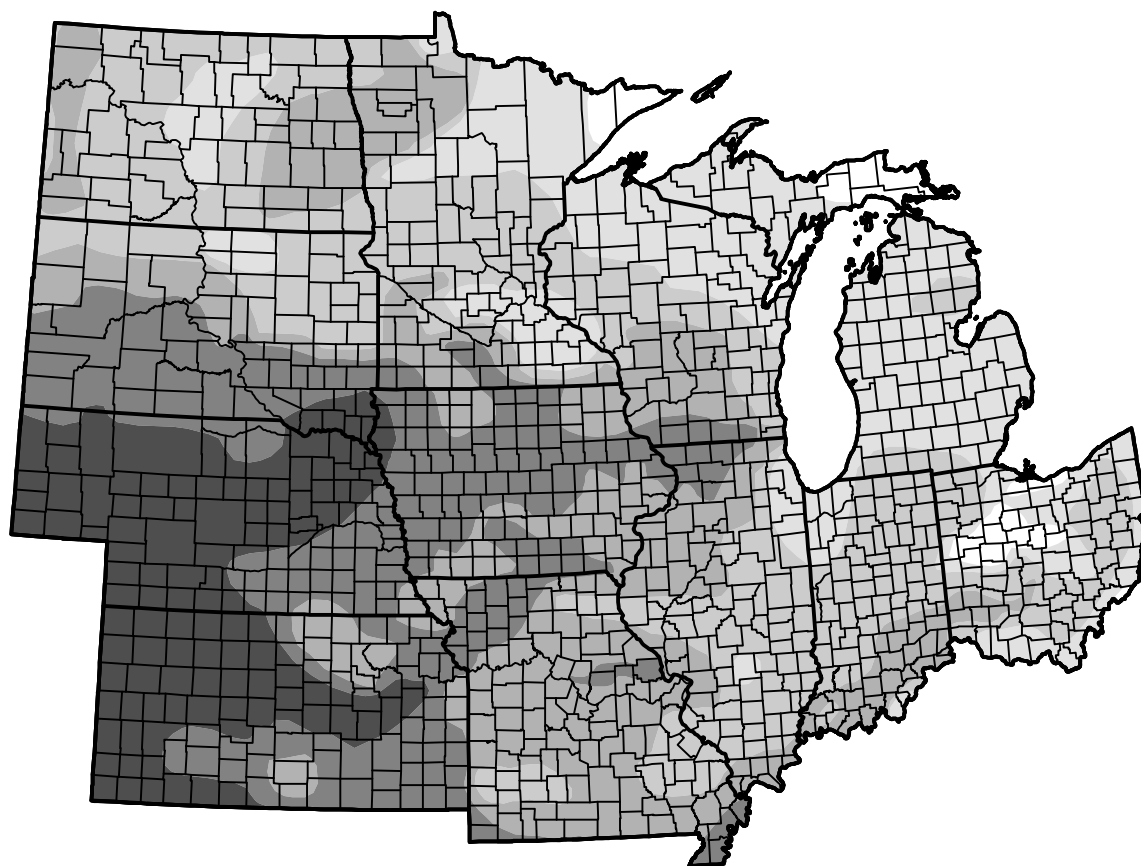


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.79	98.21	80.68	55.08	32.25	13.30
Last Week 09-11-2012	3.20	96.80	77.29	56.05	32.96	14.40
3 Months Ago 06-19-2012	29.86	70.14	41.76	10.99	1.65	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	58.20	41.80	17.43	7.20	1.37	0.02
Start of Water Year 09-27-2011	59.58	40.42	16.96	8.51	3.07	1.89
One Year Ago 09-20-2011	54.86	45.14	19.25	9.59	2.93	1.89

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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