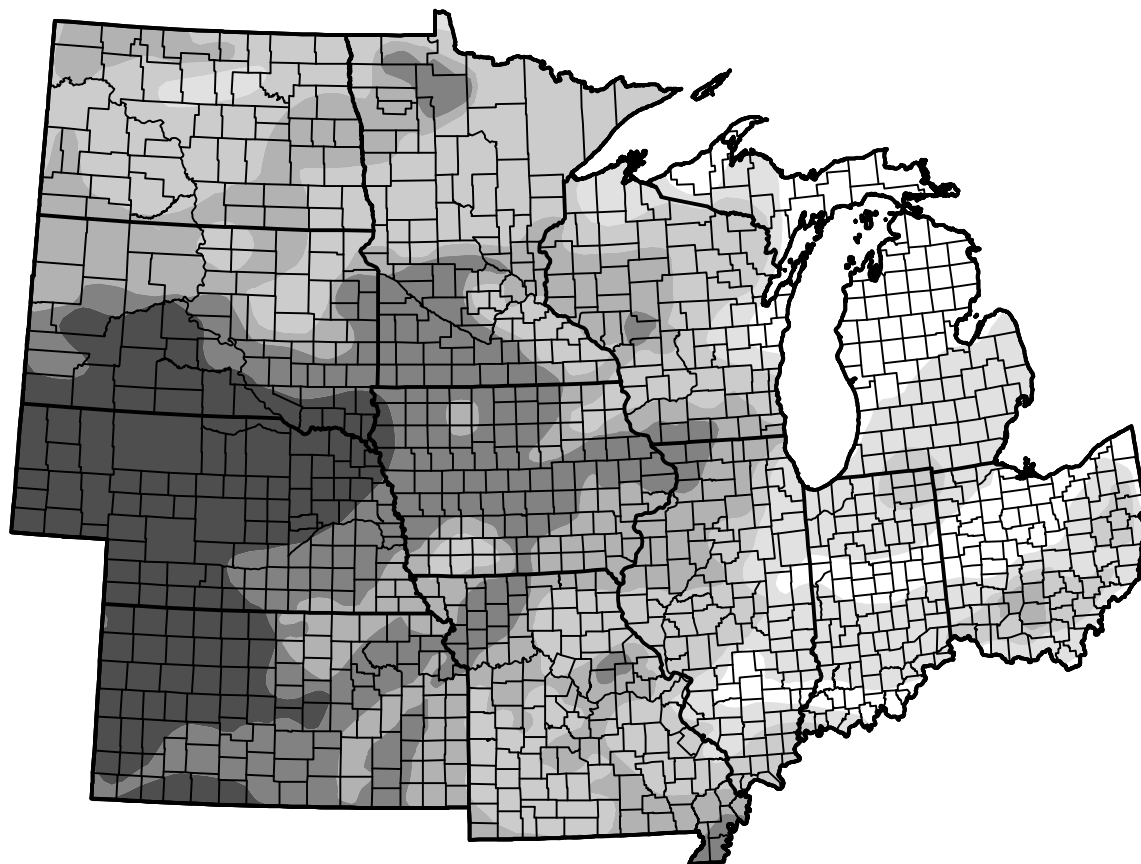


# U.S. Drought Monitor North Central States

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 8.40  | 12.11 | 25.42 | 21.28 | 17.23 | 15.56 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>10-16-2012              | 6.57  | 12.06 | 24.65 | 22.46 | 18.69 | 15.56 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>07-24-2012           | 9.01  | 13.51 | 15.04 | 28.35 | 30.67 | 3.42  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2012 | 58.20 | 24.37 | 10.23 | 5.82  | 1.35  | 0.02  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-25-2012    | 3.58  | 14.20 | 24.95 | 22.82 | 20.70 | 13.74 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>10-25-2011           | 60.40 | 18.57 | 10.02 | 7.35  | 2.03  | 1.63  |

## 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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