

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## North Central States

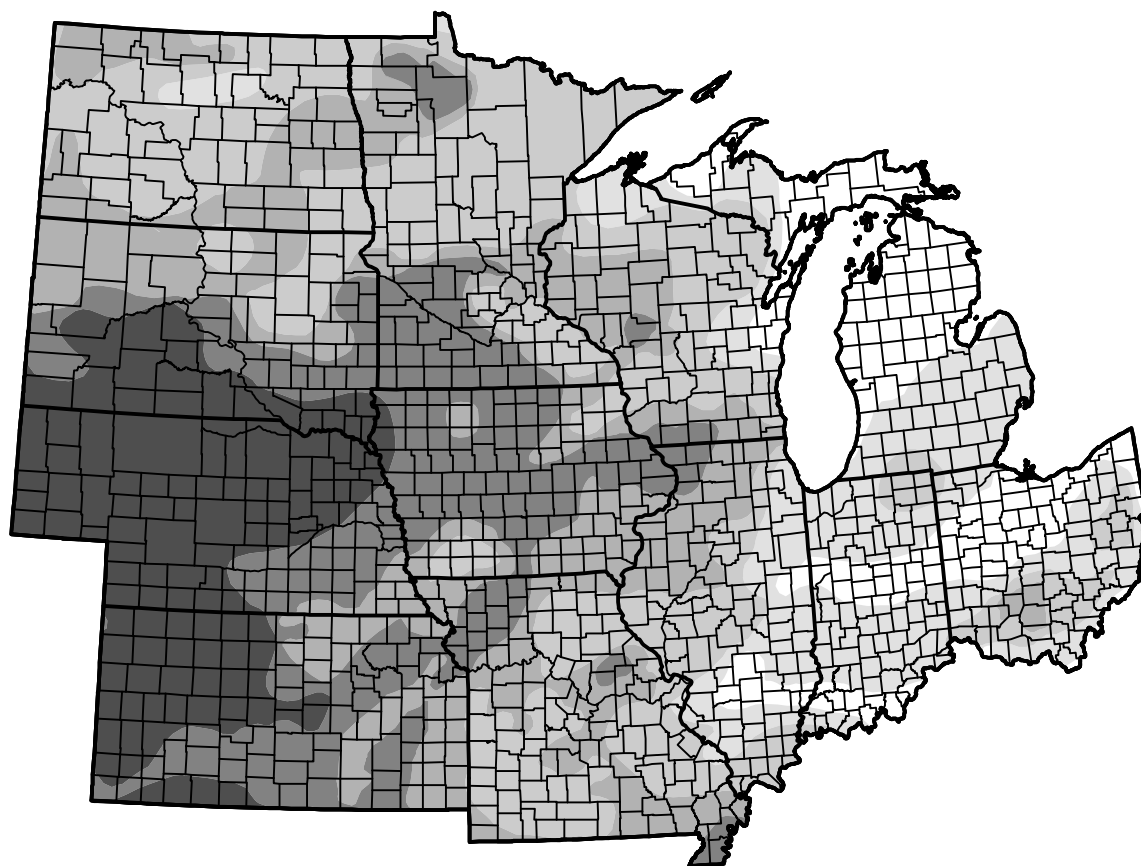
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 8.40  | 91.60 | 79.49 | 54.07 | 32.79 | 15.56 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>10-16-2012              | 6.57  | 93.43 | 81.37 | 56.71 | 34.25 | 15.56 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>07-24-2012           | 9.01  | 90.99 | 77.48 | 62.44 | 34.09 | 3.42  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2012 | 58.20 | 41.80 | 17.43 | 7.20  | 1.37  | 0.02  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-25-2012    | 3.58  | 96.42 | 82.21 | 57.26 | 34.44 | 13.74 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>10-25-2011           | 60.40 | 39.60 | 21.03 | 11.00 | 3.66  | 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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