

# U.S. Drought Monitor

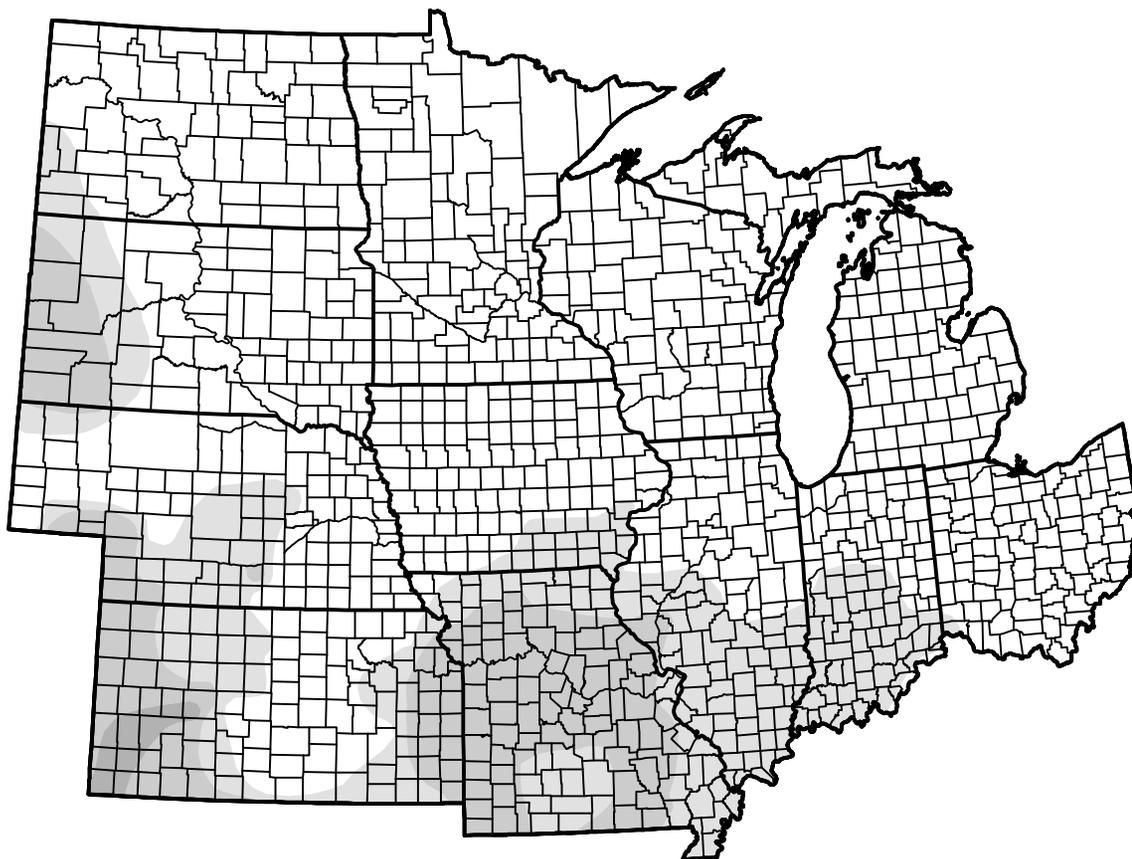
## North Central States

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	69.67	17.61	12.01	0.72	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-21-2017</i>	70.60	18.28	10.40	0.72	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-29-2016</i>	64.17	26.05	8.08	1.69	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2017</i>	67.92	21.90	8.10	2.08	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	86.72	10.51	2.25	0.40	0.11	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-01-2016</i>	91.03	8.61	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00



***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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