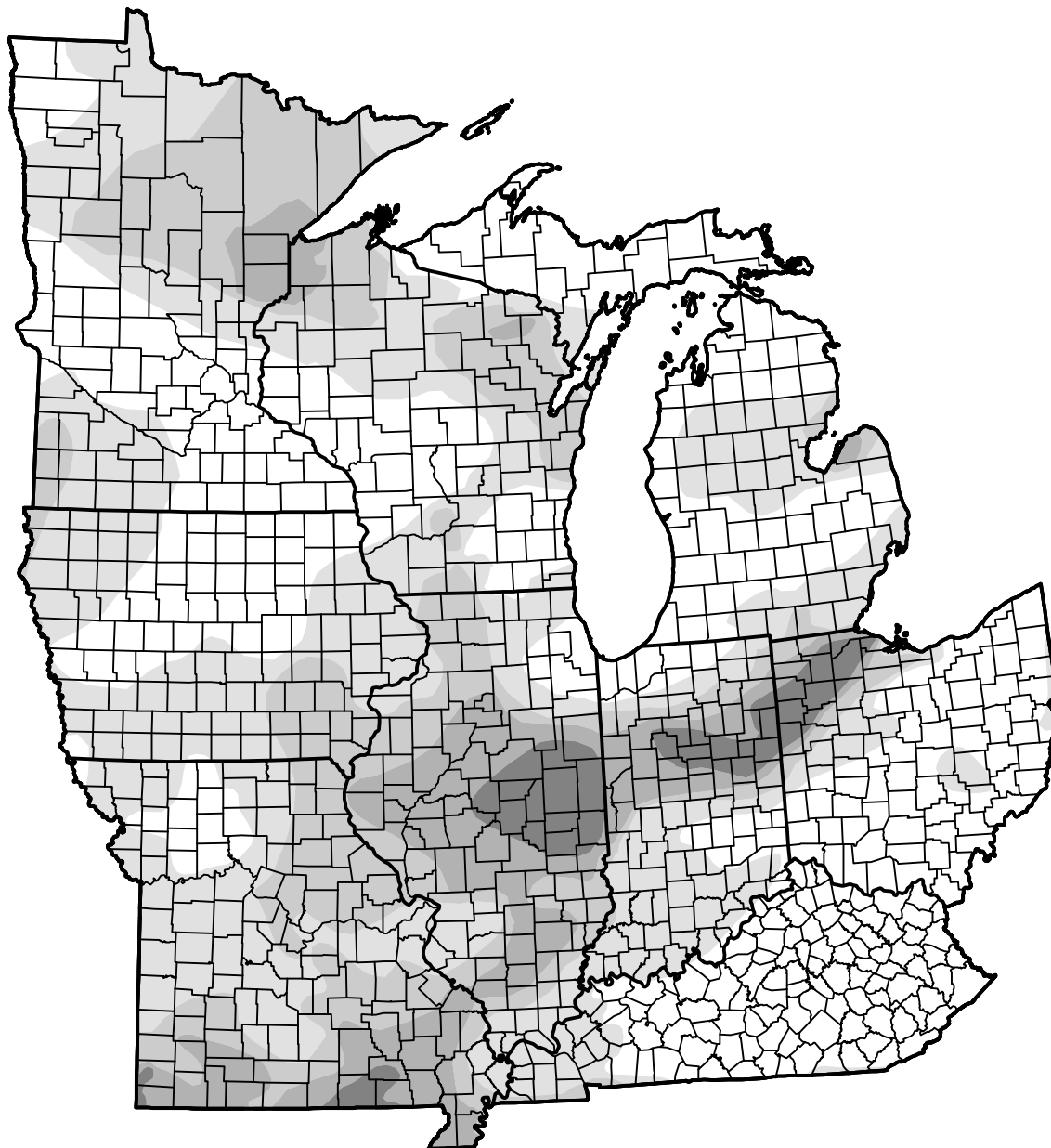


U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest DEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	38.42	31.71	17.93	8.78	3.15	0.00
Last Week <i>02-10-2026</i>	37.66	31.14	18.92	10.14	2.15	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-18-2025</i>	31.07	29.56	26.45	11.29	1.64	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	28.39	34.88	27.79	7.01	1.94	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	34.12	31.19	24.52	9.80	0.37	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-18-2025</i>	36.36	32.60	28.58	2.46	0.00	0.00

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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