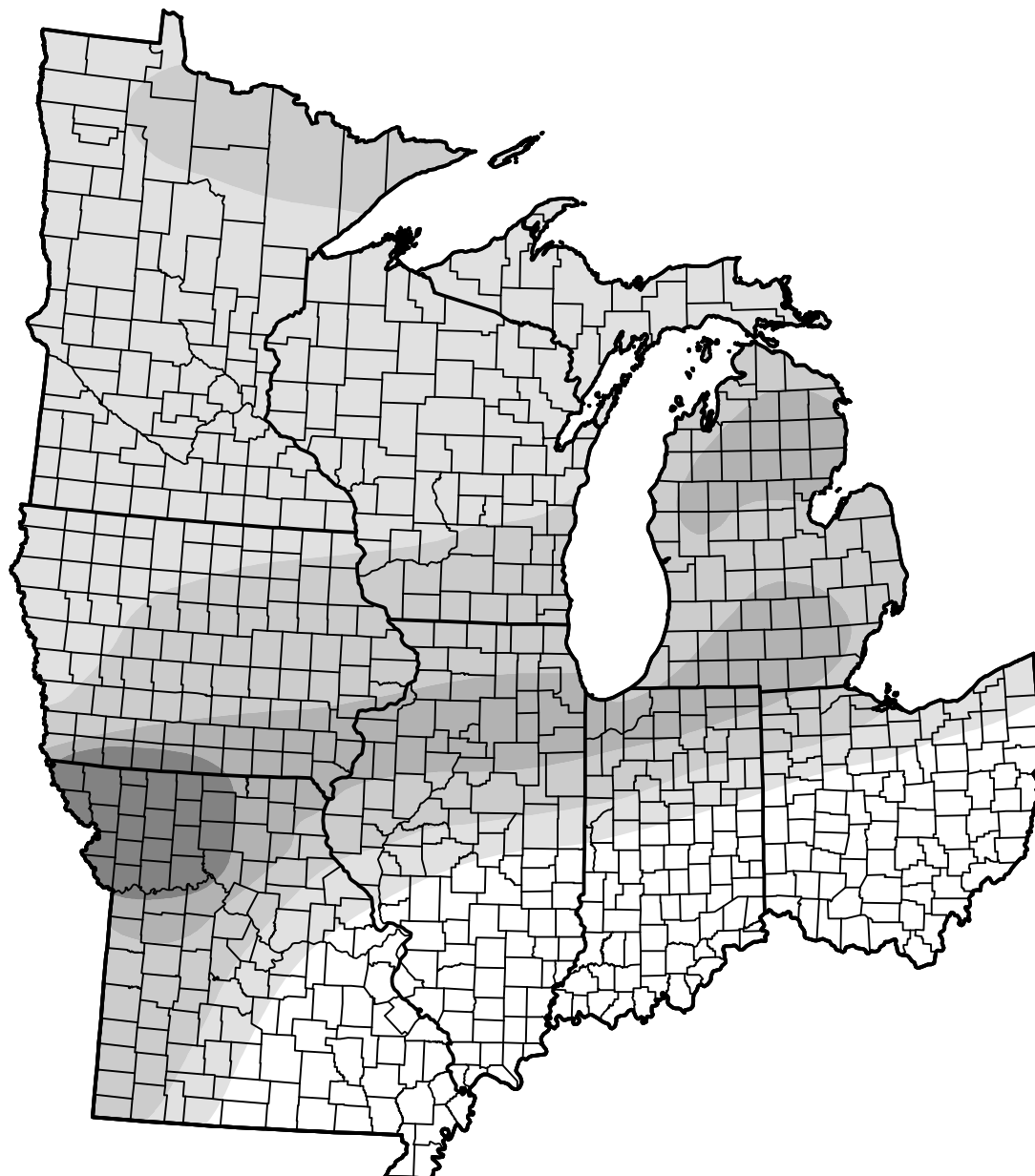


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	21.27	78.73	40.70	14.79	3.05	0.00
Last Week <i>02-11-2003</i>	16.84	83.16	41.37	16.25	3.25	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-19-2002</i>	65.91	34.09	17.88	1.49	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	46.82	53.18	26.28	5.99	1.32	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	56.51	43.49	18.25	3.10	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-19-2002</i>	80.25	19.75	0.00	0.00	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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