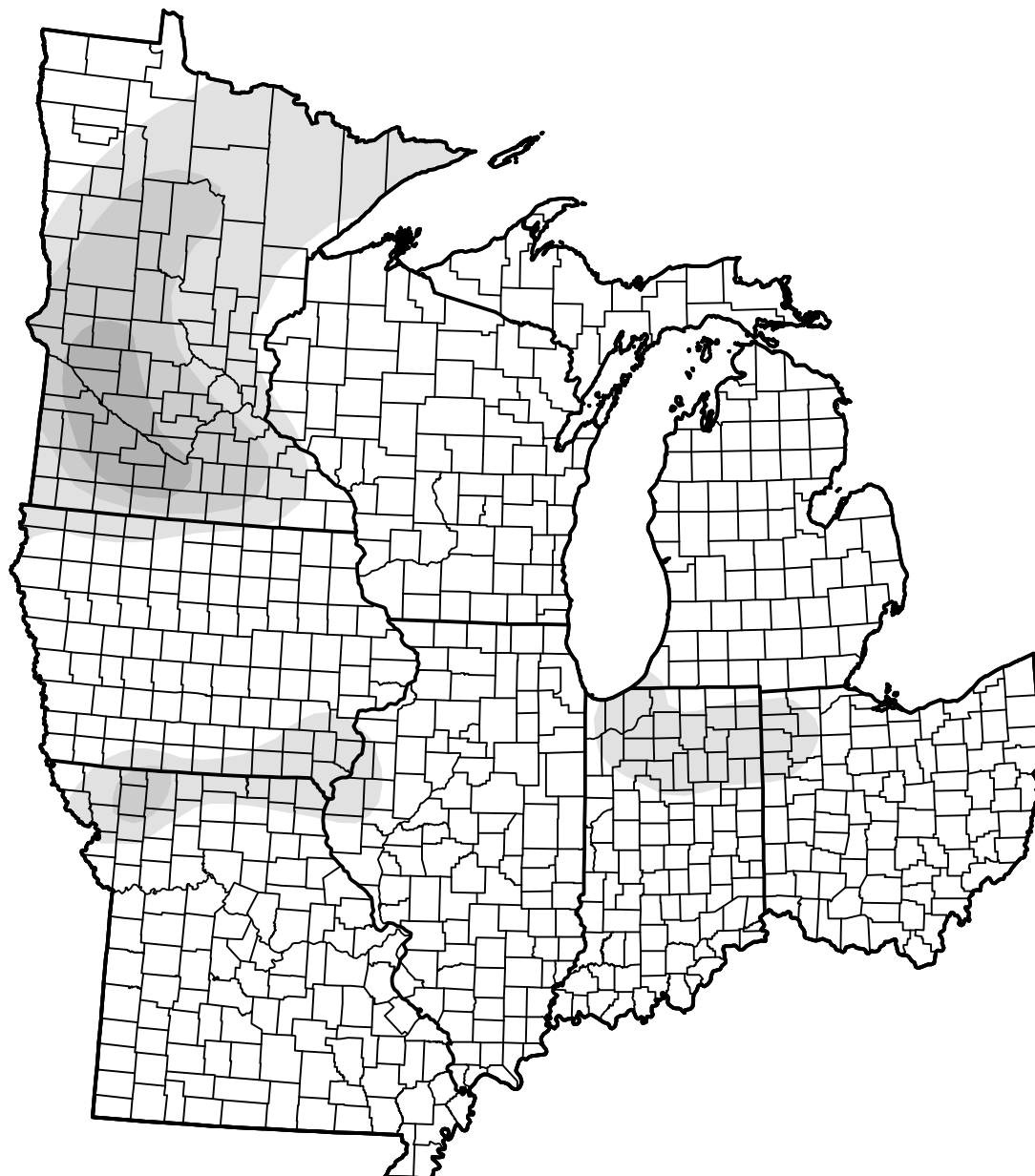


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	78.44	21.56	7.41	1.98	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-11-2004</i>	67.43	32.57	15.86	8.14	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-17-2004</i>	62.26	37.74	21.61	7.15	0.38	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	59.86	40.14	27.36	12.83	4.94	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	39.11	60.89	43.33	15.95	2.75	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-20-2003</i>	81.58	18.42	8.53	2.35	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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