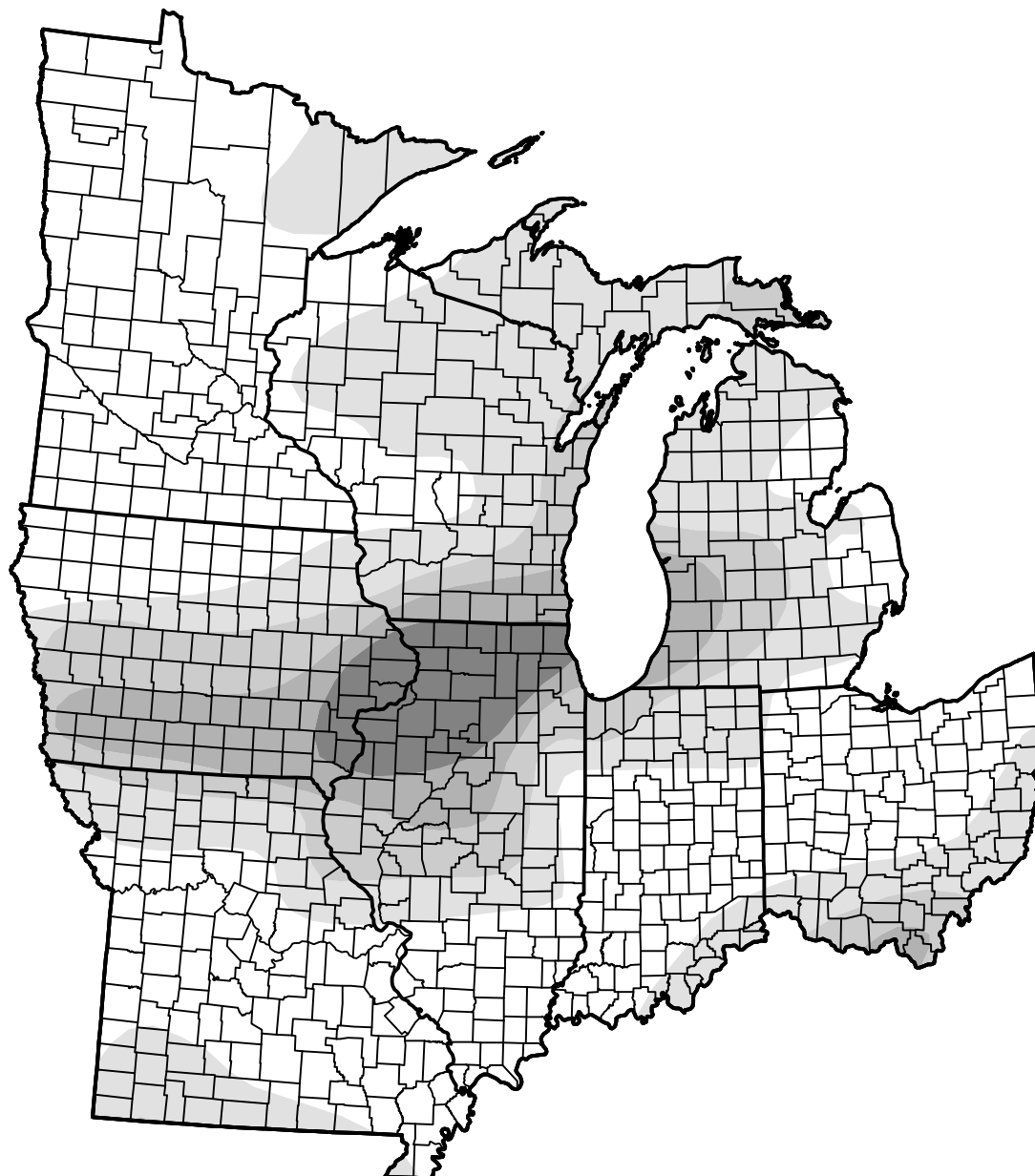


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	48.83	29.35	11.12	6.68	4.02	0.00
Last Week <i>10-11-2005</i>	51.17	28.45	10.89	5.96	3.53	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2005</i>	27.37	26.38	25.32	15.54	5.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	87.70	12.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	52.29	18.16	16.20	10.93	2.42	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-19-2004</i>	69.80	23.83	6.37	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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