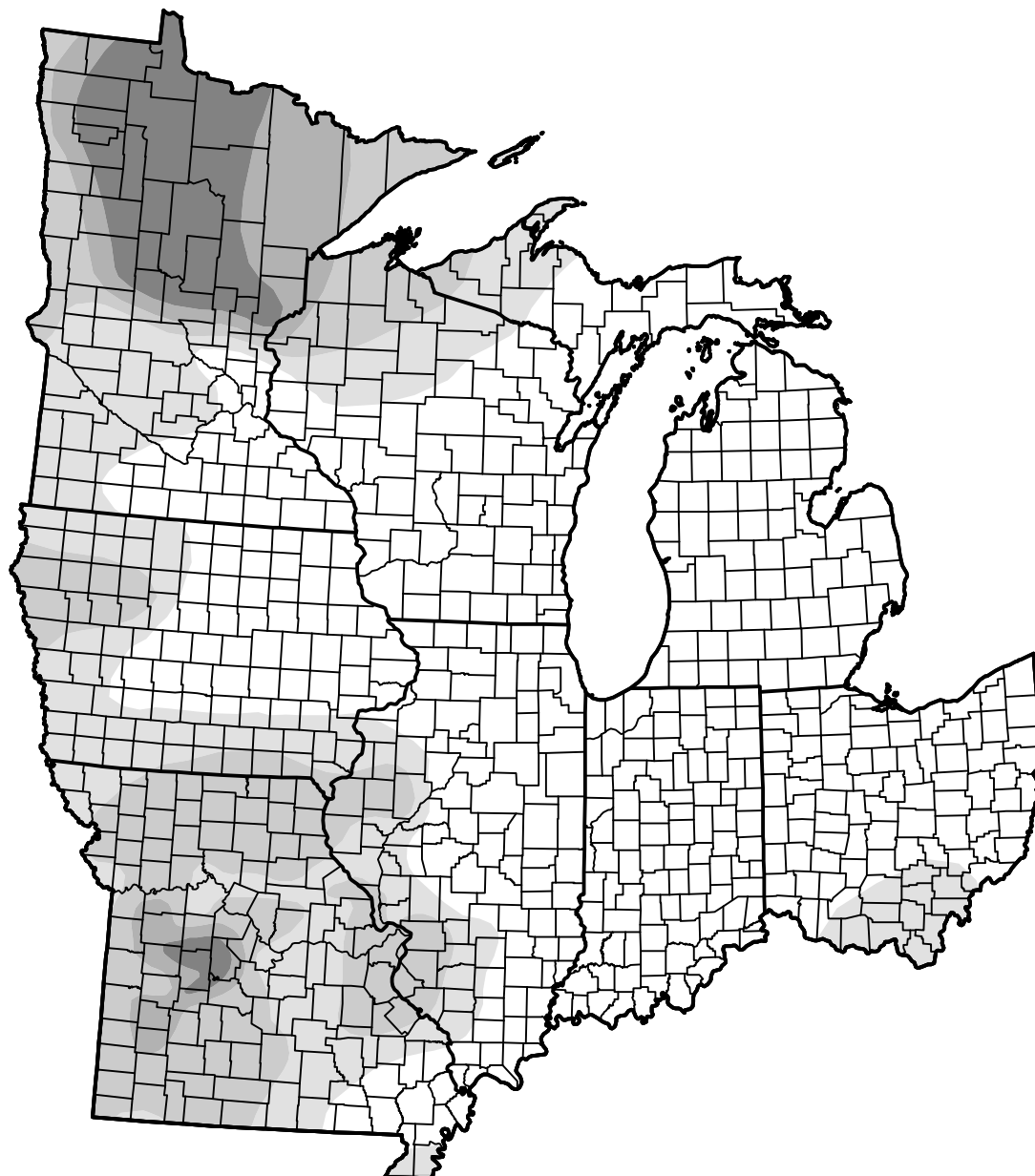


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.17	44.83	26.25	10.80	5.89	0.00
Last Week <i>08-22-2006</i>	46.54	53.46	33.00	15.10	6.82	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-30-2006</i>	82.08	17.92	8.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	62.66	37.34	19.34	9.31	3.27	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	52.29	47.71	29.54	13.35	2.42	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-30-2005</i>	49.20	50.80	26.47	10.37	3.62	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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