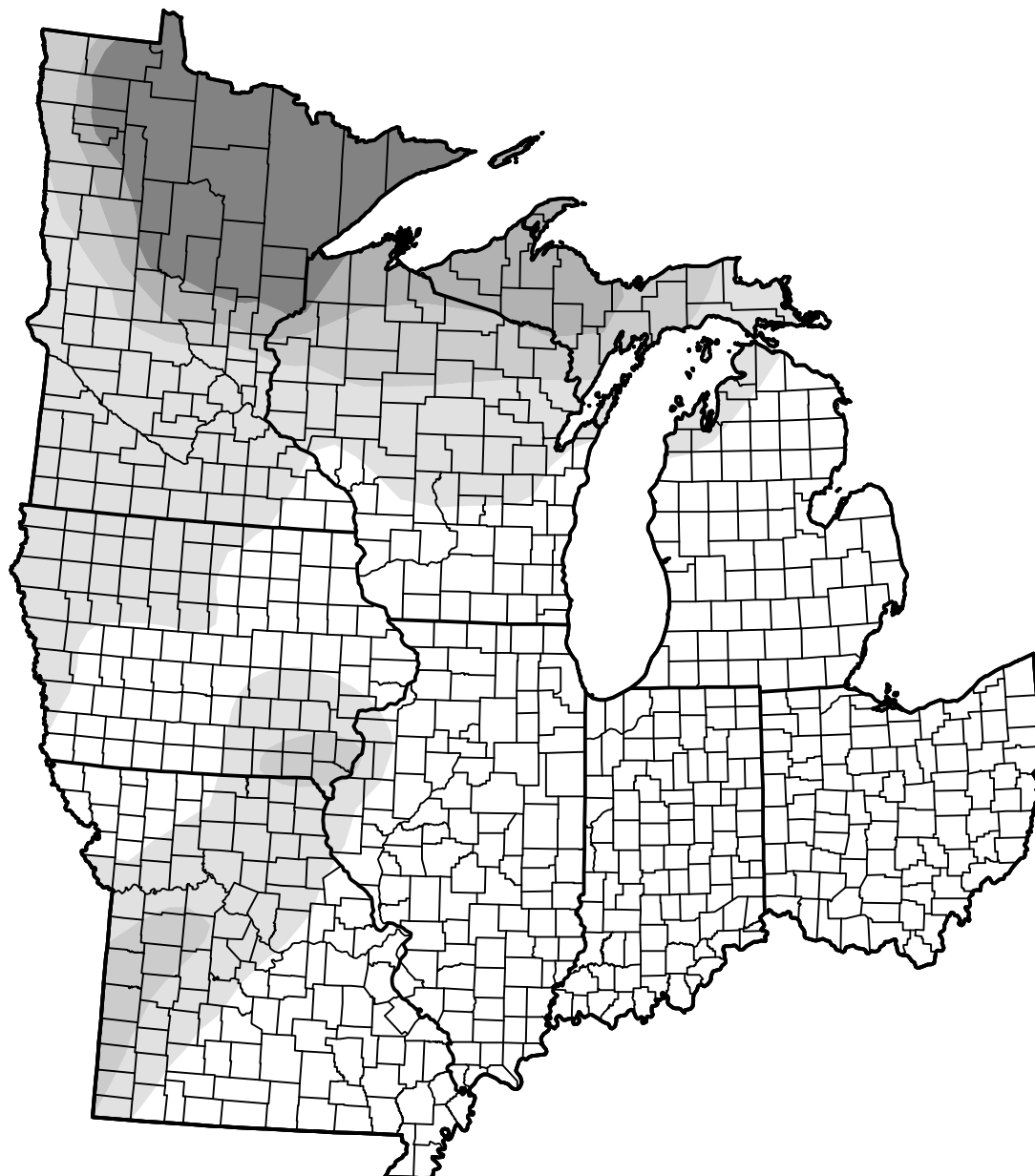


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.85	43.15	19.51	12.09	7.70	0.00
Last Week <i>12-12-2006</i>	58.95	41.05	17.37	9.64	7.62	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2006</i>	57.43	42.57	22.93	11.20	8.41	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>09-26-2006</i>	60.38	39.62	22.63	11.20	8.41	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2005</i>	59.99	40.01	19.88	9.83	3.74	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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