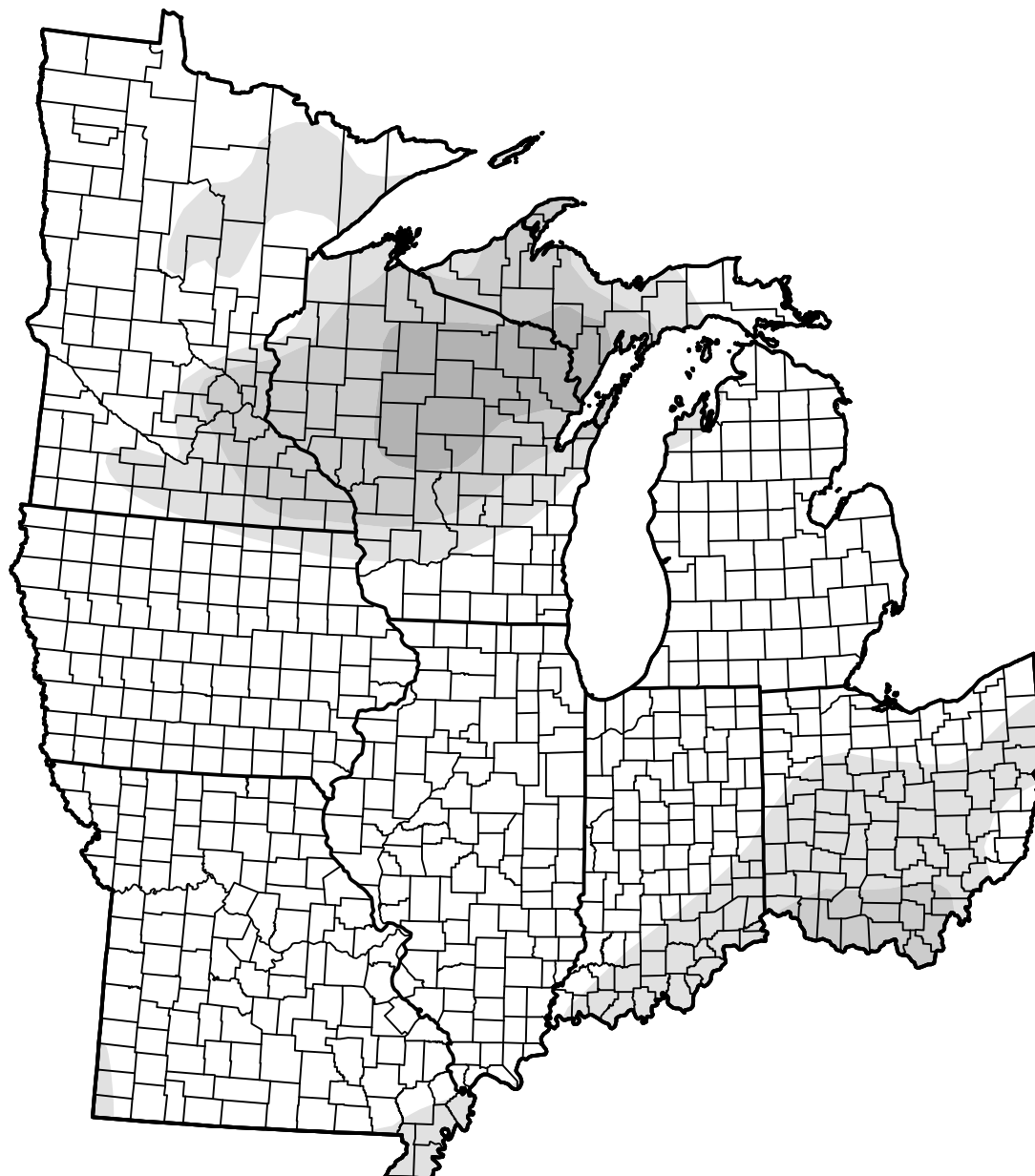


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub



**December 23, 2008**  
 (Released Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 72.11 | 15.08 | 9.12  | 3.70 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-16-2008</i>              | 70.16 | 16.00 | 10.15 | 3.70 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-23-2008</i>           | 61.49 | 20.84 | 17.46 | 0.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2008</i> | 76.28 | 17.96 | 5.76  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 57.59 | 24.65 | 16.33 | 1.43 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-25-2007</i>           | 76.28 | 17.96 | 5.76  | 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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