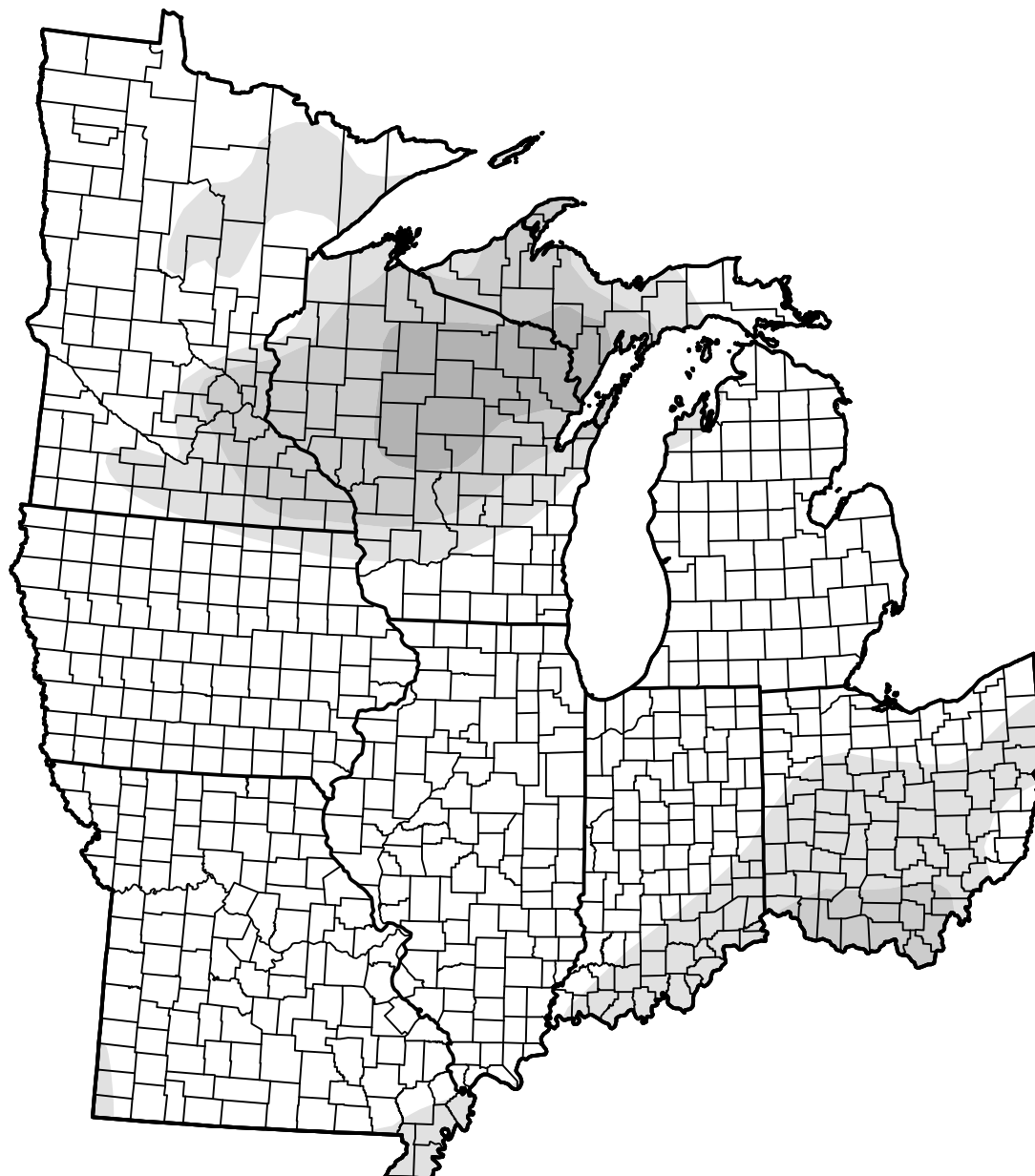


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	72.11	27.89	12.82	3.70	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-16-2008	70.16	29.84	13.85	3.70	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-23-2008	61.49	38.51	17.67	0.22	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2008	76.28	23.72	5.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2008	57.59	42.41	17.76	1.43	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-25-2007	76.28	23.72	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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