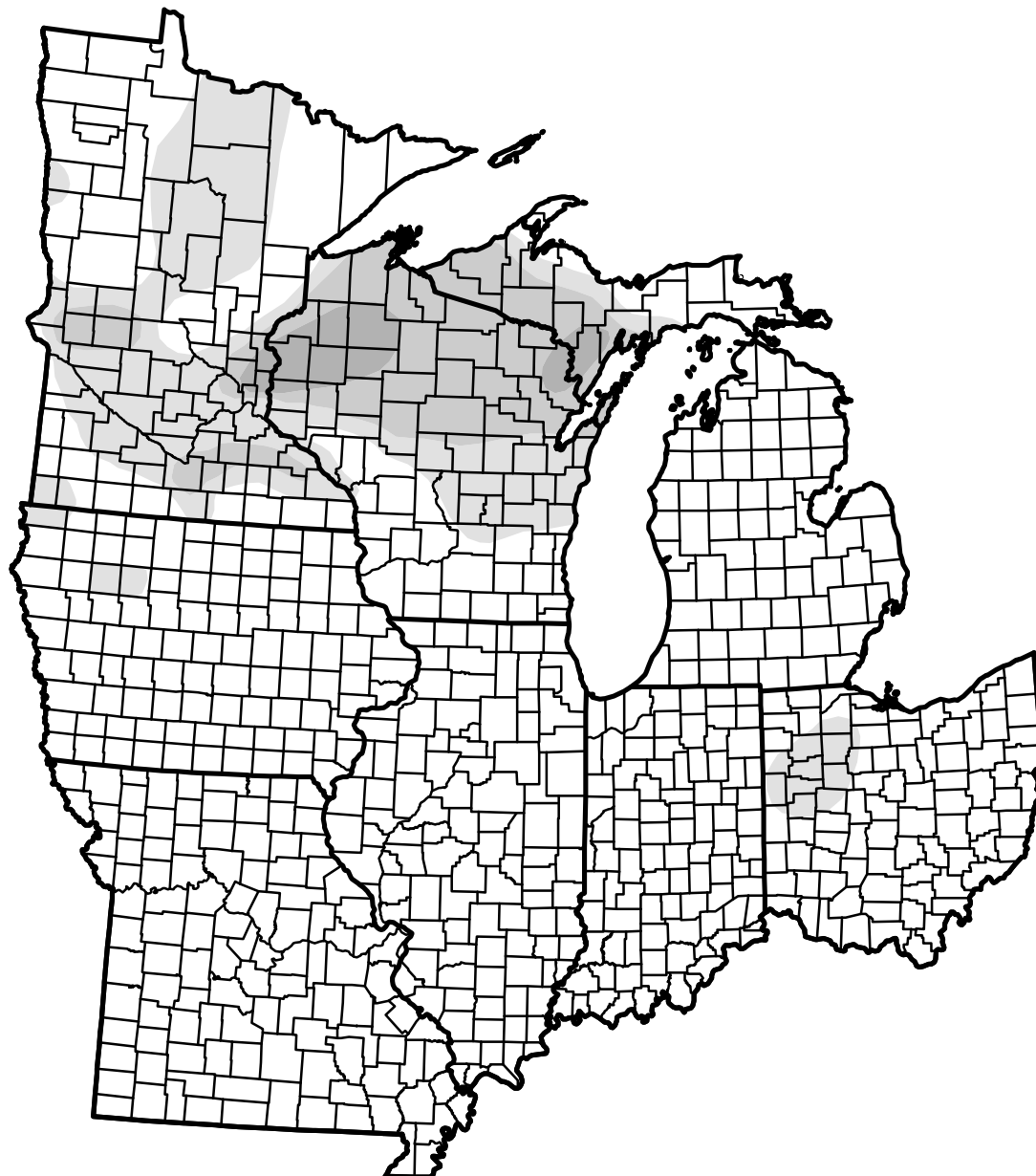


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	78.84	21.16	8.85	1.74	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>08-25-2009</i>	76.38	23.62	9.05	3.21	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-02-2009</i>	81.47	18.53	7.34	2.13	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	77.03	22.97	11.89	3.70	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	57.59	42.41	17.76	1.43	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-02-2008</i>	60.15	39.85	10.72	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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