

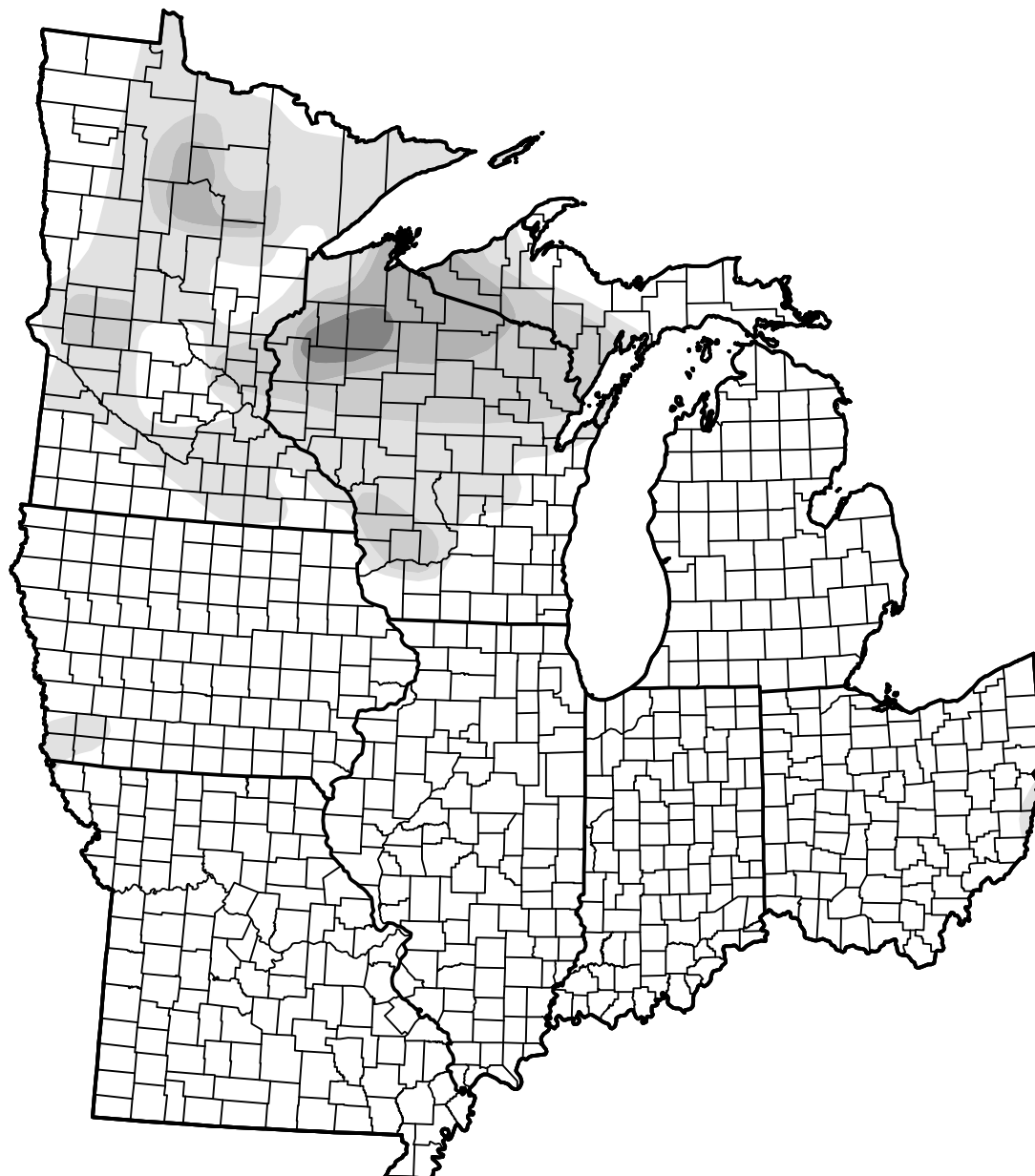
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 76.61 | 23.39 | 9.29  | 3.21  | 0.53  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-06-2009</i>              | 69.67 | 30.33 | 11.54 | 6.31  | 0.94  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-14-2009</i>           | 74.09 | 25.91 | 14.47 | 4.83  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 77.03 | 22.97 | 11.89 | 3.70  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2009</i>    | 64.78 | 35.22 | 16.62 | 7.64  | 1.38  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-14-2008</i>           | 64.89 | 35.11 | 15.97 | 2.01  | 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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