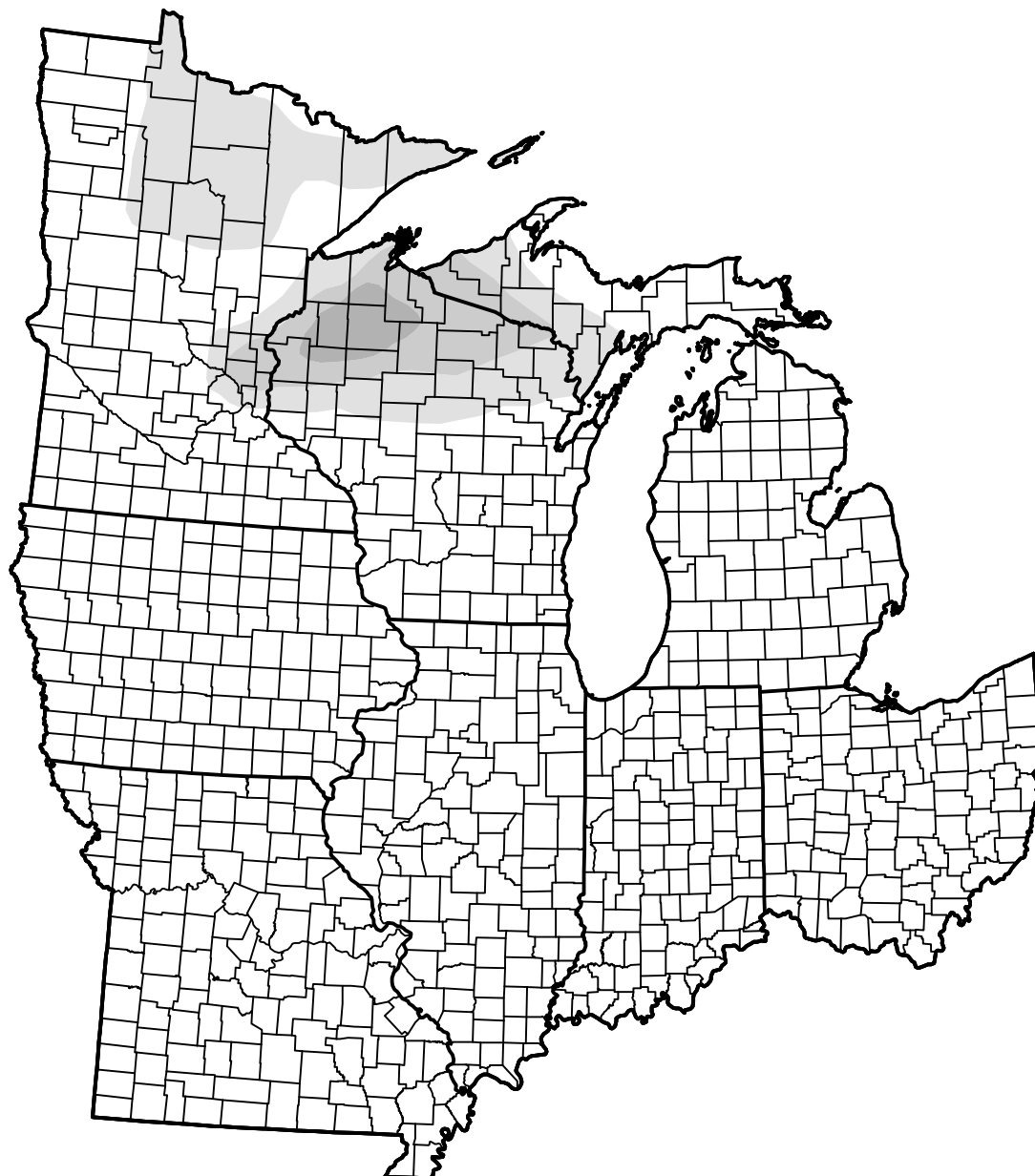


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.71	12.29	3.79	0.87	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-15-2009	87.71	12.29	3.79	0.87	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-22-2009	59.66	40.34	16.46	6.96	1.29	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2008	77.03	22.97	11.89	3.70	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2009	64.78	35.22	16.62	7.64	1.38	0.00
One Year Ago 12-23-2008	72.11	27.89	12.82	3.70	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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