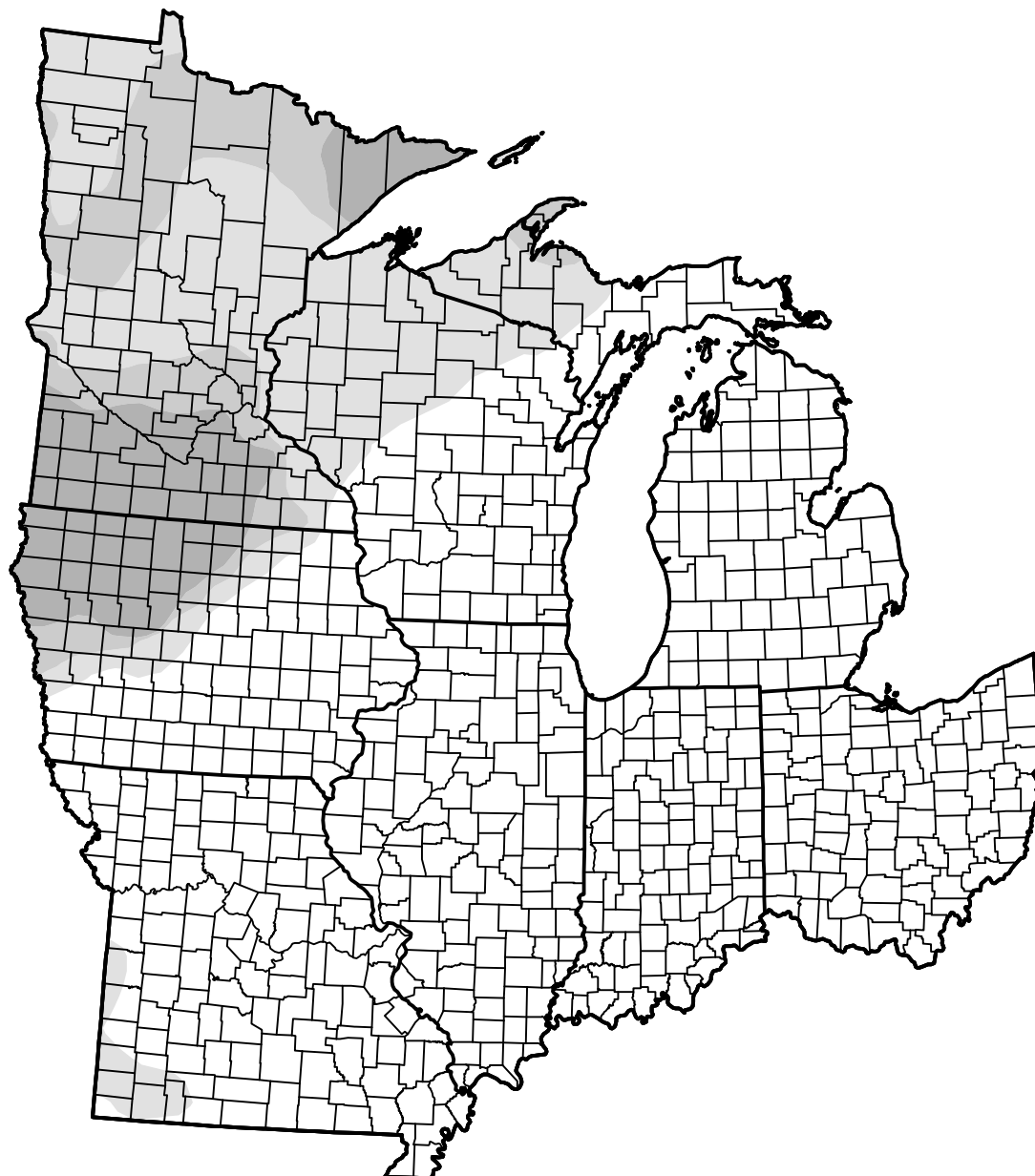


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	69.17	30.83	14.60	7.40	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-13-2011</i>	62.80	37.20	14.87	7.64	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	48.50	51.50	19.26	7.43	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	83.52	16.48	2.97	0.74	0.32	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.39	43.61	15.24	5.47	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2010</i>	84.84	15.16	2.79	0.54	0.32	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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