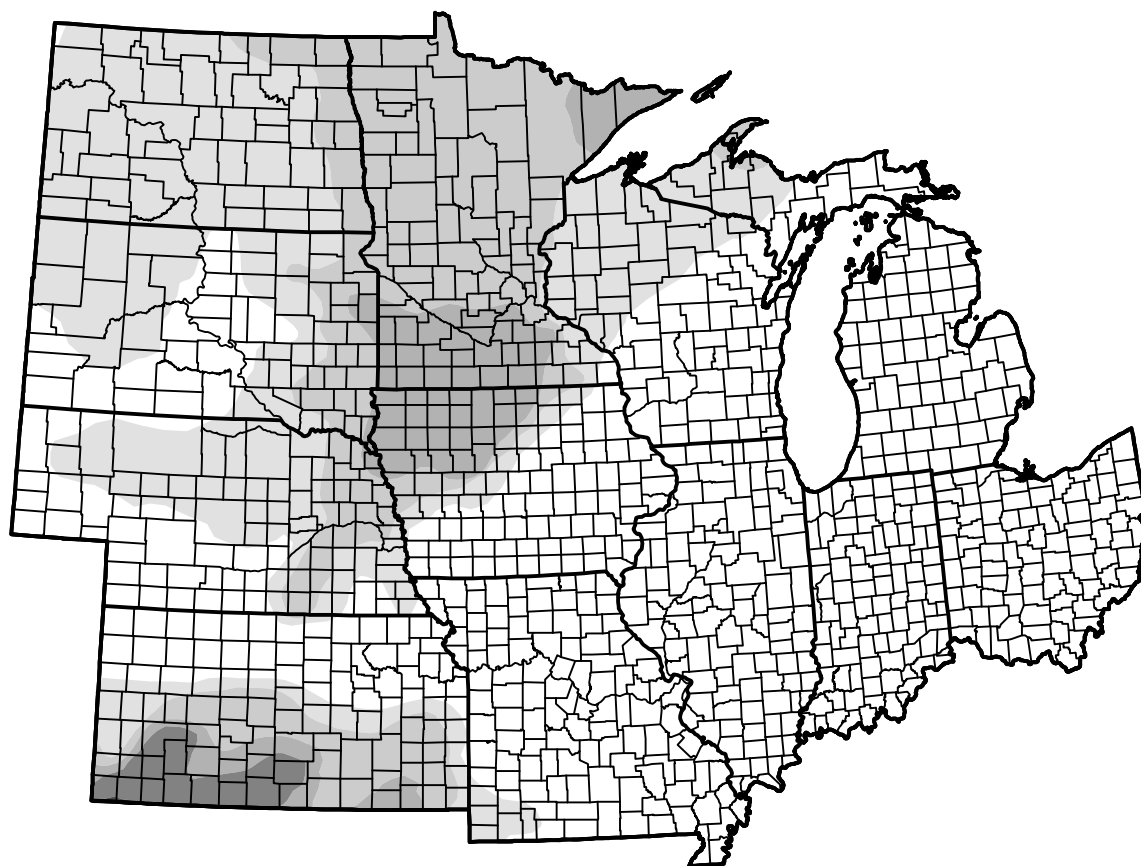


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.26	46.74	22.71	7.20	1.45	0.02
Last Week <i>01-24-2012</i>	53.24	46.76	22.44	7.20	1.45	0.02
3 Months Ago <i>11-01-2011</i>	53.79	46.21	27.22	11.95	3.98	1.63
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	58.20	41.80	17.43	7.20	1.37	0.02
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	59.58	40.42	16.96	8.51	3.07	1.89
One Year Ago <i>02-01-2011</i>	72.43	27.57	7.81	0.80	0.19	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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