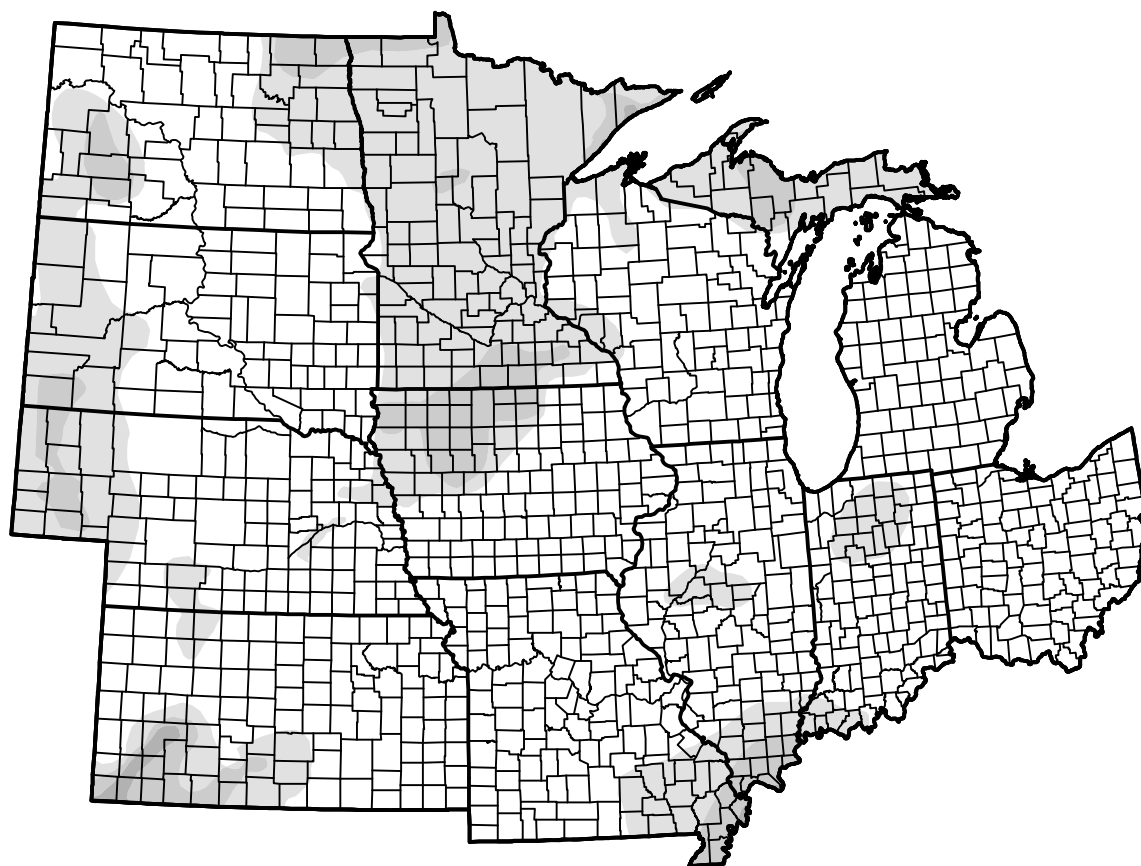


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	68.95	24.78	5.95	0.32	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-08-2012</i>	70.71	23.53	5.47	0.28	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2012</i>	56.02	21.65	15.27	6.05	0.98	0.02
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	58.20	24.37	10.23	5.82	1.35	0.02
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	59.58	23.46	8.44	5.45	1.17	1.89
One Year Ago <i>05-17-2011</i>	88.37	3.16	3.12	4.02	1.30	0.02

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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