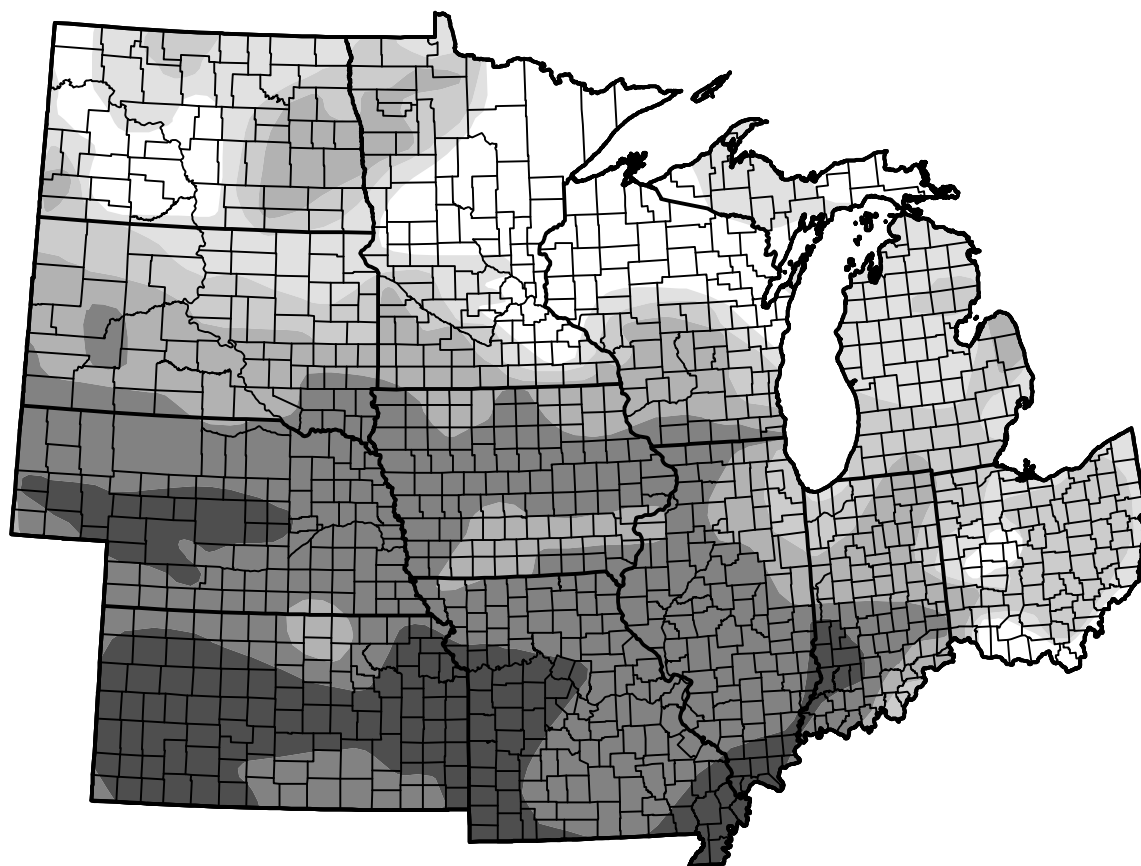


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	13.32	13.21	13.26	16.24	30.16	13.81
Last Week <i>08-14-2012</i>	13.49	12.96	13.18	17.72	28.95	13.69
3 Months Ago <i>05-22-2012</i>	51.68	37.61	10.05	0.65	0.00	0.00
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>08-23-2011</i>	64.89	22.05	7.40	3.13	0.97	1.56

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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