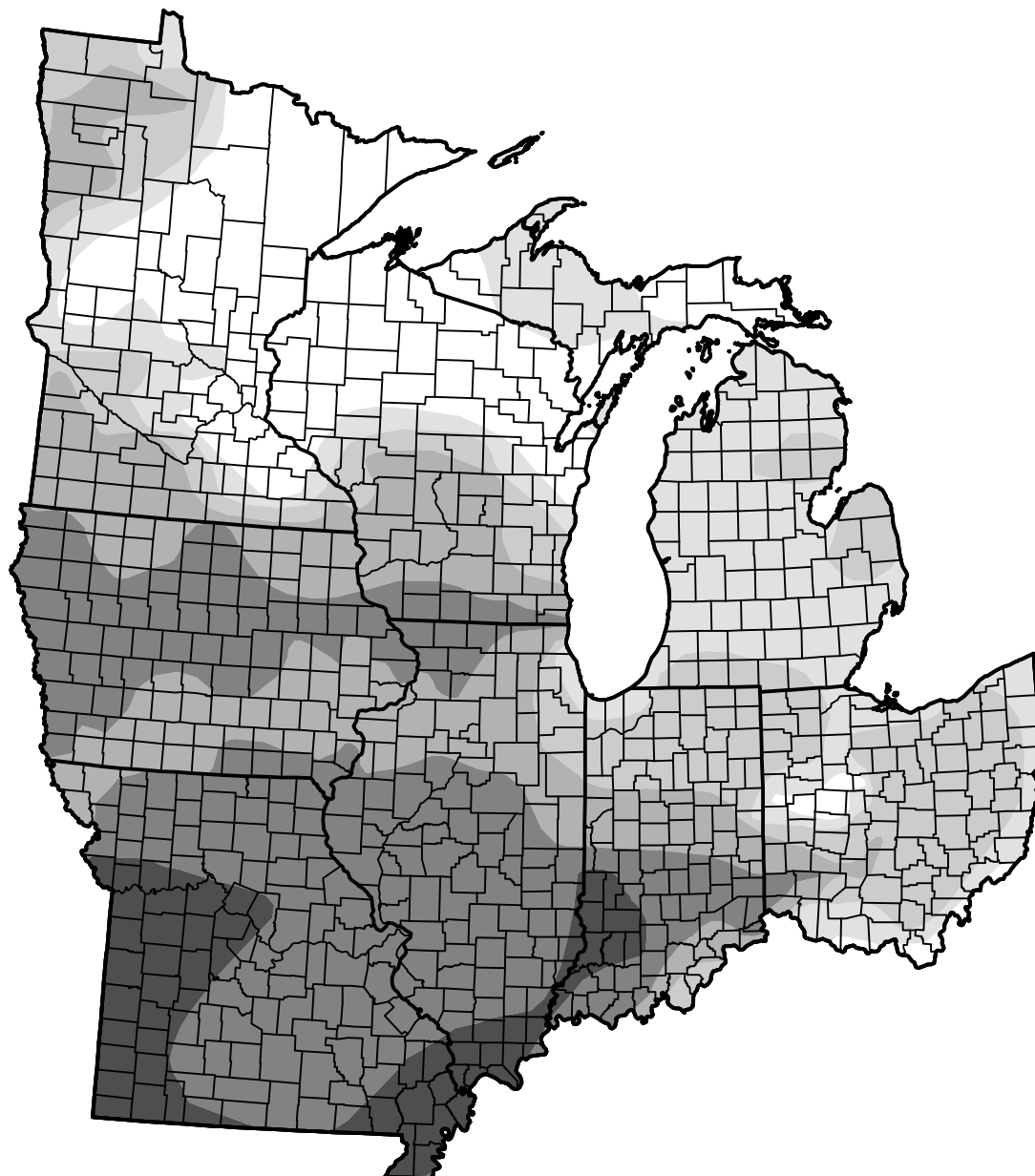


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

**August 28, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 17.00 | 16.04 | 14.84 | 17.59 | 27.35 | 7.18 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-21-2012</i>              | 18.02 | 13.50 | 15.16 | 16.78 | 29.29 | 7.26 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-29-2012</i>           | 56.31 | 32.85 | 10.21 | 0.62  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 69.36 | 15.99 | 7.26  | 7.40  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 56.39 | 28.37 | 9.77  | 5.47  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-30-2011</i>           | 54.39 | 28.65 | 12.06 | 4.89  | 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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