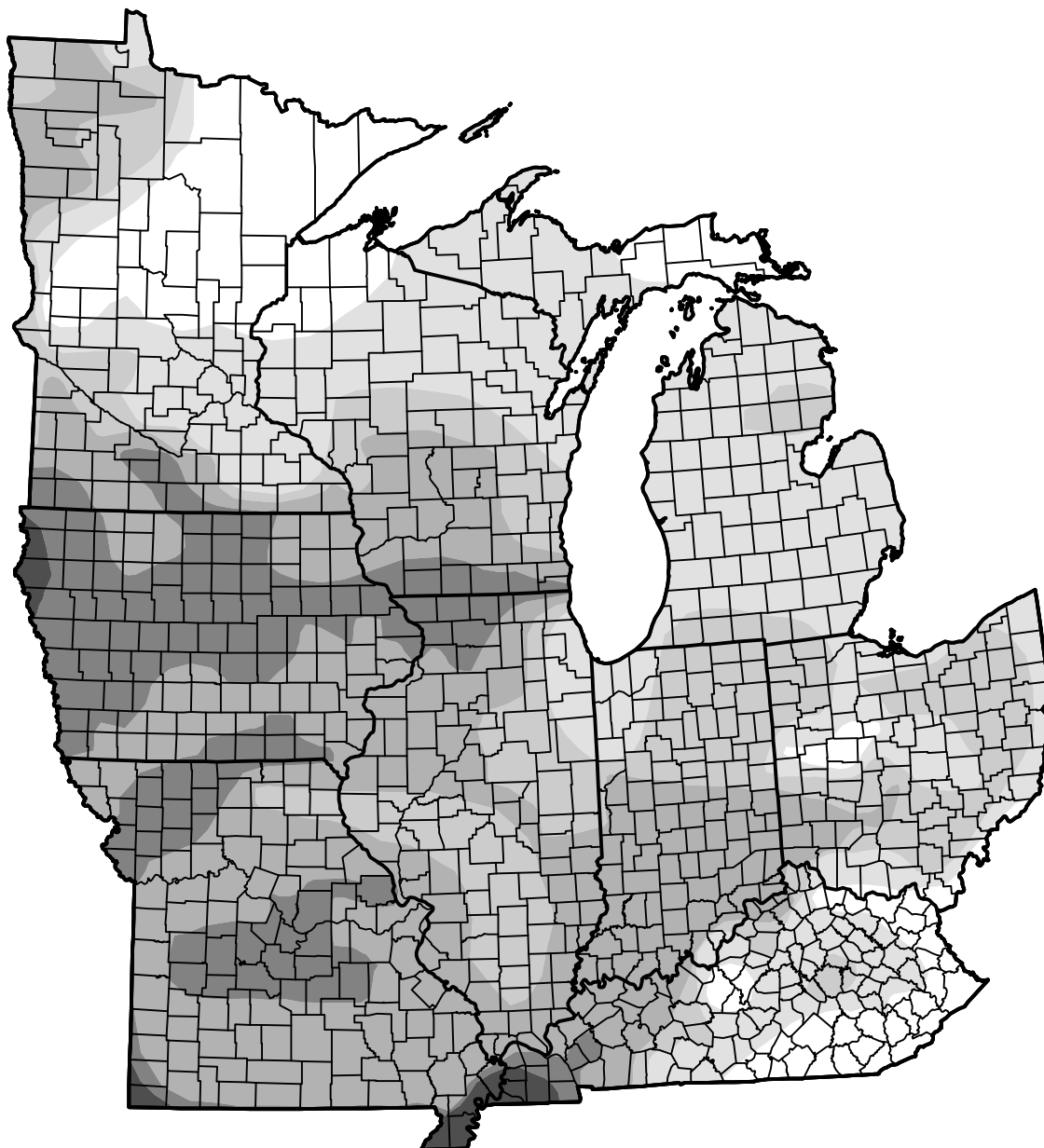


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 11.69 | 88.31 | 62.74 | 45.09 | 14.26 | 0.93 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-28-2012</i>              | 17.67 | 82.33 | 65.38 | 49.96 | 33.19 | 7.09 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-05-2012</i>           | 46.95 | 53.05 | 12.87 | 2.33  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 71.84 | 28.16 | 13.47 | 6.80  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 58.85 | 41.15 | 14.01 | 5.03  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-06-2011</i>           | 51.64 | 48.36 | 17.11 | 5.30  | 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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