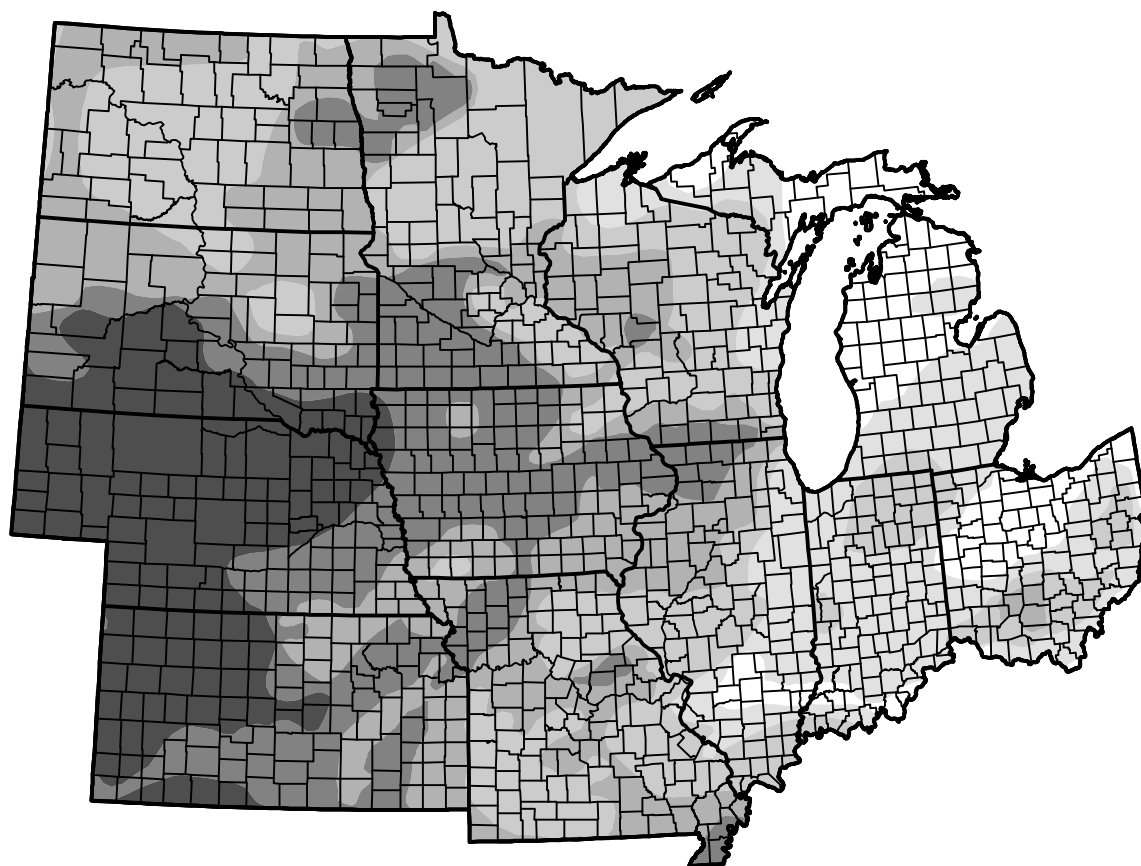


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.57	12.06	24.65	22.46	18.69	15.56
Last Week 10-09-2012	3.48	13.46	22.84	24.06	20.07	16.09
3 Months Ago 07-17-2012	10.98	13.26	22.94	38.80	13.23	0.79
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	58.20	24.37	10.23	5.82	1.35	0.02
Start of Water Year 09-25-2012	3.58	14.20	24.95	22.82	20.70	13.74
One Year Ago 10-18-2011	60.60	20.73	9.21	5.97	1.86	1.63

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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