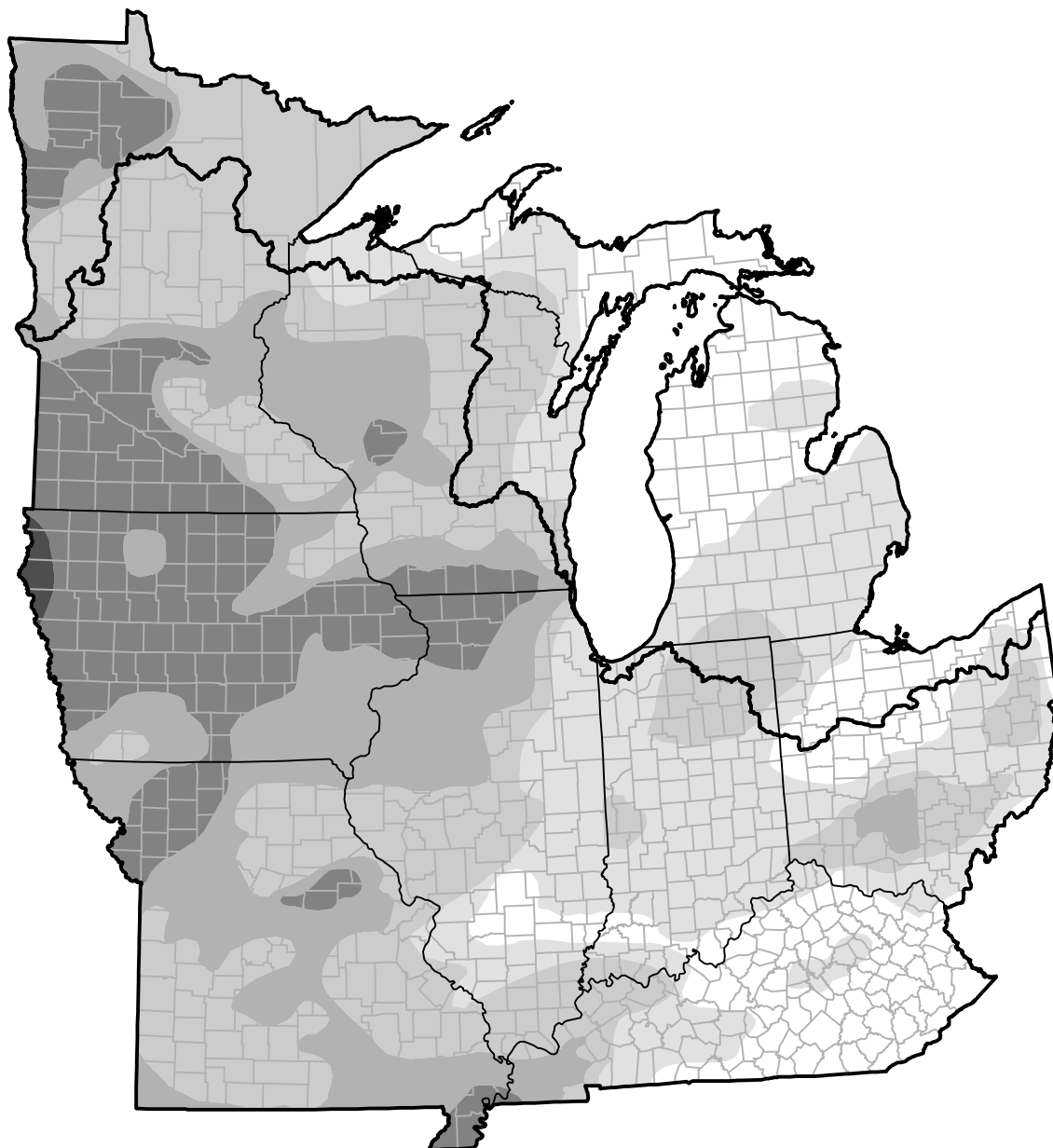


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest RDEWS

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 10.03 | 17.27 | 30.63 | 23.44 | 18.24 | 0.38 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-11-2012</i>              | 9.90  | 15.87 | 25.34 | 29.63 | 18.87 | 0.38 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-19-2012</i>           | 10.57 | 8.10  | 24.14 | 42.28 | 13.80 | 1.12 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 75.13 | 12.97 | 4.06  | 7.84  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>    | 5.51  | 14.57 | 28.28 | 34.18 | 17.08 | 0.38 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-20-2011</i>           | 57.31 | 22.47 | 12.44 | 7.78  | 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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