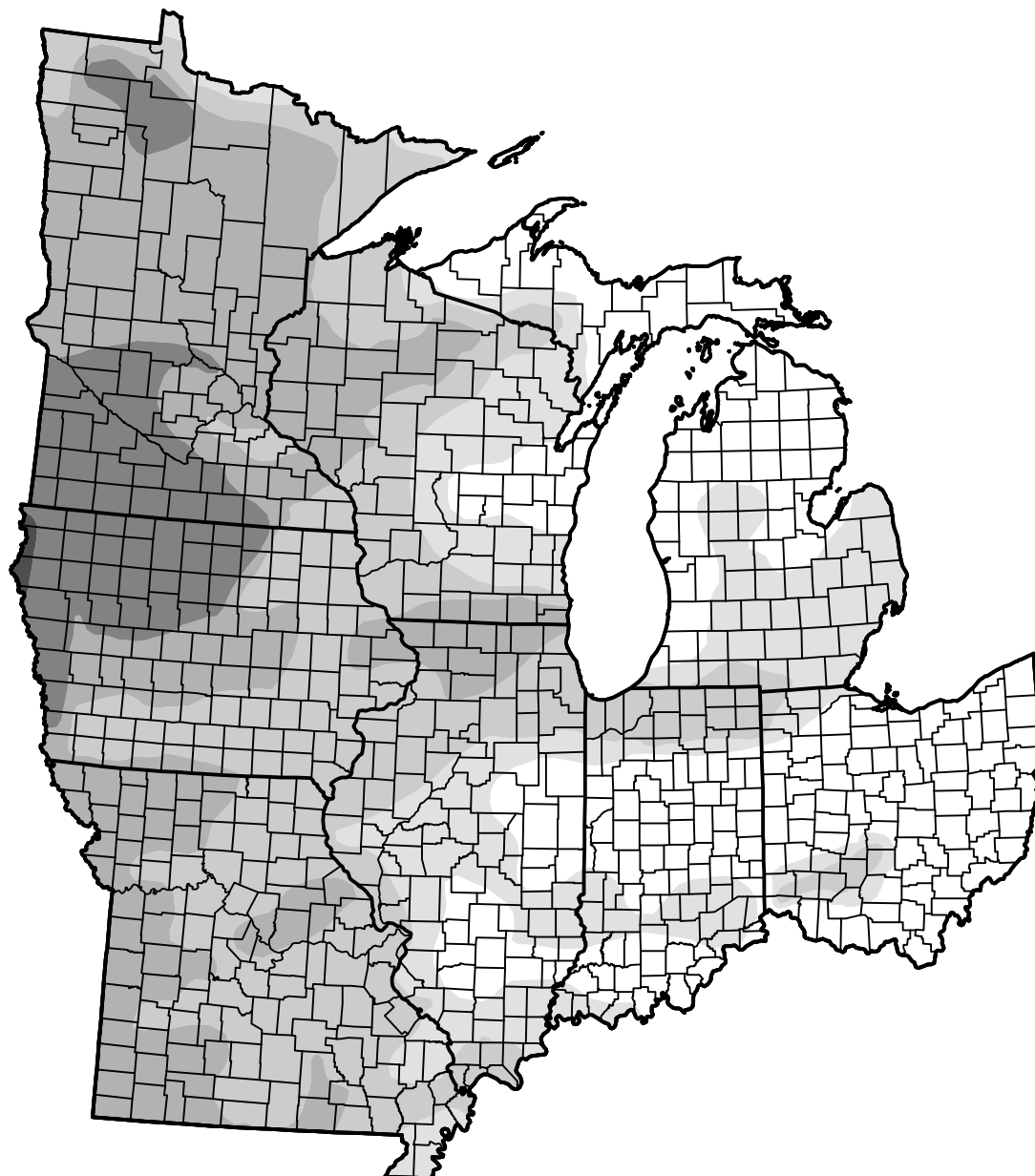


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	24.17	16.56	26.30	24.40	8.42	0.15
Last Week <i>12-18-2012</i>	23.99	16.74	26.47	23.03	9.61	0.15
3 Months Ago <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.99	22.94	27.18	27.96	15.62	0.31
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	69.36	15.99	7.26	7.40	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.99	22.94	27.18	27.96	15.62	0.31
One Year Ago <i>12-27-2011</i>	69.36	16.03	7.21	7.40	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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