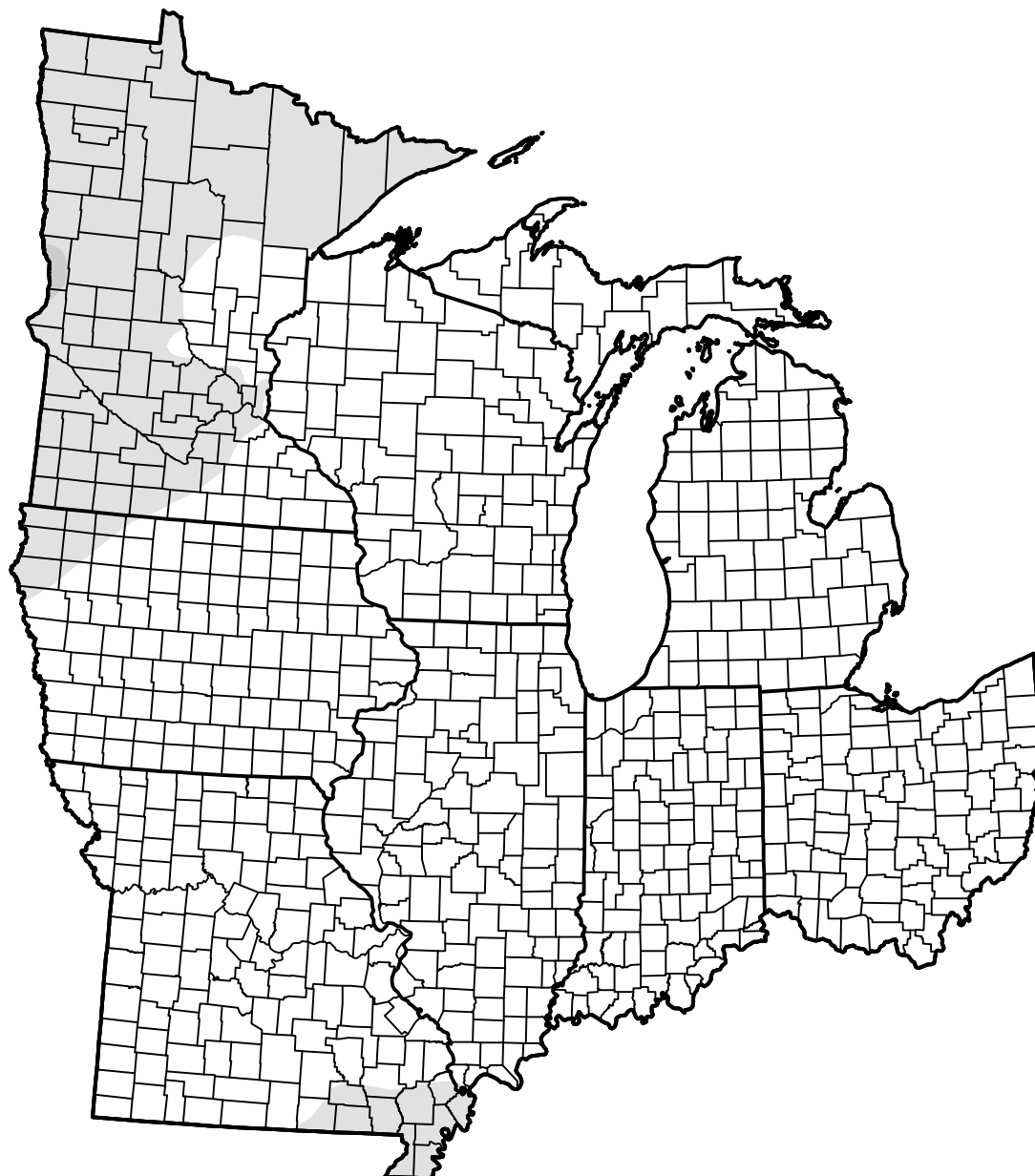


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub



**December 16, 2014**

*(Released Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014)*

Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 83.05 | 16.95 | 0.12  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-09-2014</i>              | 84.34 | 15.66 | 0.12  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-16-2014</i>           | 94.45 | 5.55  | 0.28  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2013</i> | 63.99 | 36.01 | 19.26 | 3.18  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2014</i>    | 90.60 | 9.40  | 0.41  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-17-2013</i>           | 56.75 | 43.25 | 19.73 | 3.35  | 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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