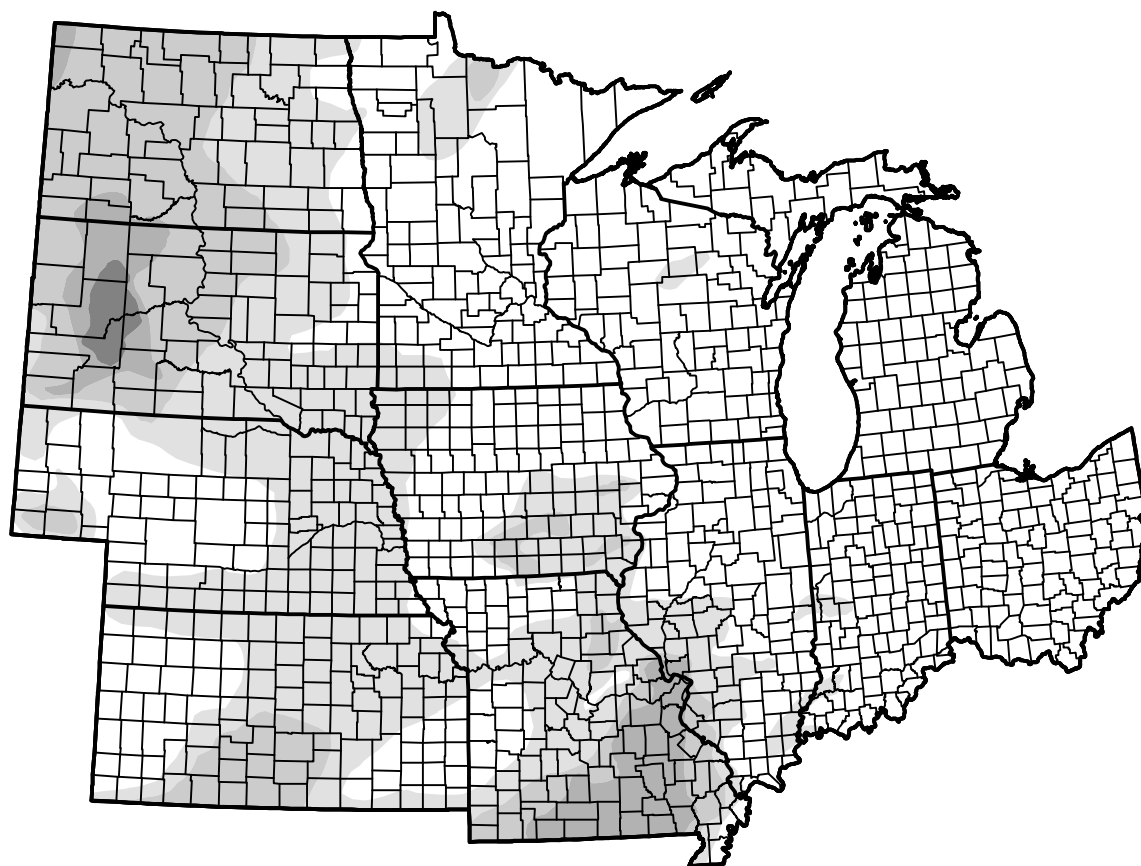


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## North Central States

**December 5, 2017**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 55.61 | 44.39 | 17.46 | 4.56  | 0.60  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-28-2017</i>              | 67.33 | 32.67 | 15.78 | 3.85  | 0.60  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-05-2017</i>           | 62.45 | 37.55 | 20.45 | 9.67  | 2.69  | 0.04 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 67.92 | 32.08 | 10.18 | 2.08  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2017</i>    | 50.58 | 49.42 | 19.04 | 6.07  | 1.04  | 0.04 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-06-2016</i>           | 64.82 | 35.18 | 9.59  | 2.23  | 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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