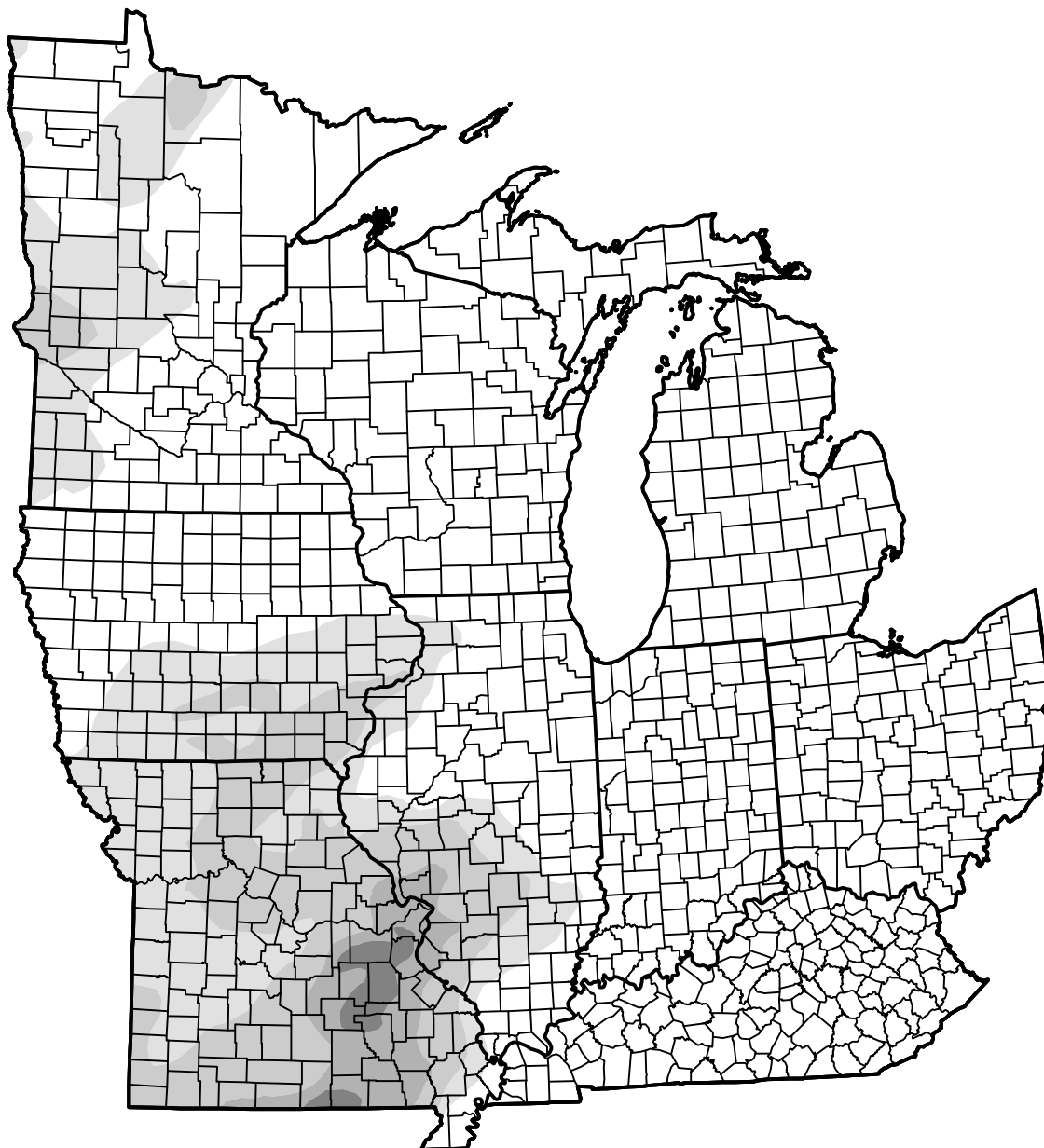


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

**February 20, 2018**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 72.44 | 27.56 | 13.00 | 3.24  | 0.72  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-13-2018</i>              | 66.88 | 33.12 | 14.42 | 4.05  | 0.78  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-21-2017</i>           | 82.08 | 17.92 | 6.98  | 2.40  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2018</i> | 69.93 | 30.07 | 9.46  | 3.44  | 0.18  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2017</i>    | 58.41 | 41.59 | 8.86  | 0.77  | 0.25  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-21-2017</i>           | 78.42 | 21.58 | 7.25  | 0.00  | 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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