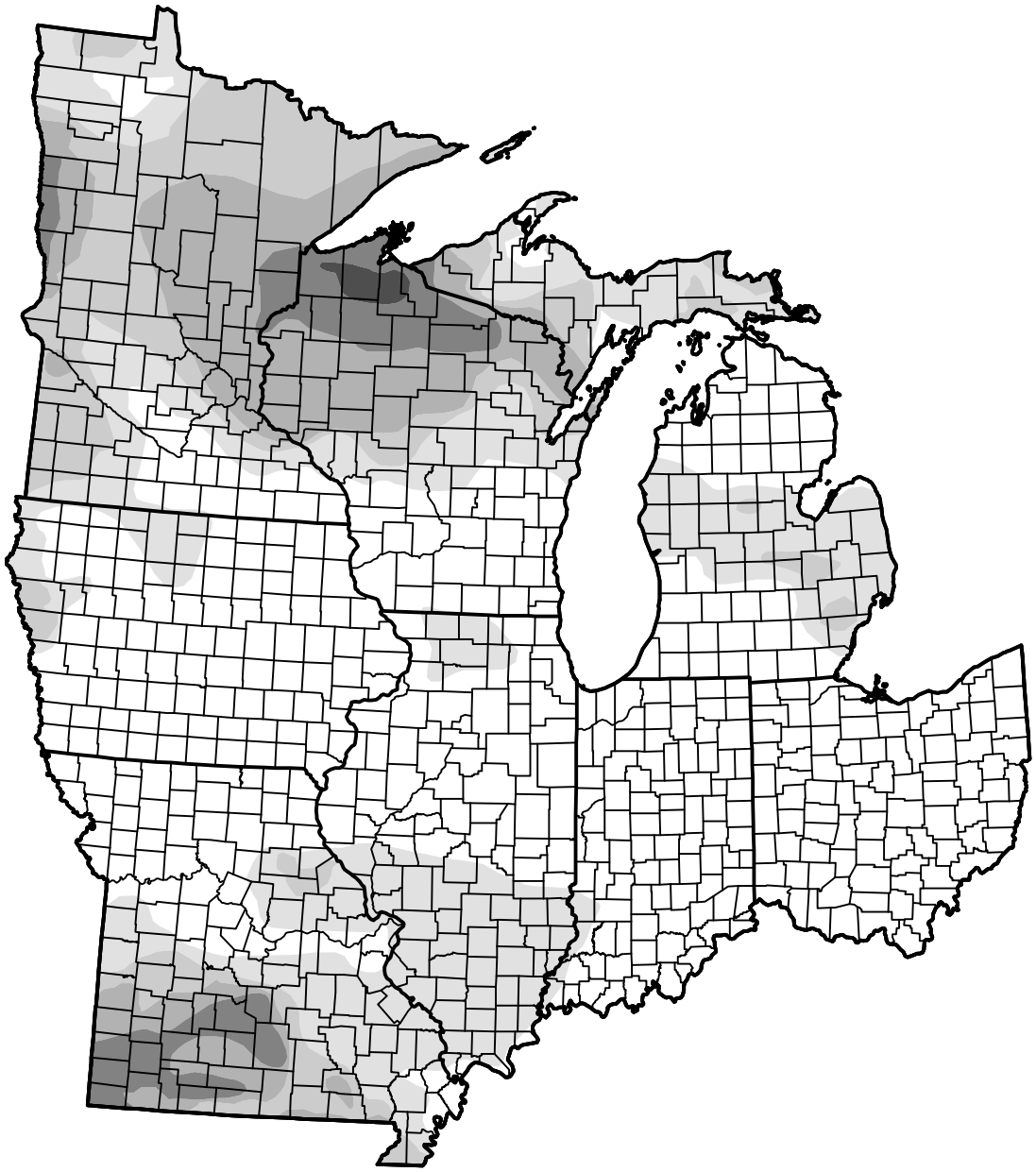
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.27	47.73	26.03	14.71	4.51	0.34
Last Week *09-15-2026*	46.89	53.11	27.59	15.27	3.91	0.00
3 Months Ago *06-23-2026*	67.02	32.98	11.02	3.17	0.06	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	26.30	73.70	39.56	9.73	2.11	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	35.70	64.30	35.39	10.56	0.40	0.00
One Year Ago *09-23-2025*	43.75	56.25	35.38	9.70	0.68	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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