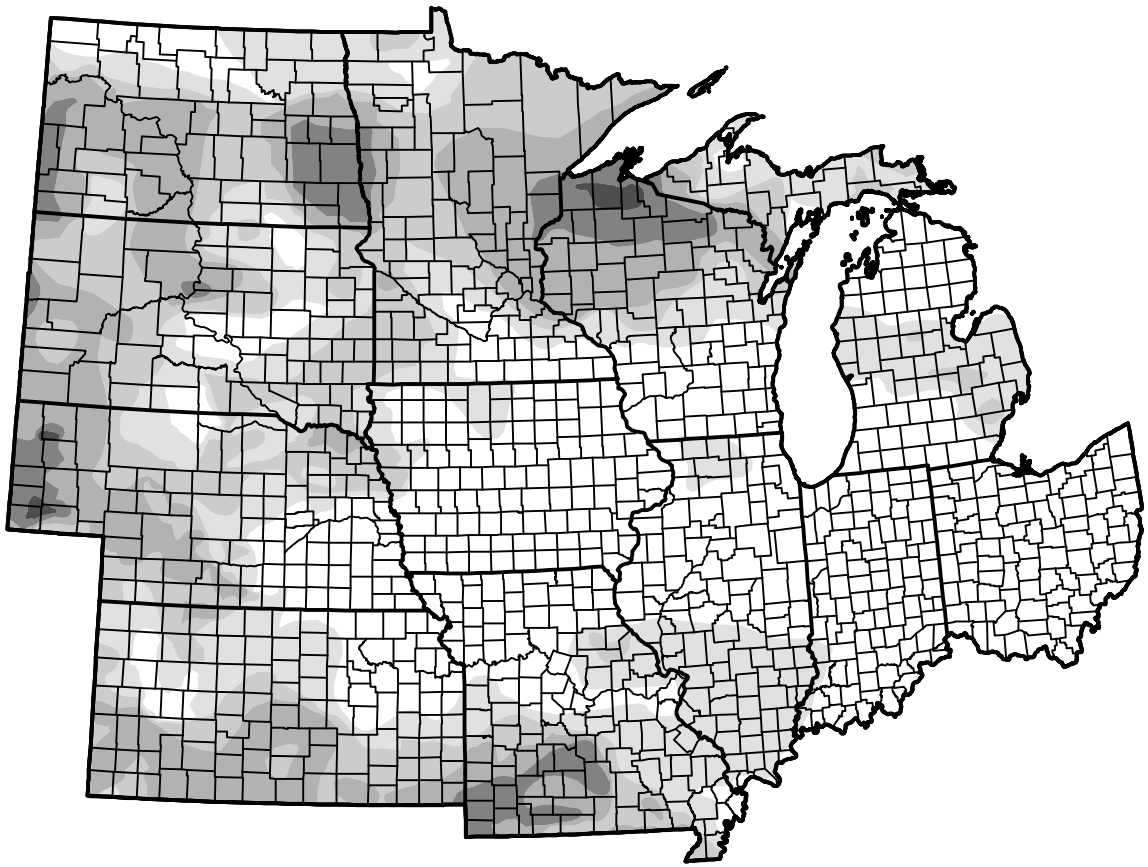
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.42	61.58	39.14	21.43	4.82	0.30
Last Week *09-15-2026*	32.25	67.75	41.25	23.07	5.28	0.09
3 Months Ago *06-23-2026*	52.22	47.78	24.67	13.97	5.87	0.74
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.60	61.40	30.14	6.93	1.26	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	53.65	46.35	22.66	6.32	0.24	0.00
One Year Ago *09-23-2025*	59.09	40.91	22.89	5.81	0.41	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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