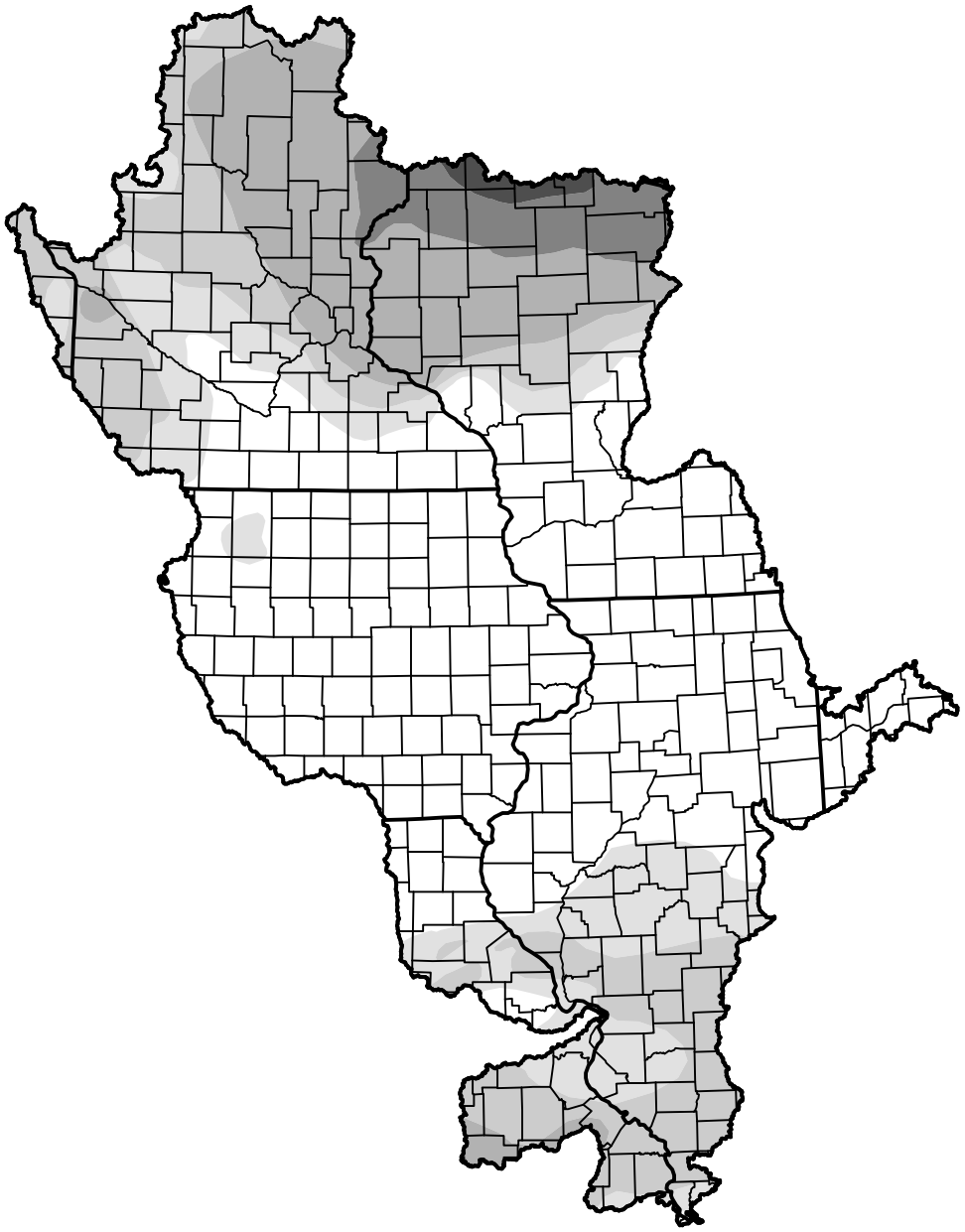
U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.07	13.29	16.17	13.79	4.05	0.63
Last Week *10-13-2026*	54.30	10.37	16.86	13.79	4.04	0.63
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	56.83	29.01	10.73	3.44	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	21.51	39.12	32.23	6.30	0.84	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	53.83	13.37	15.43	12.91	4.11	0.35
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	27.36	35.54	28.36	8.34	0.40	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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