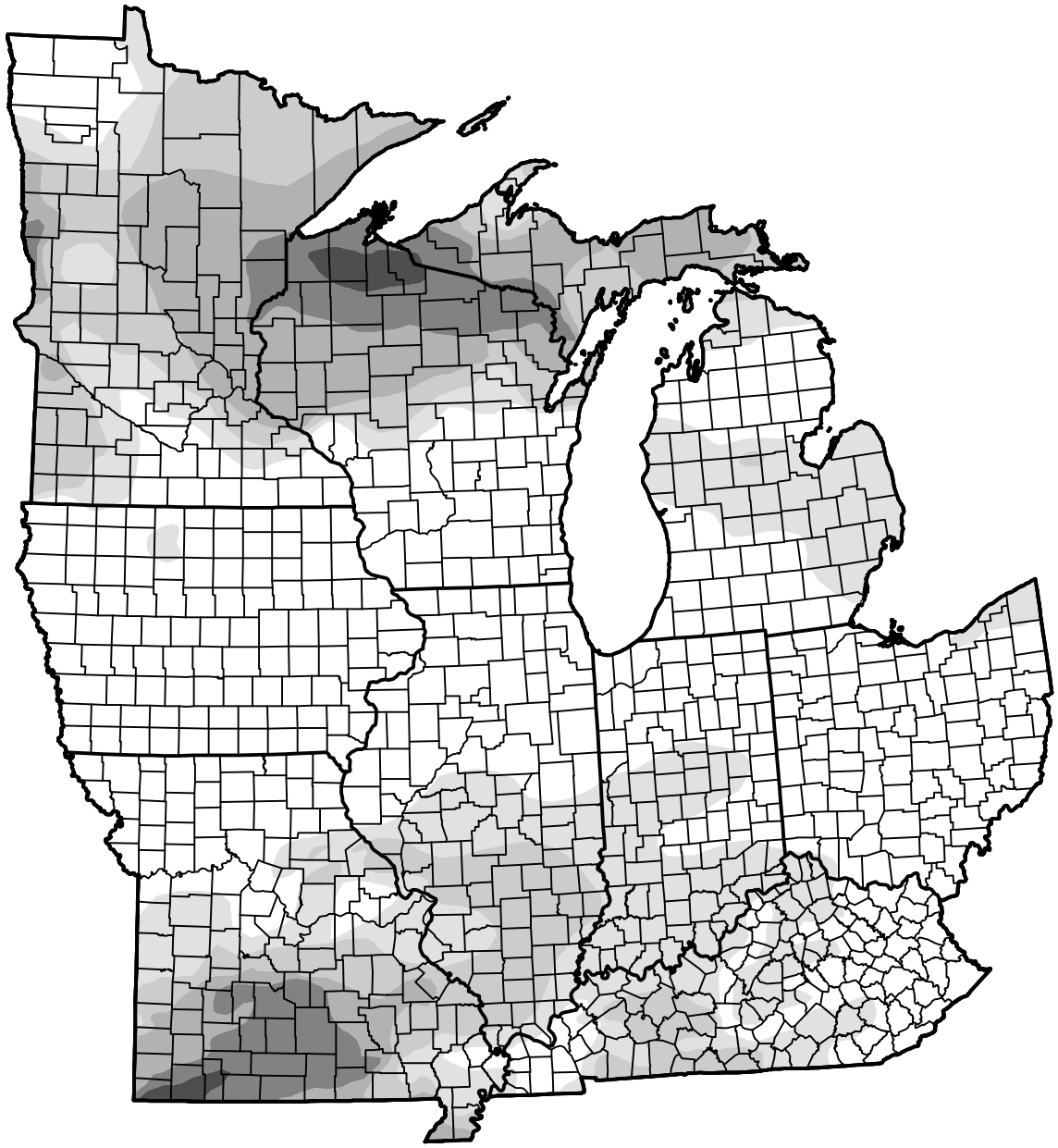
U.S. Drought Monitor

Midwest DEWS



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	49.46	20.83	14.02	10.04	4.93	0.71
Last Week *10-13-2026*	51.76	18.31	14.05	10.26	4.95	0.67
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	66.36	20.74	9.55	3.35	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	28.39	34.88	27.79	7.01	1.94	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	54.21	18.45	14.45	8.22	4.32	0.34
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	28.80	34.86	26.61	8.03	1.71	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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