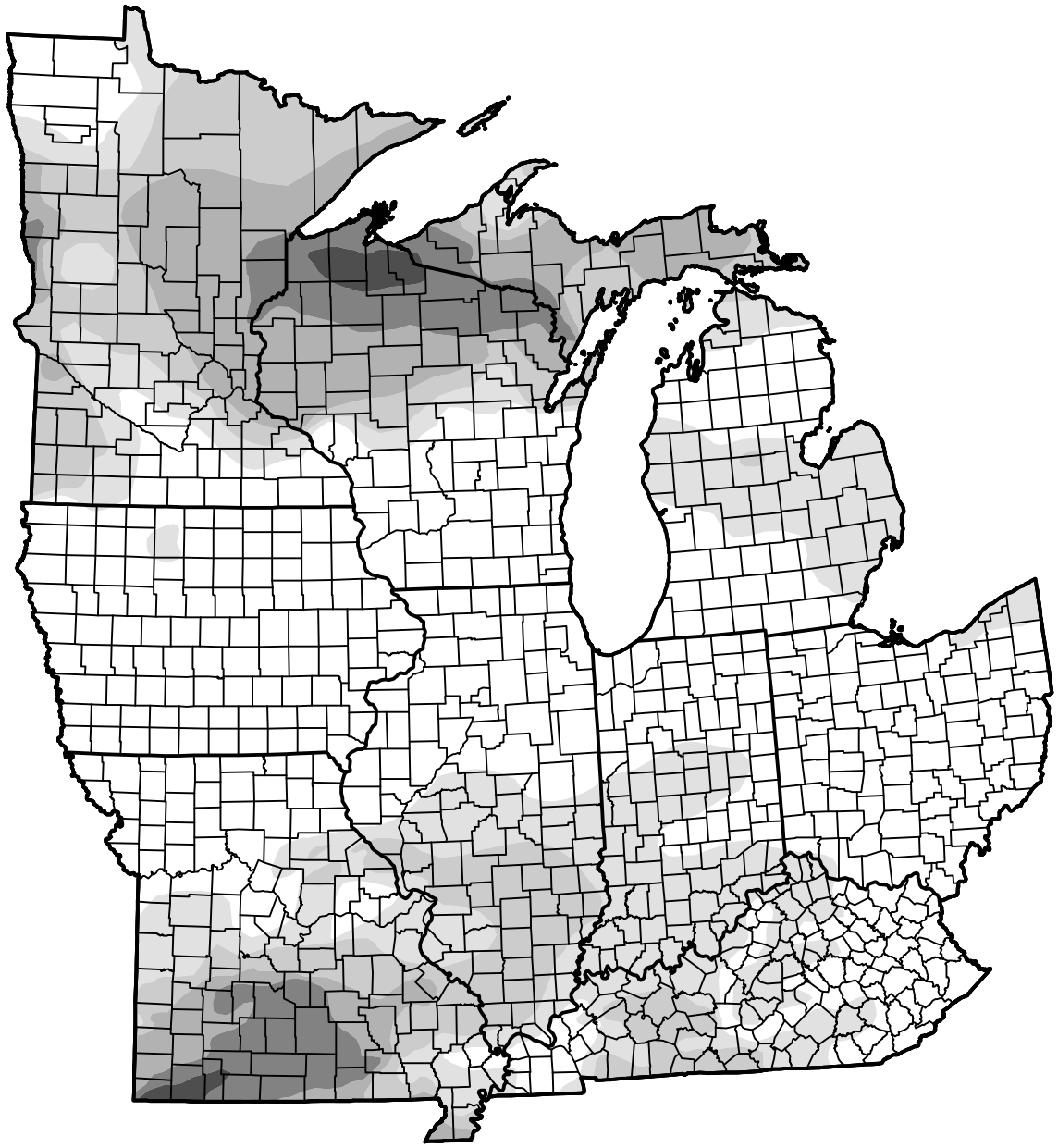
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# Midwest DEWS



## October 20, 2026

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**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 49.46 | 50.54 | 29.71 | 15.69 | 5.65 | 0.71 |
| **Last Week** *10-13-2026* | 51.76 | 48.24 | 29.93 | 15.88 | 5.62 | 0.67 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-21-2026* | 66.36 | 33.64 | 12.90 | 3.35 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-06-2026* | 28.39 | 71.61 | 36.73 | 8.95 | 1.94 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-29-2026* | 54.21 | 45.79 | 27.34 | 12.89 | 4.66 | 0.34 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-21-2025* | 28.80 | 71.20 | 36.35 | 9.74 | 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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