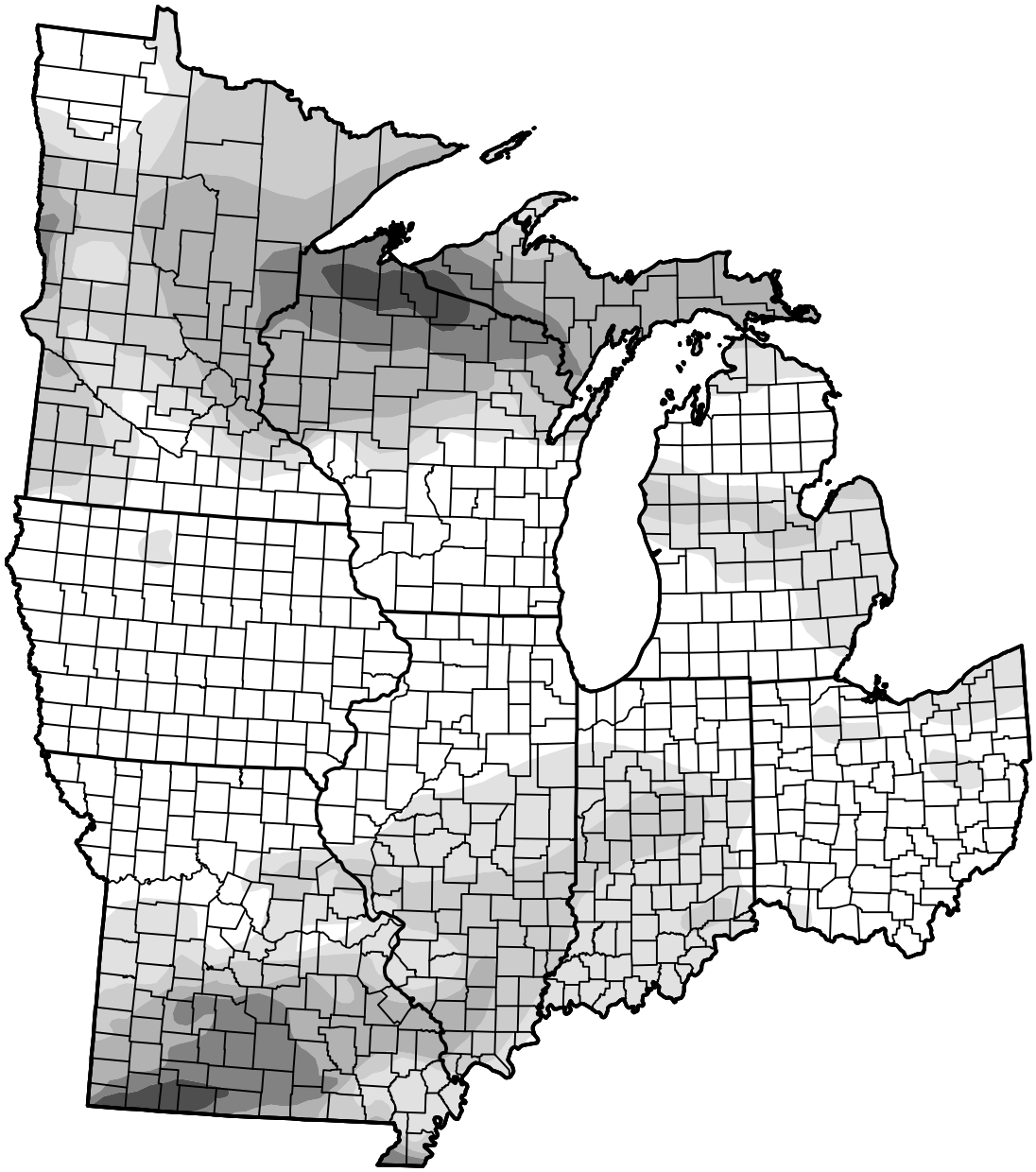
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# USDA Midwest Climate Hub



## October 27, 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** | 45.67 | 54.33 | 34.43 | 19.29 | 6.39 | 1.24 |
| **Last Week** *10-20-2026* | 49.61 | 50.39 | 31.12 | 17.07 | 6.14 | 0.78 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-28-2026* | 55.67 | 44.33 | 22.91 | 7.25 | 0.00 | 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** *09-29-2026* | 54.99 | 45.01 | 28.90 | 14.02 | 5.07 | 0.37 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-28-2025* | 25.60 | 74.40 | 36.50 | 12.66 | 2.10 | 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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