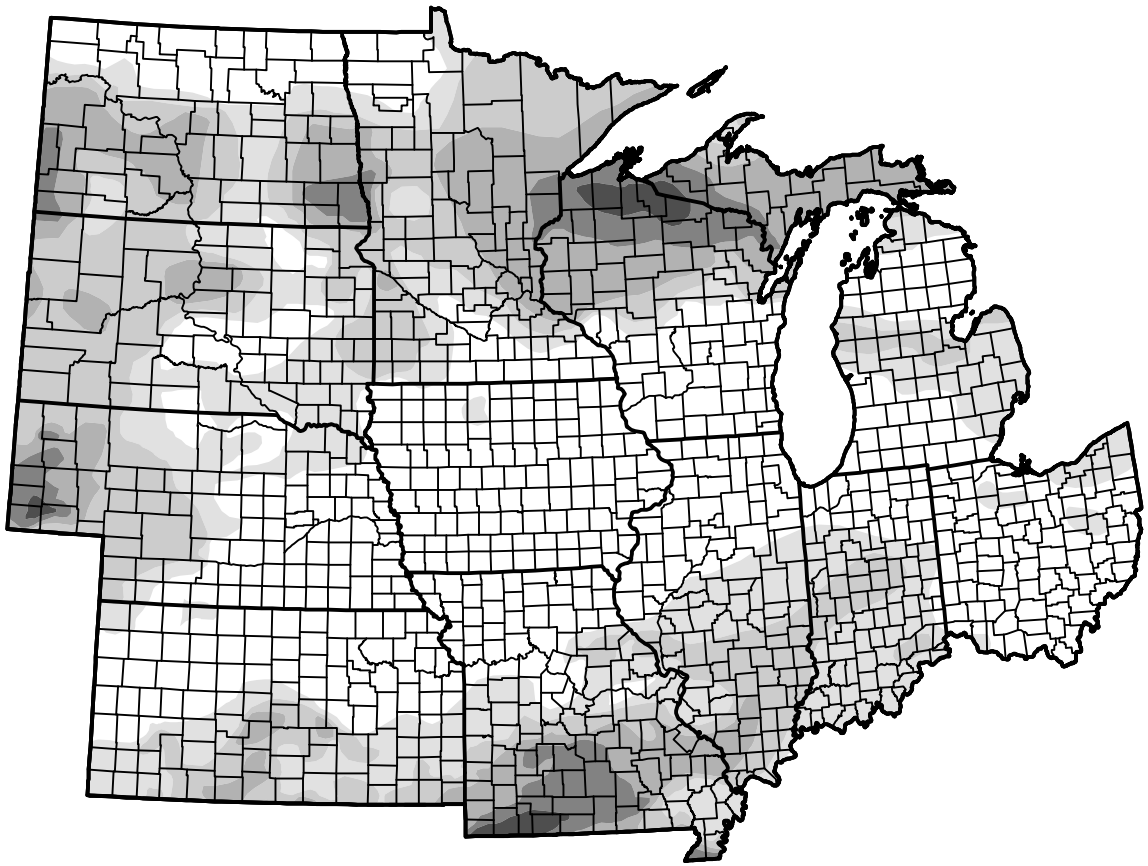
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	41.70	58.30	36.55	17.07	4.97	0.80
Last Week *10-20-2026*	43.30	56.70	36.49	16.64	4.82	0.53
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	42.40	57.60	35.11	15.35	3.14	0.30
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.60	61.40	30.14	6.93	1.26	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	43.19	56.81	39.03	17.31	4.42	0.32
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	45.09	54.91	24.64	7.72	1.25	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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