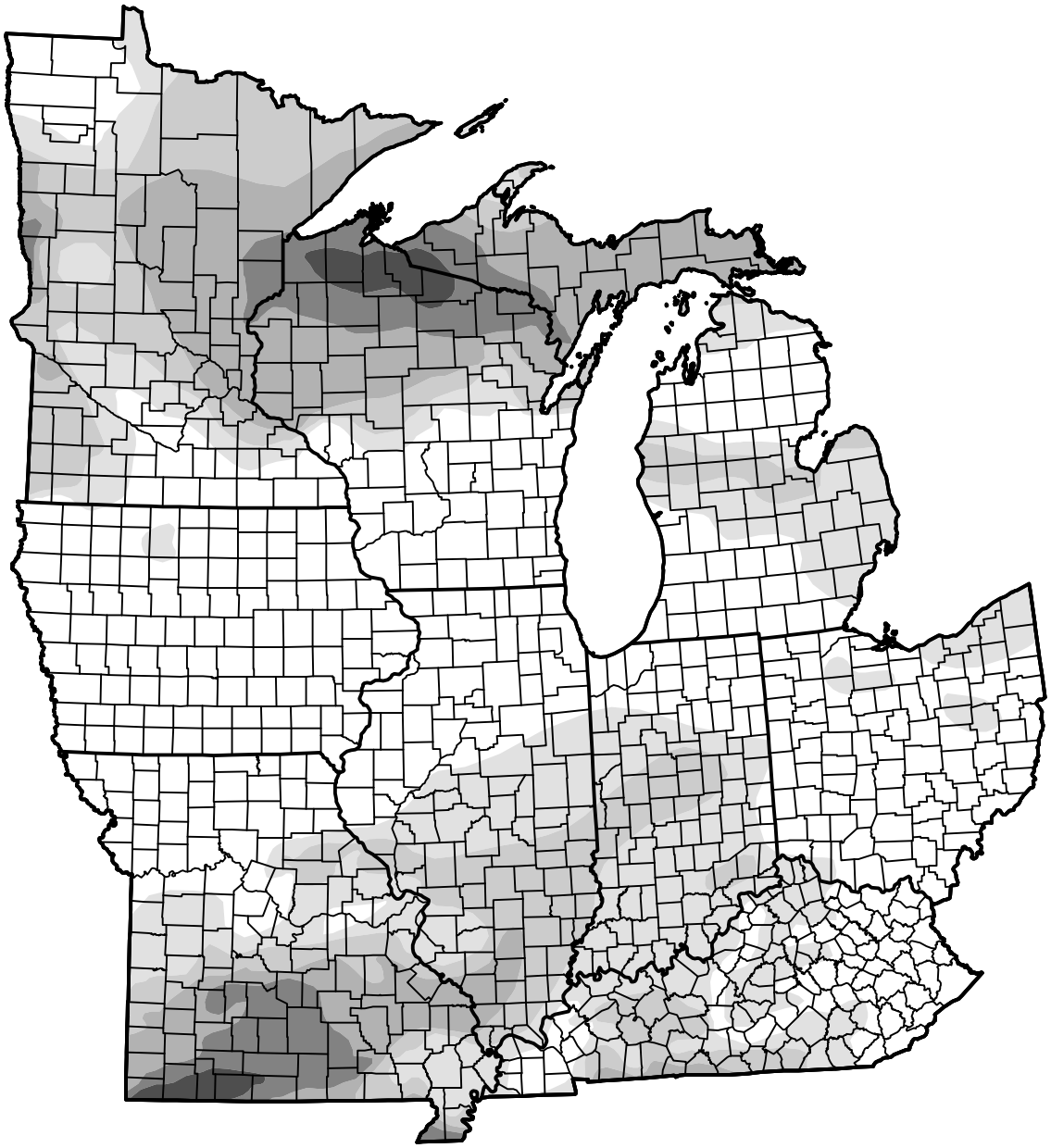
U.S. Drought Monitor

Midwest Climate Region



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	45.61	21.42	15.05	12.04	4.73	1.14
Last Week *10-20-2026*	49.46	20.83	14.02	10.04	4.93	0.71
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	57.73	20.74	14.63	6.89	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 *10-28-2025*	31.22	35.23	21.91	9.71	1.93	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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