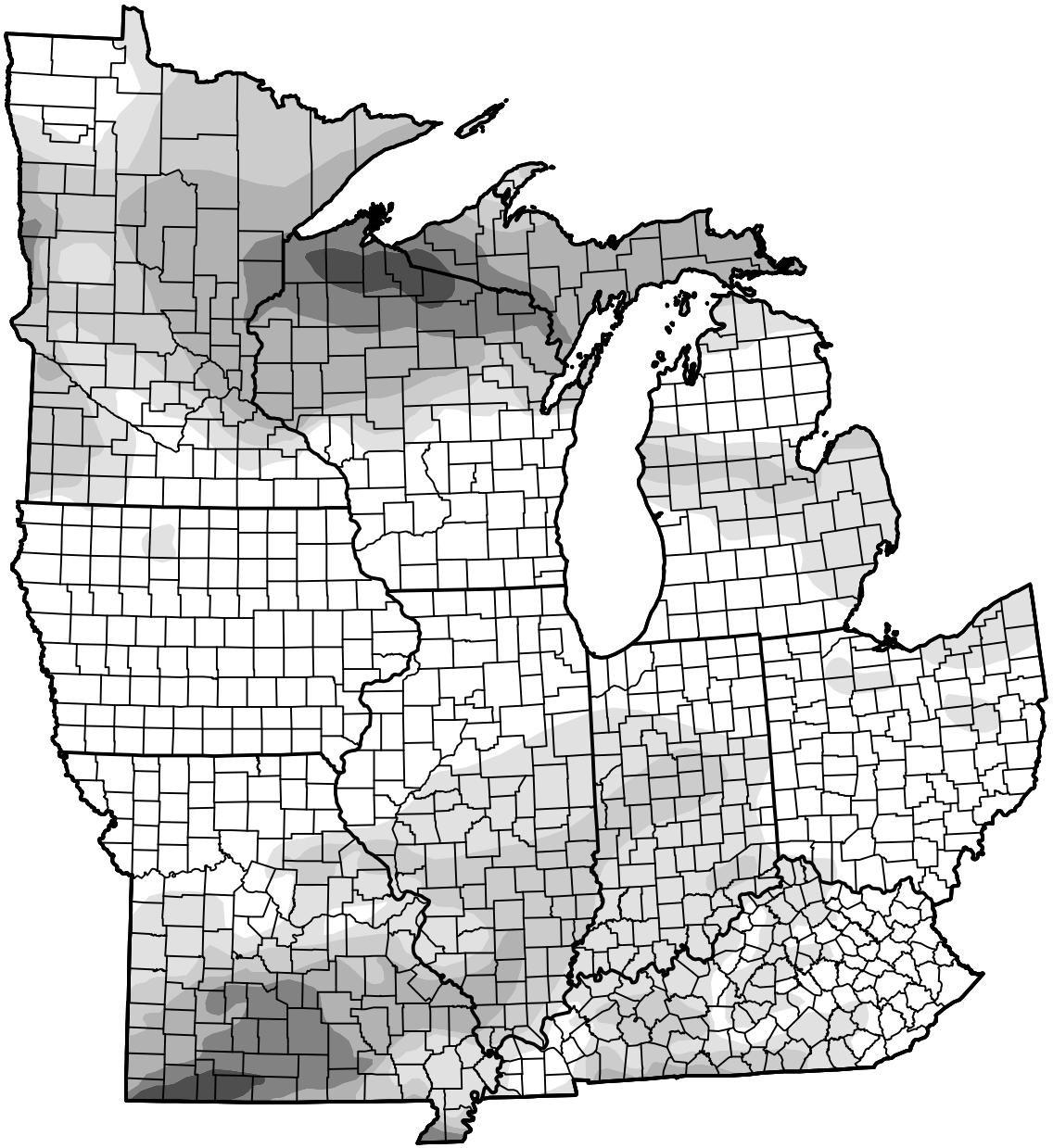
U.S. Drought Monitor

Midwest Climate Region



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	45.61	54.39	32.96	17.91	5.87	1.14
Last Week *10-20-2026*	49.46	50.54	29.71	15.69	5.65	0.71
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	57.73	42.27	21.52	6.89	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 *10-28-2025*	31.22	68.78	33.55	11.64	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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