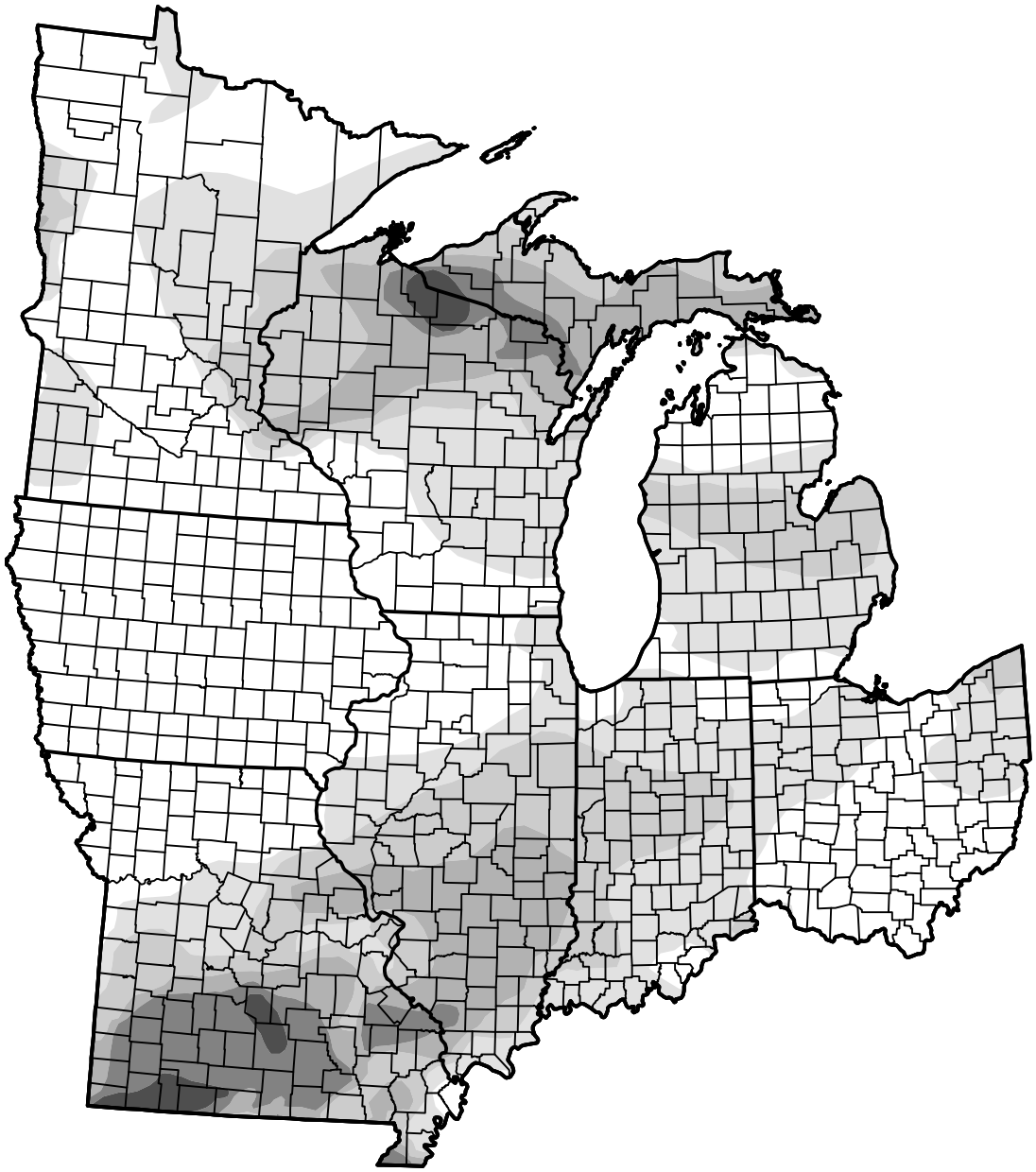
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	42.18	25.59	16.27	10.43	4.48	1.04
Last Week *11-10-2026*	47.20	23.62	15.39	9.13	3.85	0.80
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	54.97	17.42	16.10	10.60	0.91	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	26.30	34.15	29.82	7.62	2.11	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	54.99	16.11	14.88	8.95	4.70	0.37
One Year Ago *11-18-2025*	25.00	32.16	28.77	12.29	1.78	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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