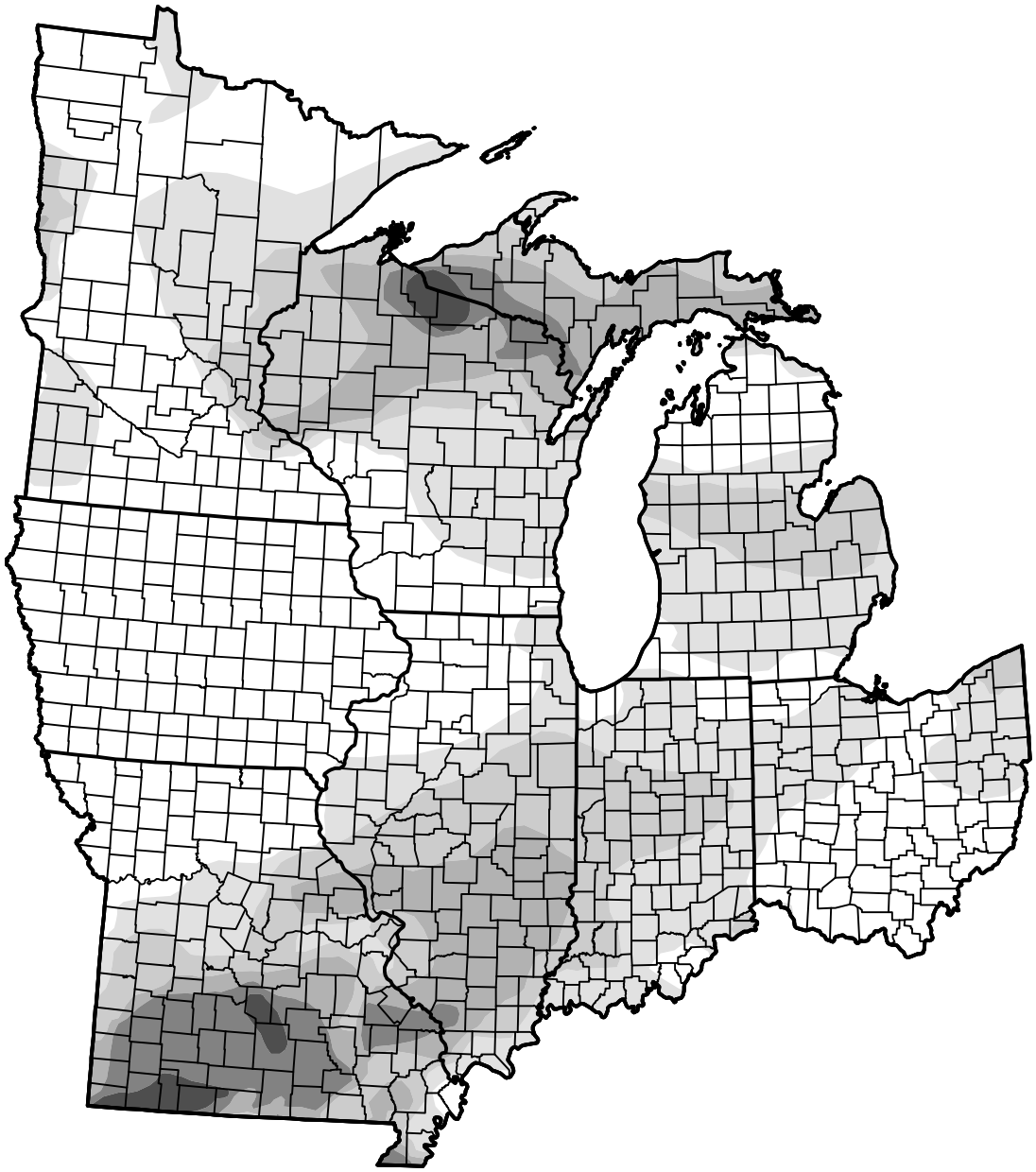
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub



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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.18	57.82	32.22	15.95	5.52	1.04
Last Week *11-10-2026*	47.20	52.80	29.17	13.78	4.65	0.80
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	54.97	45.03	27.61	11.51	0.91	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 *11-18-2025*	25.00	75.00	42.84	14.06	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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