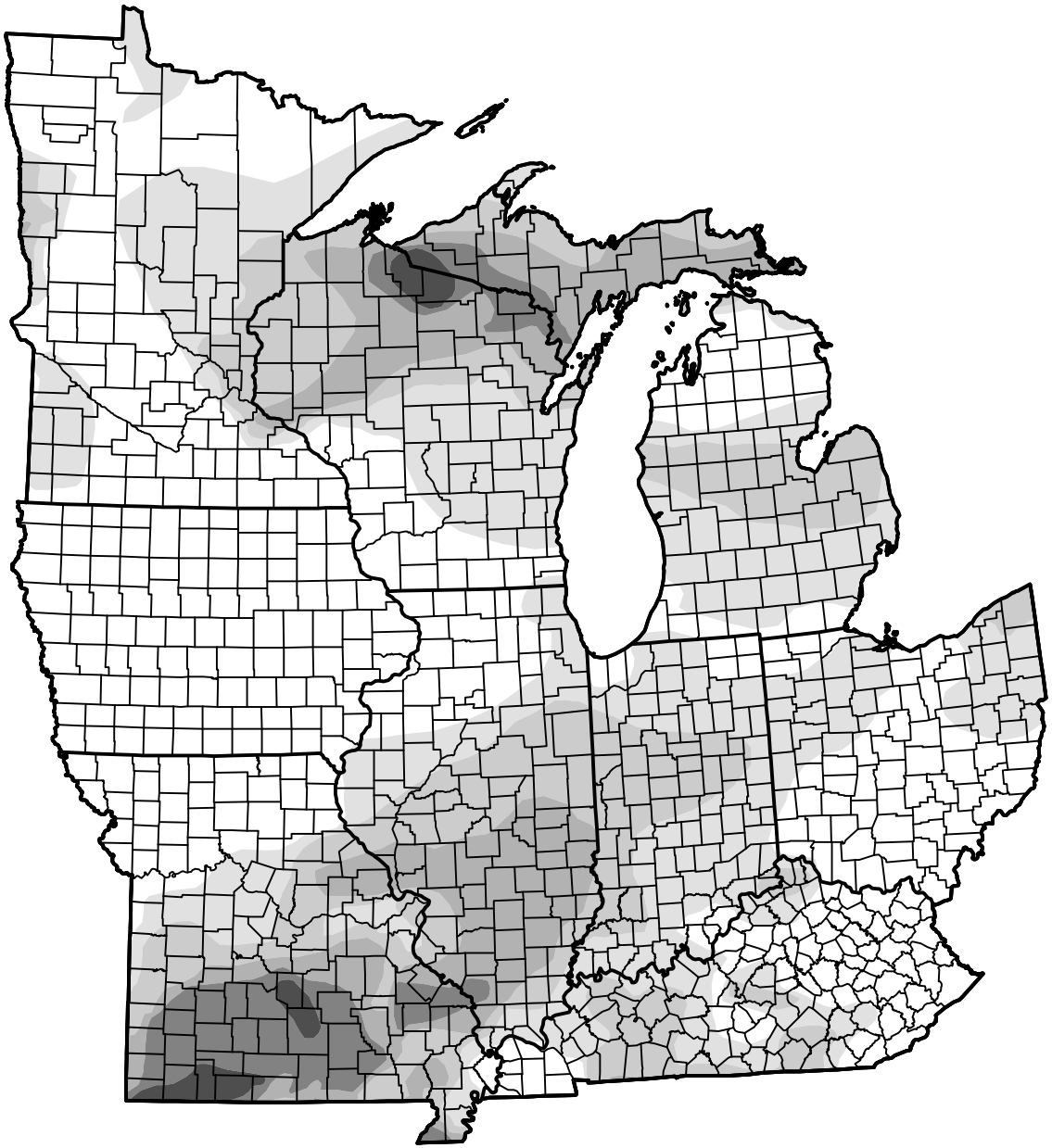
U.S. Drought Monitor

Midwest



November 17, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.84	57.16	31.35	14.68	5.08	0.96
Last Week *11-10-2026*	47.46	52.54	28.54	12.69	4.27	0.74
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	58.61	41.39	25.38	10.58	0.84	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 *11-18-2025*	31.07	68.93	39.37	12.93	1.64	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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