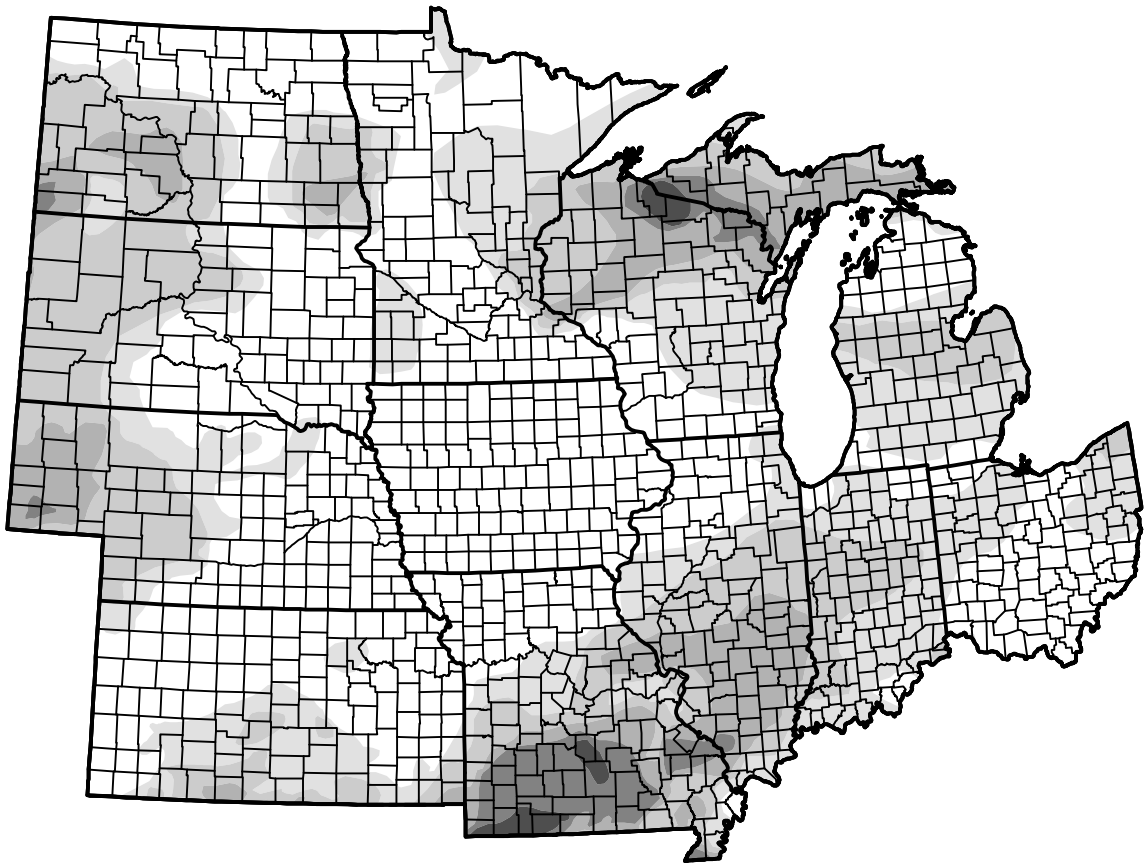
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	45.88	22.08	19.85	8.74	2.83	0.62
Last Week *11-10-2026*	49.05	20.78	18.95	8.23	2.51	0.48
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	39.07	18.08	22.82	16.27	3.59	0.17
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.60	31.26	23.21	5.66	1.26	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	43.19	17.78	21.71	12.90	4.10	0.32
One Year Ago *11-18-2025*	42.33	27.74	21.31	7.55	1.07	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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