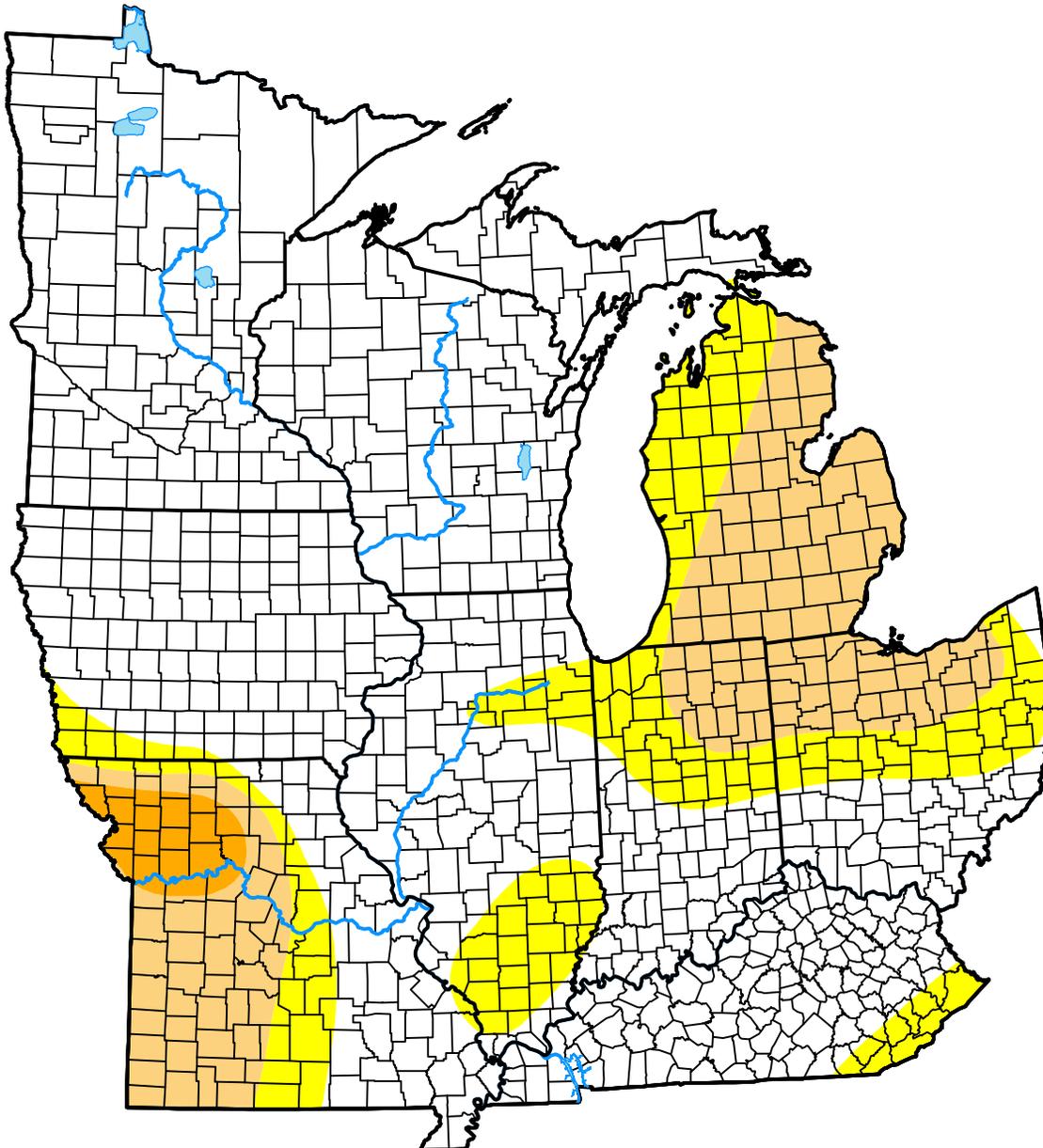


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	70.04	29.96	16.28	1.75	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-15-2002</i>	63.31	36.69	16.40	1.75	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-23-2002</i>	58.46	41.54	9.26	1.04	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	94.46	5.54	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	57.19	42.81	17.01	2.85	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-23-2001</i>	94.54	5.46	0.42	0.00	0.00	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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