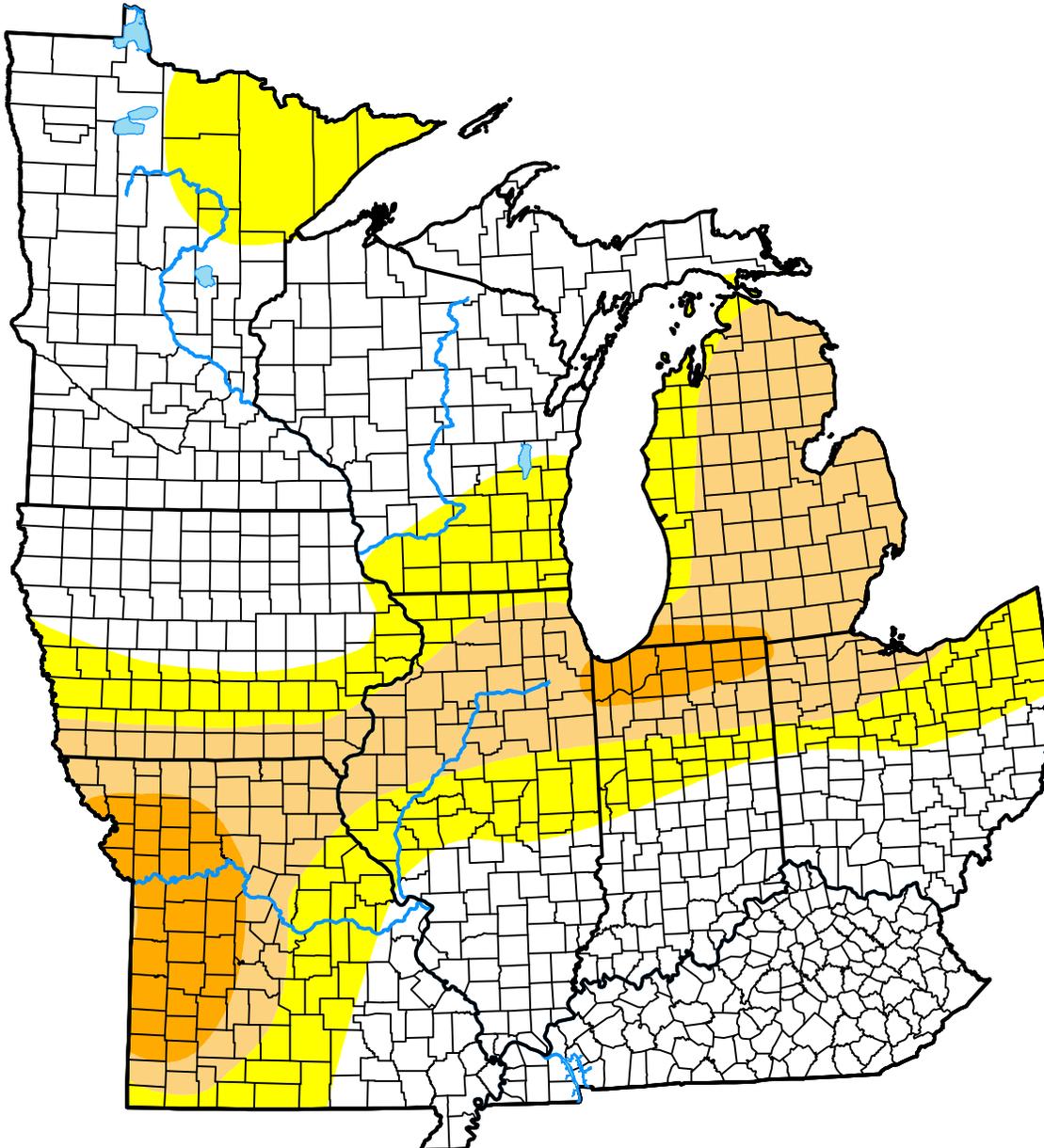


U.S. Drought Monitor

Midwest

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.68	44.32	23.54	5.11	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-17-2002</i>	54.18	45.82	24.09	4.94	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-24-2002</i>	60.70	39.30	24.30	5.93	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	94.46	5.54	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	57.19	42.81	17.01	2.85	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-25-2001</i>	95.75	4.25	0.00	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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