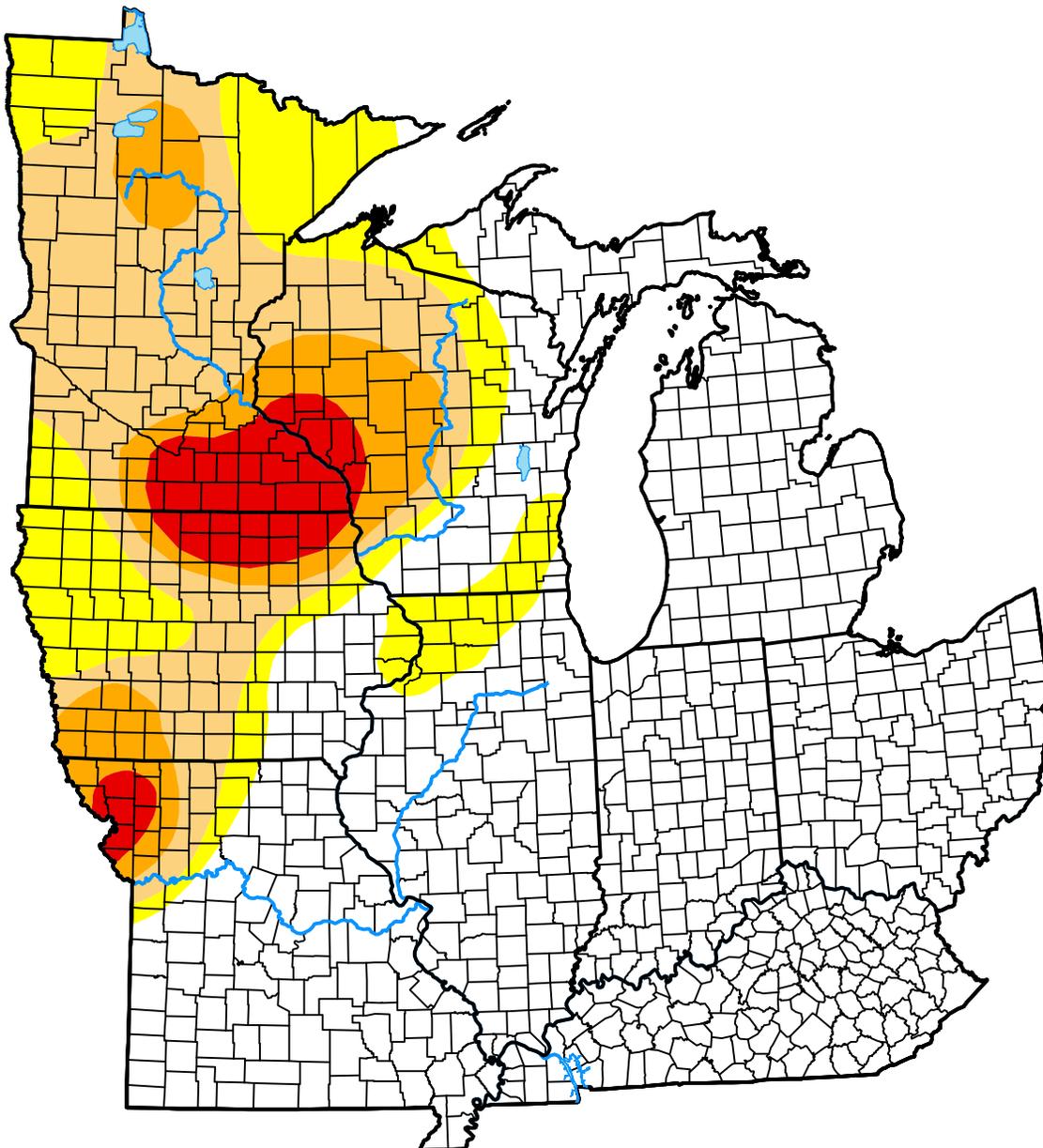


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.11	37.89	25.99	10.86	4.22	0.00
Last Week <i>12-16-2003</i>	62.40	37.60	26.60	11.61	4.28	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2003</i>	41.18	58.82	43.08	14.78	1.91	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	51.12	48.88	24.16	5.50	1.21	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	44.04	55.96	39.82	14.66	2.52	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2002</i>	55.68	44.32	23.54	5.11	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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