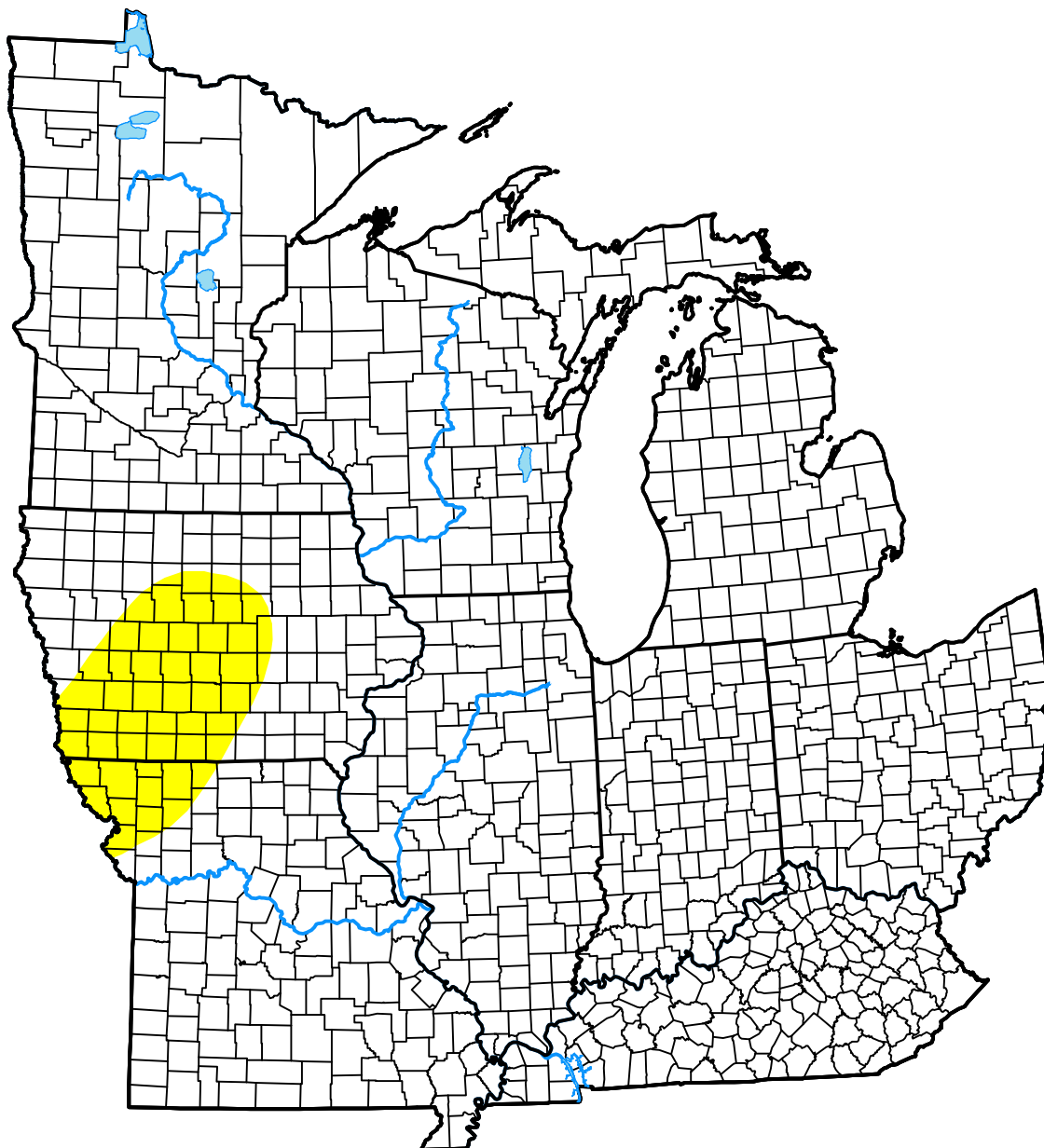


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	94.79	5.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	97.34	2.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	96.33	3.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	63.10	11.75	13.36	7.25	4.54	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	74.41	24.86	0.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2003</i>	62.11	11.90	15.13	6.65	4.22	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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