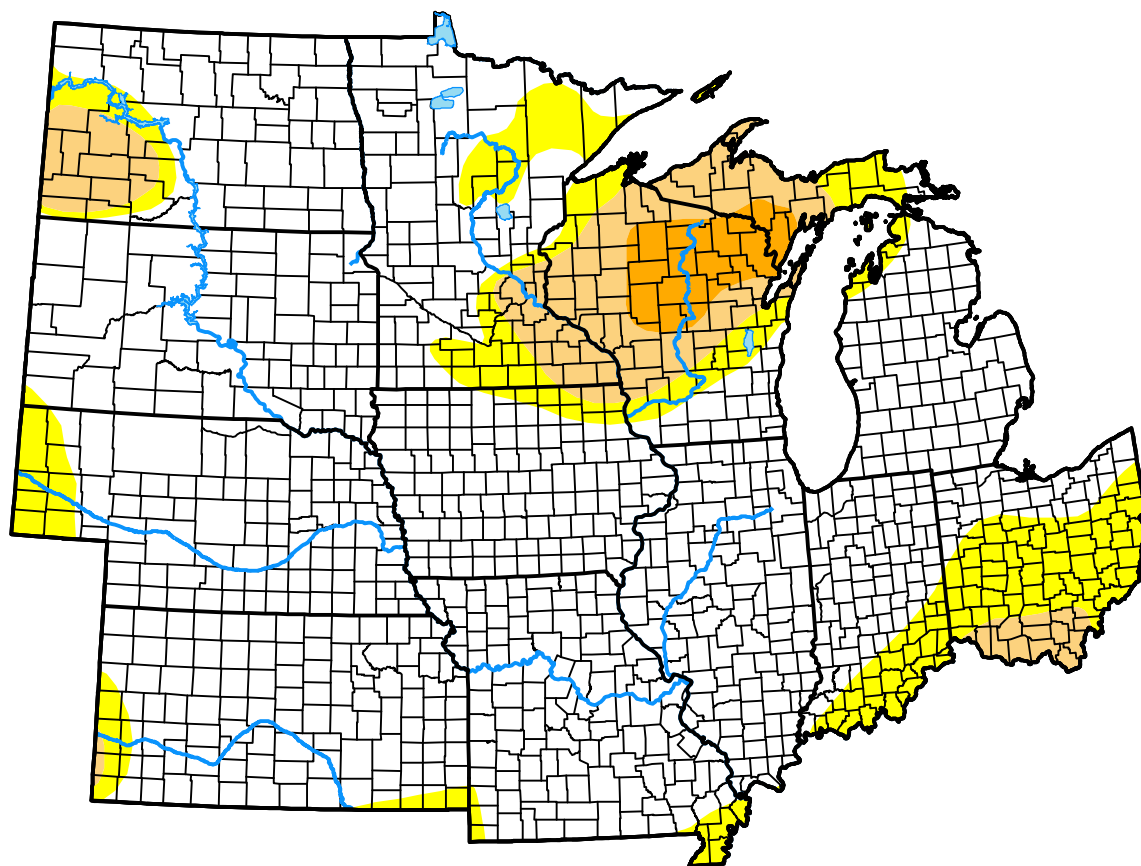


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	77.92	22.08	9.86	2.21	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	78.10	21.90	9.92	2.21	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	68.96	31.04	12.65	2.20	1.09	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	66.79	33.21	14.24	3.20	0.17	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	64.42	35.58	14.85	2.76	1.09	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	66.79	33.21	14.14	3.28	0.17	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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