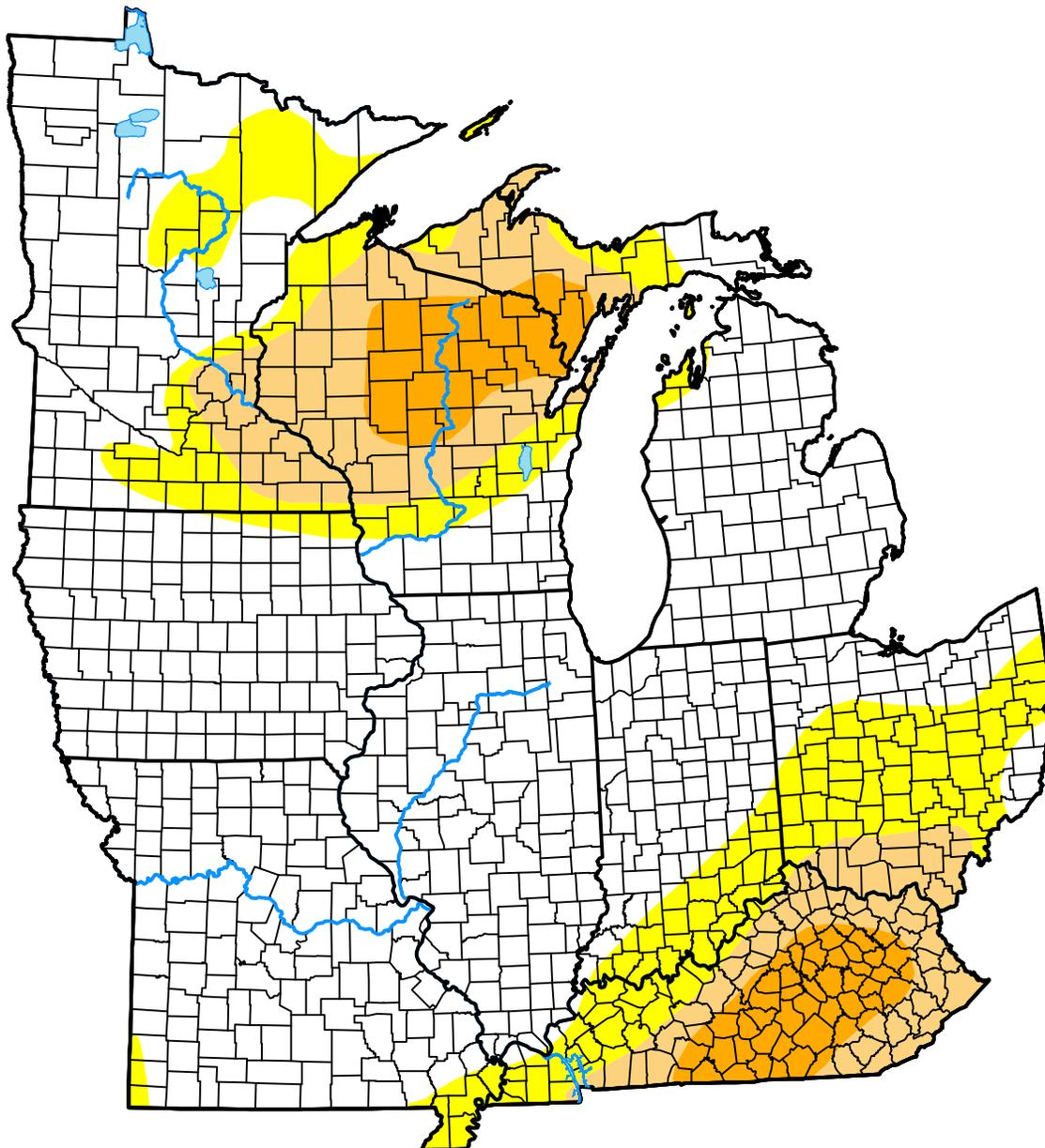


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.42	33.58	17.99	6.39	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-16-2008</i>	64.63	35.37	18.94	6.39	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2008</i>	56.71	43.29	22.87	1.65	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	75.99	24.01	6.60	0.78	0.40	0.01
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	53.12	46.88	22.97	3.43	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-25-2007</i>	75.43	24.57	6.79	0.90	0.40	0.01

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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