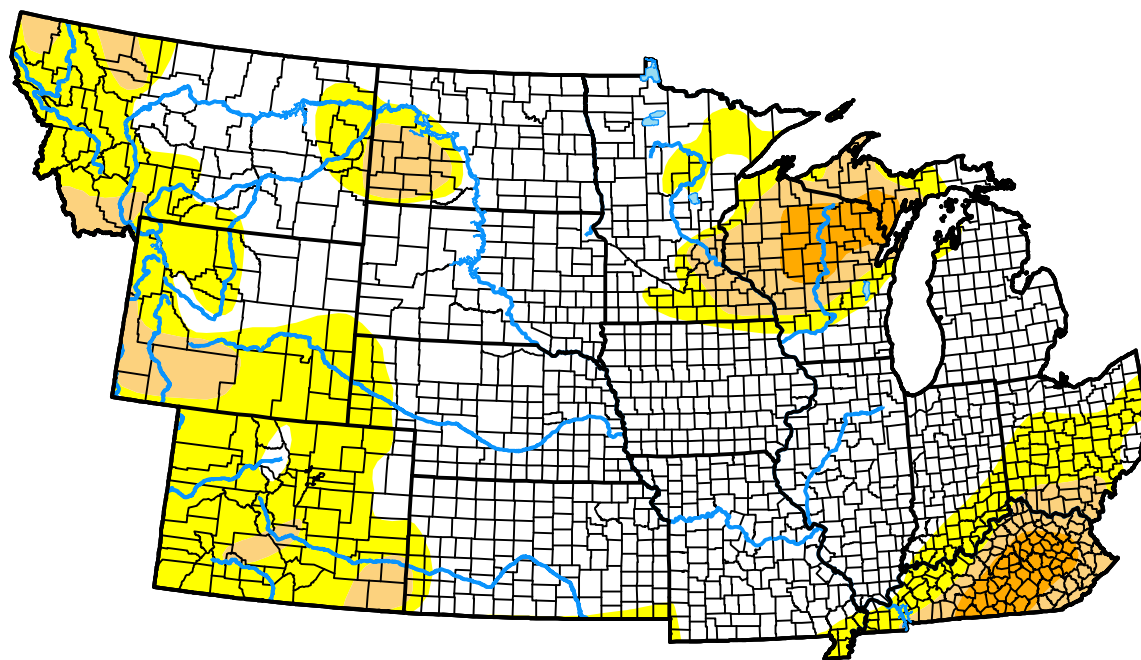


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	61.79	25.71	9.74	2.76	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-16-2008	61.08	26.01	10.15	2.76	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-23-2008	58.59	24.70	13.82	2.05	0.85	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2008	53.57	22.80	14.72	8.62	0.28	0.01
Start of Water Year 09-30-2008	57.05	26.50	12.91	2.68	0.85	0.00
One Year Ago 12-25-2007	53.33	23.03	14.68	8.67	0.28	0.01

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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