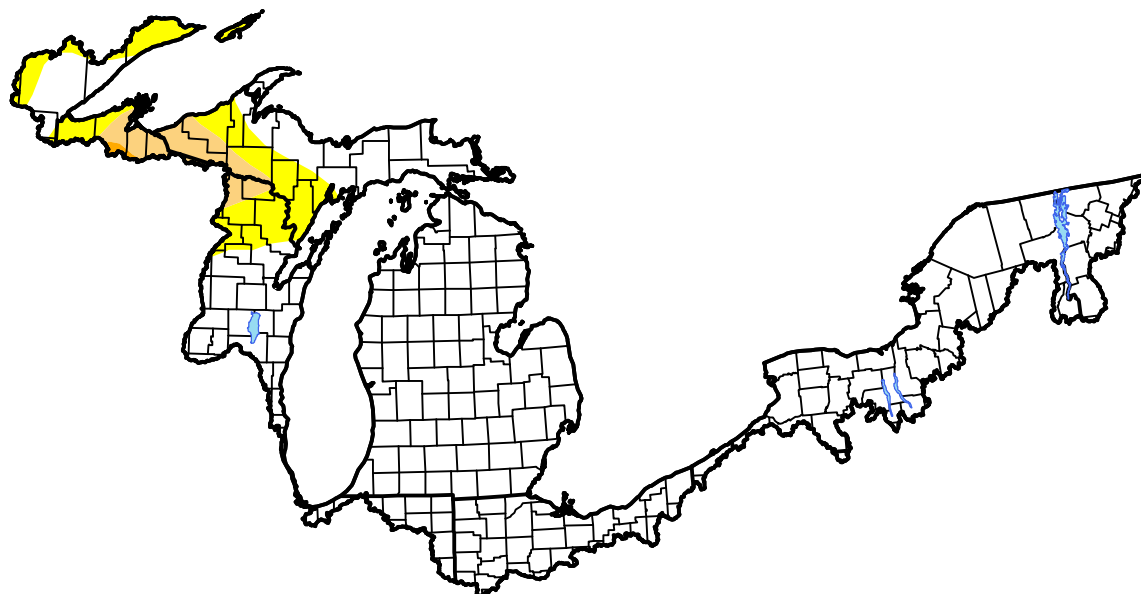


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Great Lakes Watershed

**December 8, 2009**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 86.90 | 13.10 | 3.91  | 0.19  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-03-2009</i>              | 86.90 | 13.10 | 3.91  | 0.19  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-10-2009</i>           | 74.78 | 25.22 | 12.79 | 1.42  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2009</i> | 74.34 | 25.66 | 15.64 | 5.53  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2009</i>    | 61.59 | 38.41 | 19.38 | 10.53 | 0.01  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-11-2008</i>           | 70.68 | 29.32 | 17.16 | 5.53  | 0.00  | 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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