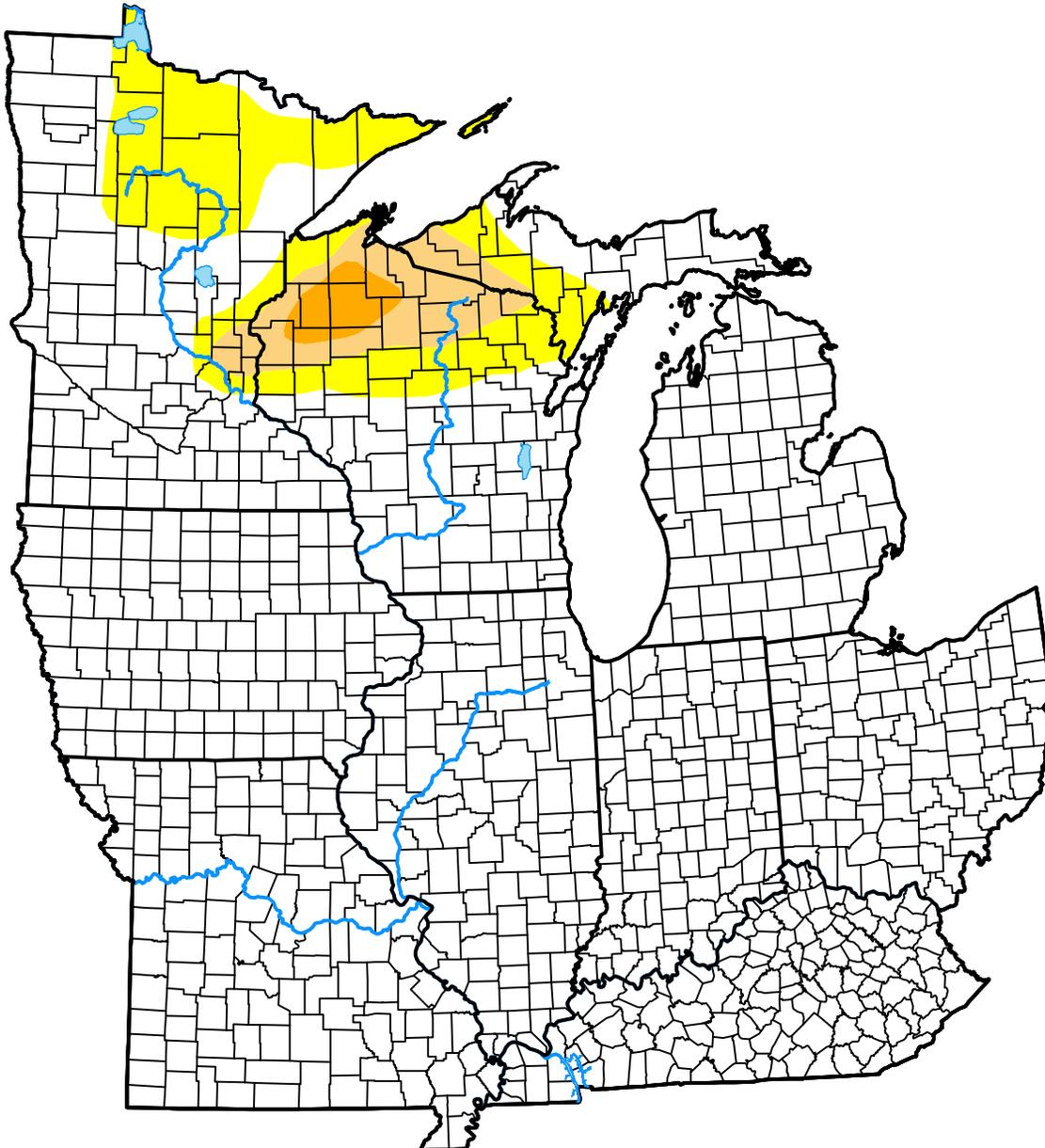


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	88.70	7.82	2.69	0.80	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-01-2009</i>	88.46	8.06	2.69	0.80	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-08-2009</i>	73.18	18.06	7.16	1.60	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	72.23	11.90	11.55	4.32	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	67.63	17.09	8.25	5.75	1.27	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-09-2008</i>	64.63	16.37	11.48	6.18	1.34	0.00

***Intensity:***



*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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