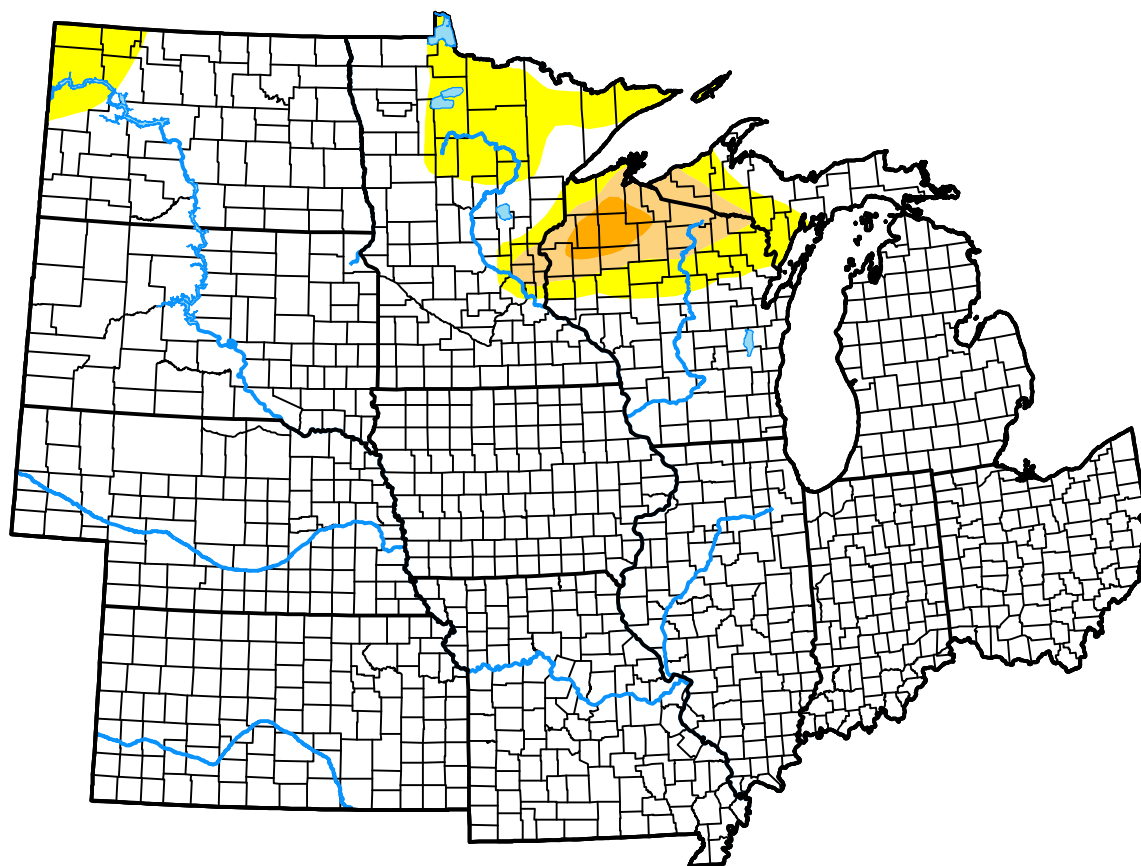


U.S. Drought Monitor North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	91.63	6.10	1.75	0.52	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-08-2009</i>	91.63	6.10	1.75	0.52	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2009</i>	78.95	14.71	5.29	1.04	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	82.22	9.09	6.48	2.21	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	75.10	14.95	5.38	3.75	0.83	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	77.92	12.22	7.65	2.21	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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