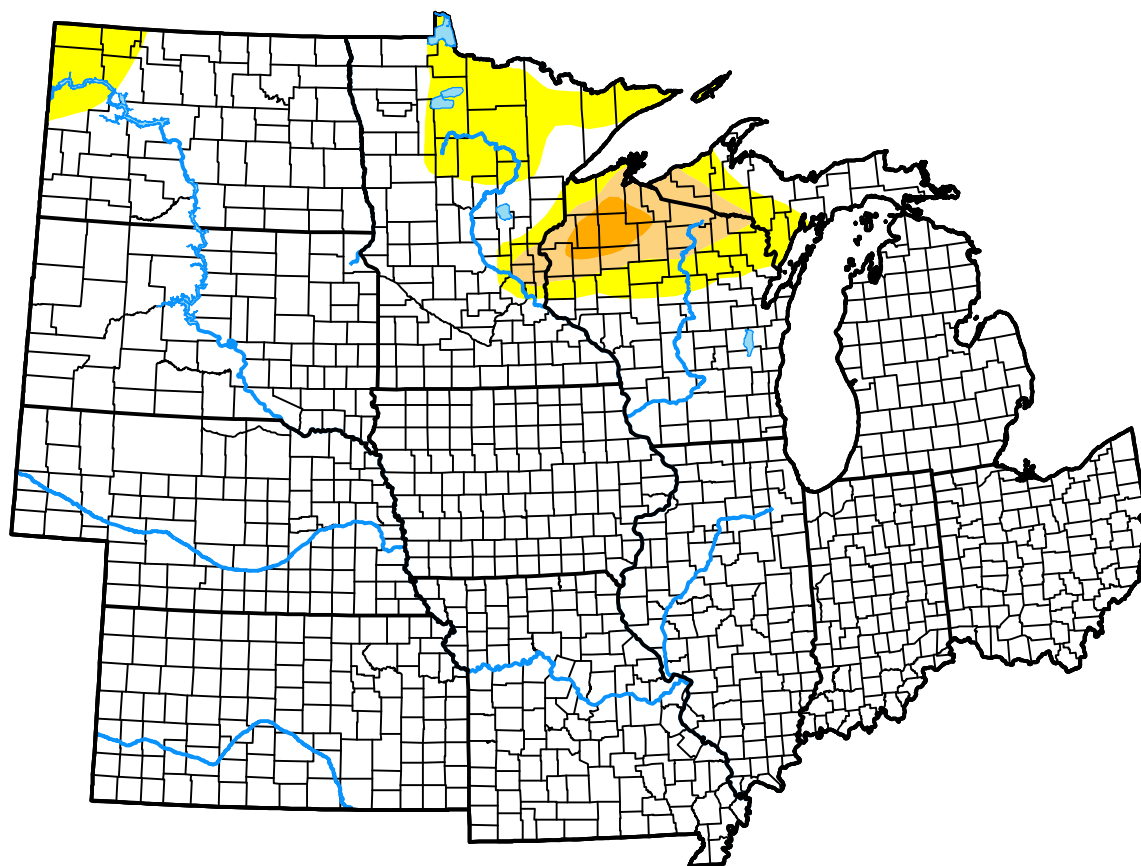


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	91.63	8.37	2.27	0.52	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-08-2009</i>	91.63	8.37	2.27	0.52	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2009</i>	78.95	21.05	6.33	1.04	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	82.22	17.78	8.69	2.21	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	75.10	24.90	9.95	4.58	0.83	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	77.92	22.08	9.86	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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