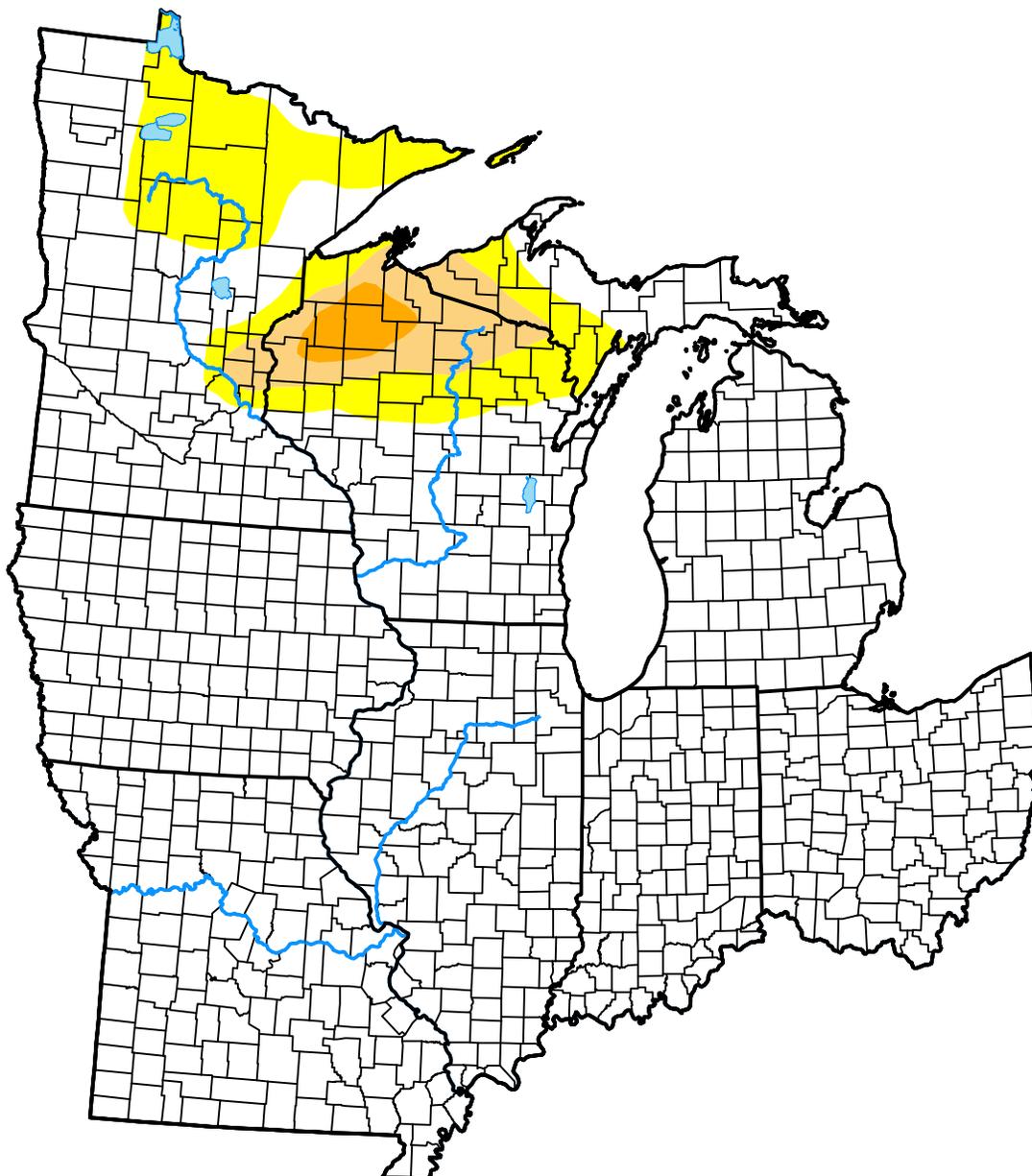


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

**December 22, 2009**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	87.71	12.29	3.79	0.87	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2009</i>	87.71	12.29	3.79	0.87	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2009</i>	59.66	40.34	16.46	6.96	1.29	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	77.03	22.97	11.89	3.70	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	64.78	35.22	16.62	7.64	1.38	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2008</i>	72.11	27.89	12.82	3.70	0.00	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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