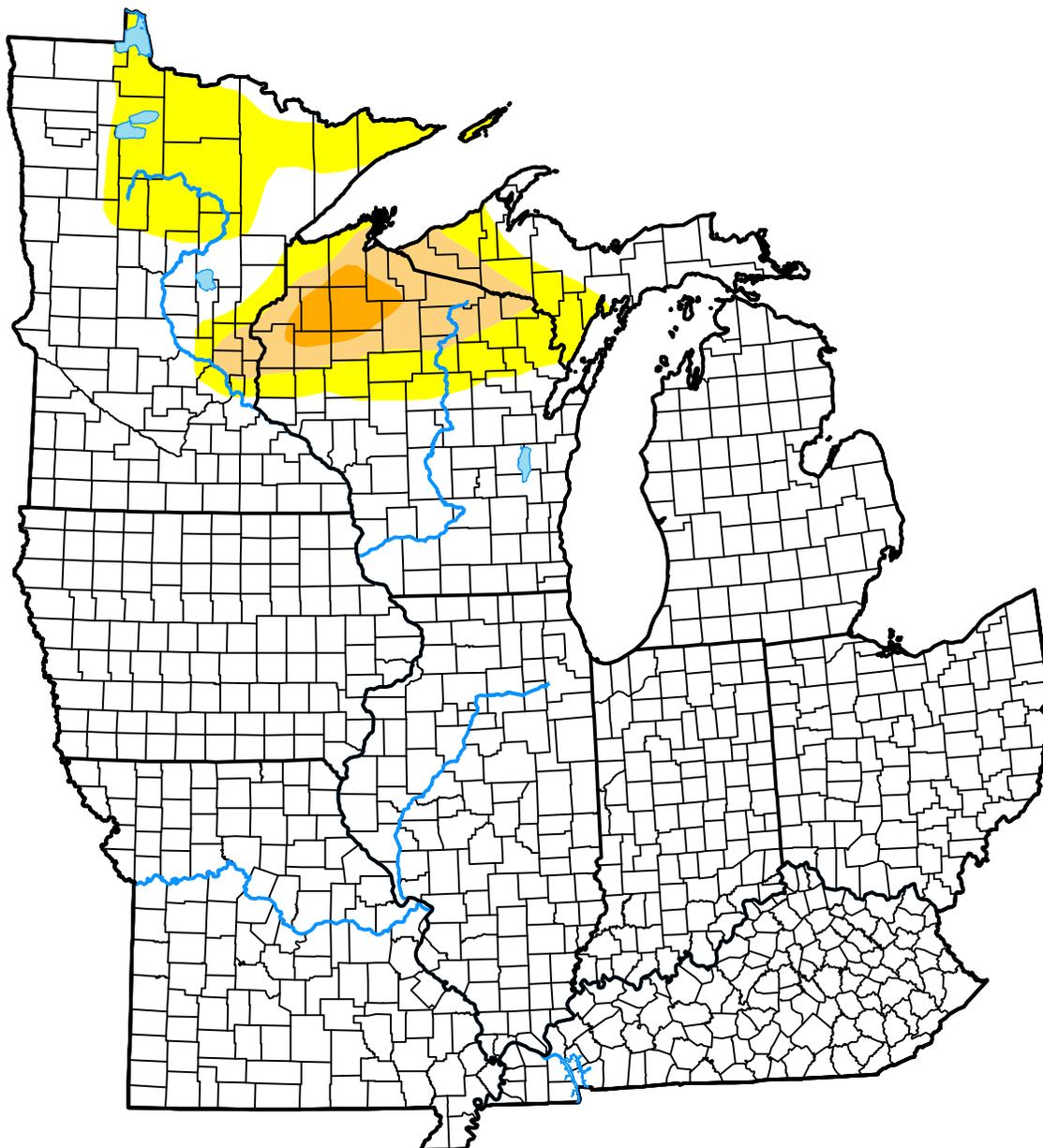


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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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>12-15-2009</i>	88.70	7.82	2.69	0.80	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2009</i>	62.93	21.95	8.72	5.21	1.19	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>12-23-2008</i>	66.42	15.59	11.60	6.39	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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