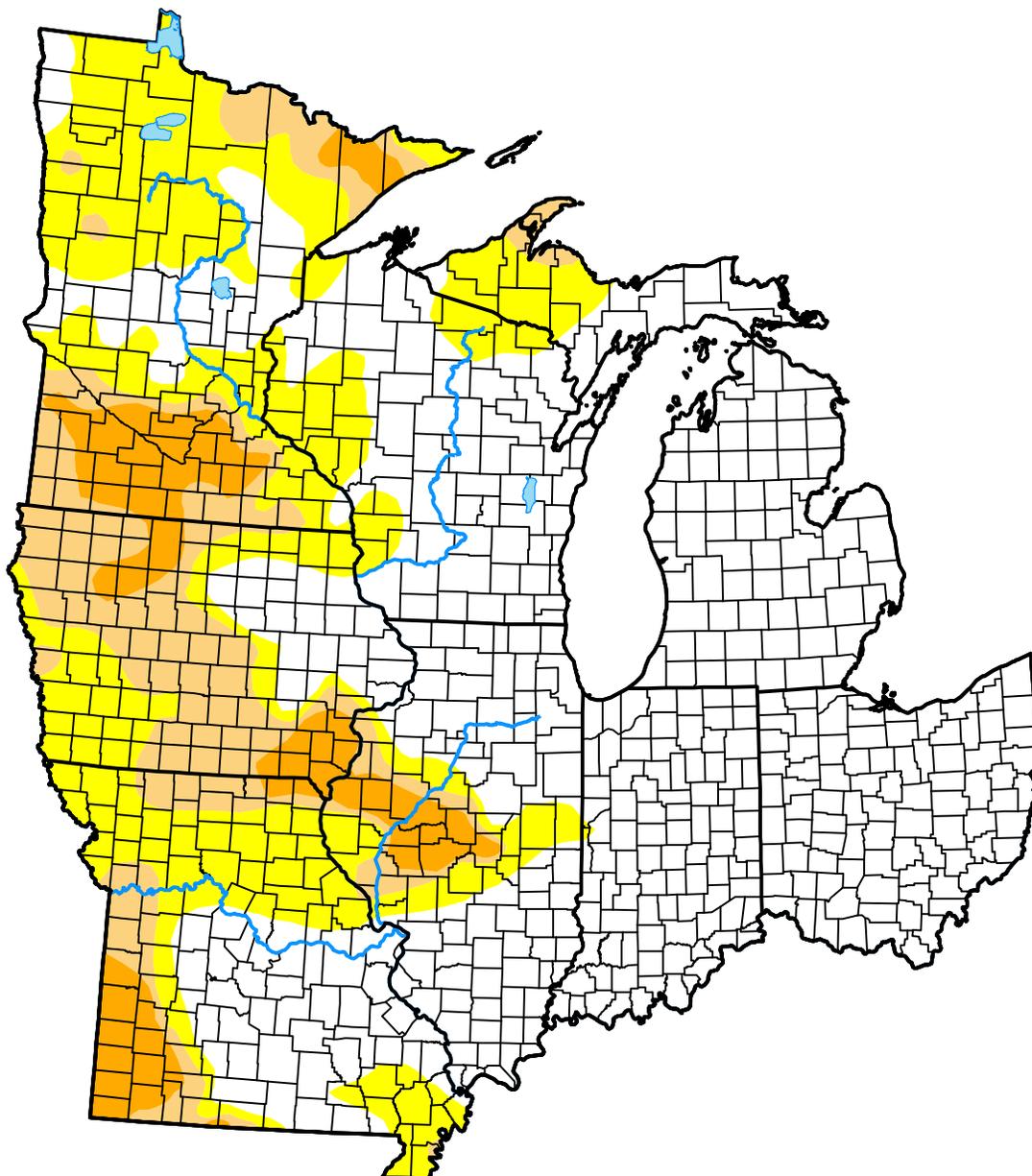


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	58.12	41.88	18.13	6.74	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-11-2011</i>	51.32	48.68	20.83	7.91	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-19-2011</i>	88.88	11.12	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2011</i>	83.52	16.48	2.97	0.74	0.32	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.39	43.61	15.24	5.47	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-19-2010</i>	73.06	26.94	10.20	4.89	0.64	0.00

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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