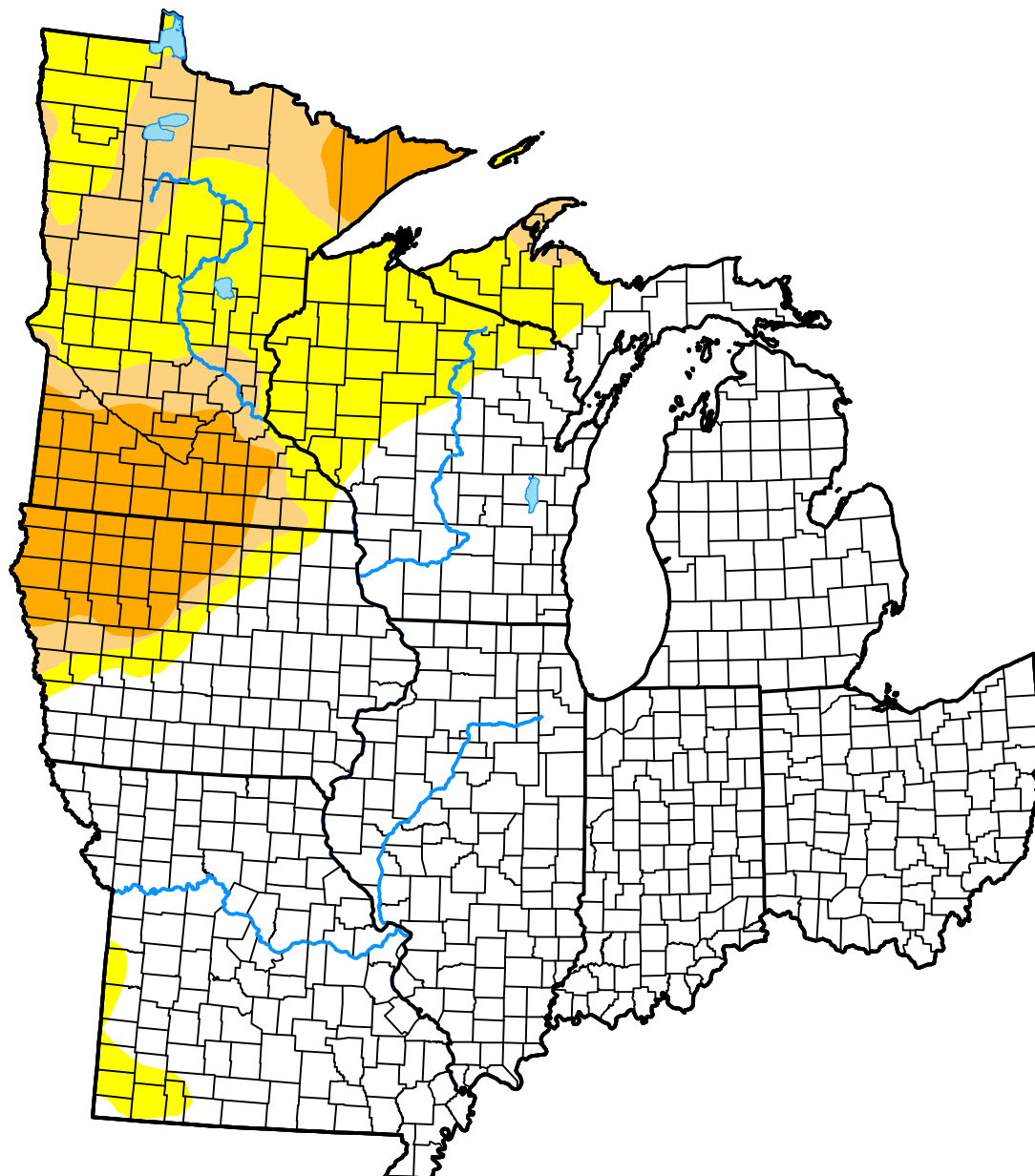


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	69.17	16.23	7.21	7.40	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-13-2011</i>	62.80	22.33	7.23	7.64	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	48.50	32.24	11.83	7.43	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	83.52	13.52	2.22	0.43	0.32	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.39	28.37	9.77	5.47	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2010</i>	84.84	12.37	2.25	0.22	0.32	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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