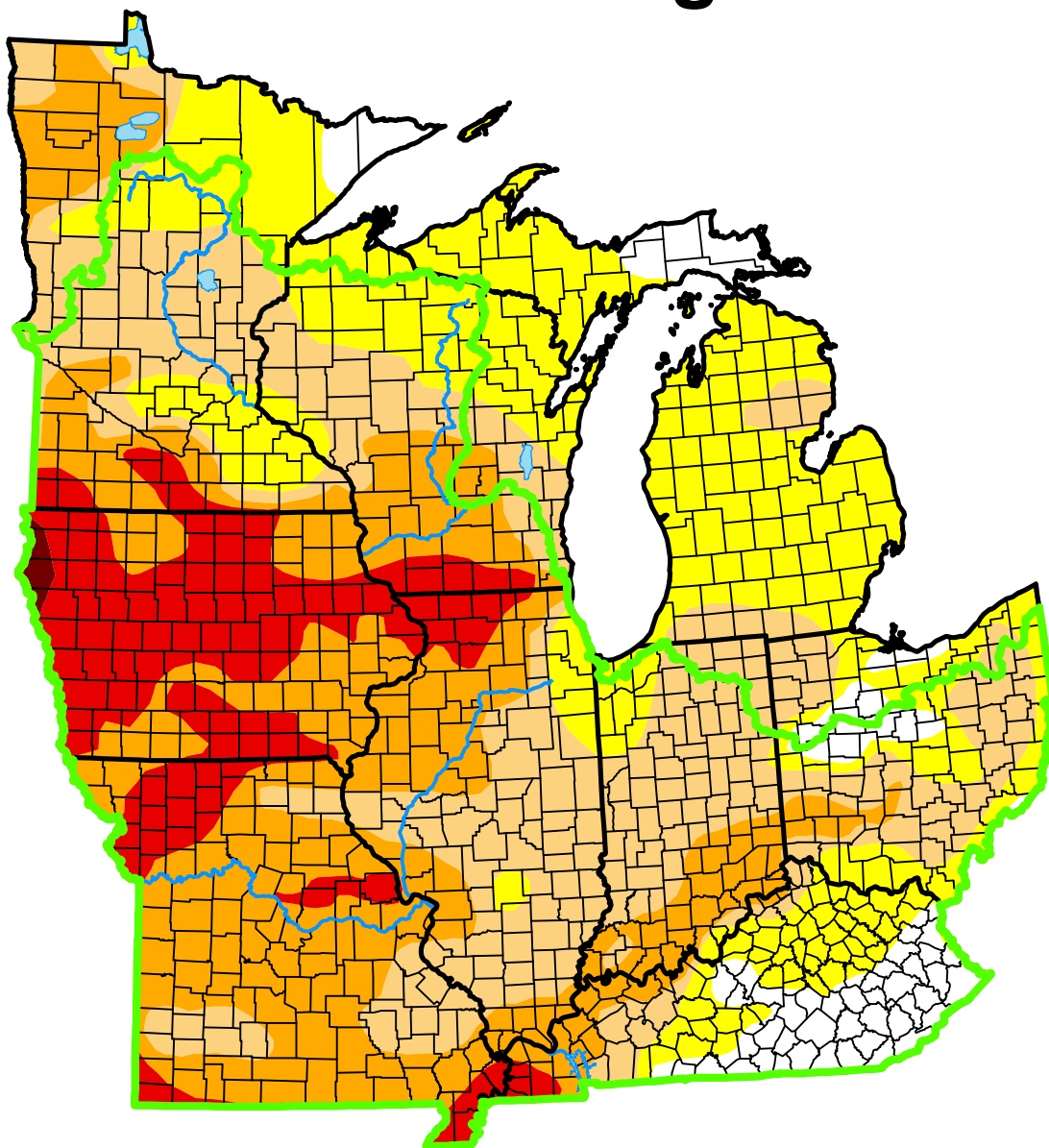


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.11	94.89	79.43	49.25	16.29	0.36
Last Week <i>09-11-2012</i>	3.07	96.93	75.64	51.33	17.78	0.50
3 Months Ago <i>06-19-2012</i>	23.82	76.18	42.51	14.93	4.66	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	75.13	24.87	11.90	7.84	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	57.72	42.28	15.57	5.33	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	45.06	54.94	21.65	7.74	0.00	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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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