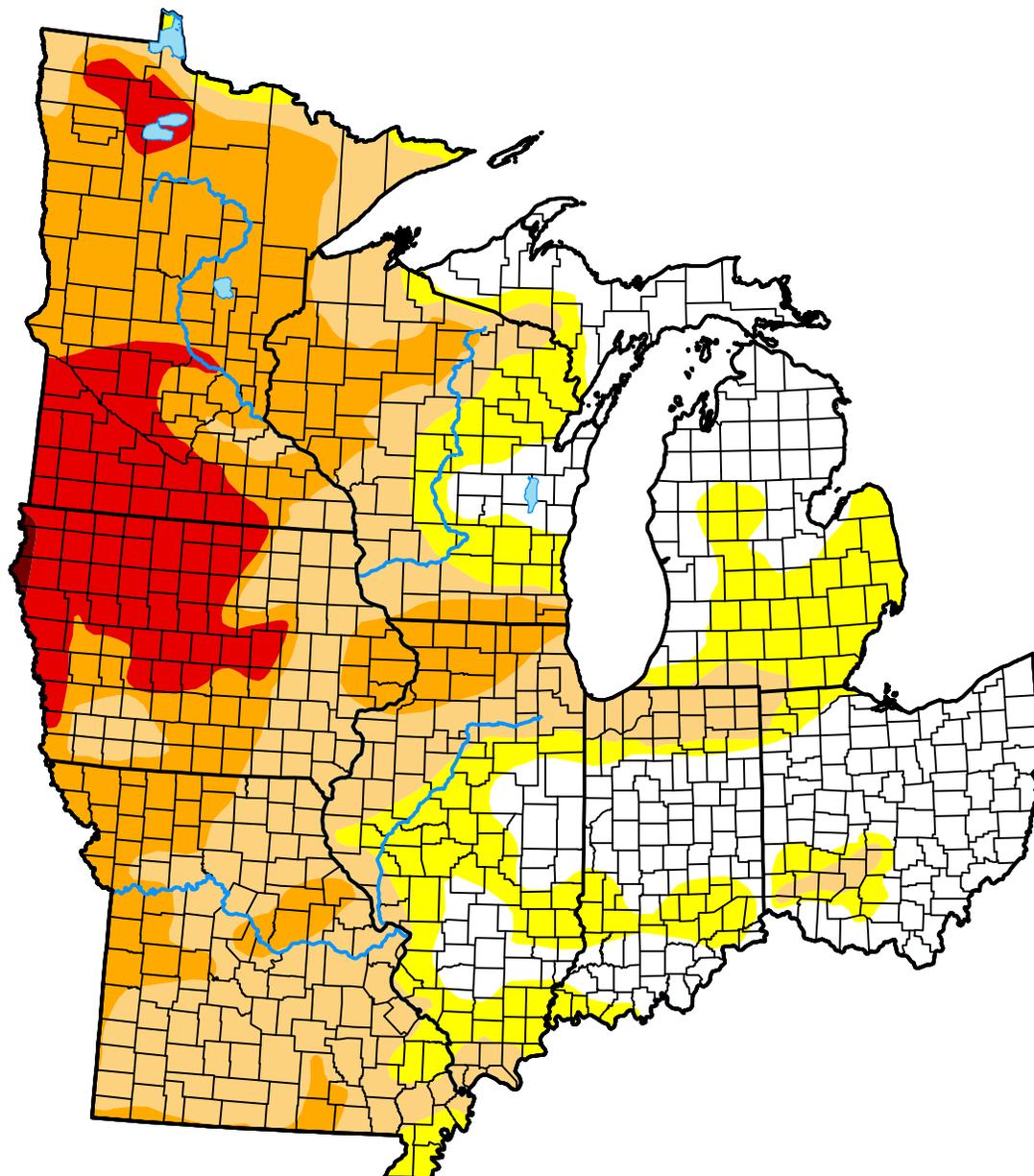


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	23.99	16.74	26.47	23.03	9.61	0.15
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-11-2012</i>	24.20	16.54	26.47	23.03	9.62	0.15
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-18-2012</i>	2.98	26.72	28.95	28.35	12.71	0.29
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	69.36	15.99	7.26	7.40	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.99	22.94	27.18	27.96	15.62	0.31
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-20-2011</i>	69.17	16.23	7.21	7.40	0.00	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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