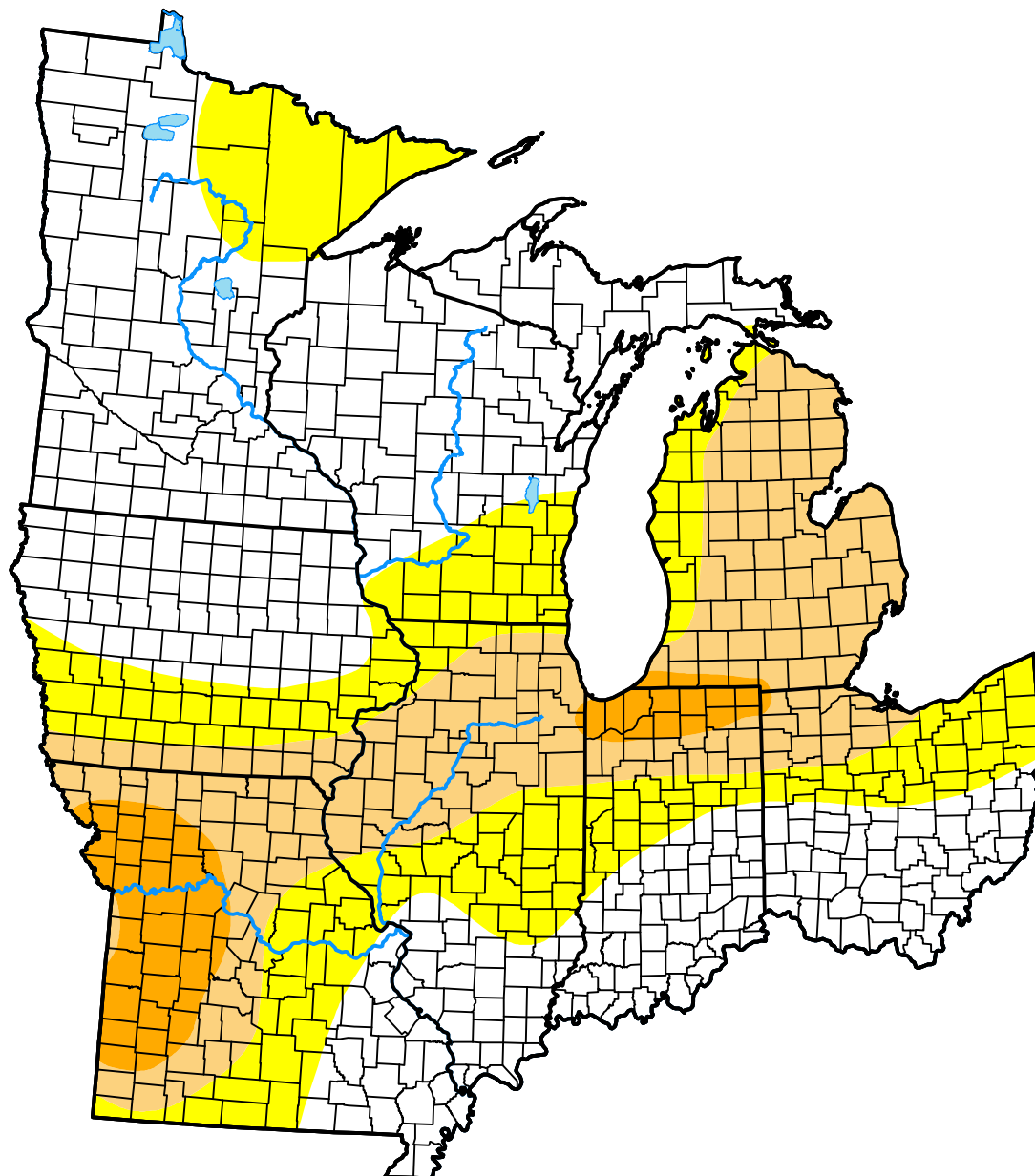


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	50.14	23.64	20.84	5.38	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-10-2002</i>	51.14	24.94	19.79	4.13	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	66.07	14.48	13.12	6.33	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	94.97	4.98	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	56.51	25.24	15.14	3.10	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2001</i>	99.75	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	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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