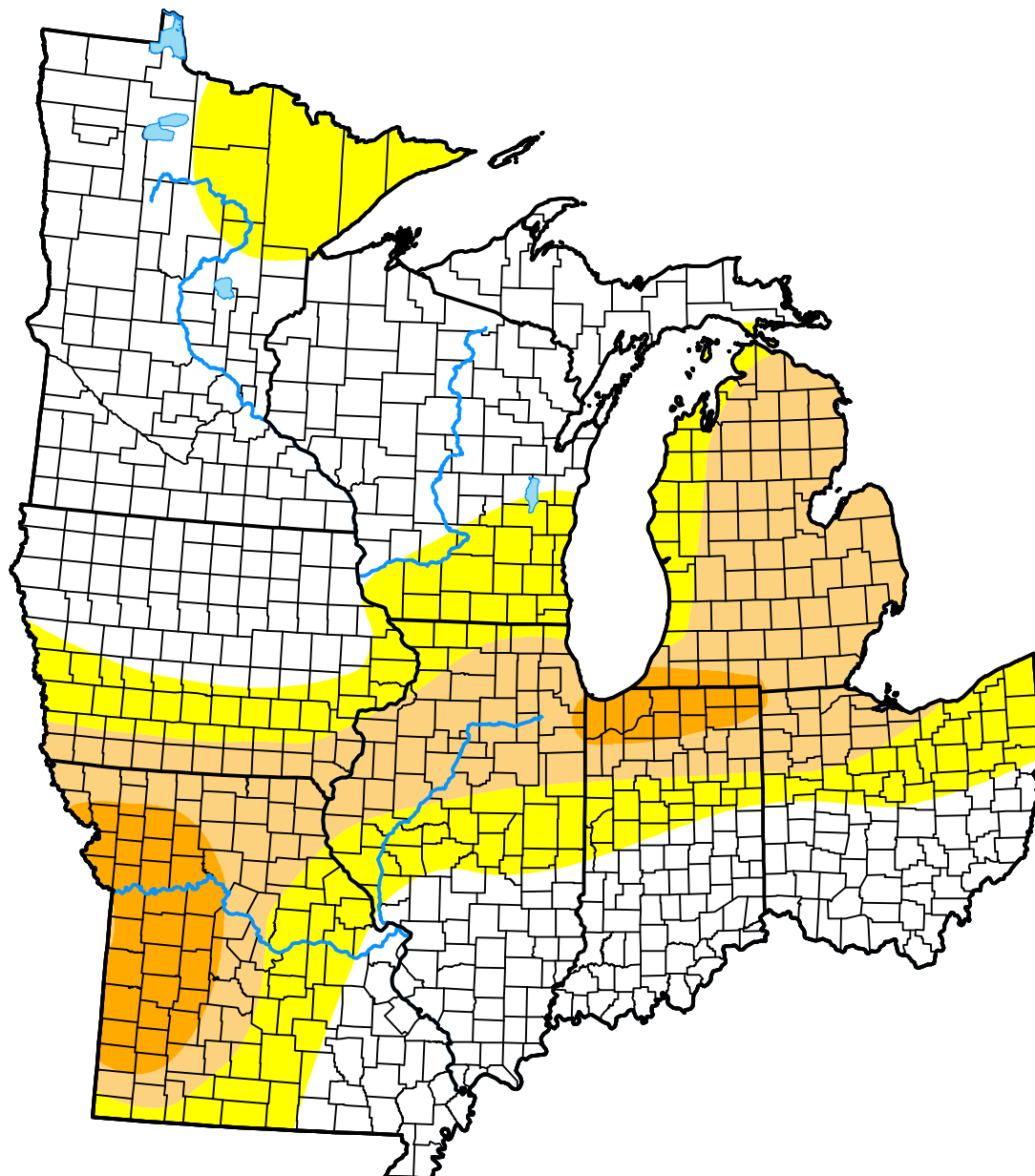


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	51.77	22.61	20.05	5.56	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-17-2002</i>	50.14	23.64	20.84	5.38	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-24-2002</i>	65.50	14.20	16.01	4.30	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>12-25-2001</i>	96.39	3.61	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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