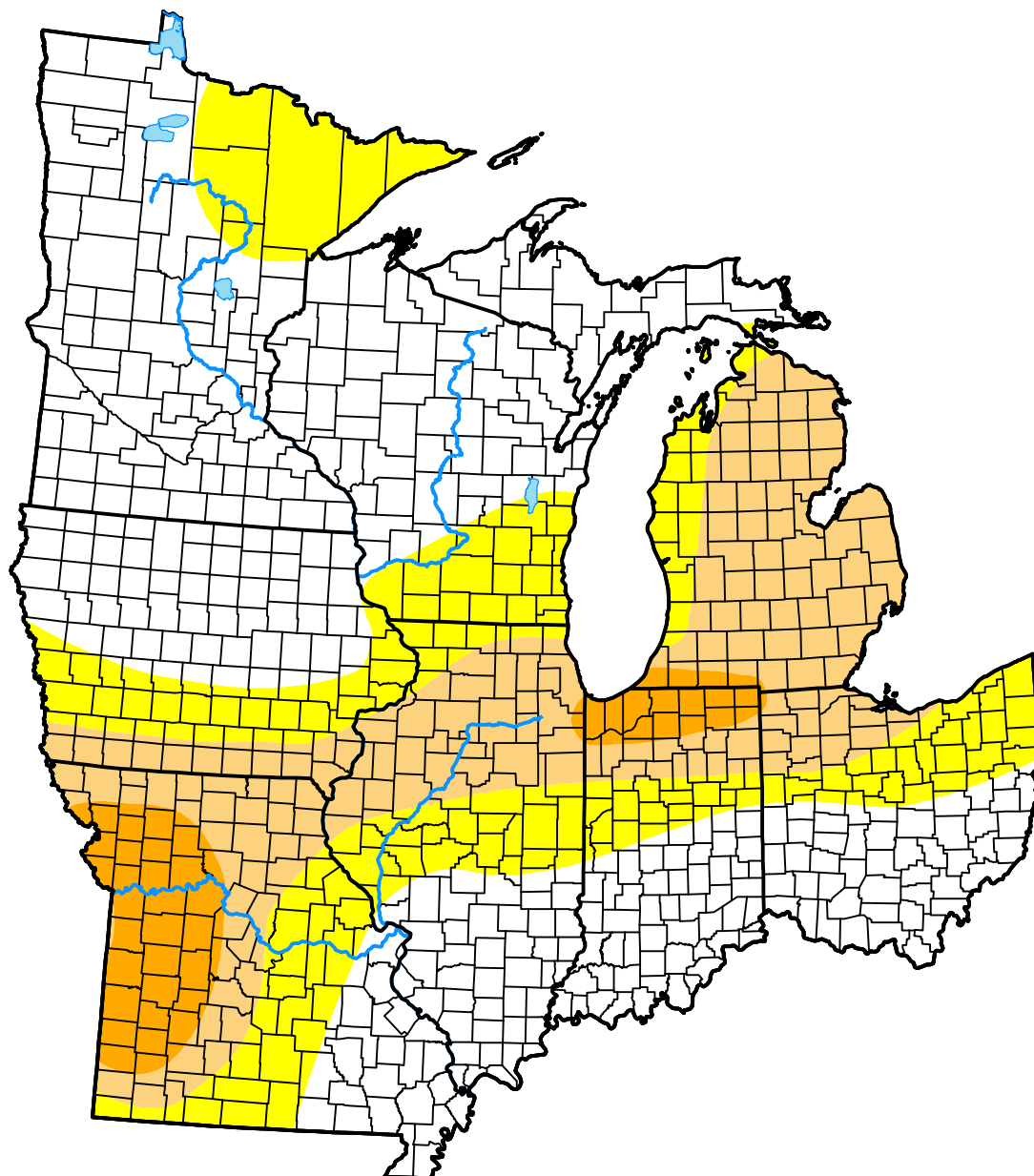


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.77	48.23	25.62	5.56	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-17-2002</i>	50.14	49.86	26.21	5.38	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-24-2002</i>	65.50	34.50	20.30	4.30	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	94.97	5.03	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	56.51	43.49	18.25	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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