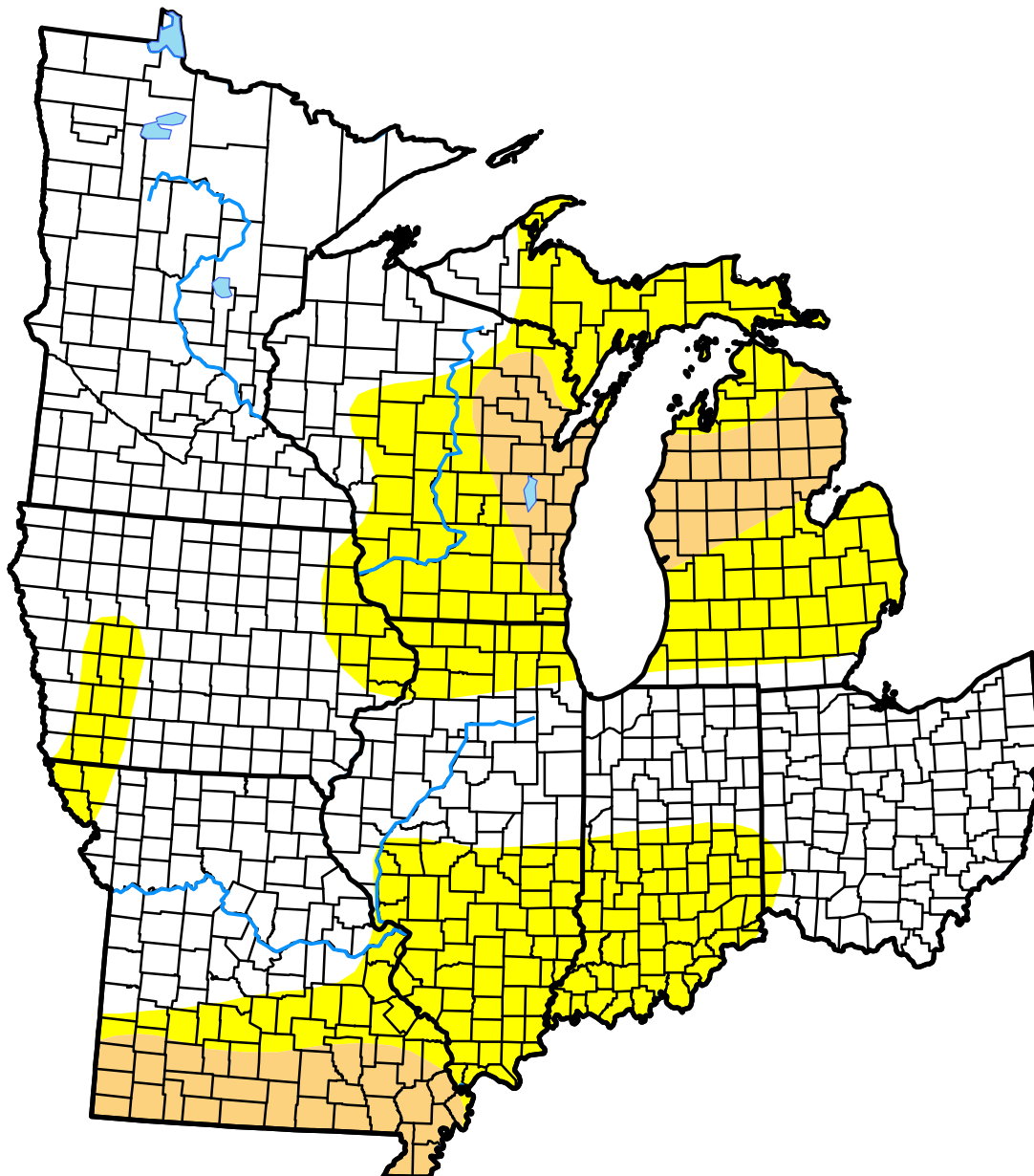


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	59.68	30.55	9.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>09-28-2004</i>	72.62	26.59	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-06-2004</i>	93.66	4.97	1.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	59.86	12.79	14.53	7.89	4.94	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	72.62	26.59	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-07-2003</i>	42.10	19.07	23.67	12.07	3.09	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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