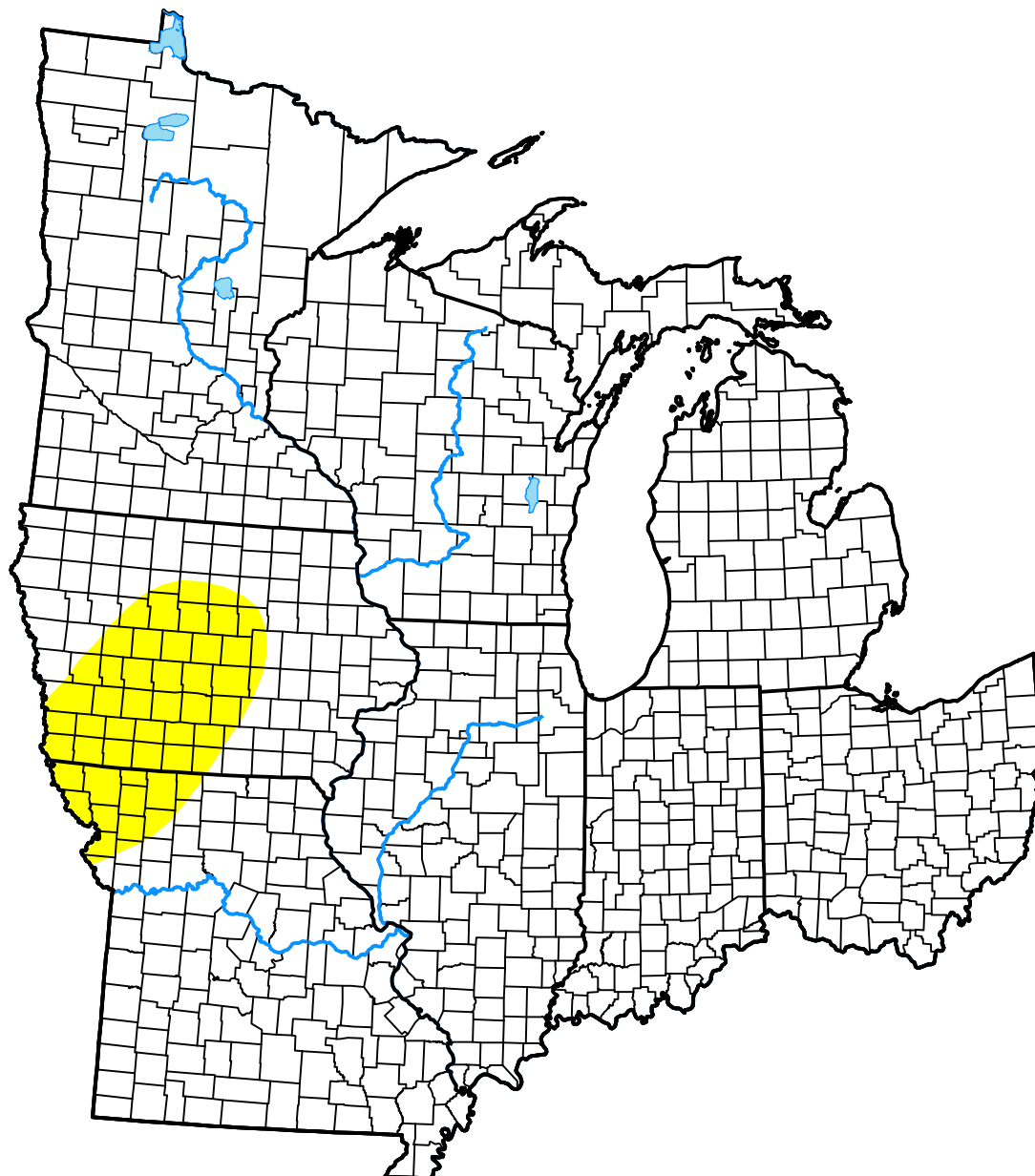


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	94.34	5.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	97.11	2.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	96.00	4.00	0.00	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>12-23-2003</i>	58.77	12.95	16.46	7.23	4.59	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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