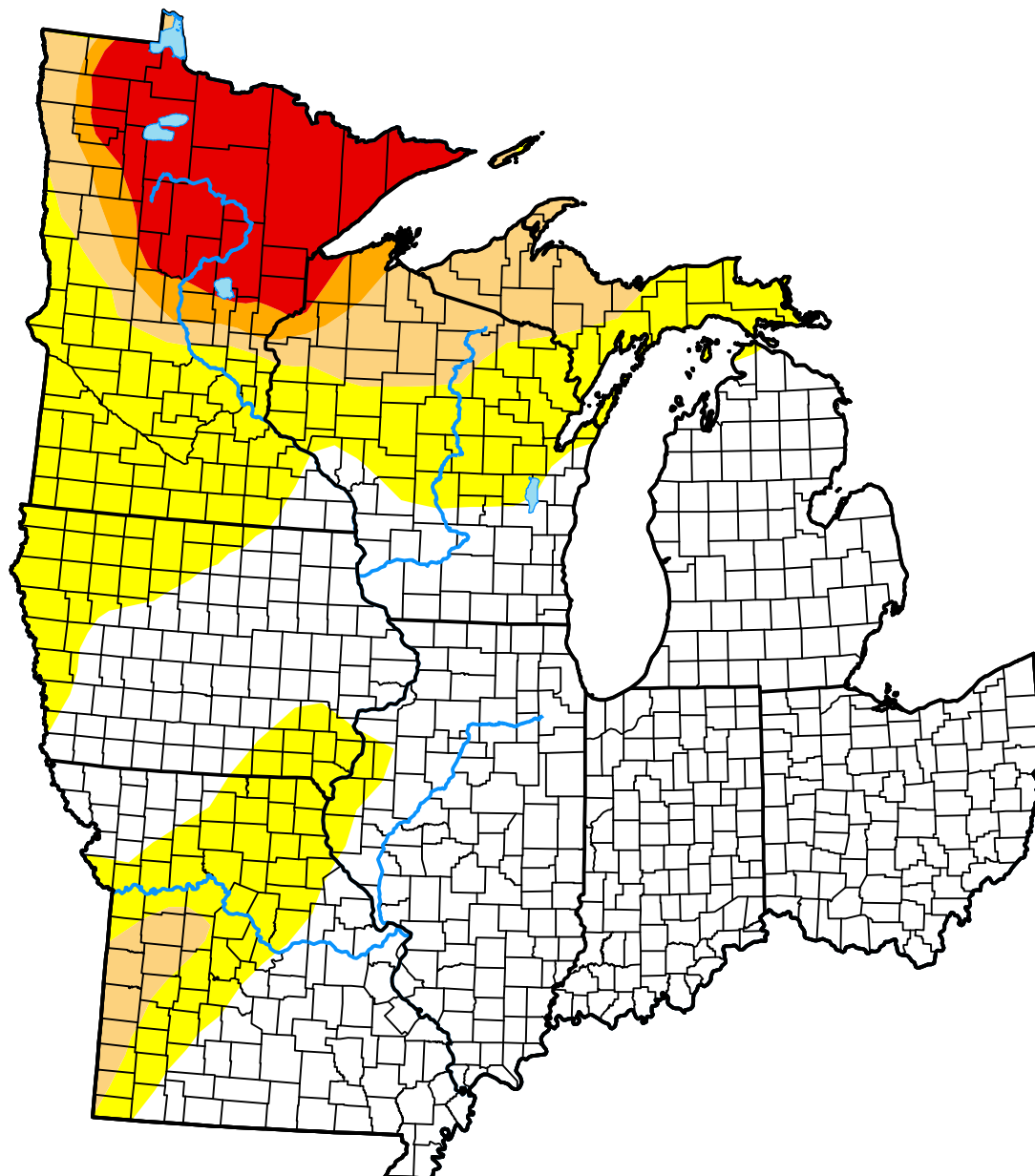


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	58.95	23.69	7.73	2.01	7.62	0.00
Last Week <i>12-05-2006</i>	61.40	21.78	7.17	2.01	7.62	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-12-2006</i>	59.11	16.86	13.06	4.51	6.46	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	62.66	18.00	10.03	6.04	3.27	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	60.38	16.99	11.43	2.79	8.41	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-13-2005</i>	61.35	19.45	9.54	5.92	3.74	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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