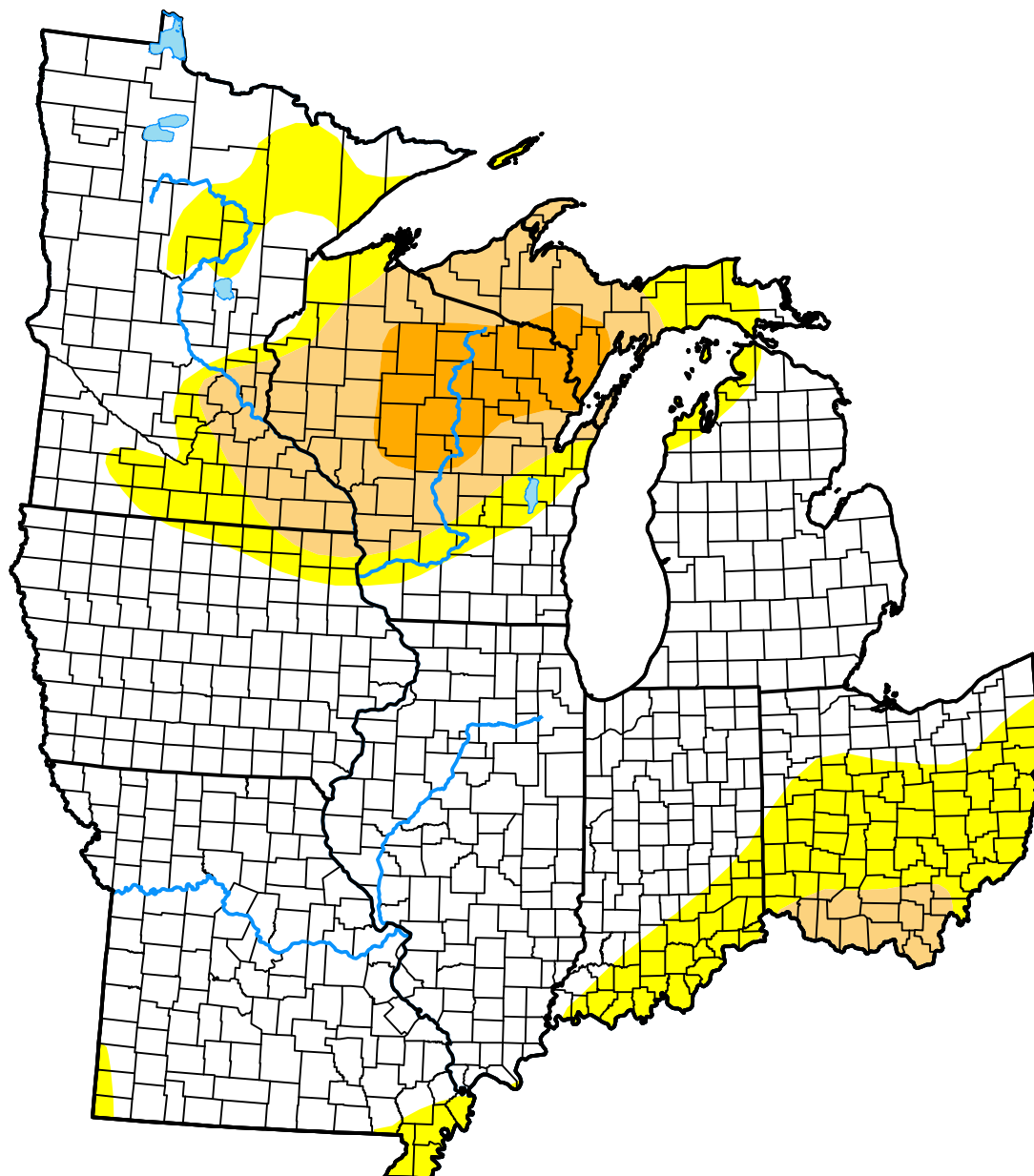


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	70.16	29.84	13.85	3.70	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	70.17	29.83	13.91	3.70	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	66.24	33.76	13.50	0.22	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	76.28	23.72	5.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	57.59	42.41	17.76	1.43	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	76.28	23.72	5.76	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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