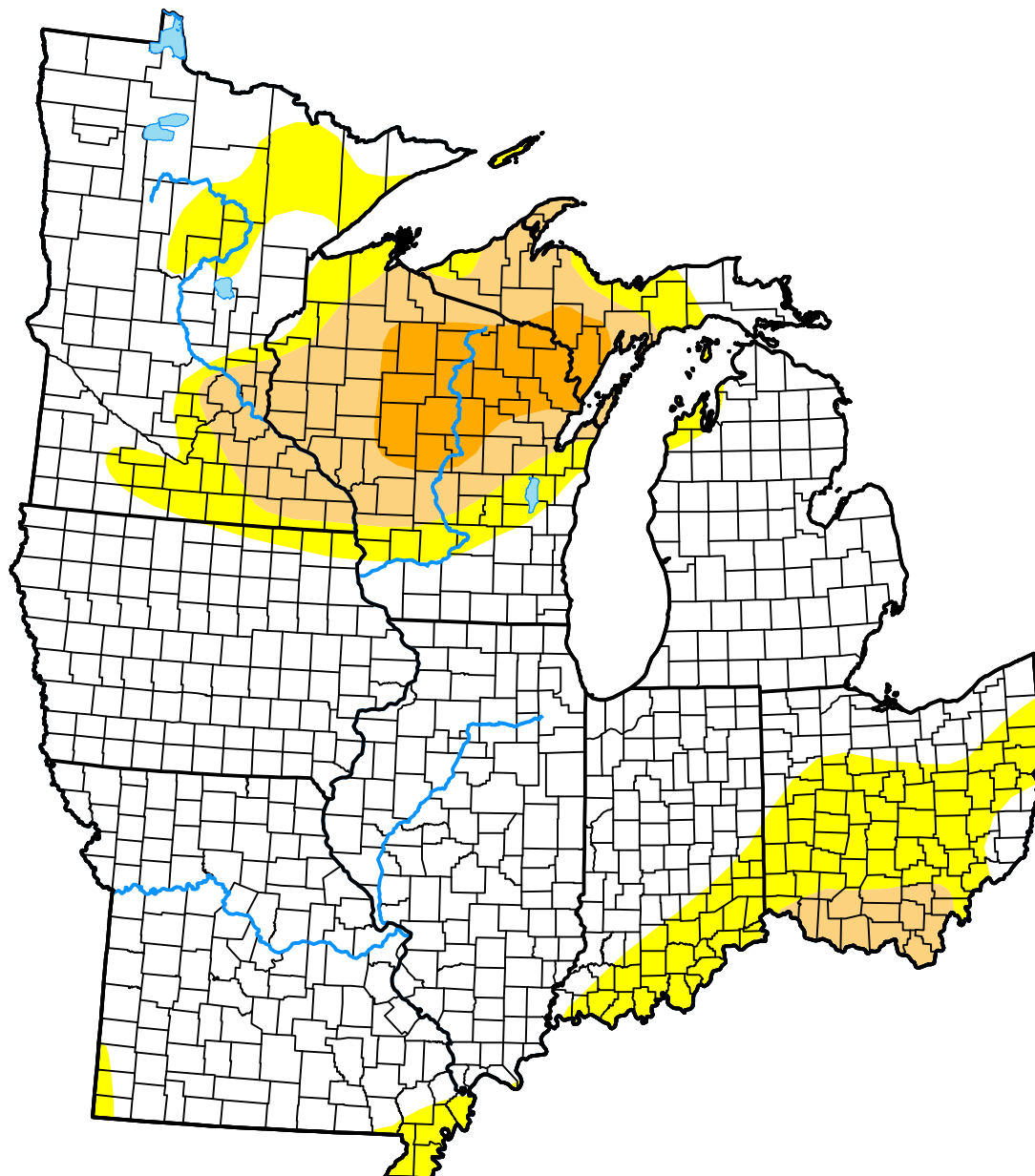


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	72.11	15.08	9.12	3.70	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-16-2008</i>	70.16	16.00	10.15	3.70	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2008</i>	61.49	20.84	17.46	0.22	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	76.28	17.96	5.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	57.59	24.65	16.33	1.43	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-25-2007</i>	76.28	17.96	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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