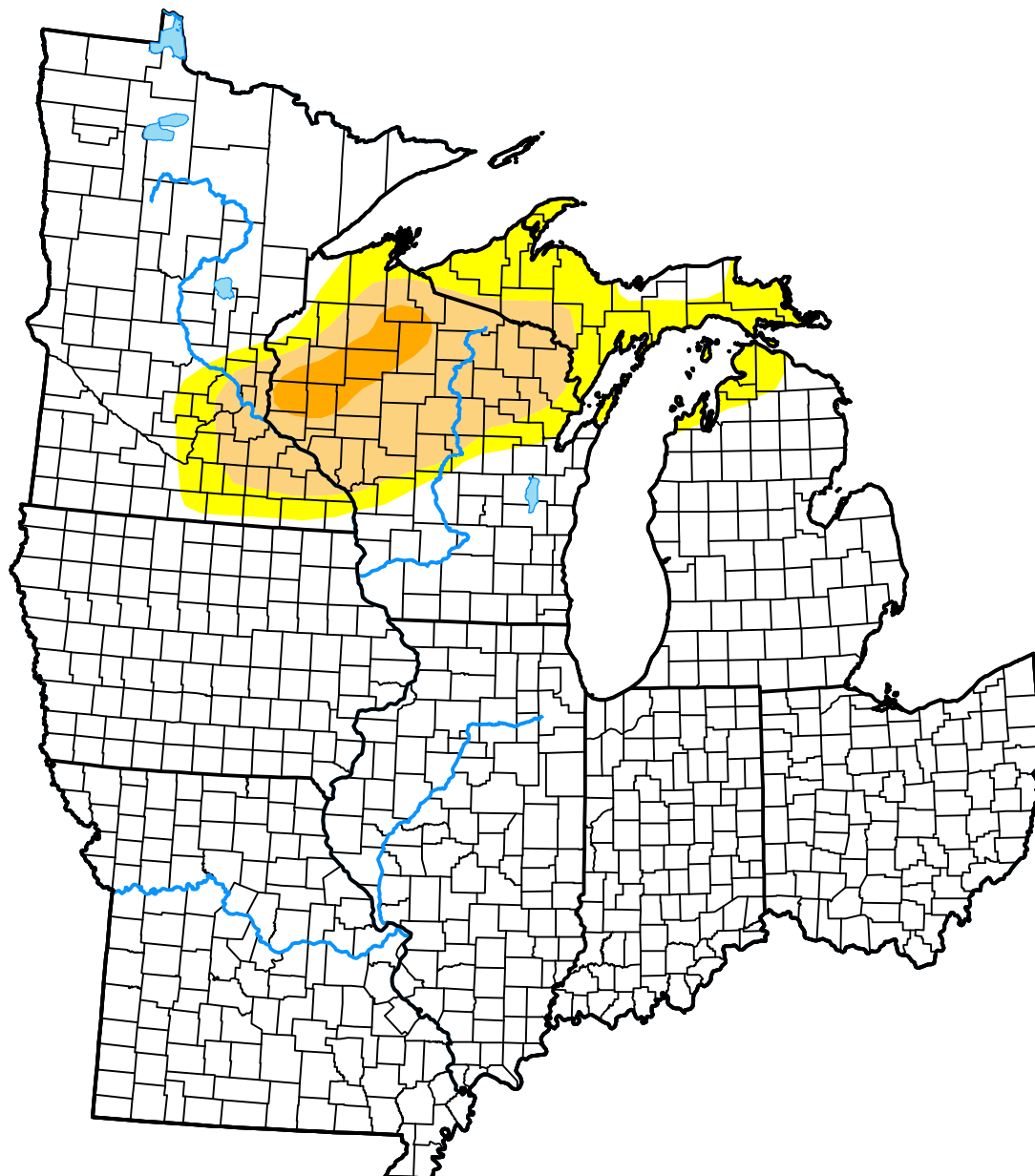


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 86.29 | 6.28  | 6.28  | 1.16 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-05-2009</i>              | 84.62 | 6.59  | 6.97  | 1.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-10-2009</i>           | 81.49 | 7.84  | 6.38  | 4.29 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 77.03 | 11.08 | 8.19  | 3.70 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 57.59 | 24.65 | 16.33 | 1.43 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-13-2008</i>           | 96.70 | 3.30  | 0.00  | 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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