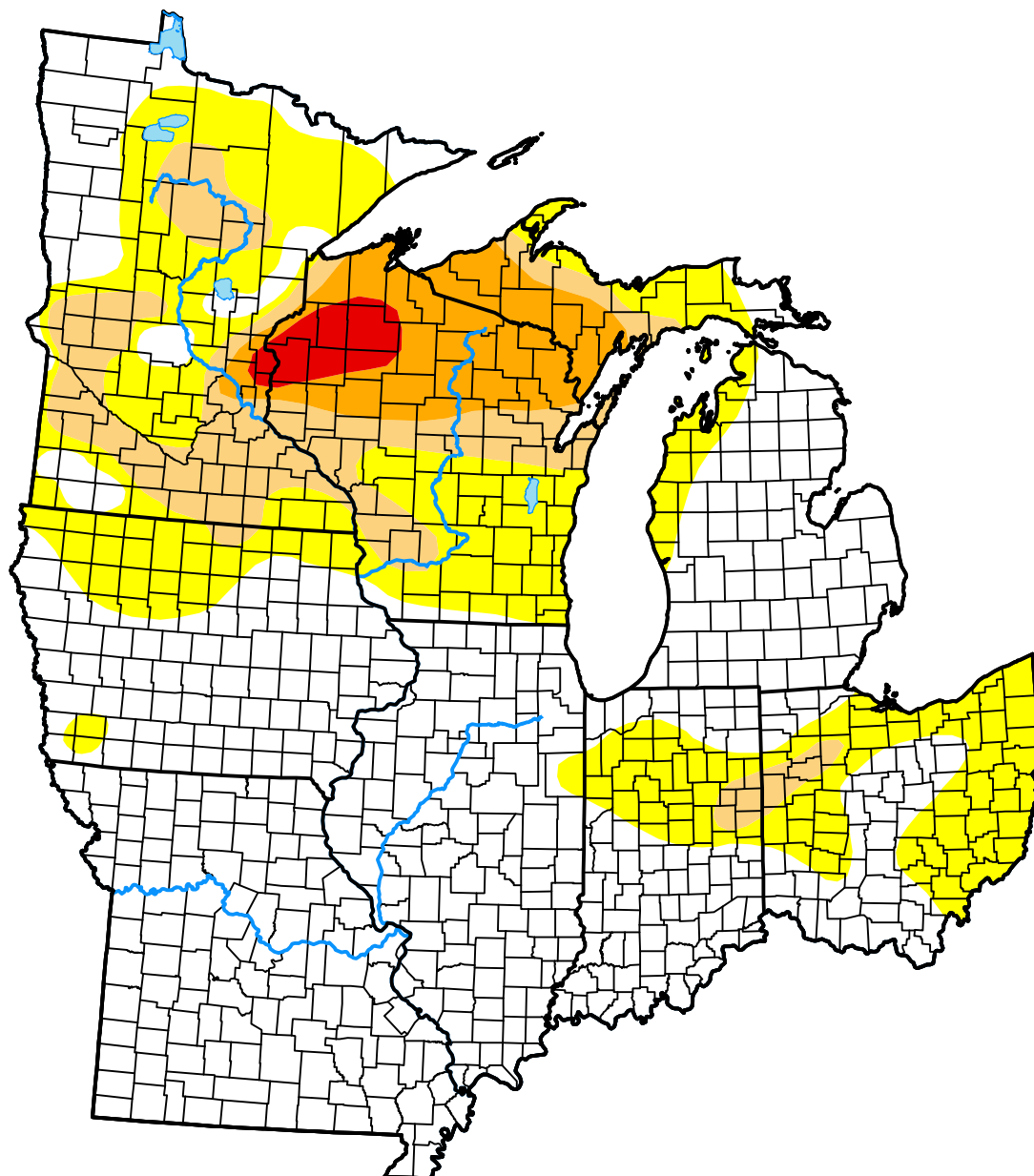


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

**September 22, 2009**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 59.66 | 40.34 | 16.46 | 6.96  | 1.29  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-15-2009</i>              | 70.50 | 29.50 | 10.05 | 1.74  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-23-2009</i>           | 80.99 | 19.01 | 7.28  | 2.27  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 77.03 | 22.97 | 11.89 | 3.70  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 57.59 | 42.41 | 17.76 | 1.43  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-23-2008</i>           | 61.49 | 38.51 | 17.67 | 0.22  | 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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