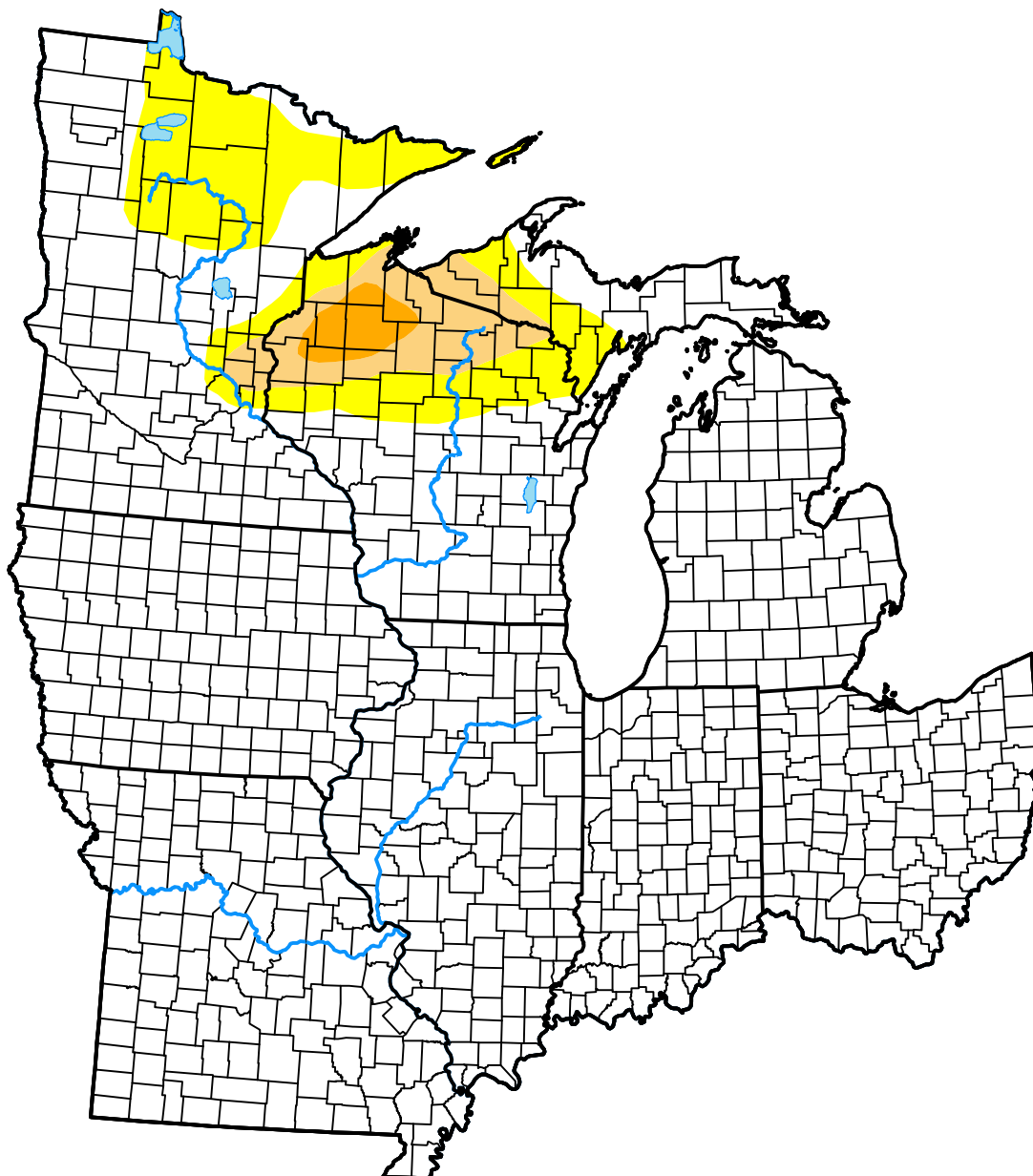


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.71	12.29	3.79	0.87	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-08-2009</i>	87.71	12.29	3.79	0.87	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2009</i>	70.50	29.50	10.05	1.74	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	77.03	22.97	11.89	3.70	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	64.78	35.22	16.62	7.64	1.38	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	70.16	29.84	13.85	3.70	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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