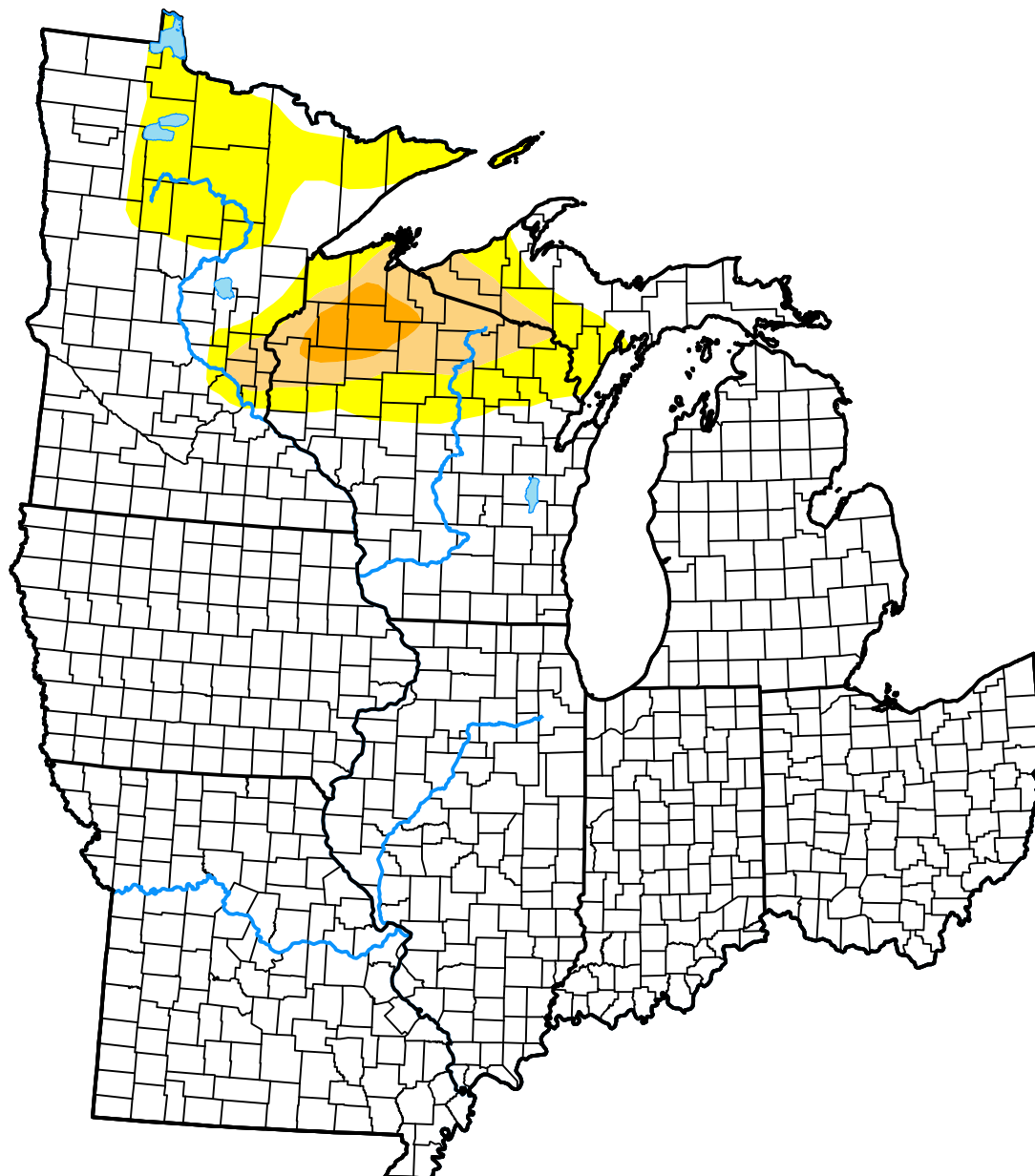


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	87.71	8.50	2.92	0.87	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-15-2009</i>	87.71	8.50	2.92	0.87	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2009</i>	59.66	23.88	9.49	5.67	1.29	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	77.03	11.08	8.19	3.70	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	64.78	18.60	8.98	6.26	1.38	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2008</i>	72.11	15.08	9.12	3.70	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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