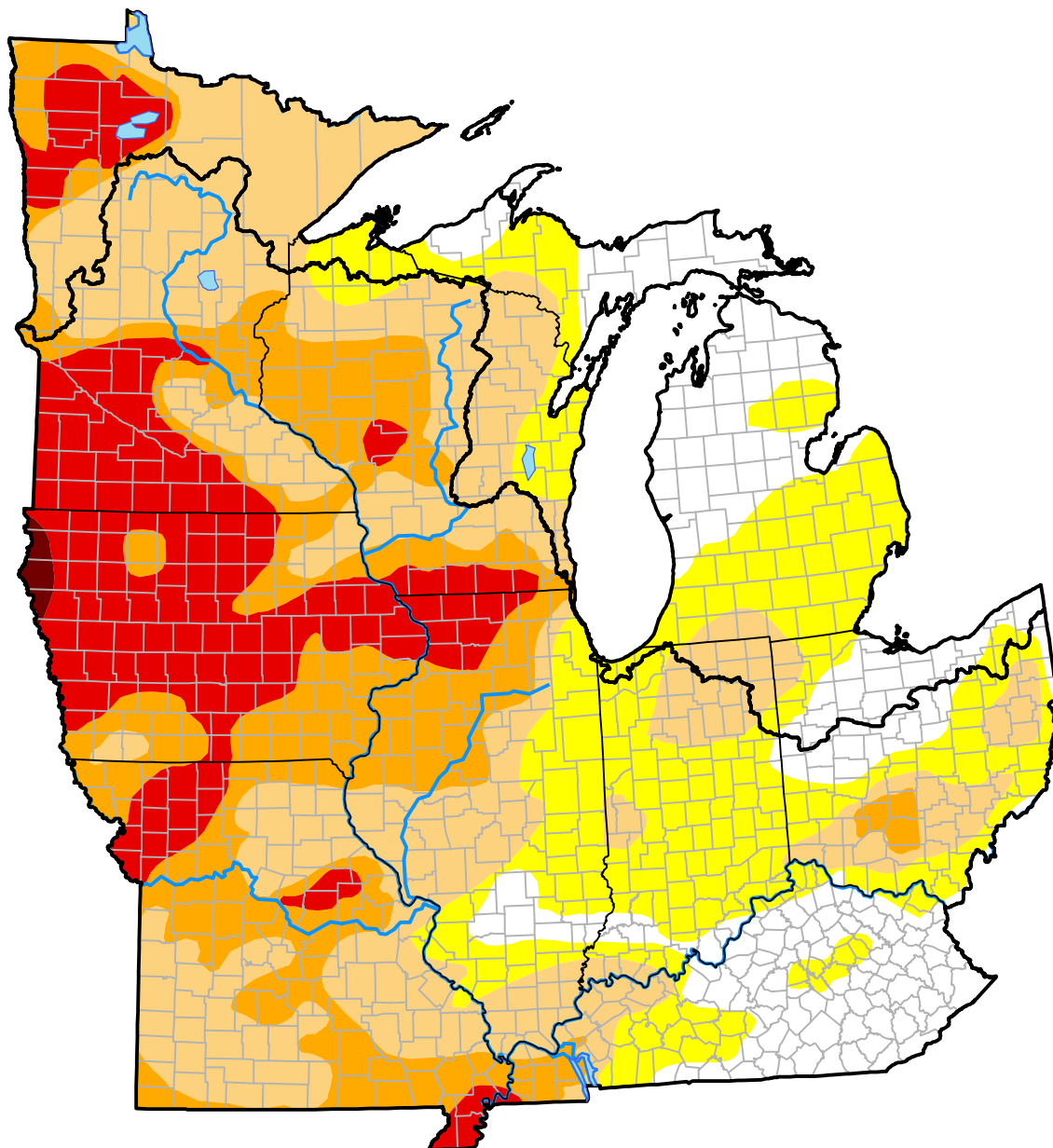


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest RDEWS

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 10.03 | 89.97 | 72.69 | 42.06 | 18.62 | 0.38 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-11-2012</i>              | 9.90  | 90.10 | 74.23 | 48.89 | 19.25 | 0.38 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-19-2012</i>           | 10.57 | 89.43 | 81.34 | 57.19 | 14.91 | 1.12 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 75.13 | 24.87 | 11.90 | 7.84  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>    | 5.51  | 94.49 | 79.92 | 51.64 | 17.46 | 0.38 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-20-2011</i>           | 57.31 | 42.69 | 20.23 | 7.78  | 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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