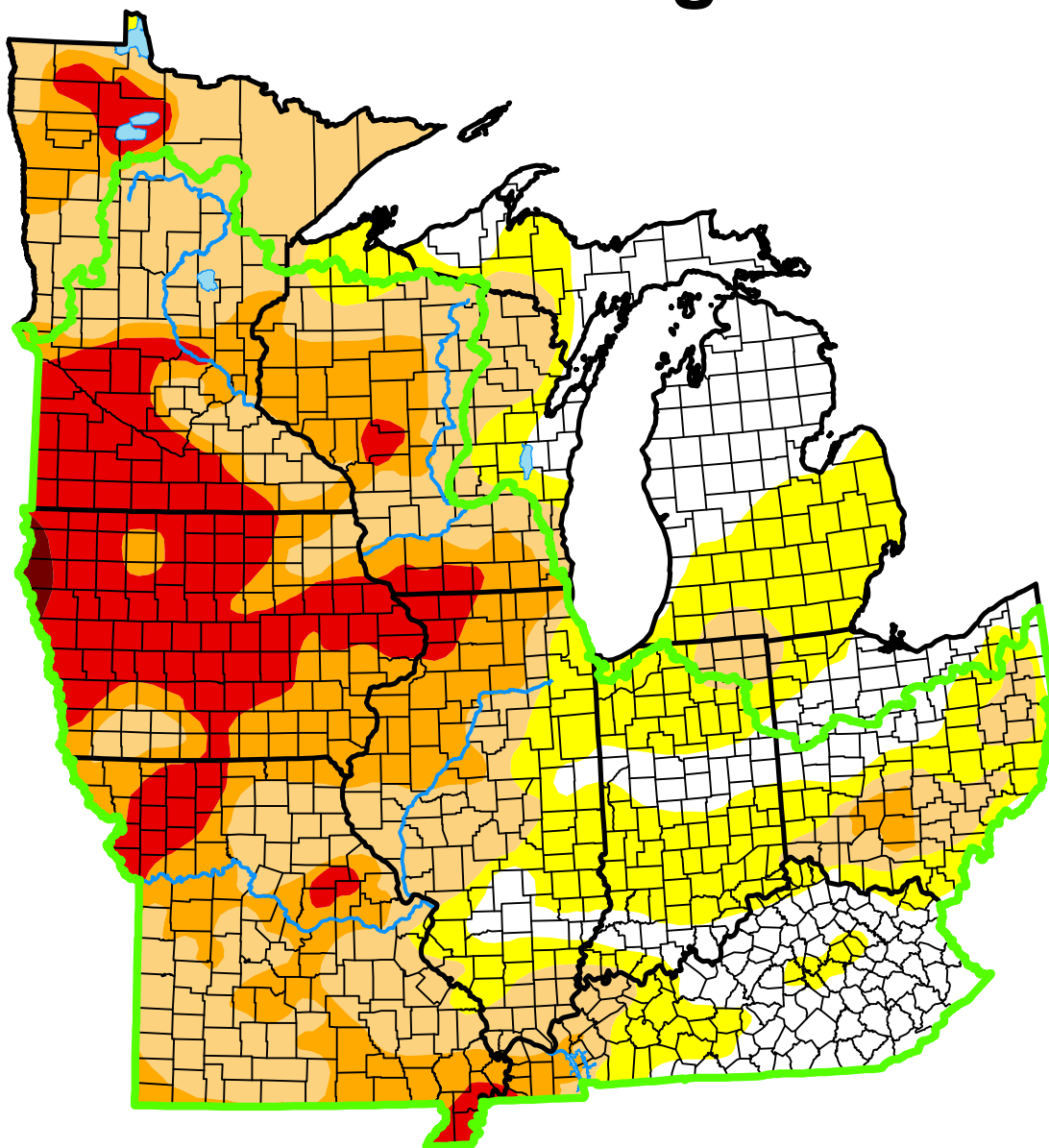


U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	12.21	87.79	70.55	40.82	17.67	0.38
Last Week <i>10-16-2012</i>	10.03	89.97	72.69	42.06	18.62	0.38
3 Months Ago <i>07-24-2012</i>	10.78	89.22	81.73	66.01	37.68	5.79
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	75.13	24.87	11.90	7.84	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.51	94.49	79.92	51.64	17.46	0.38
One Year Ago <i>10-25-2011</i>	58.36	41.64	23.82	9.98	0.00	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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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