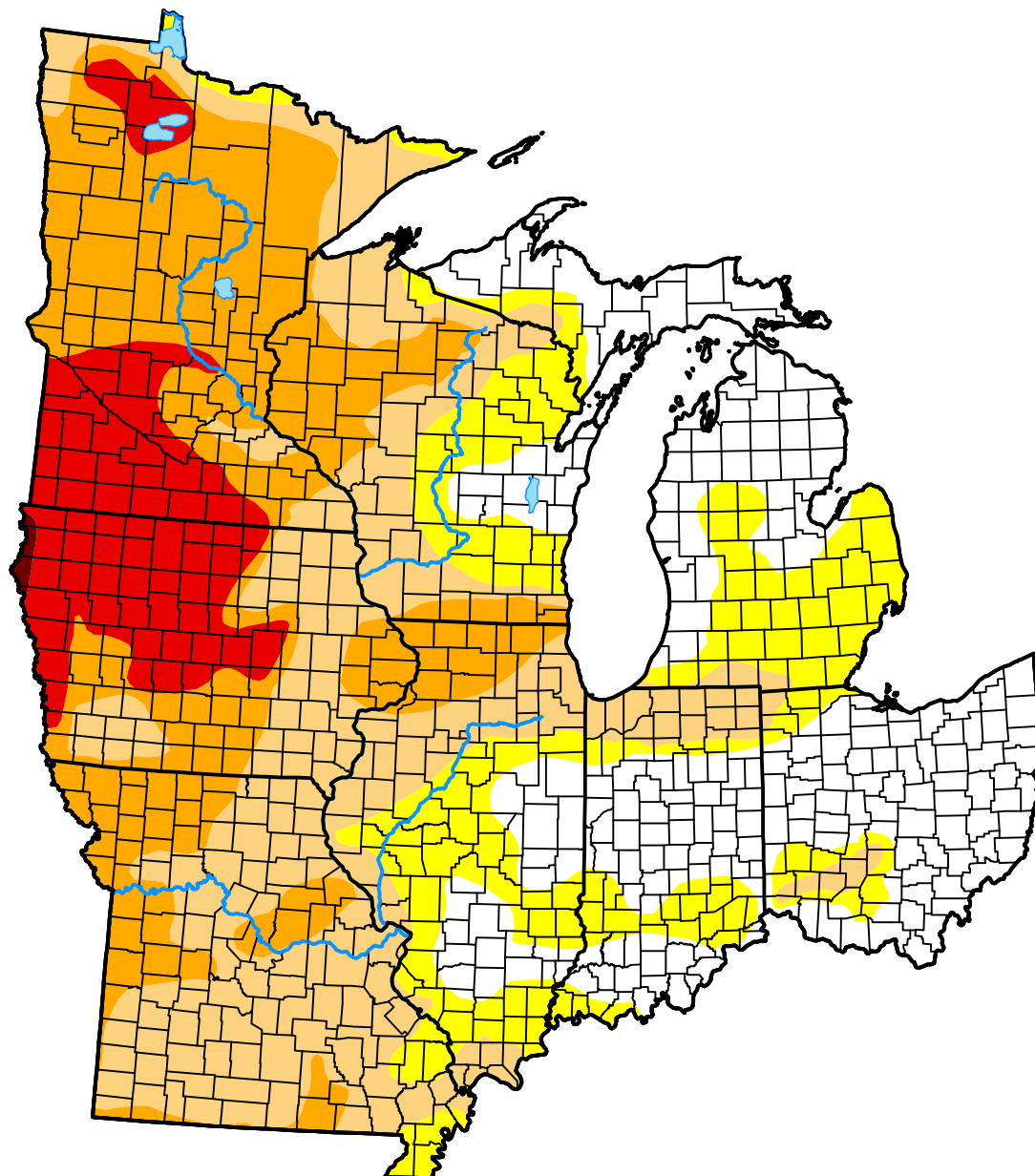


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	23.99	76.01	59.27	32.80	9.77	0.15
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	24.20	75.80	59.27	32.80	9.77	0.15
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	2.98	97.02	70.30	41.35	13.00	0.29
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	69.36	30.64	14.65	7.40	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.99	94.01	71.07	43.89	15.93	0.31
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	69.17	30.83	14.60	7.40	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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