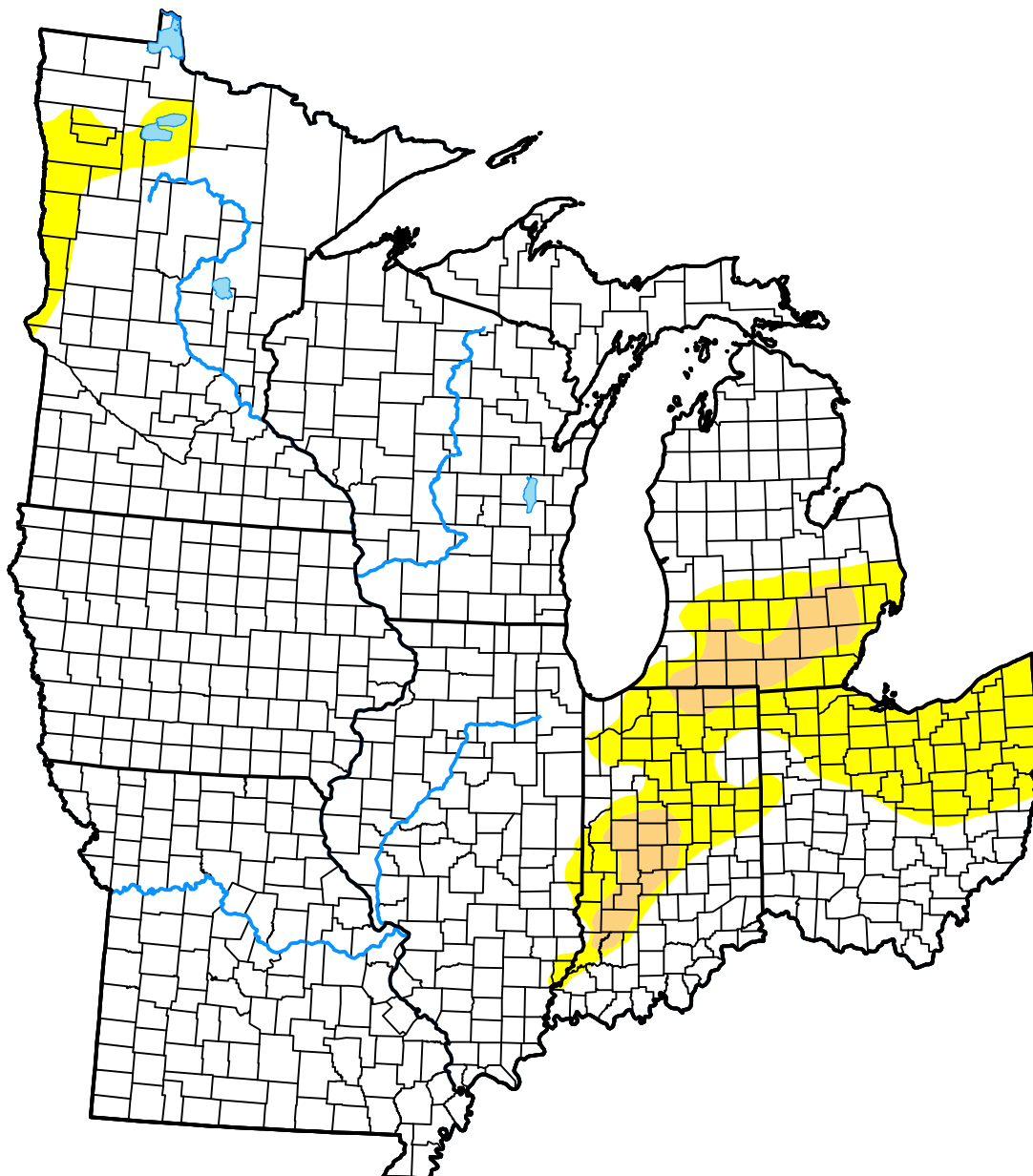


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	86.40	13.60	2.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-08-2015</i>	88.07	11.93	2.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-15-2015</i>	91.73	8.27	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	83.05	16.95	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	82.86	17.14	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-16-2014</i>	83.05	16.95	0.12	0.00	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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