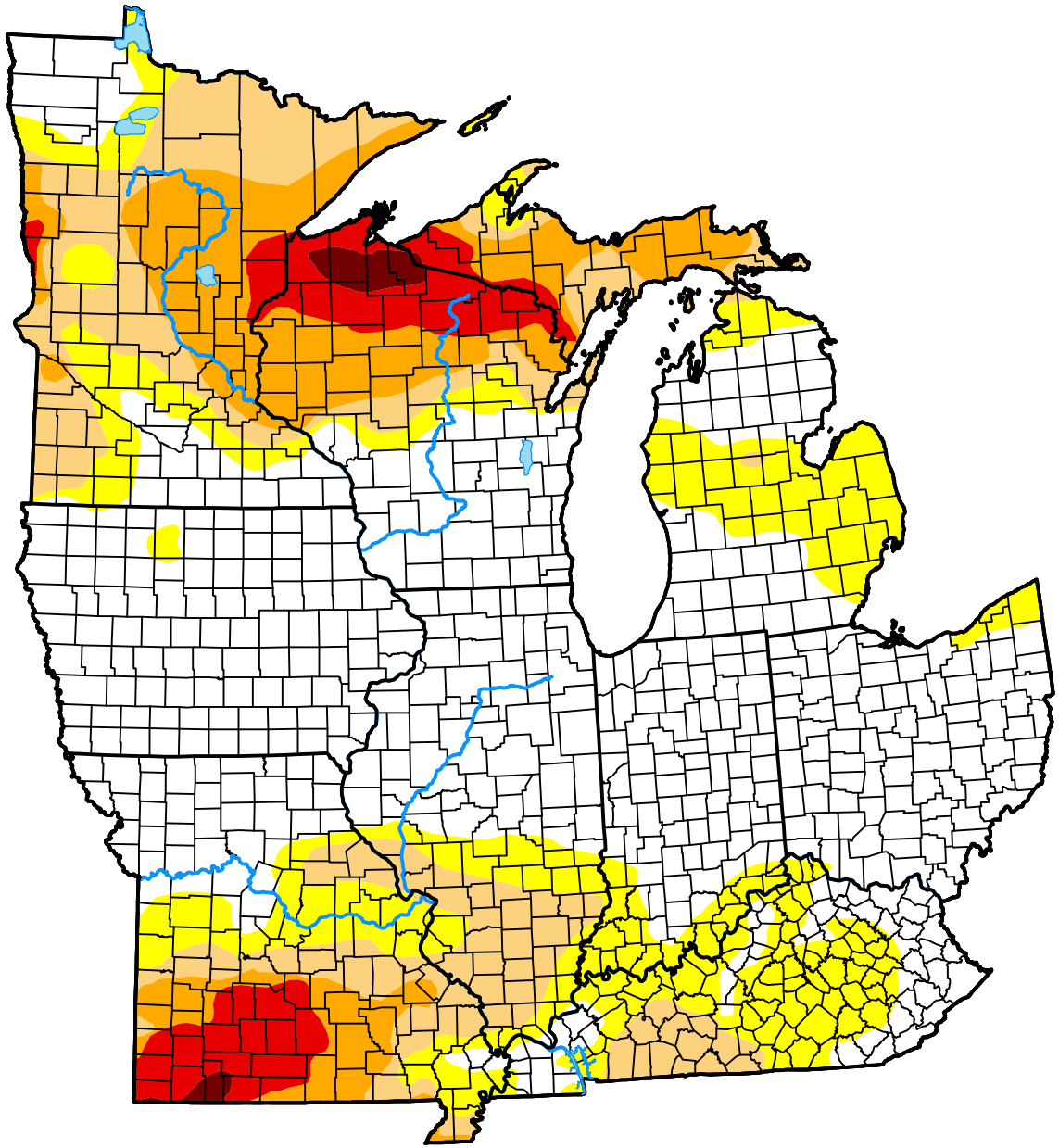
U.S. Drought Monitor

Midwest DEWS



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.76	48.24	29.93	15.88	5.62	0.67
Last Week *10-06-2026*	54.46	45.54	27.76	13.91	5.06	0.52
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	69.68	30.32	10.92	2.52	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	28.39	71.61	36.73	8.95	1.94	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	34.12	65.88	34.69	10.17	0.37	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	27.68	72.32	37.72	14.59	2.08	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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