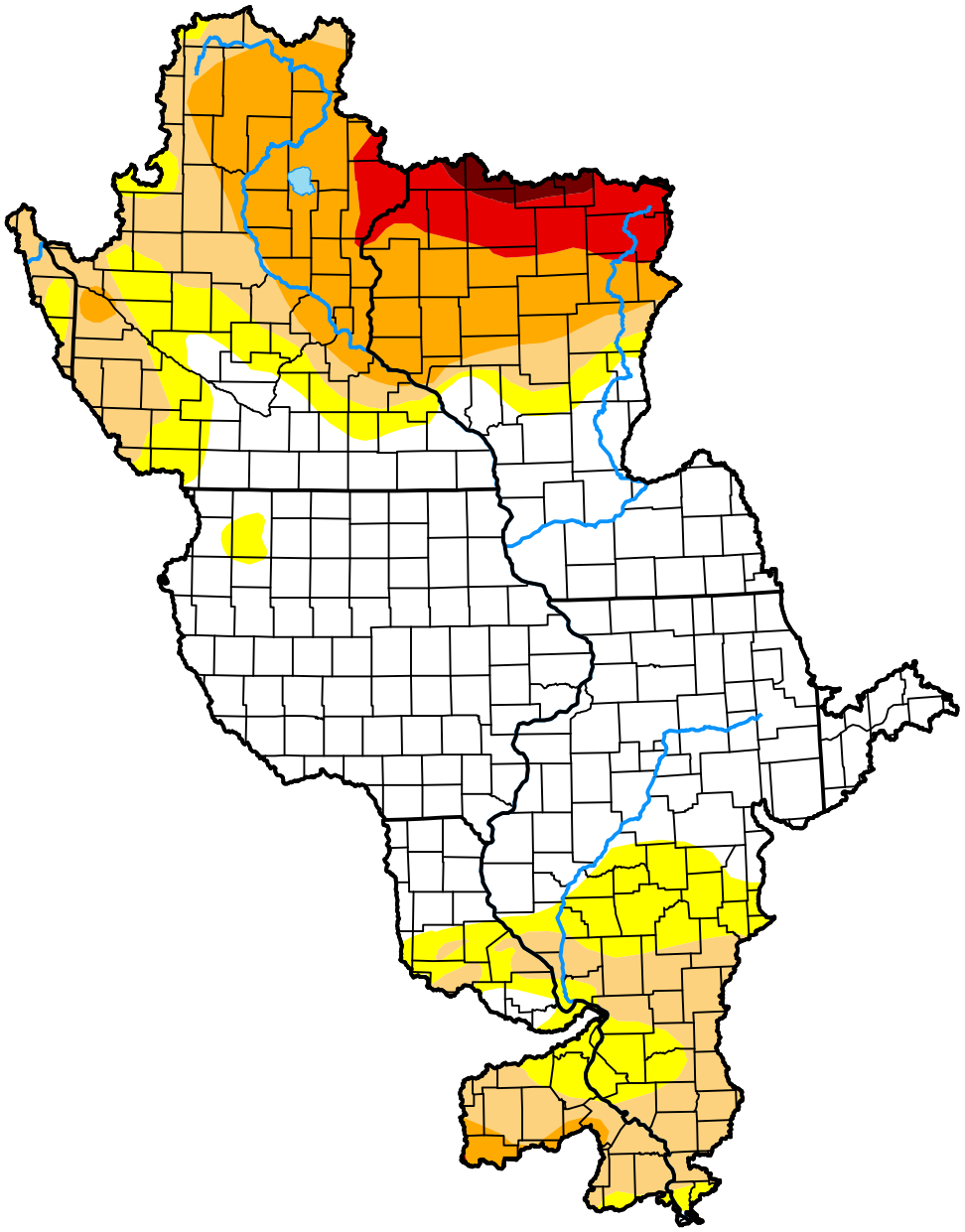
U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.07	47.93	34.64	18.47	4.68	0.63
Last Week *10-13-2026*	54.30	45.70	35.33	18.47	4.67	0.63
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	56.83	43.17	14.17	3.44	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	21.51	78.49	39.37	7.14	0.84	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	53.83	46.17	32.80	17.37	4.46	0.35
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	27.36	72.64	37.10	8.74	0.40	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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