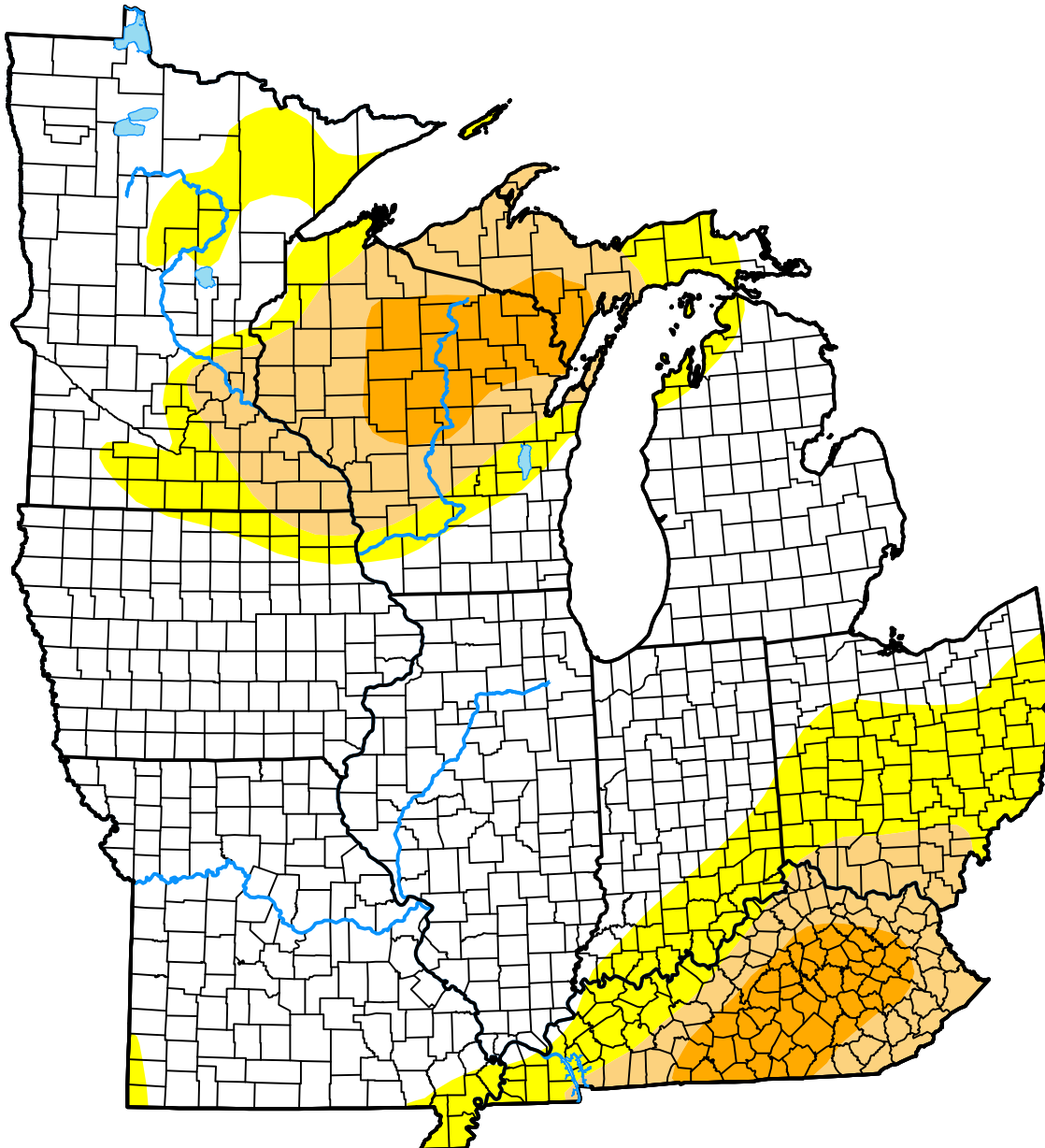


U.S. Drought Monitor

Midwest Climate Region

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	64.63	16.43	12.55	6.39	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	64.63	16.37	11.48	6.18	1.34	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	61.07	22.99	15.69	0.25	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	75.99	17.41	5.82	0.38	0.38	0.01
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	53.12	23.92	19.53	3.43	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	75.43	17.78	5.89	0.50	0.38	0.01

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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