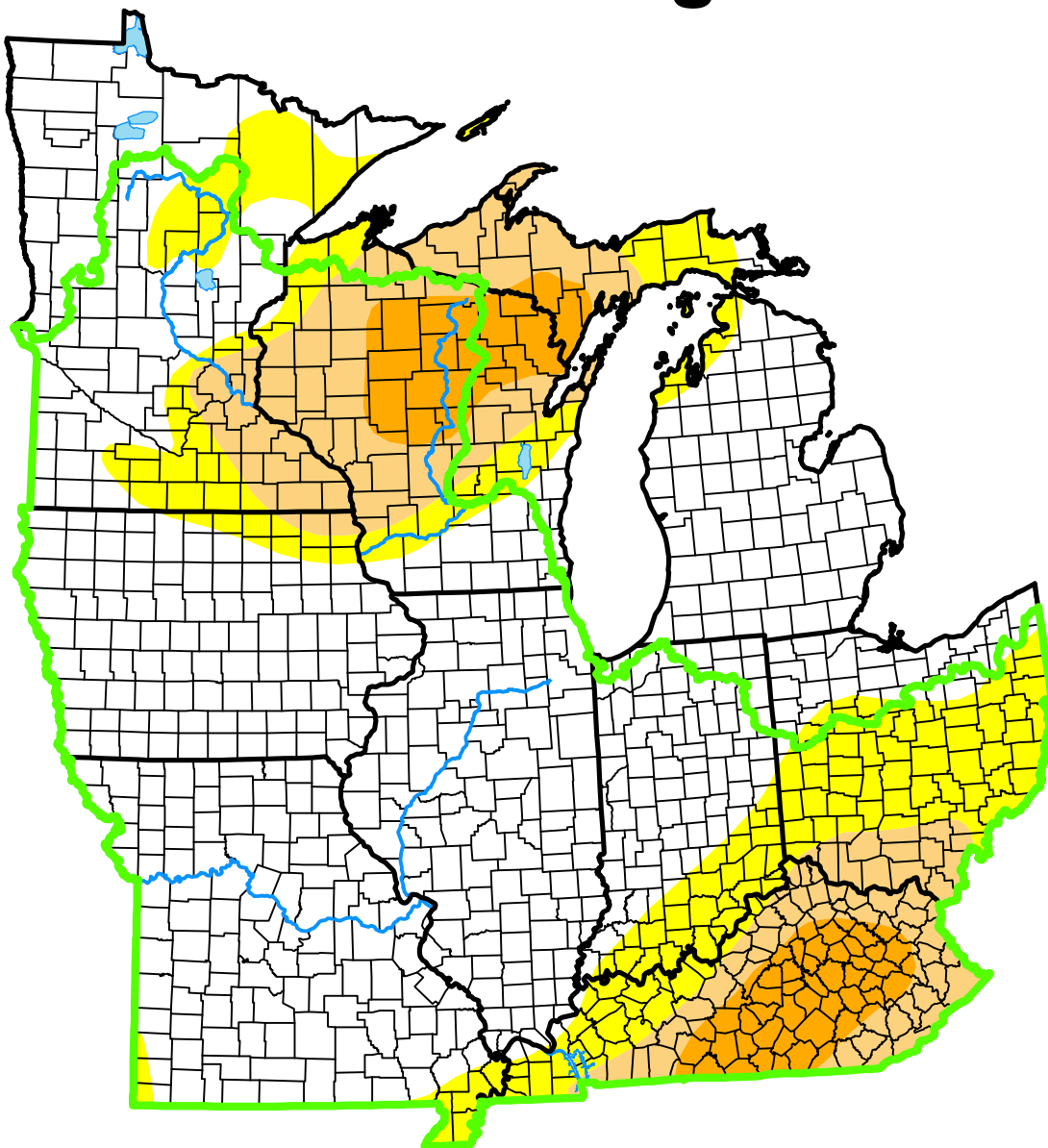


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	63.46	36.54	19.52	6.66	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-09-2008</i>	63.47	36.53	19.60	8.17	1.78	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-16-2008</i>	61.10	38.90	16.62	0.33	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2008</i>	86.19	13.81	5.08	1.04	0.53	0.02
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	52.03	47.97	24.62	3.90	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2007</i>	85.45	14.55	5.33	1.19	0.53	0.02

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

*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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