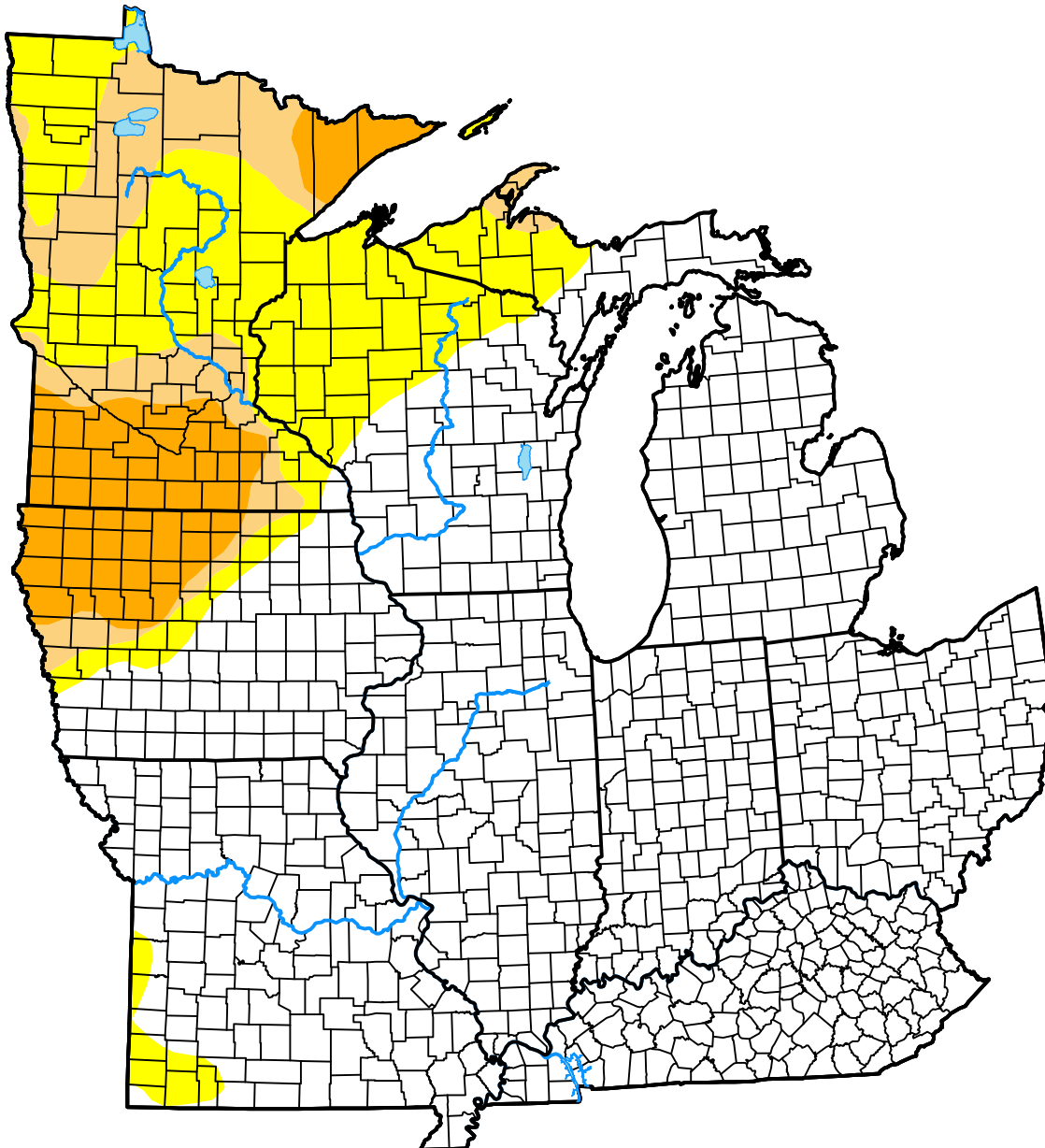


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest Climate Region

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	71.66	28.34	13.42	6.80	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-13-2011</i>	65.81	34.19	13.66	7.02	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-20-2011</i>	48.65	51.35	18.57	6.83	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2011</i>	79.90	20.10	4.91	1.31	0.29	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	58.85	41.15	14.01	5.03	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-21-2010</i>	81.35	18.65	4.75	1.12	0.29	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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