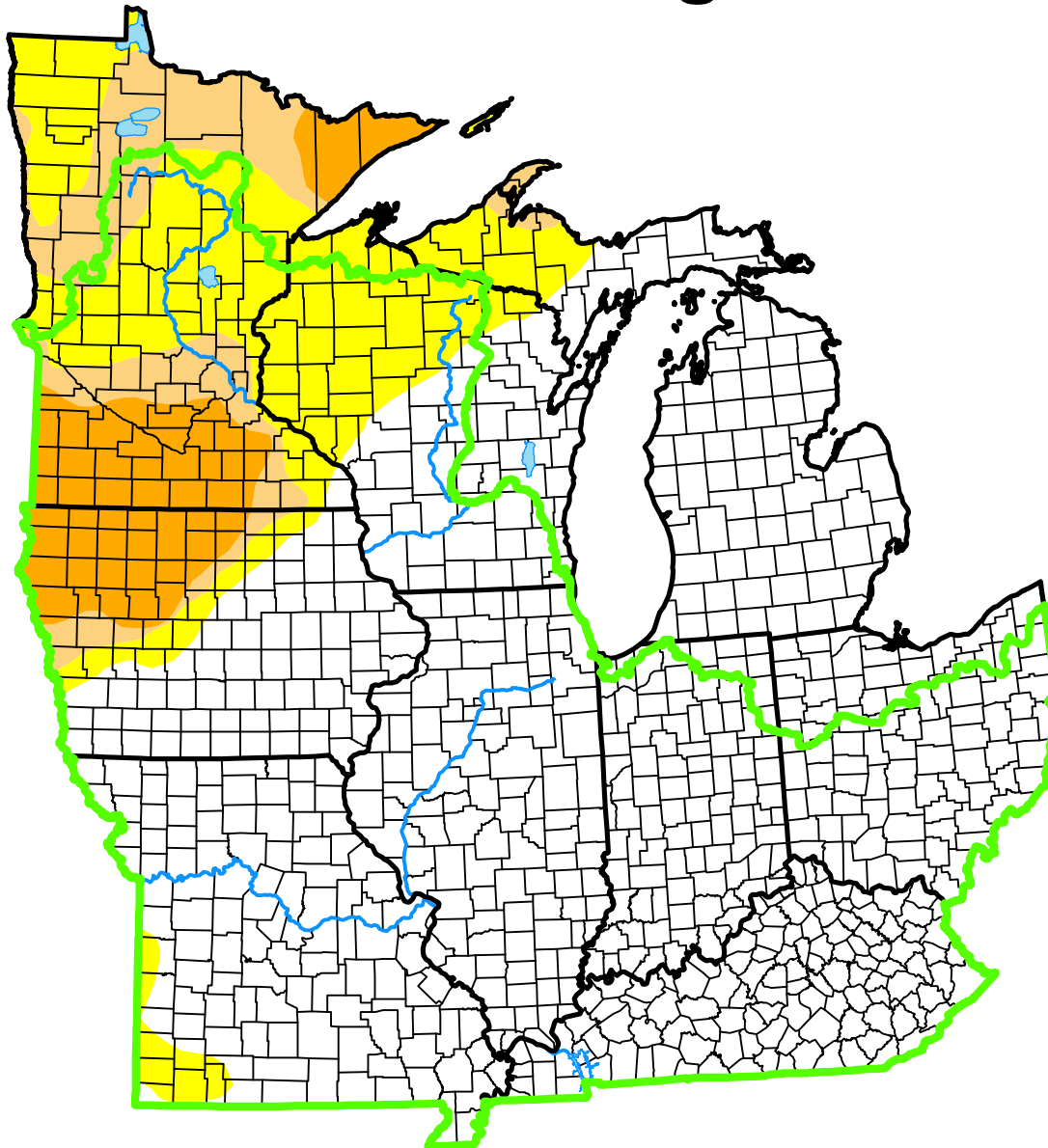


U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.90	25.10	11.90	7.84	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-13-2011</i>	67.07	32.93	12.40	8.13	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	45.06	54.94	21.65	7.74	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	76.73	23.27	5.93	1.76	0.39	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	57.72	42.28	15.57	5.33	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2010</i>	78.38	21.62	5.71	1.50	0.39	0.00

(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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