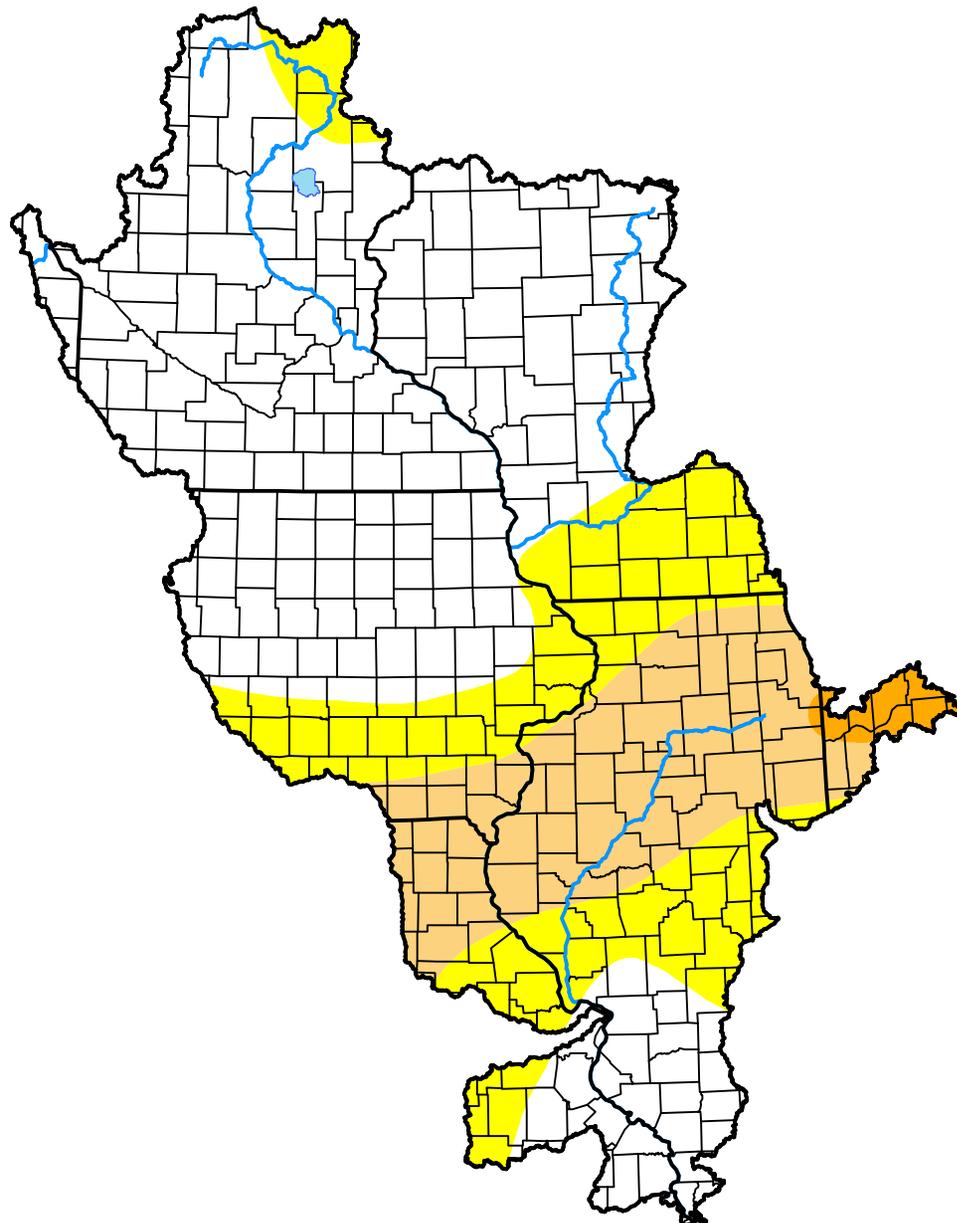


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Upper Mississippi Watershed

**December 17, 2002**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	60.23	39.77	18.23	1.20	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-12-2002</i>	62.49	37.51	14.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-19-2002</i>	93.61	6.39	1.86	0.29	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2002</i>	98.78	1.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-03-2002</i>	82.11	17.89	2.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-20-2001</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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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