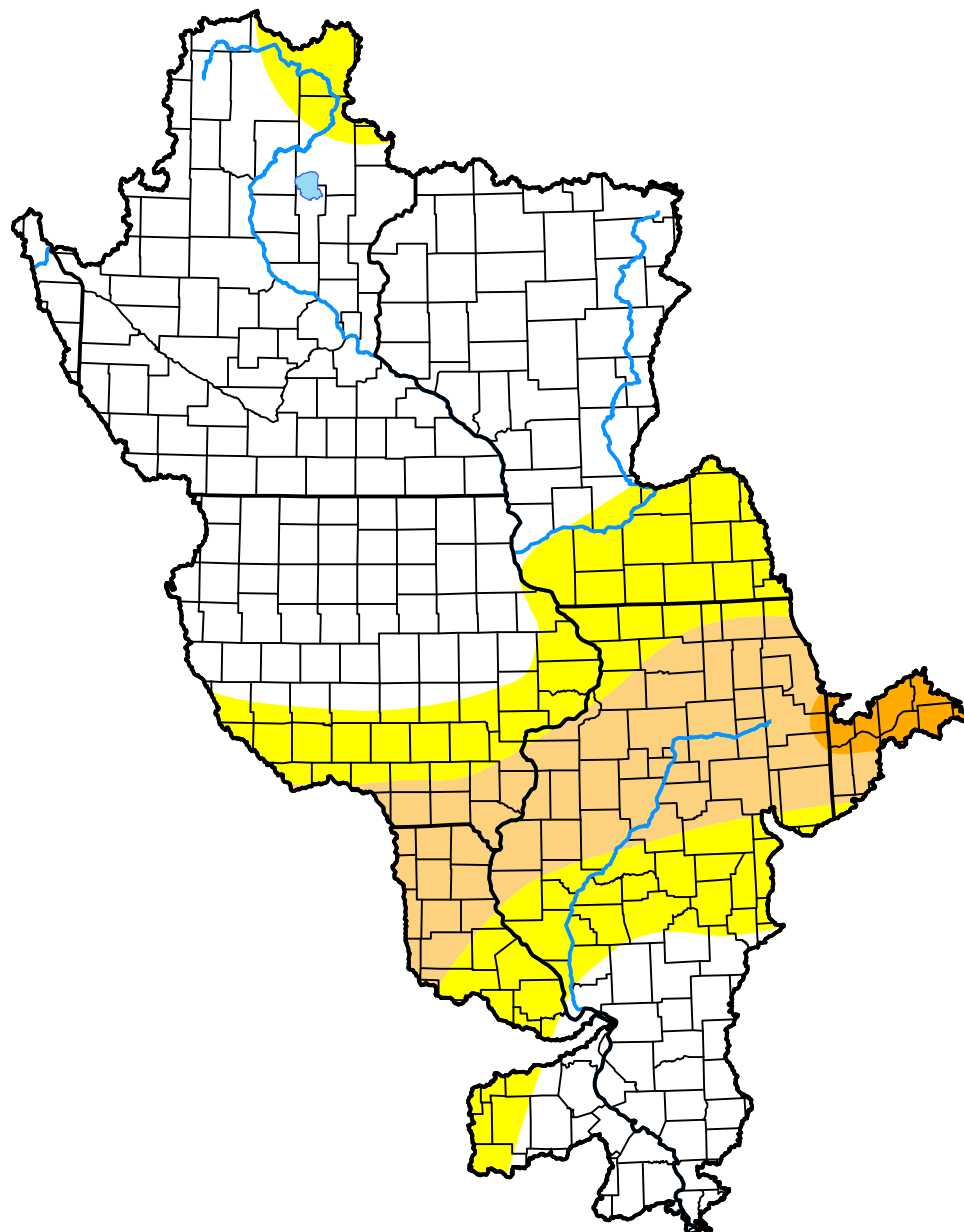


U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	61.98	38.02	16.24	1.31	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-19-2002</i>	60.23	39.77	18.23	1.20	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-26-2002</i>	94.48	5.52	1.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	98.78	1.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	82.11	17.89	2.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-27-2001</i>	98.75	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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