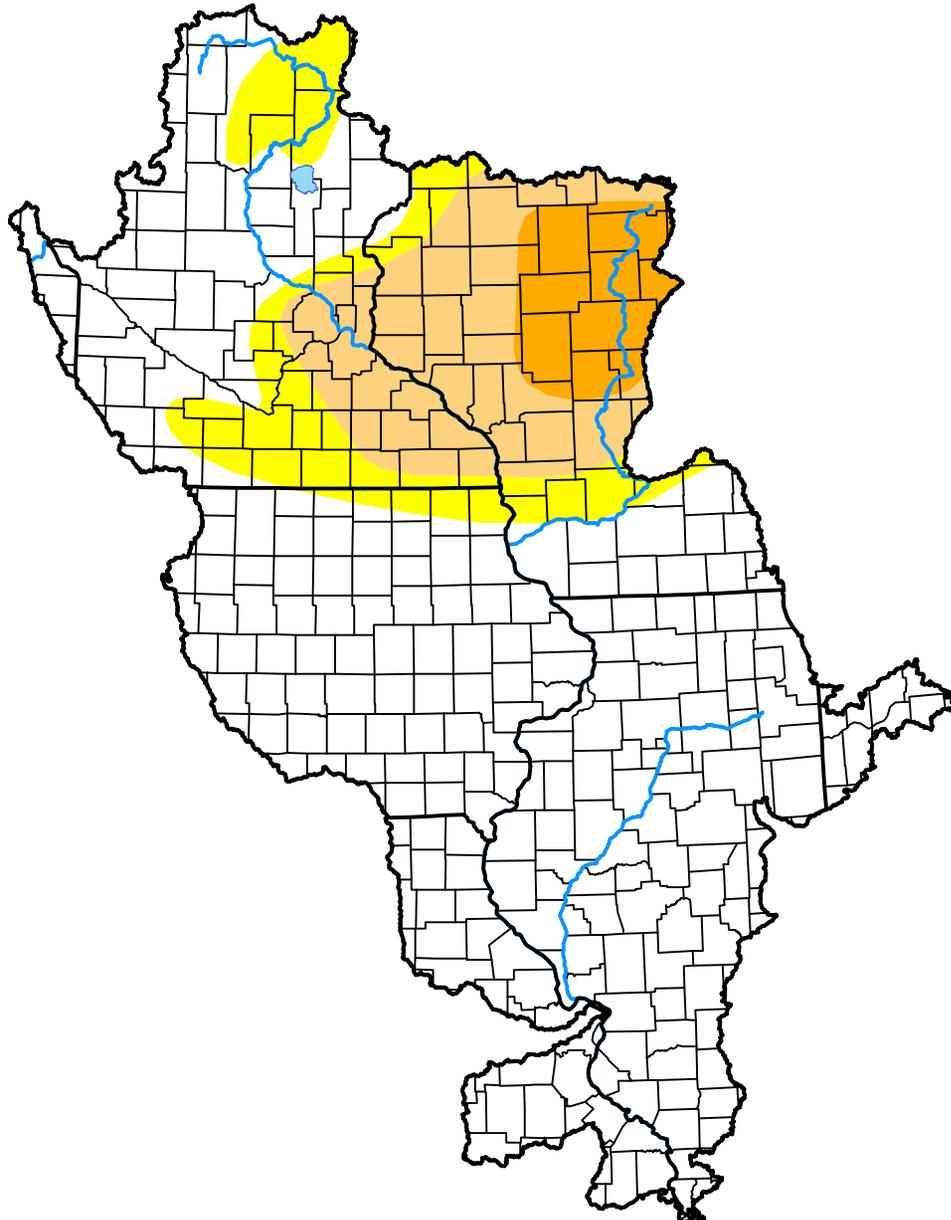


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Upper Mississippi Watershed

**December 30, 2008**  
 (Released Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 72.62 | 27.38 | 17.40 | 5.26  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-24-2008</i>              | 72.62 | 27.38 | 17.40 | 5.26  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-02-2008</i>           | 53.06 | 46.94 | 30.70 | 2.10  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2008</i> | 80.48 | 19.52 | 5.74  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2008</i>    | 53.06 | 46.94 | 30.70 | 2.10  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-03-2008</i>           | 80.48 | 19.52 | 5.74  | 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>*

*Author:*

Brian Fuchs  
 National Drought Mitigation Center



**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**