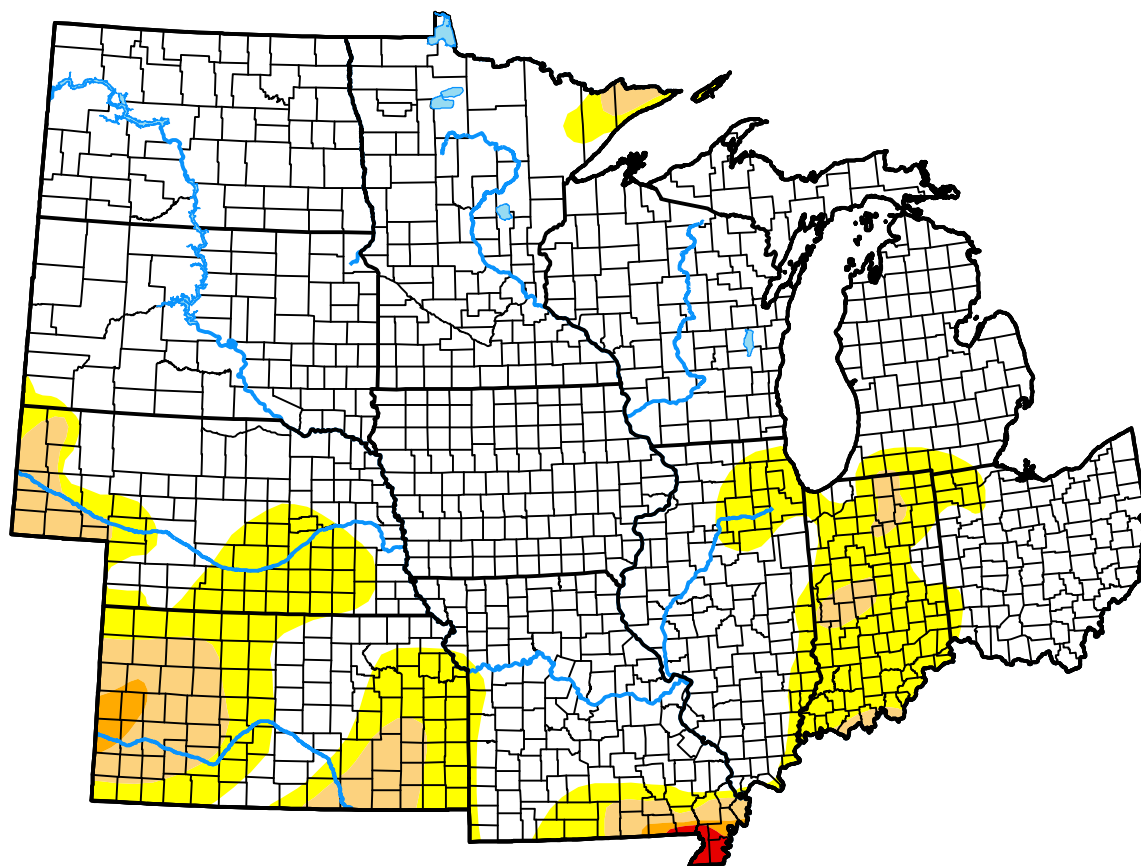


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	78.58	21.42	6.26	0.70	0.19	0.00
Last Week 12-14-2010	80.69	19.31	5.03	0.60	0.19	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-21-2010	83.24	16.76	4.25	1.64	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2009	91.63	8.37	2.27	0.52	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2010	82.21	17.79	4.23	1.65	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-22-2009	91.63	8.37	2.27	0.52	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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