

U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

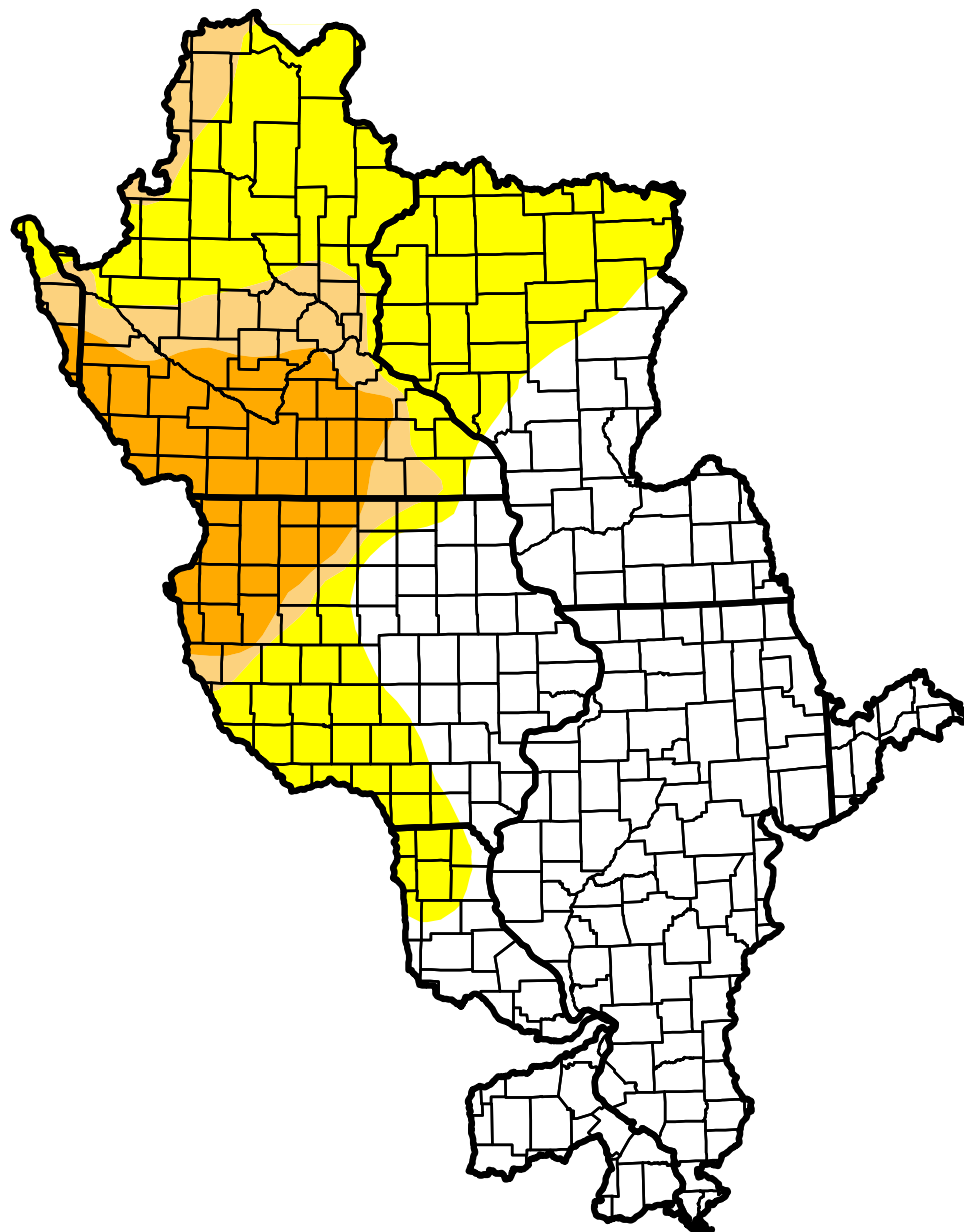
December 13, 2011

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.22	47.78	18.85	11.21	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12/6/2011</i>	56.36	43.64	18.85	11.21	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>9/13/2011</i>	44.27	55.73	25.95	10.27	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/4/2011</i>	98.42	1.58	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/27/2011</i>	48.76	51.24	21.72	7.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12/14/2010</i>	94.82	5.18	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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