

# U.S. Drought Monitor

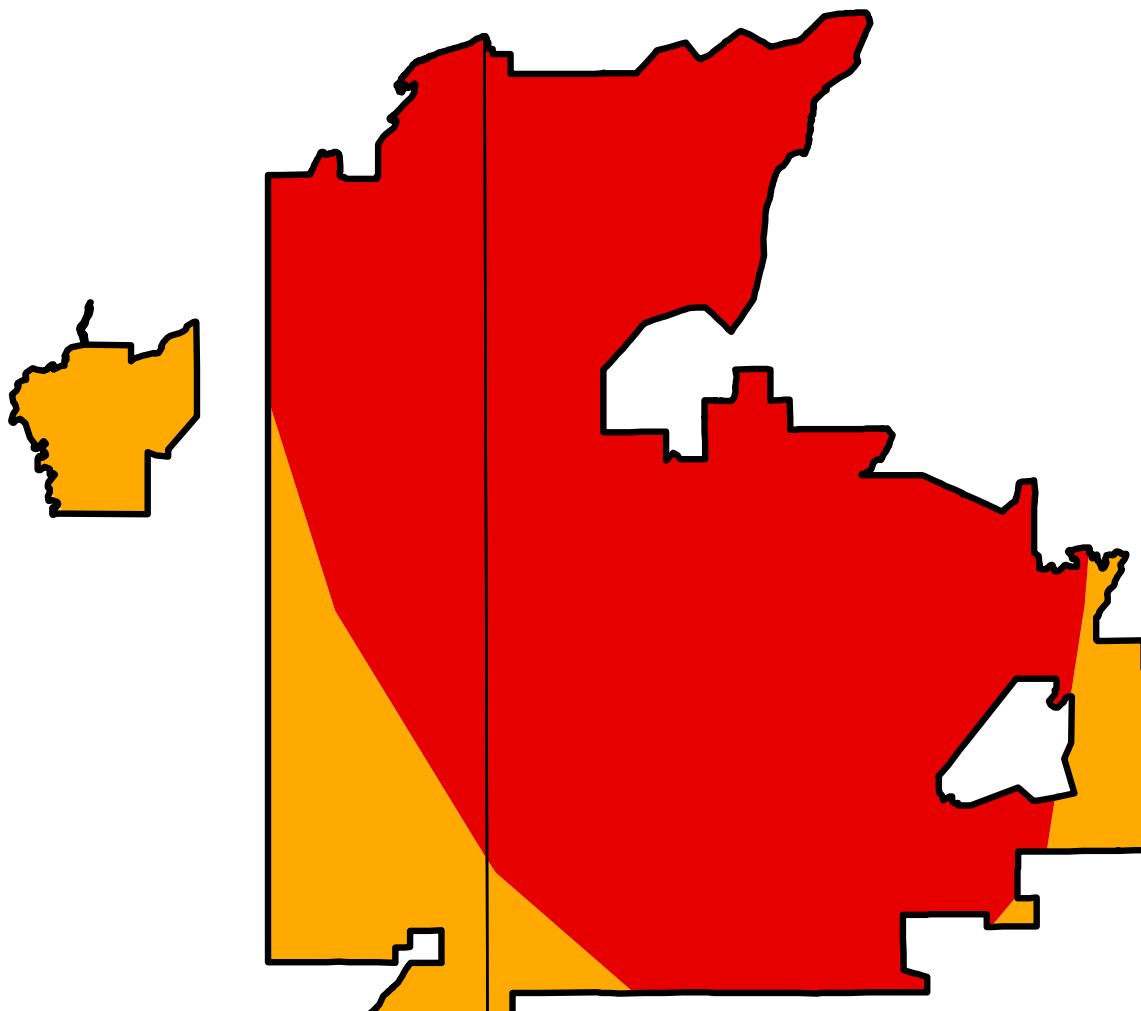
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	28.87	17.91	24.16	24.79	4.28	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12/6/2011</i>	28.87	17.91	24.16	24.32	4.75	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>9/13/2011</i>	0.29	2.40	62.22	30.40	4.70	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>1/4/2011</i>	6.19	78.46	15.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/27/2011</i>	0.29	25.80	38.81	30.40	4.70	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12/14/2010</i>	81.99	13.27	3.62	0.83	0.29	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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