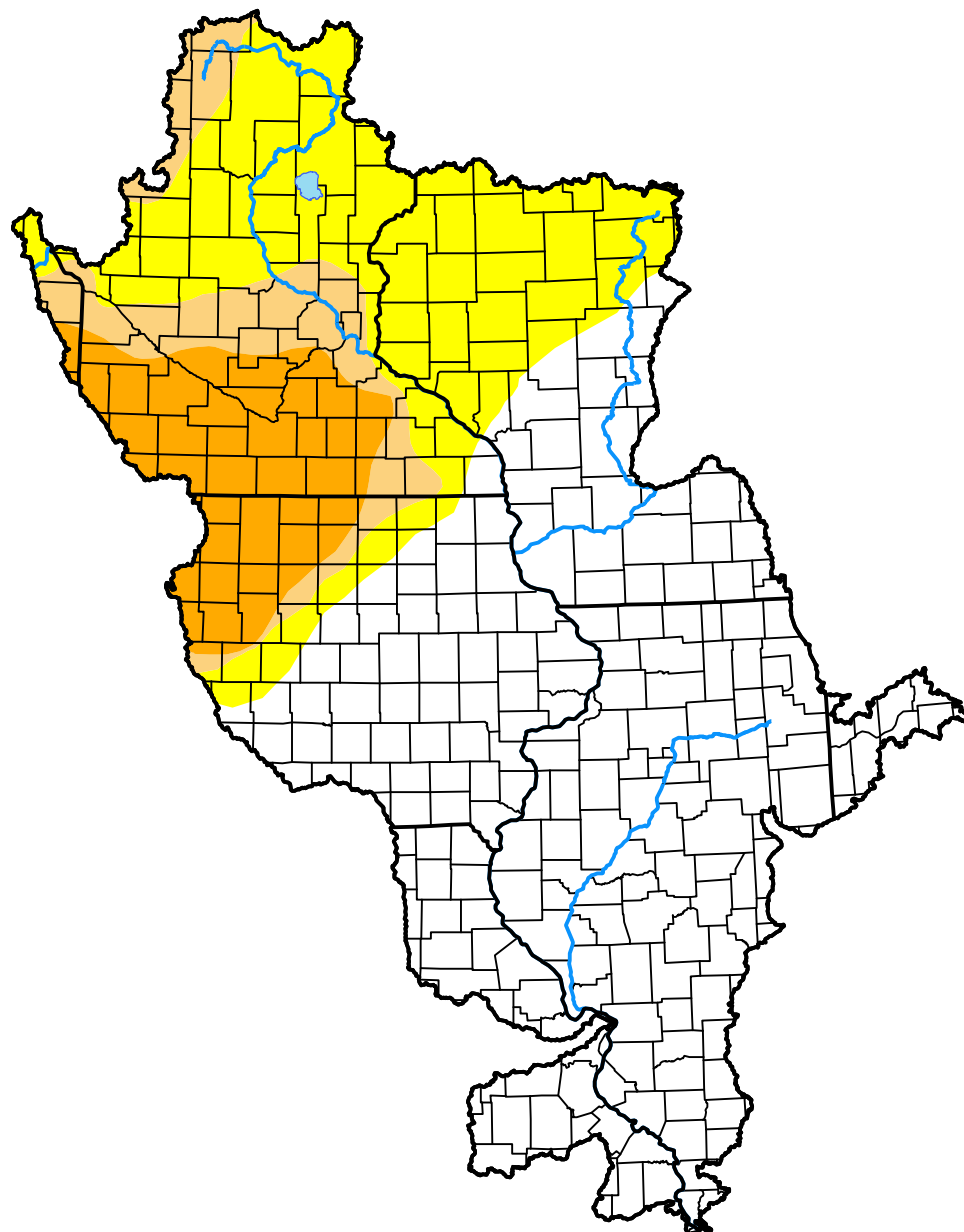


U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.95	42.05	18.60	11.18	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-15-2011</i>	52.23	47.77	18.86	11.19	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2011</i>	43.10	56.90	23.81	10.28	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2011</i>	98.39	1.61	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	48.81	51.19	21.74	7.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2010</i>	94.80	5.20	0.03	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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