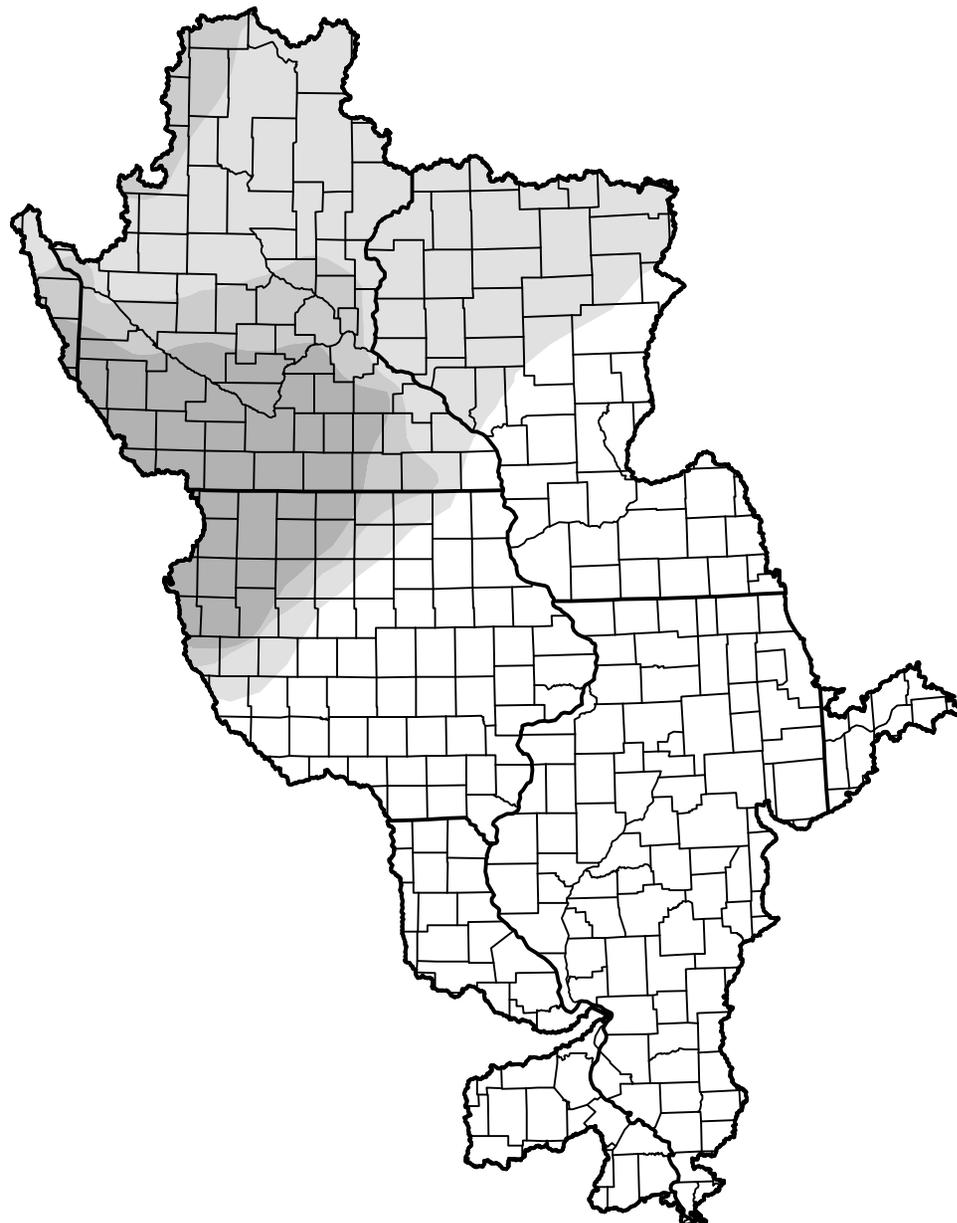


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Upper Mississippi Watershed

**December 20, 2011**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011)*

Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

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

*Intensity:*



*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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