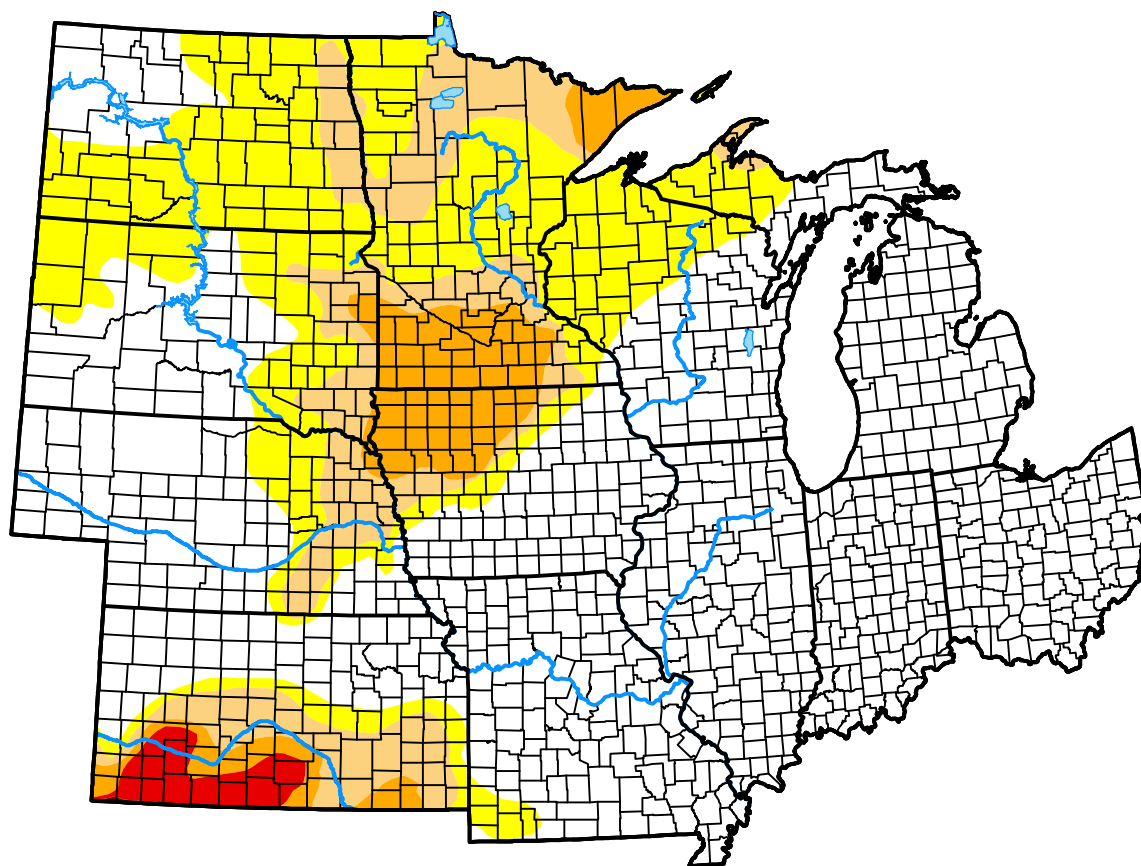


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.56	39.44	17.40	7.20	1.37	0.02
Last Week <i>12-20-2011</i>	59.53	40.47	17.60	7.45	1.37	0.17
3 Months Ago <i>09-27-2011</i>	59.58	40.42	16.96	8.51	3.07	1.89
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	76.54	23.46	5.87	0.82	0.19	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	59.58	40.42	16.96	8.51	3.07	1.89
One Year Ago <i>12-28-2010</i>	76.15	23.85	7.49	0.82	0.19	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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