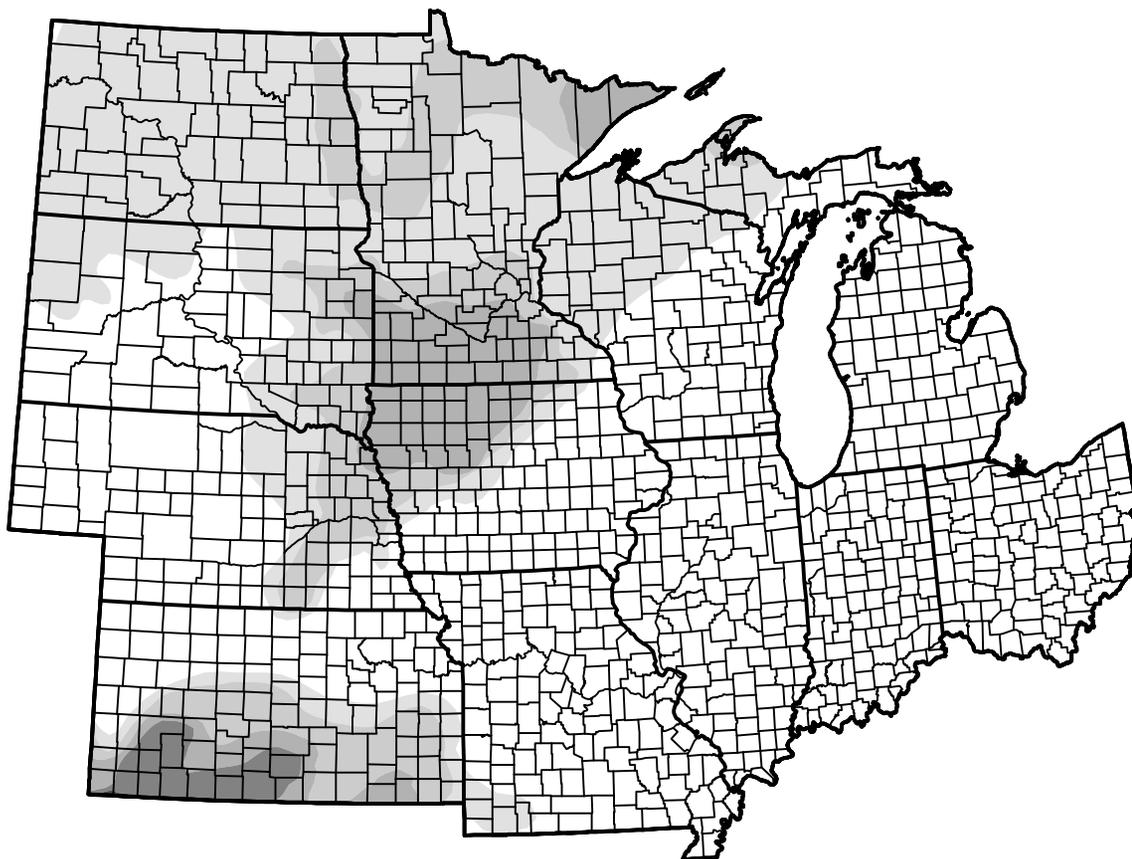


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## North Central States

**January 3, 2012**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	58.20	41.80	17.43	7.20	1.37	0.02
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-27-2011</i>	60.56	39.44	17.40	7.20	1.37	0.02
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>10-04-2011</i>	54.38	45.62	19.56	9.78	3.53	1.90
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	58.20	41.80	17.43	7.20	1.37	0.02
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	59.58	40.42	16.96	8.51	3.07	1.89
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>01-04-2011</i>	76.54	23.46	5.87	0.82	0.19	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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