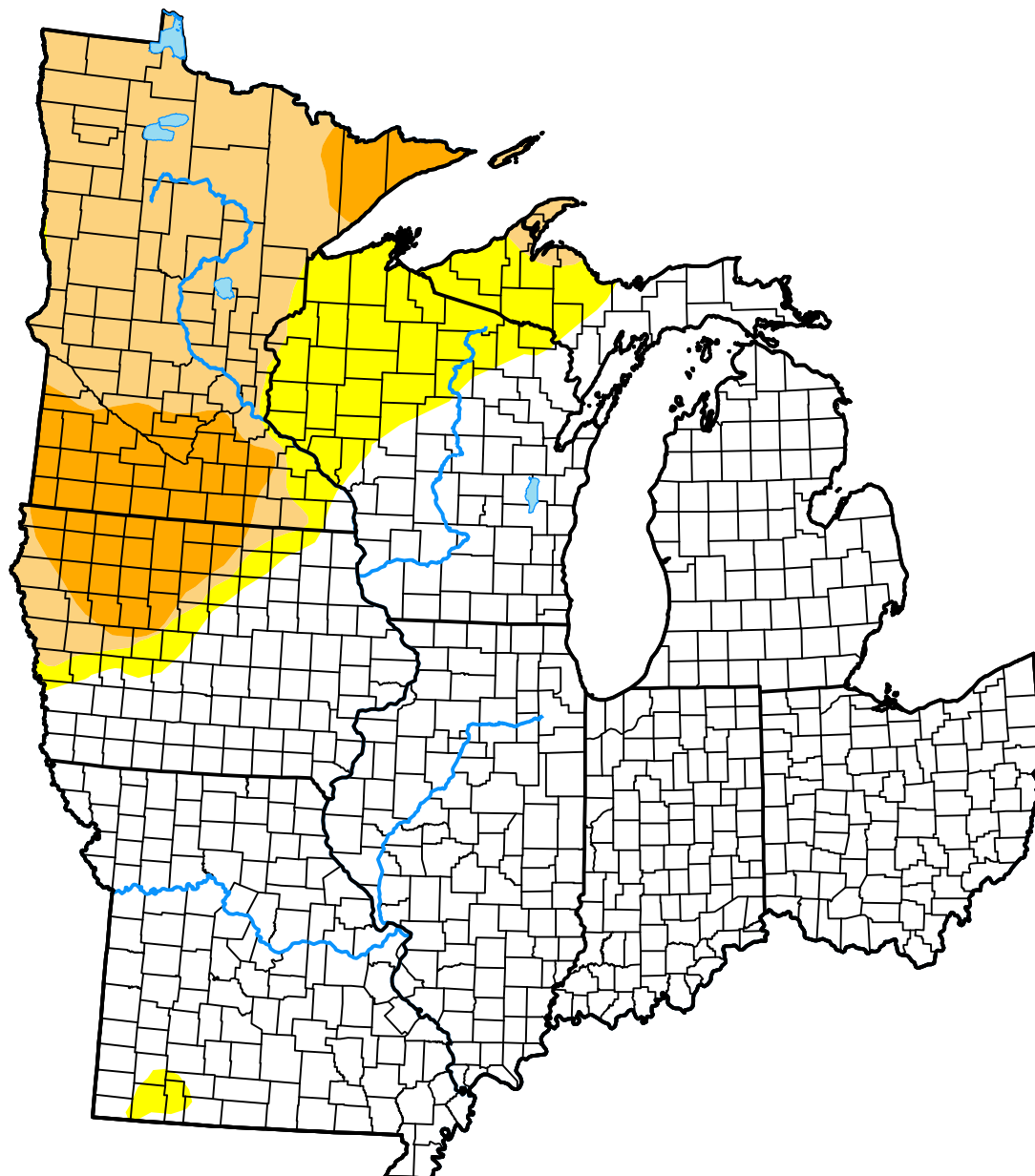


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

**March 20, 2012**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 69.77 | 8.45  | 14.91 | 6.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-13-2012</i>              | 69.33 | 8.88  | 14.91 | 6.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-20-2011</i>           | 69.17 | 16.23 | 7.21  | 7.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 69.36 | 15.99 | 7.26  | 7.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 56.39 | 28.37 | 9.77  | 5.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-22-2011</i>           | 88.53 | 11.14 | 0.32  | 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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