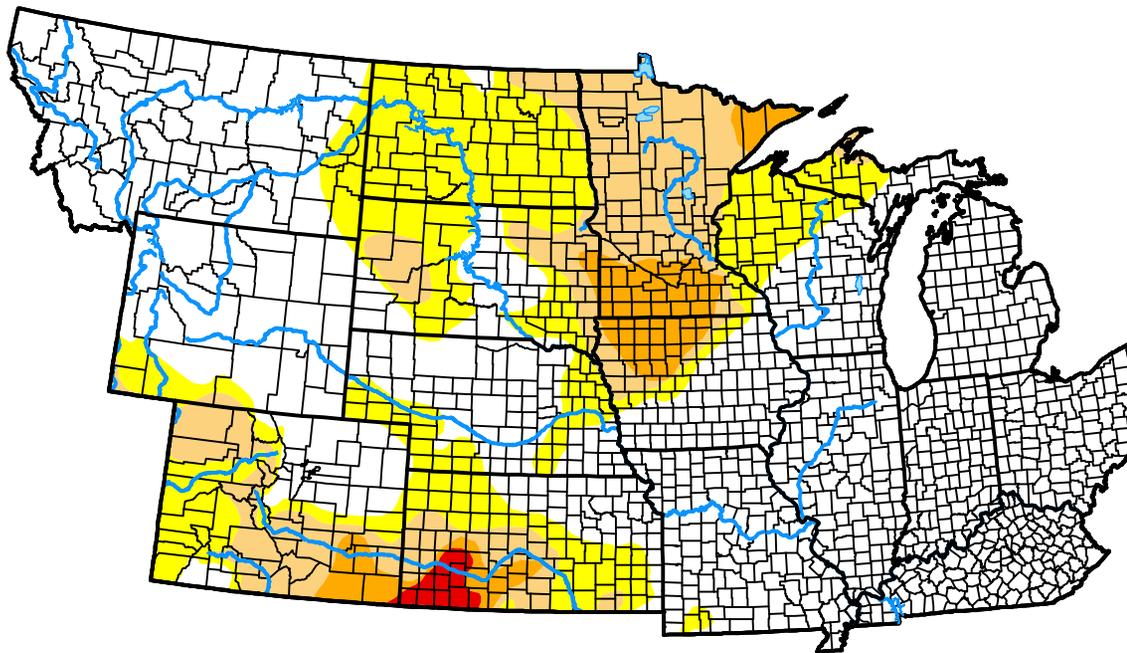


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	61.83	20.61	12.77	4.16	0.62	0.02
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-13-2012</i>	60.72	21.28	13.05	4.27	0.67	0.02
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-20-2011</i>	69.84	16.23	7.64	5.37	0.80	0.11
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	68.31	17.88	8.08	4.81	0.90	0.02
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	62.90	23.36	6.29	4.70	1.44	1.31
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-22-2011</i>	79.02	13.50	3.21	4.26	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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