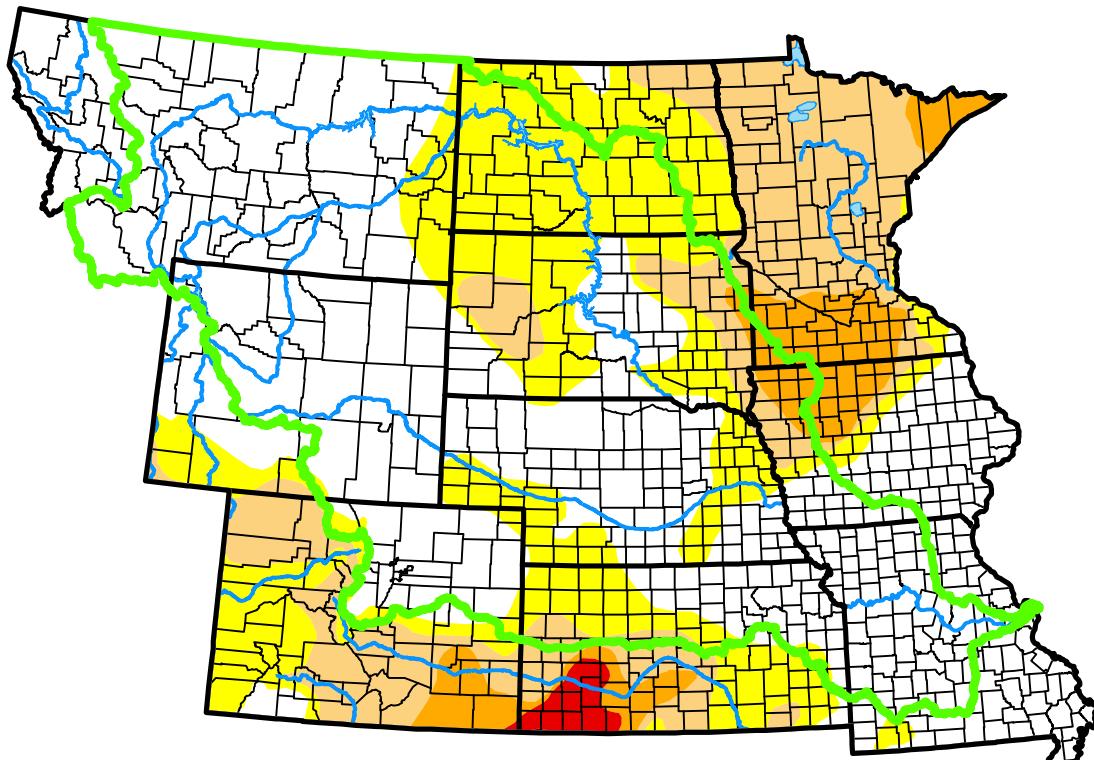


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**Missouri River Basin DEWS  
and Surrounding Areas**



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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	68.30	31.70	6.42	1.38	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 03-13-2012	66.53	33.47	5.12	1.38	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12-20-2011	76.38	23.62	6.75	1.98	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2012	74.43	25.57	6.50	1.97	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2011	71.66	28.34	4.59	0.25	0.01	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 03-22-2011	77.70	22.30	7.17	3.04	0.00	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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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