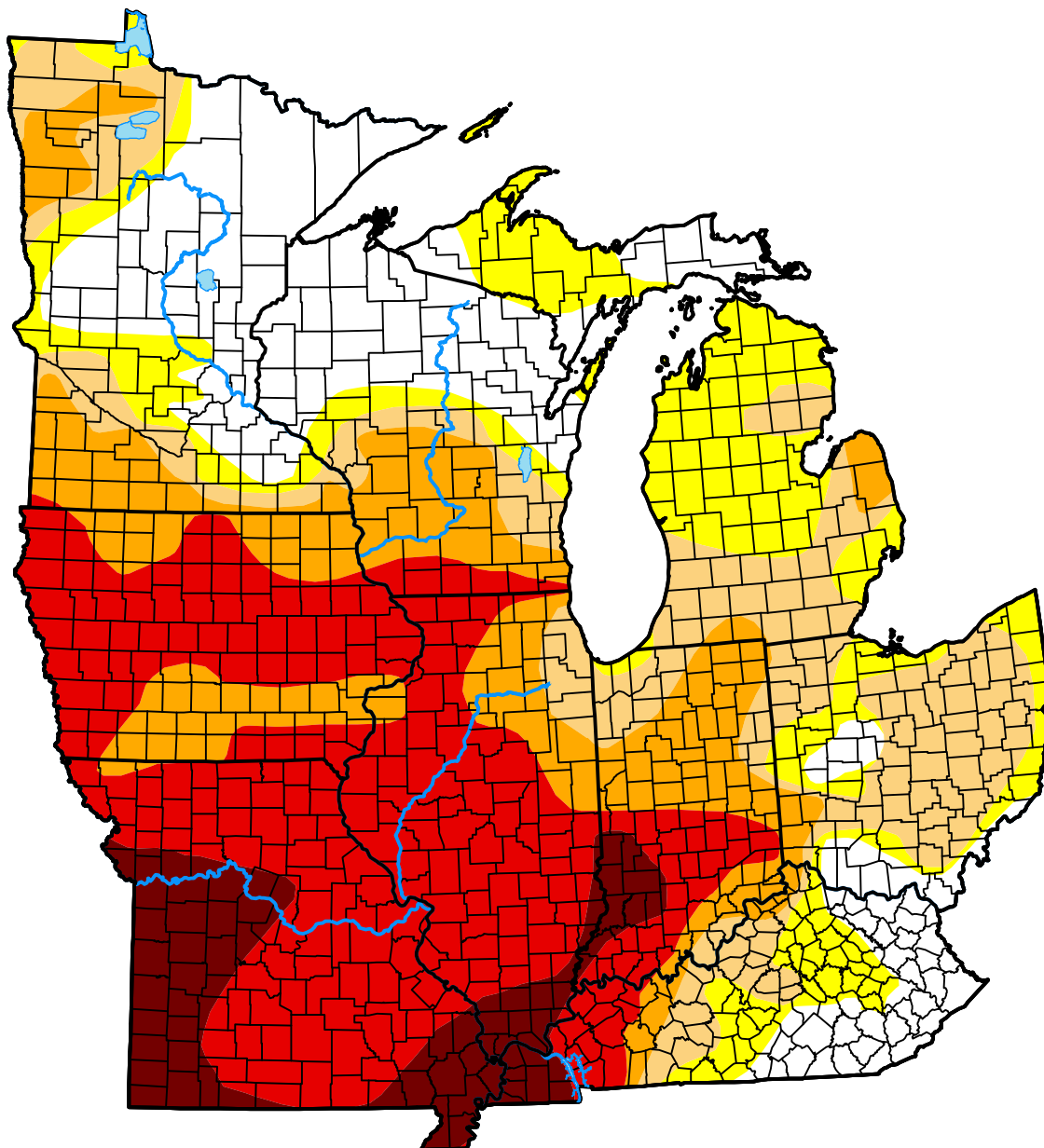


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 19.32 | 14.36 | 15.26 | 16.02 | 27.87 | 7.17 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-14-2012</i>              | 19.25 | 14.33 | 14.95 | 16.04 | 27.25 | 8.17 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-22-2012</i>           | 53.16 | 35.92 | 9.45  | 1.47  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 71.84 | 14.69 | 6.67  | 6.80  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 58.85 | 27.14 | 8.98  | 5.03  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-23-2011</i>           | 56.37 | 32.98 | 10.05 | 0.60  | 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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