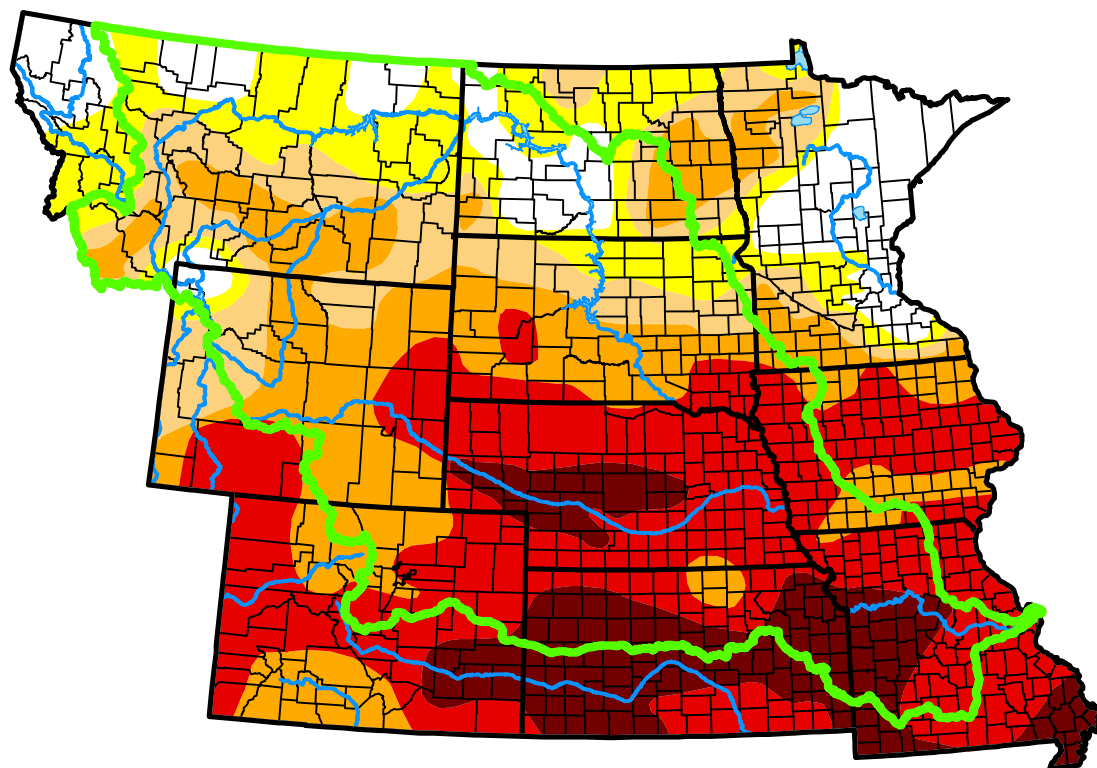


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Missouri River Basin DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**August 21, 2012**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 7.25  | 13.88 | 14.01 | 24.29 | 29.42 | 11.15 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-14-2012</i>              | 7.28  | 14.31 | 13.24 | 27.48 | 27.14 | 10.55 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-22-2012</i>           | 54.90 | 36.81 | 7.75  | 0.54  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 74.43 | 19.07 | 4.52  | 1.97  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 71.66 | 23.74 | 4.34  | 0.24  | 0.01  | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-23-2011</i>           | 88.01 | 8.97  | 2.59  | 0.43  | 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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