

U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

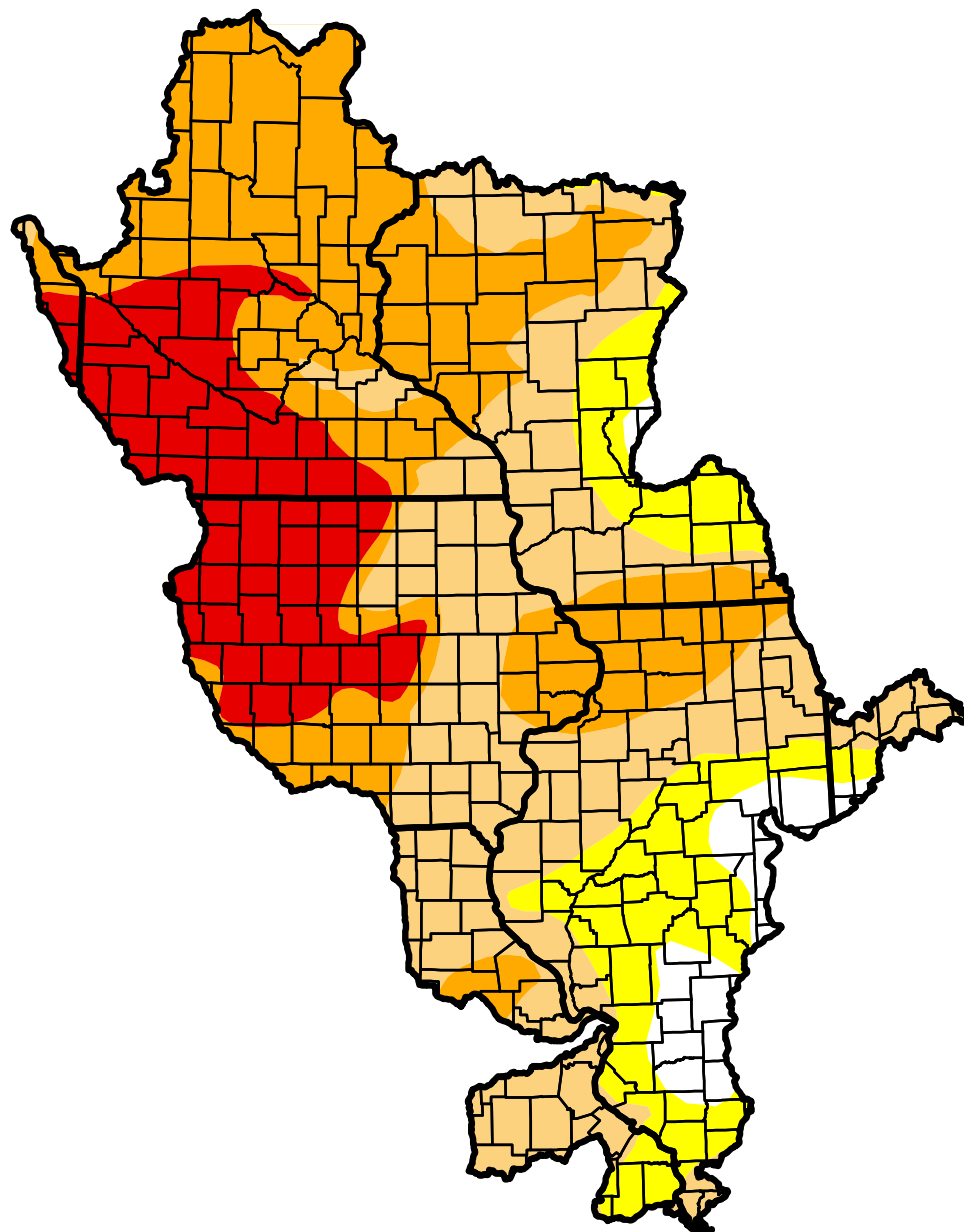
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.44	95.56	81.78	48.90	16.51	0.00
Last Week <i>12/11/2012</i>	4.44	95.56	81.78	48.90	16.53	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>9/18/2012</i>	0.00	100.00	83.25	50.66	17.91	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/3/2012</i>	57.95	42.05	18.59	11.21	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/25/2012</i>	0.01	99.99	85.21	54.60	20.08	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12/20/2011</i>	57.95	42.05	18.59	11.21	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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