

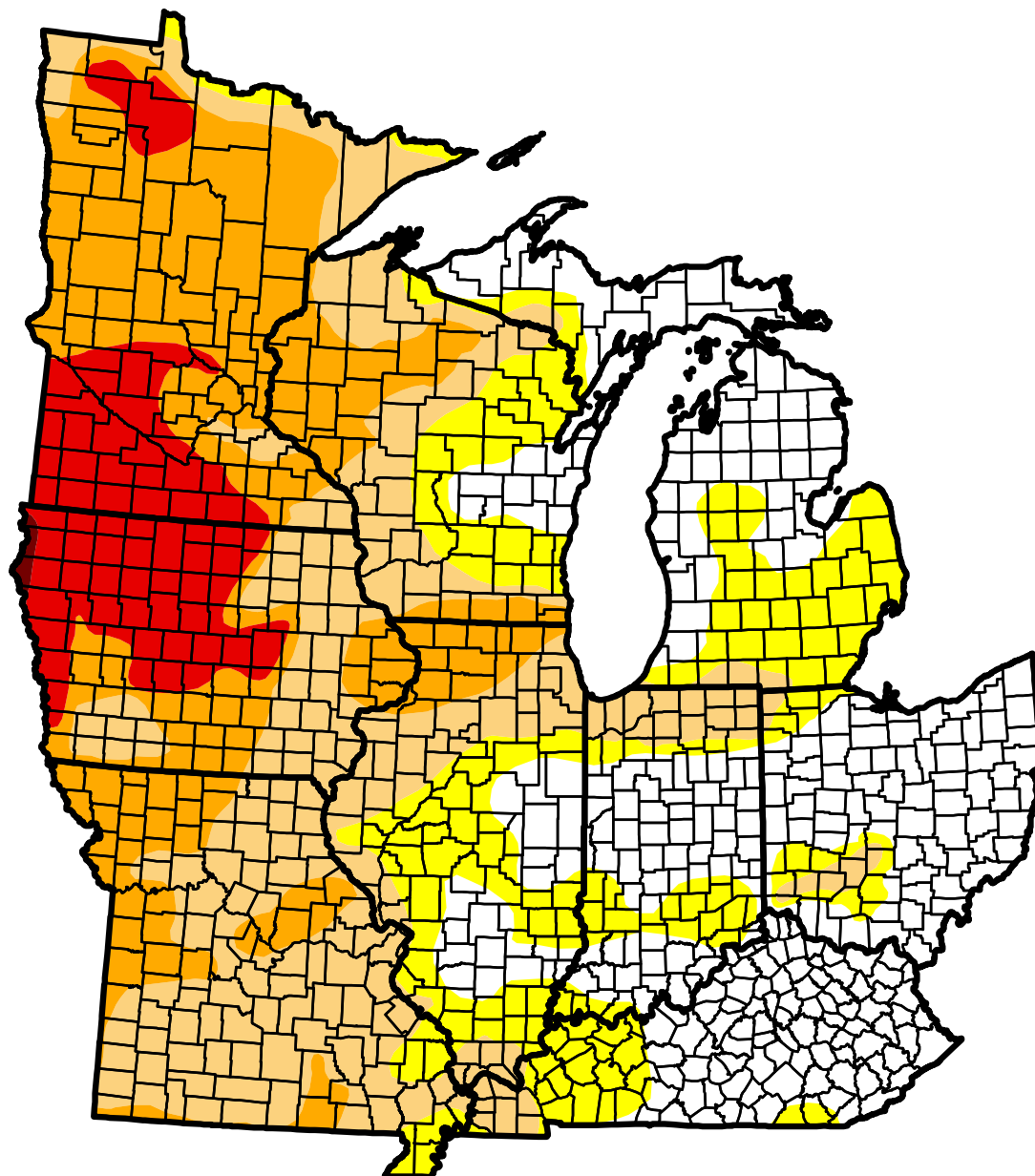
U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

December 18, 2012
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	27.96	17.11	24.79	21.17	8.84	0.14
Last Week <i>12/11/2012</i>	27.97	17.10	24.79	21.17	8.84	0.14
3 Months Ago <i>9/18/2012</i>	5.97	27.28	27.51	27.06	11.92	0.27
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/3/2012</i>	71.84	14.69	6.67	6.80	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/25/2012</i>	8.75	23.77	25.89	26.70	14.60	0.28
One Year Ago <i>12/20/2011</i>	71.66	14.91	6.62	6.80	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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