

# U.S. Drought Monitor North Central States

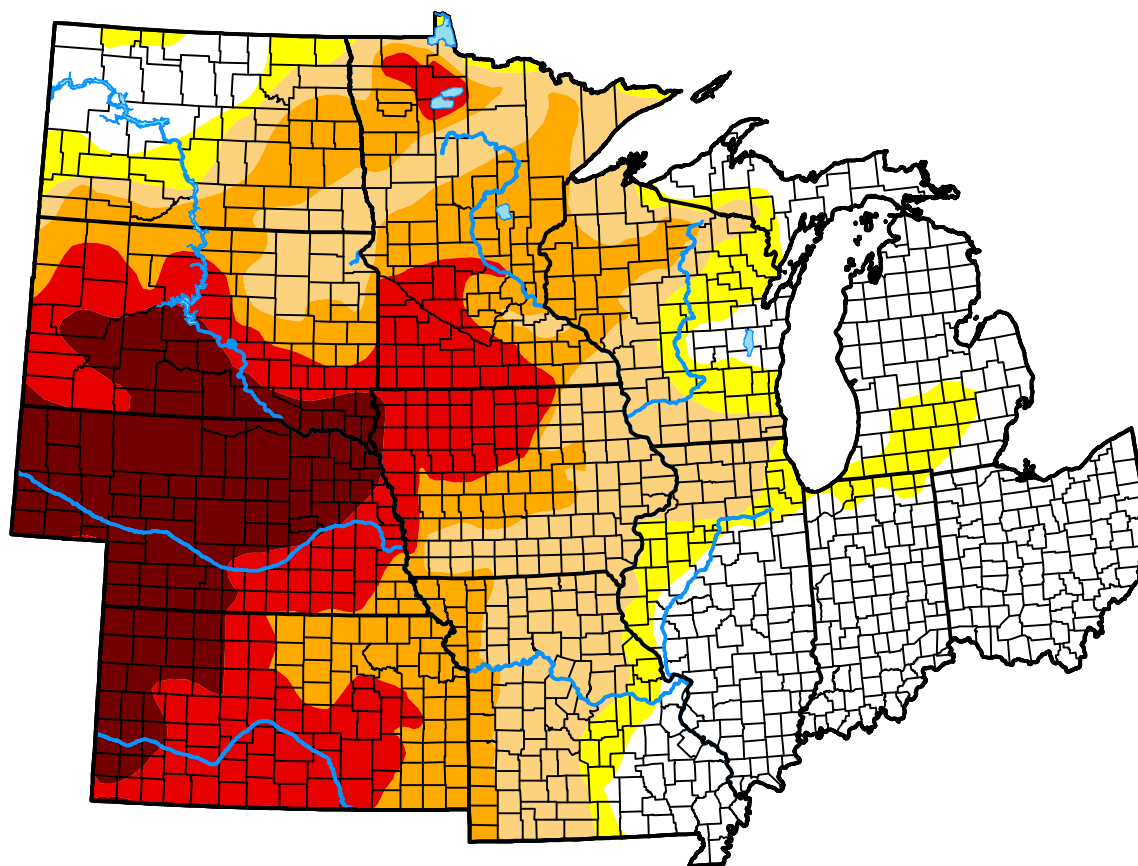
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 26.83 | 8.20  | 18.57 | 17.73 | 15.56 | 13.12 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-26-2013</i>              | 24.19 | 10.24 | 18.76 | 18.13 | 15.52 | 13.15 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-04-2012</i>           | 14.18 | 13.70 | 18.89 | 22.94 | 15.42 | 14.86 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2013</i> | 15.49 | 13.05 | 18.43 | 23.30 | 14.87 | 14.86 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2012</i>    | 3.58  | 14.20 | 24.95 | 22.82 | 20.70 | 13.74 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-06-2012</i>           | 56.74 | 22.56 | 14.31 | 5.39  | 0.98  | 0.02  |



## 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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