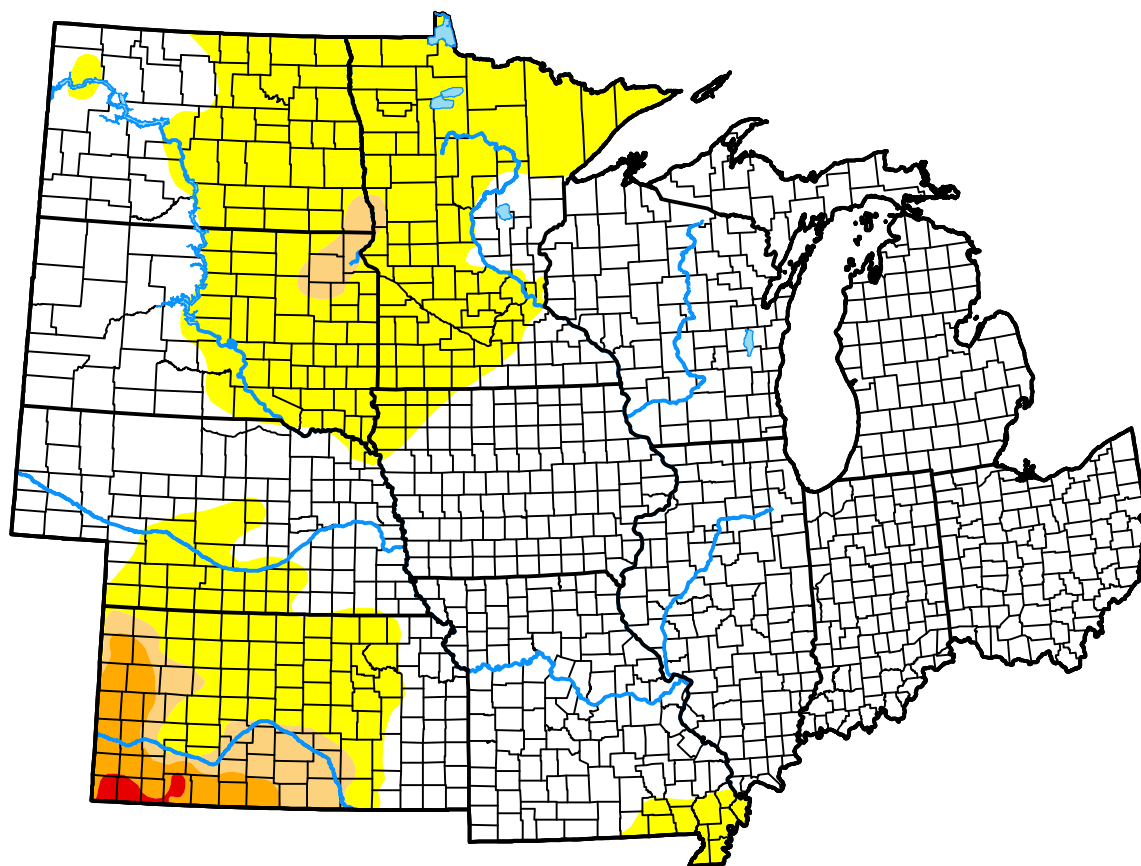


# U.S. Drought Monitor North Central States

**December 16, 2014**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014)  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 68.40 | 31.60 | 4.69  | 1.97  | 0.24  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-09-2014              | 69.07 | 30.93 | 4.80  | 2.08  | 0.24  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-16-2014           | 87.01 | 12.99 | 5.12  | 1.65  | 0.22  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2013 | 58.55 | 41.45 | 21.41 | 8.23  | 1.08  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-30-2014    | 84.94 | 15.06 | 5.20  | 2.10  | 0.26  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-17-2013           | 53.70 | 46.30 | 22.11 | 8.29  | 0.82  | 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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