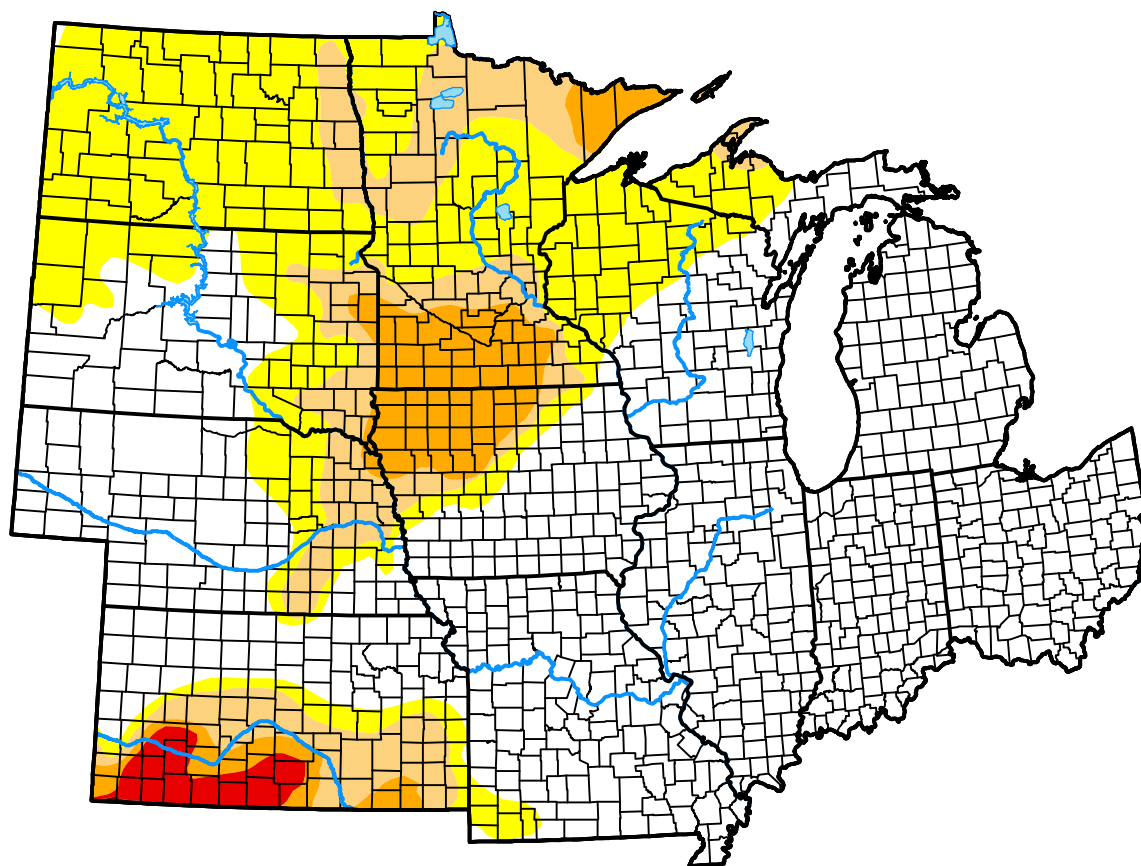


# U.S. Drought Monitor North Central States

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 58.20 | 24.37 | 10.23 | 5.82 | 1.35 | 0.02 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-27-2011</i>              | 60.56 | 22.04 | 10.20 | 5.83 | 1.35 | 0.02 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-04-2011</i>           | 54.38 | 26.05 | 9.78  | 6.26 | 1.63 | 1.90 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 58.20 | 24.37 | 10.23 | 5.82 | 1.35 | 0.02 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 59.58 | 23.46 | 8.44  | 5.45 | 1.17 | 1.89 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i>           | 76.54 | 17.60 | 5.05  | 0.63 | 0.19 | 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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