

# Opportunity RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 40.72 | 59.28 | 47.48 | 33.07 | 7.45  | 2.17  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-29-2011</i>              | 42.08 | 57.92 | 47.48 | 34.14 | 7.45  | 2.17  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-06-2011</i>           | 33.47 | 66.53 | 53.19 | 41.88 | 25.99 | 10.91 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 40.72 | 59.28 | 47.48 | 33.07 | 7.45  | 2.17  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 33.45 | 66.55 | 53.19 | 41.88 | 25.98 | 10.64 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-06-2011</i>           | 41.84 | 58.16 | 32.43 | 2.48  | 0.00  | 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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