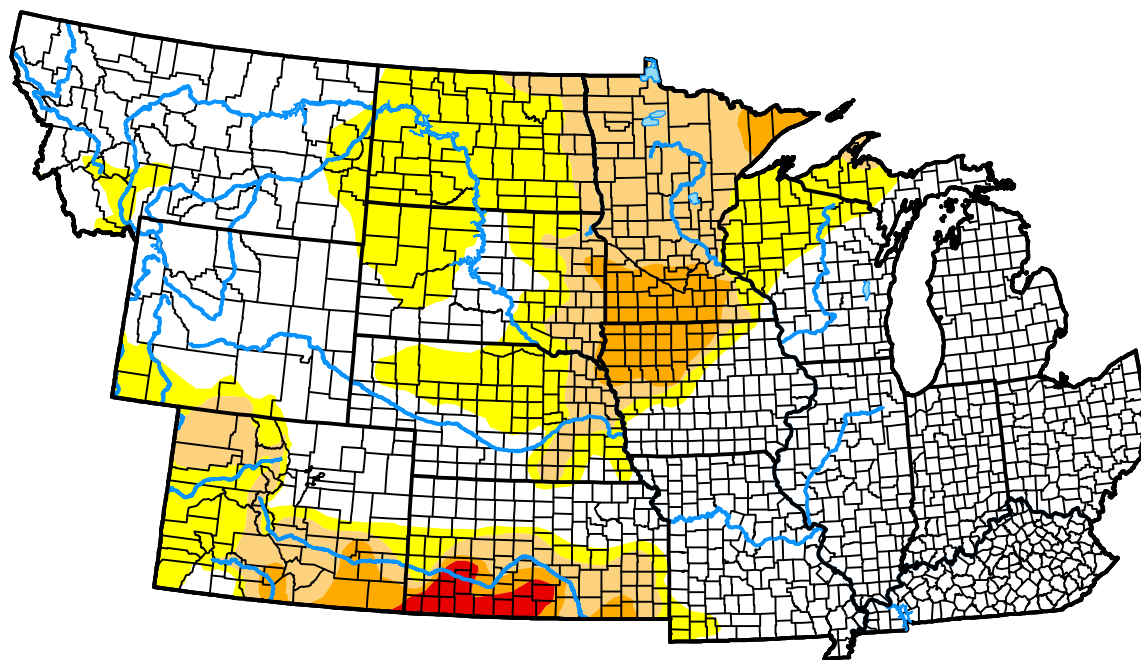


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 59.97 | 21.10 | 13.20 | 4.75 | 0.96 | 0.02 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-24-2012</i>              | 60.52 | 20.74 | 13.02 | 4.75 | 0.96 | 0.02 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-01-2011</i>           | 65.51 | 13.92 | 10.86 | 6.79 | 1.79 | 1.13 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 68.31 | 17.88 | 8.08  | 4.81 | 0.90 | 0.02 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 62.90 | 23.36 | 6.29  | 4.70 | 1.44 | 1.31 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-01-2011</i>           | 71.42 | 17.91 | 8.97  | 1.58 | 0.13 | 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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