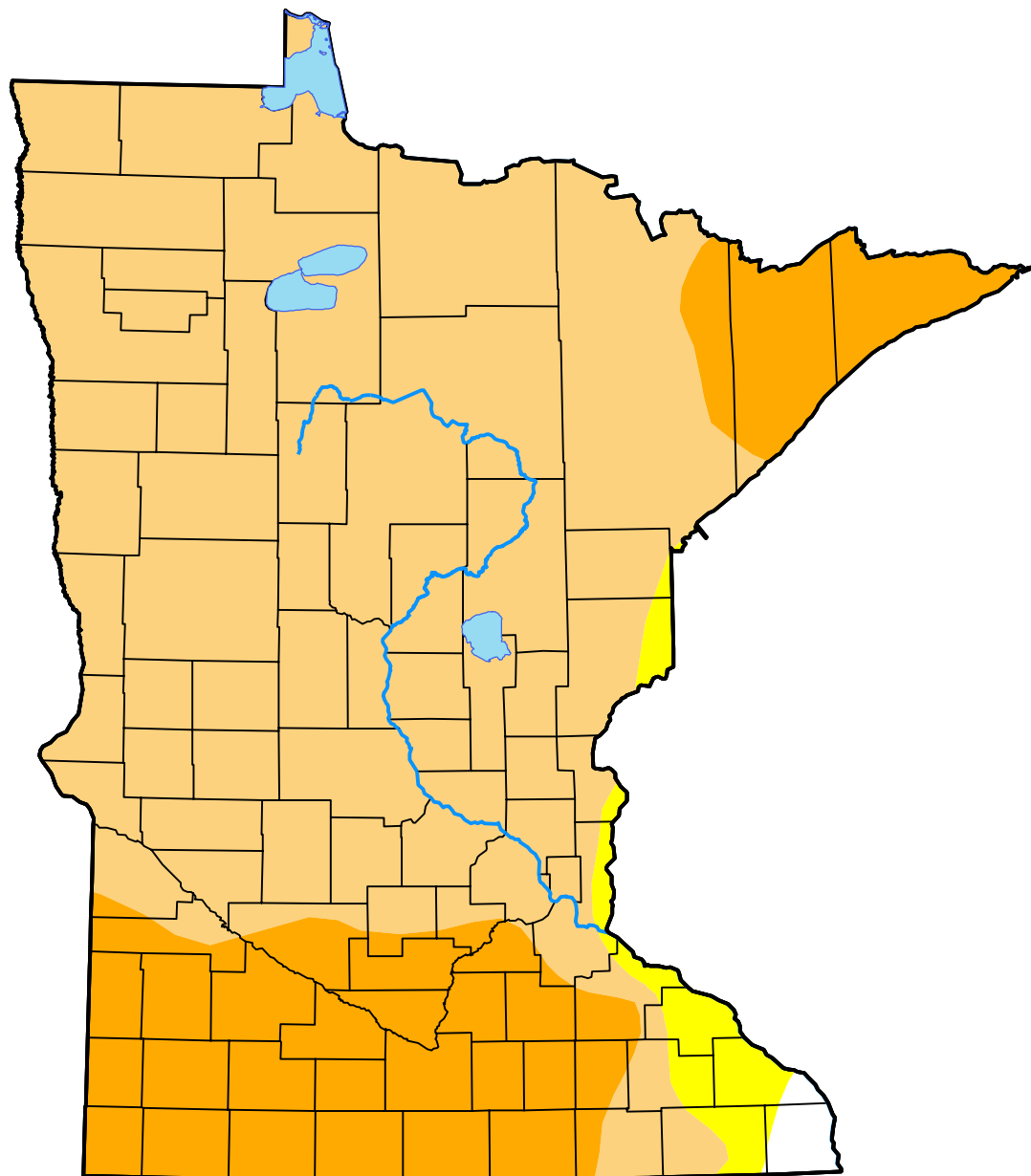


# U.S. Drought Monitor Minnesota

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.79  | 3.09  | 72.03 | 24.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-16-2012</i>              | 0.79  | 3.09  | 72.03 | 24.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-23-2011</i>           | 0.48  | 58.94 | 19.83 | 20.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 0.79  | 41.76 | 33.38 | 24.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 48.42 | 32.33 | 14.68 | 4.58  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-24-2011</i>           | 95.24 | 3.00  | 1.76  | 0.00  | 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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