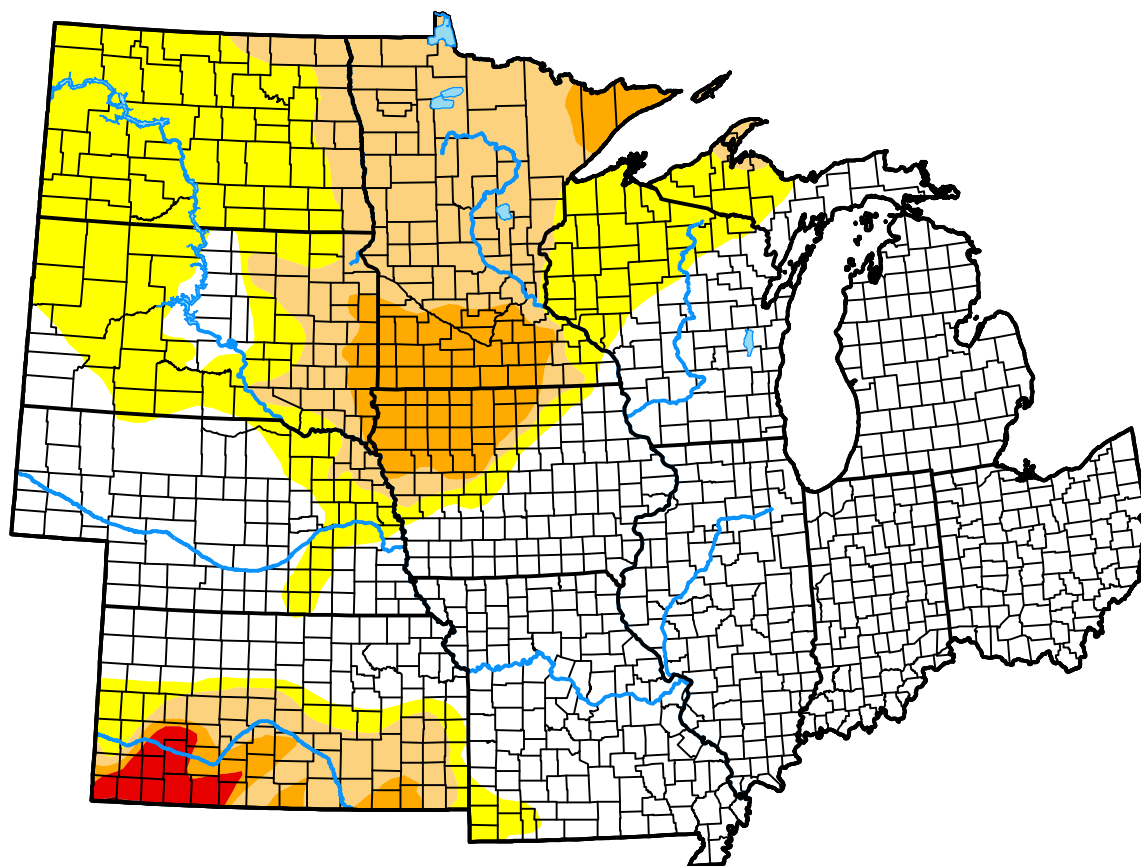


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	55.96	21.71	15.27	6.05	0.98	0.02
Last Week 02-14-2012	56.02	21.65	15.27	6.05	0.98	0.02
3 Months Ago 11-22-2011	53.80	22.71	12.67	6.91	2.26	1.66
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	58.20	24.37	10.23	5.82	1.35	0.02
Start of Water Year 09-27-2011	59.58	23.46	8.44	5.45	1.17	1.89
One Year Ago 02-22-2011	74.53	17.80	6.88	0.80	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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