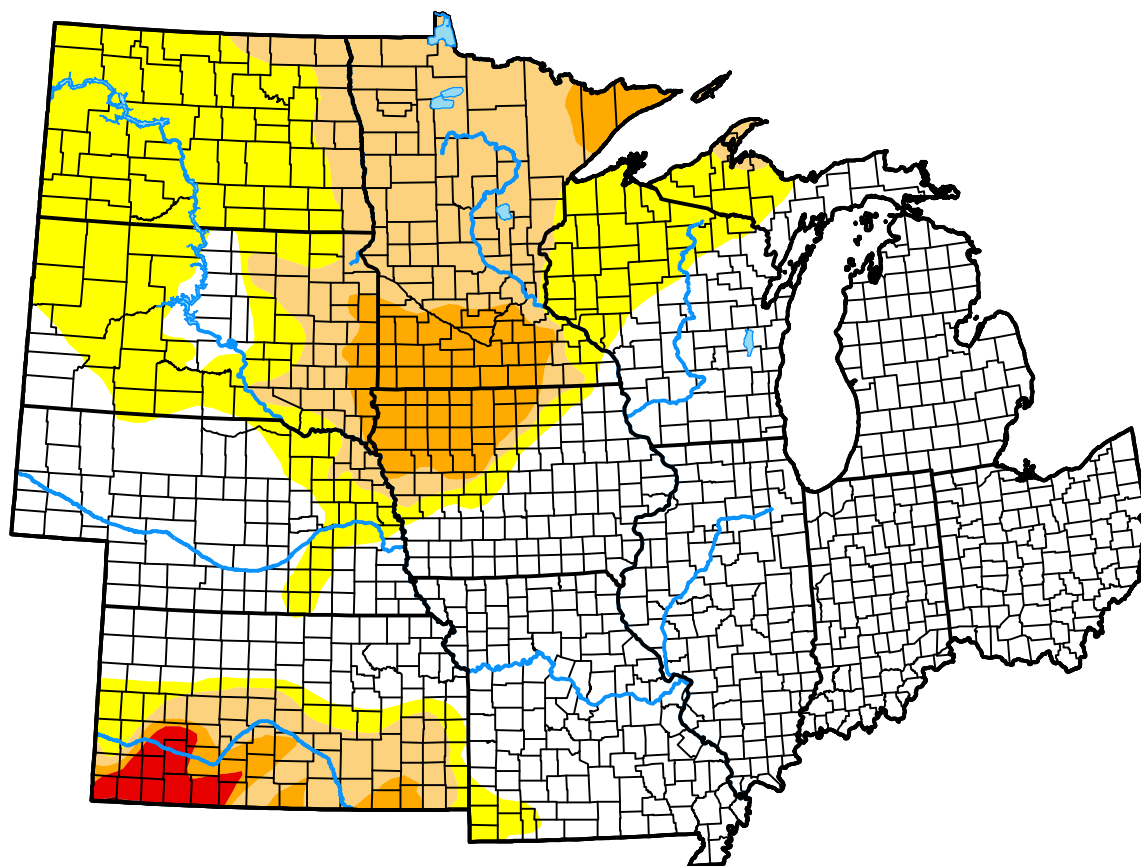


# U.S. Drought Monitor North Central States

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 55.96 | 44.04 | 22.32 | 7.06  | 1.01  | 0.02 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>02-14-2012              | 56.02 | 43.98 | 22.32 | 7.06  | 1.01  | 0.02 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>11-22-2011           | 53.80 | 46.20 | 23.50 | 10.83 | 3.92  | 1.66 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2012 | 58.20 | 41.80 | 17.43 | 7.20  | 1.37  | 0.02 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-27-2011    | 59.58 | 40.42 | 16.96 | 8.51  | 3.07  | 1.89 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>02-22-2011           | 74.53 | 25.47 | 7.67  | 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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