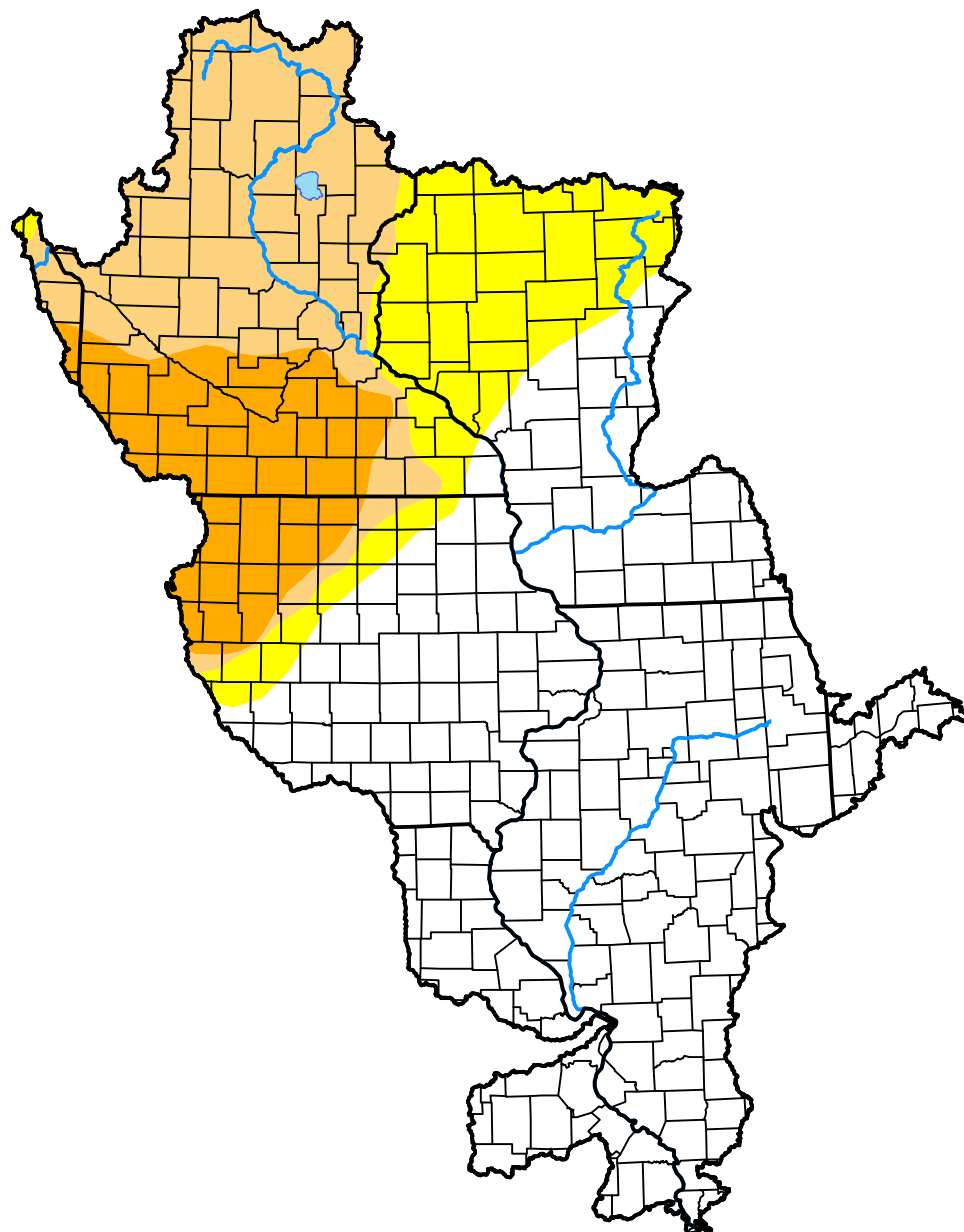


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Upper Mississippi Watershed

**February 28, 2012**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                 | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 57.95 | 42.05 | 28.78 | 11.19 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>02-23-2012                  | 57.95 | 42.05 | 28.86 | 11.19 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>12-01-2011               | 52.25 | 47.75 | 18.00 | 11.33 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>01-05-2012 | 57.95 | 42.05 | 18.60 | 11.18 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>09-29-2011    | 48.81 | 51.19 | 21.74 | 7.91  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>03-03-2011               | 97.76 | 2.24  | 0.01  | 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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