

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Iowa

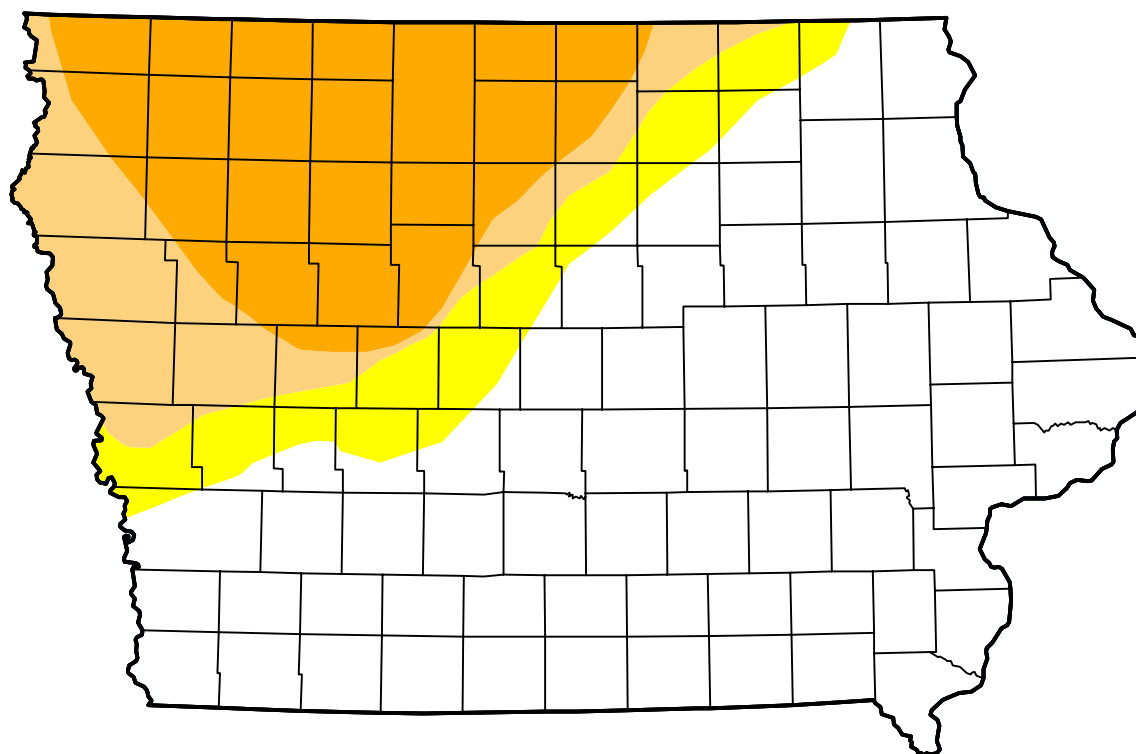
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None   | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 61.22  | 8.69  | 10.23 | 19.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-08-2012</i>              | 61.22  | 8.69  | 10.23 | 19.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-15-2011</i>           | 36.13  | 31.83 | 5.94  | 26.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 60.99  | 8.68  | 6.17  | 24.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 29.04  | 44.98 | 16.06 | 9.92  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-17-2011</i>           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 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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