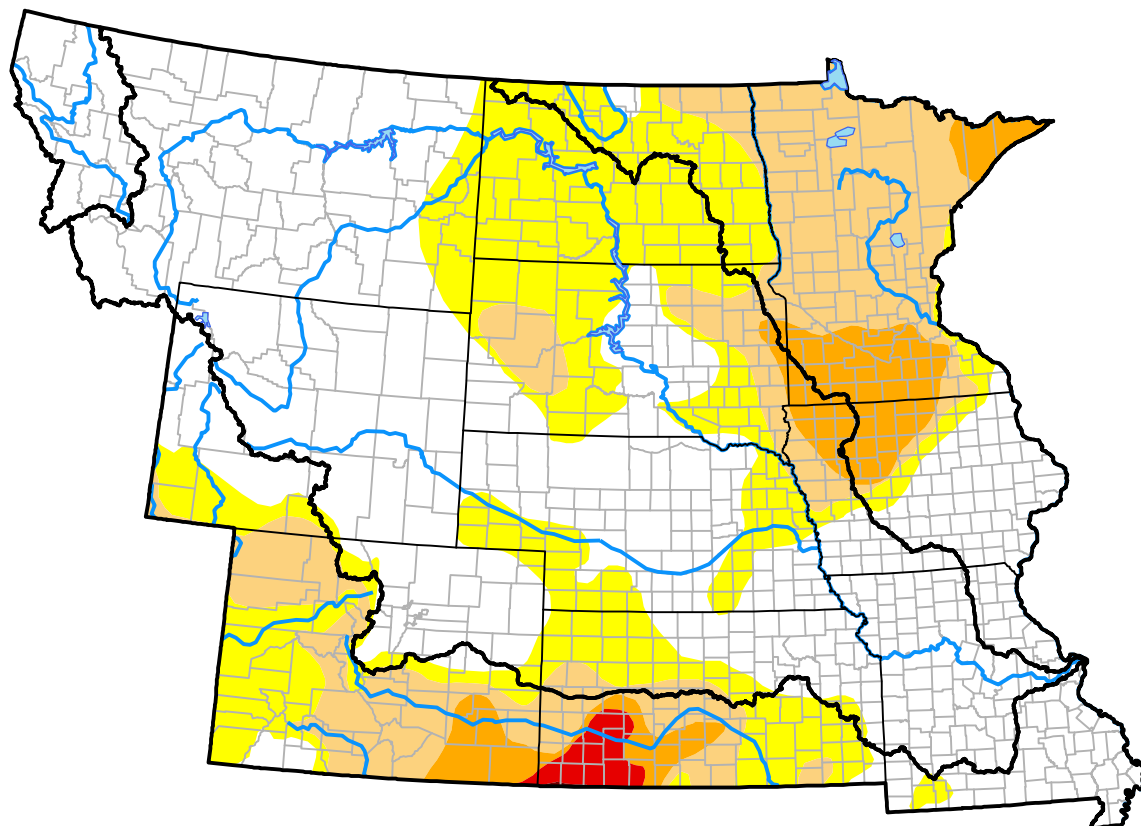


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Missouri River Basin RDEWS

**March 20, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 22, 2012)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 68.30 | 31.70 | 6.42  | 1.38  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-15-2012</i>              | 66.53 | 33.47 | 5.12  | 1.38  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-22-2011</i>           | 76.38 | 23.62 | 6.75  | 1.98  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 74.43 | 25.57 | 6.50  | 1.97  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 71.66 | 28.34 | 4.59  | 0.25  | 0.01  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-24-2011</i>           | 77.70 | 22.30 | 7.17  | 3.04  | 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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