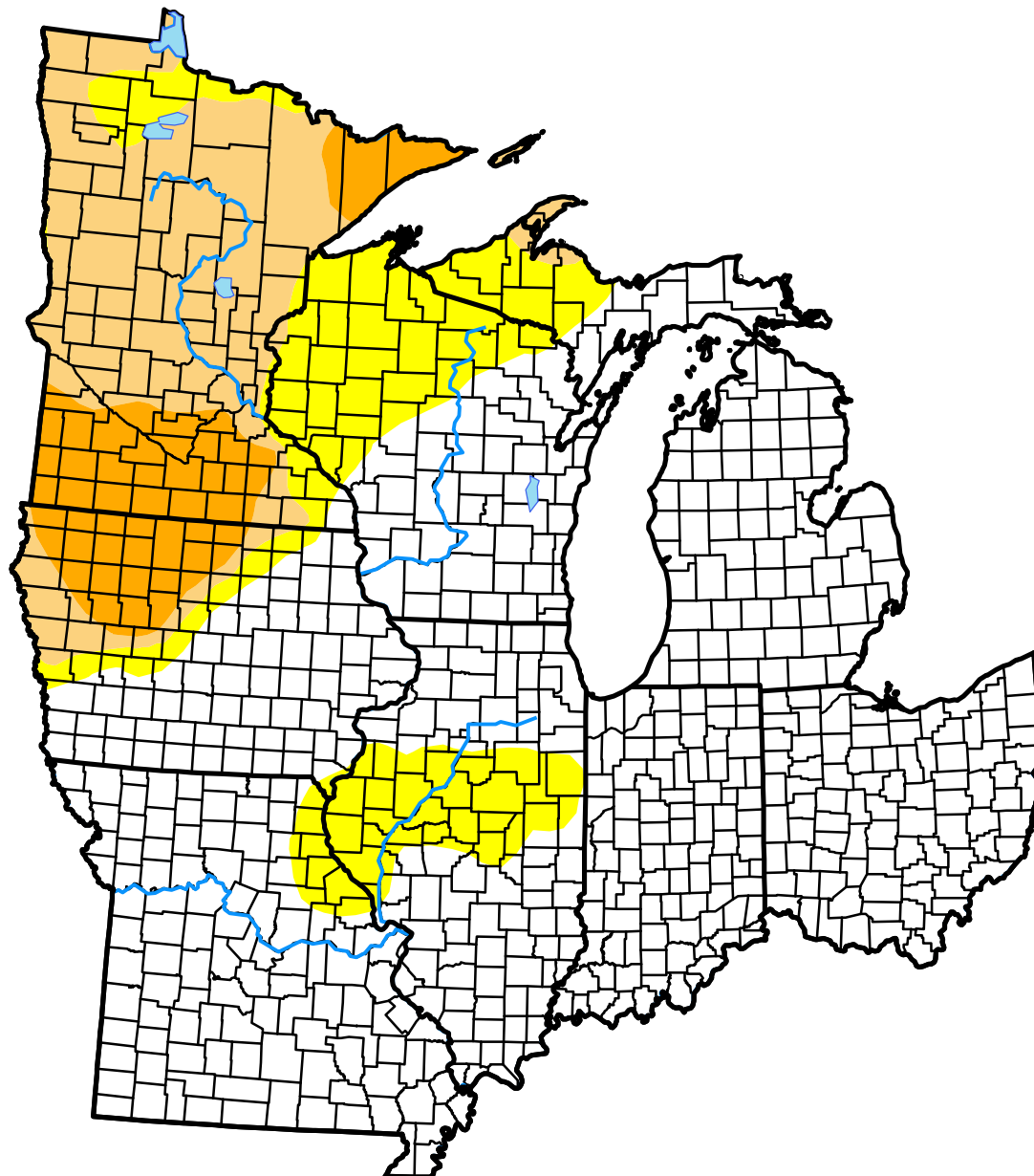


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	65.56	34.44	20.74	6.87	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-20-2012</i>	69.77	30.23	21.78	6.87	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-27-2011</i>	69.36	30.64	14.60	7.40	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	69.36	30.64	14.65	7.40	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.39	43.61	15.24	5.47	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-29-2011</i>	88.98	11.02	3.03	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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