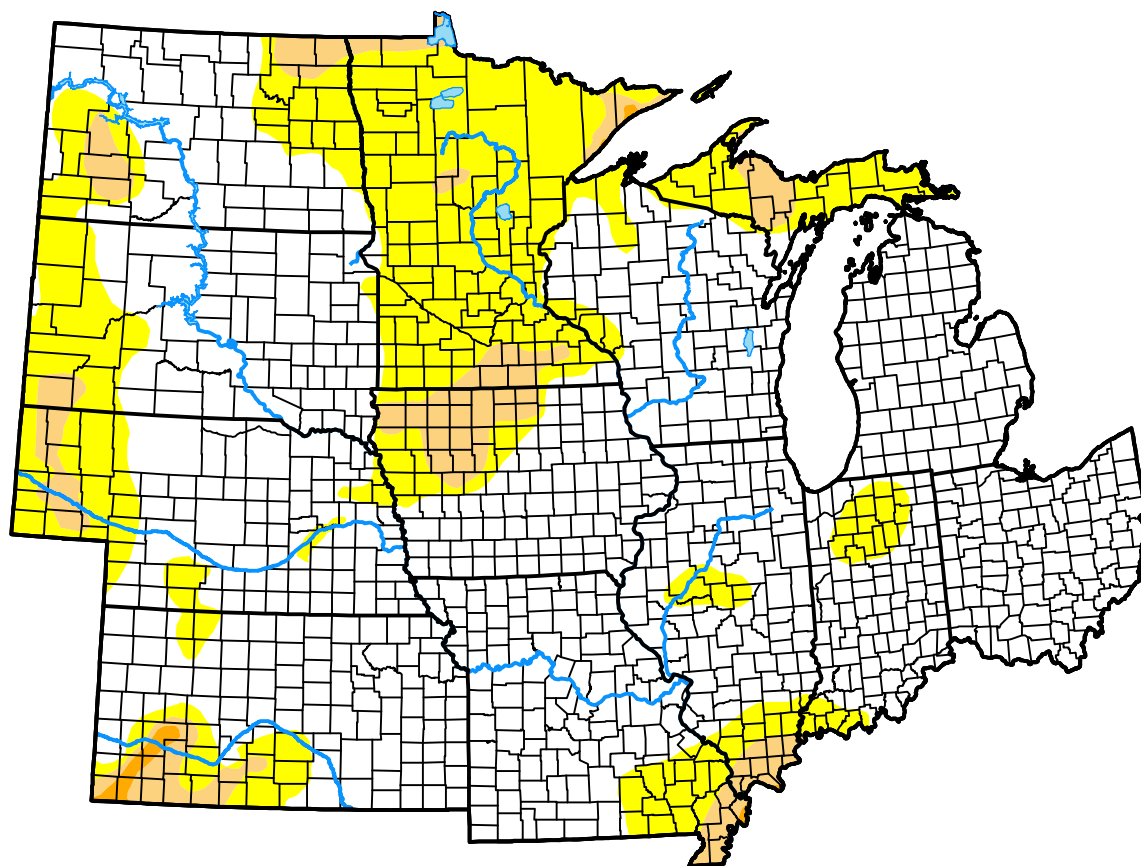


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	68.95	31.05	6.27	0.32	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-08-2012</i>	70.71	29.29	5.76	0.29	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2012</i>	56.02	43.98	22.32	7.06	1.01	0.02
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	58.20	41.80	17.43	7.20	1.37	0.02
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	59.58	40.42	16.96	8.51	3.07	1.89
One Year Ago <i>05-17-2011</i>	88.37	11.63	8.47	5.35	1.33	0.02

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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