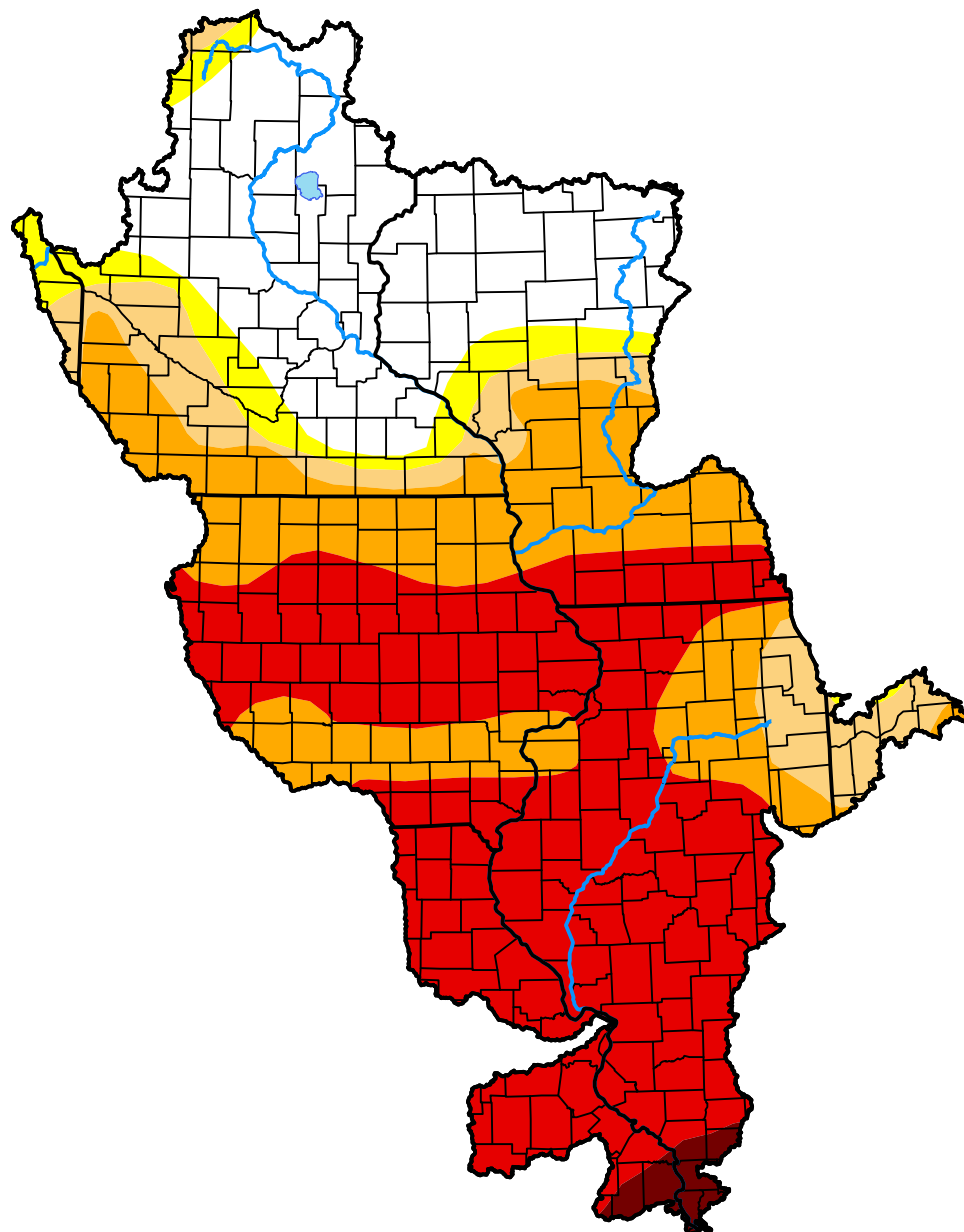


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Upper Mississippi Watershed

**August 14, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 23.92 | 5.11  | 8.53  | 22.05 | 39.10 | 1.29 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-09-2012</i>              | 23.65 | 5.25  | 8.03  | 19.98 | 41.80 | 1.29 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-17-2012</i>           | 63.64 | 29.94 | 6.42  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 57.95 | 23.45 | 7.42  | 11.18 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 48.81 | 29.45 | 13.83 | 7.91  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-18-2011</i>           | 62.71 | 25.46 | 11.83 | 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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