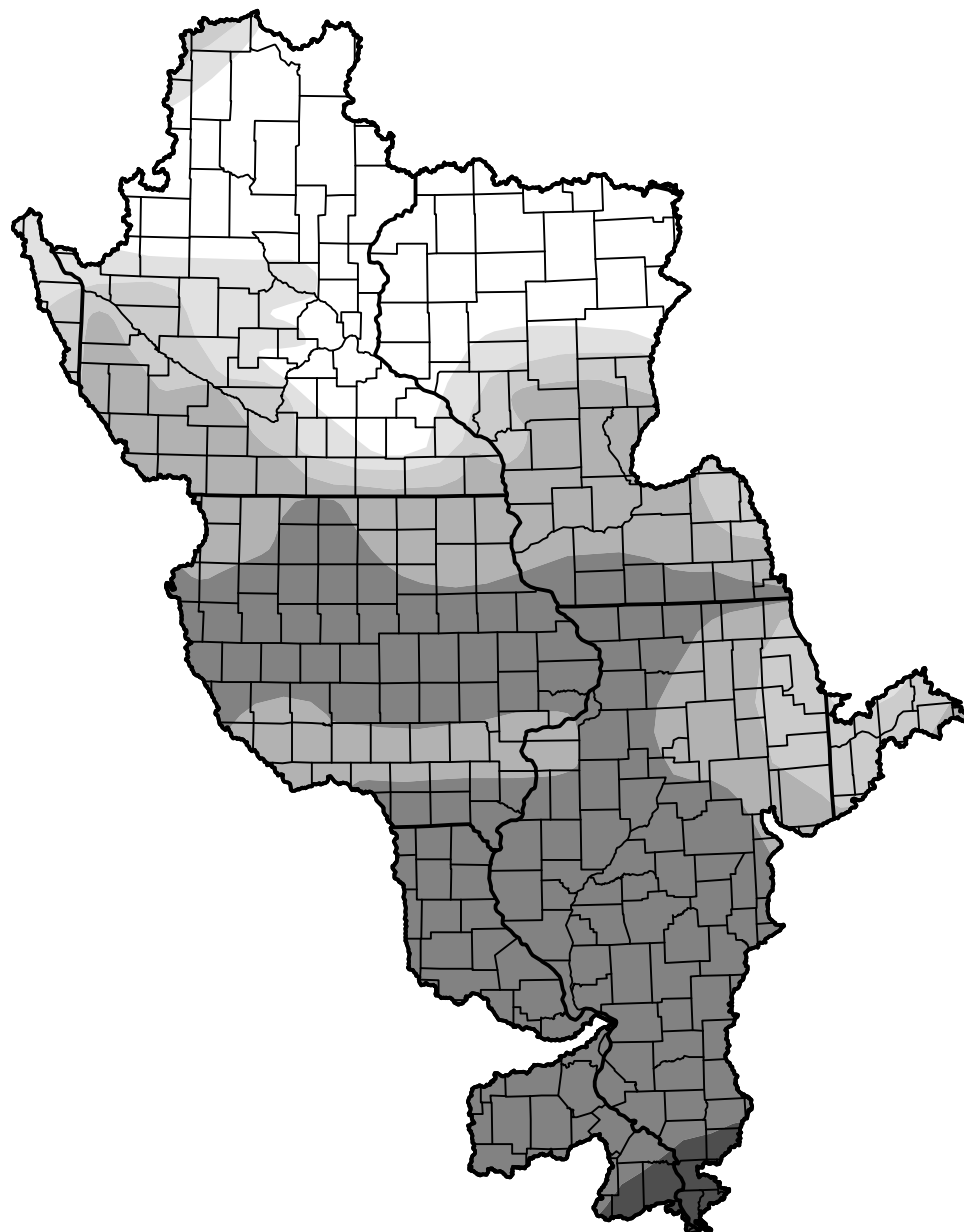


U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	21.77	78.23	71.58	62.57	40.57	1.29
Last Week <i>08-16-2012</i>	23.92	76.08	70.96	62.44	40.39	1.29
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2012</i>	45.09	54.91	7.97	0.13	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	57.95	42.05	18.60	11.18	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	48.81	51.19	21.74	7.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-25-2011</i>	53.12	46.88	13.83	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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