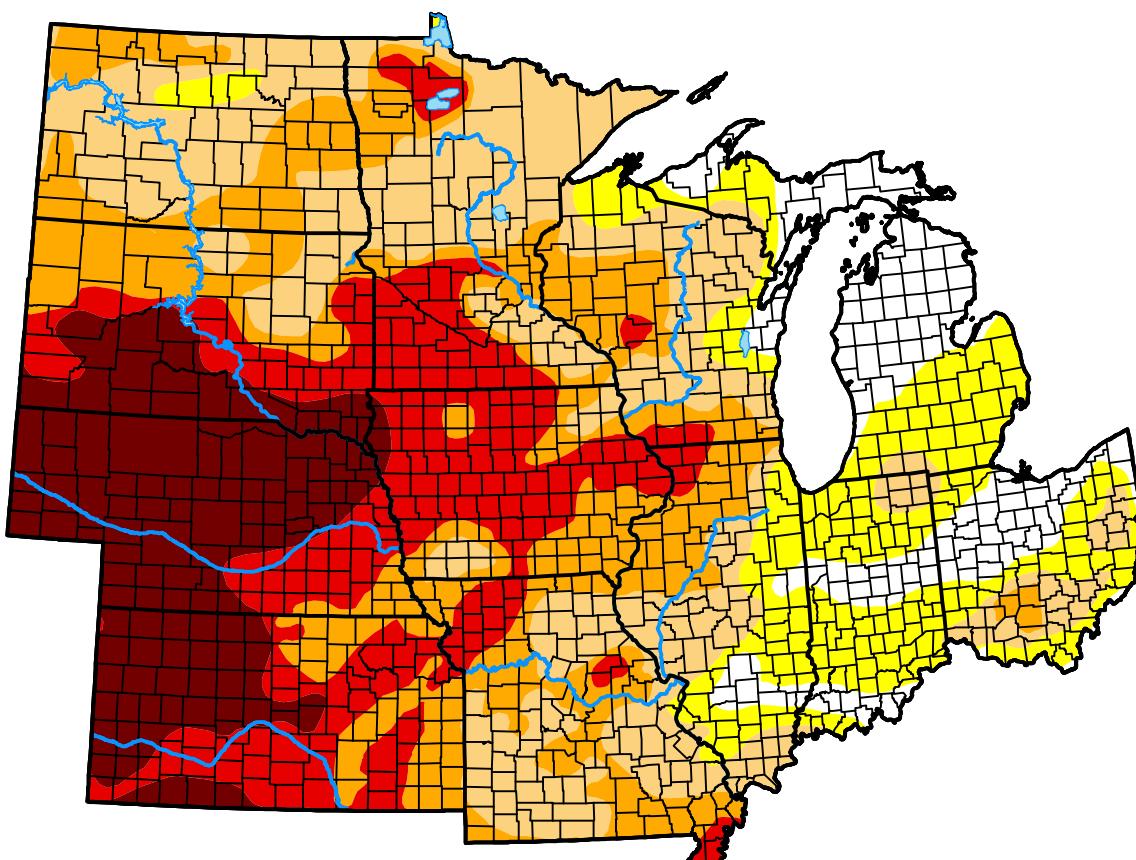


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States



October 23, 2012

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Current | 8.40 | 91.60 | 79.49 | 54.07 | 32.79 | 15.56 |
| Last Week 10-16-2012 | 6.57 | 93.43 | 81.37 | 56.71 | 34.25 | 15.56 |
| 3 Months Ago 07-24-2012 | 9.01 | 90.99 | 77.48 | 62.44 | 34.09 | 3.42 |
| Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012 | 58.20 | 41.80 | 17.43 | 7.20 | 1.37 | 0.02 |
| Start of Water Year 09-25-2012 | 3.58 | 96.42 | 82.21 | 57.26 | 34.44 | 13.74 |
| One Year Ago 10-25-2011 | 60.40 | 39.60 | 21.03 | 11.00 | 3.66 | 1.63 |

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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