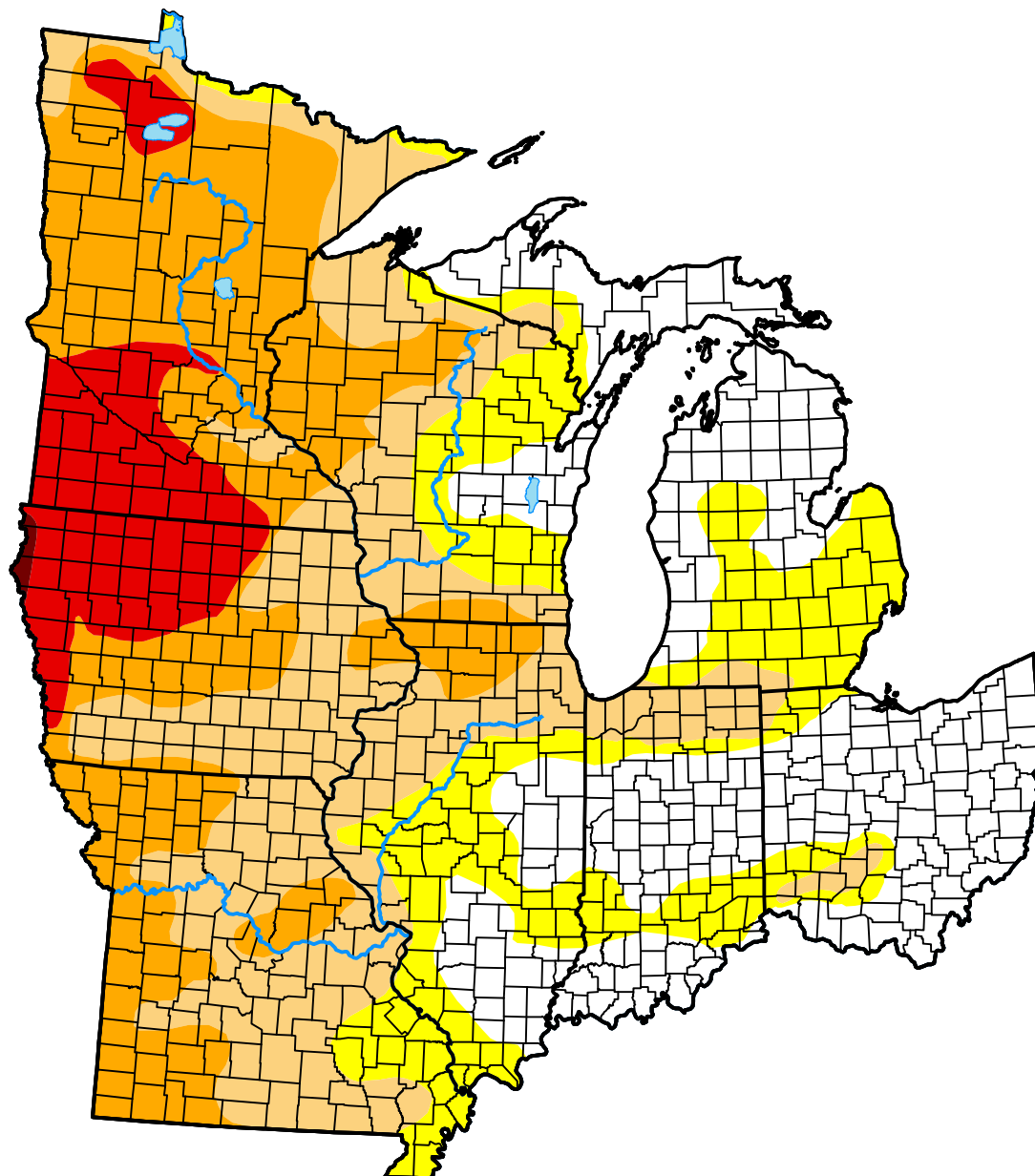


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Midwest Climate Hub

**January 15, 2013**  
(Released Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 24.79 | 17.21 | 25.56 | 23.86 | 8.43  | 0.15 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-08-2013</i>              | 23.86 | 16.76 | 26.62 | 24.19 | 8.42  | 0.15 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-16-2012</i>           | 10.98 | 20.15 | 32.05 | 19.99 | 16.52 | 0.31 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2013</i> | 24.17 | 16.56 | 26.50 | 24.19 | 8.42  | 0.15 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2012</i>    | 5.99  | 22.94 | 27.18 | 27.96 | 15.62 | 0.31 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-17-2012</i>           | 69.34 | 16.00 | 7.26  | 7.40  | 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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