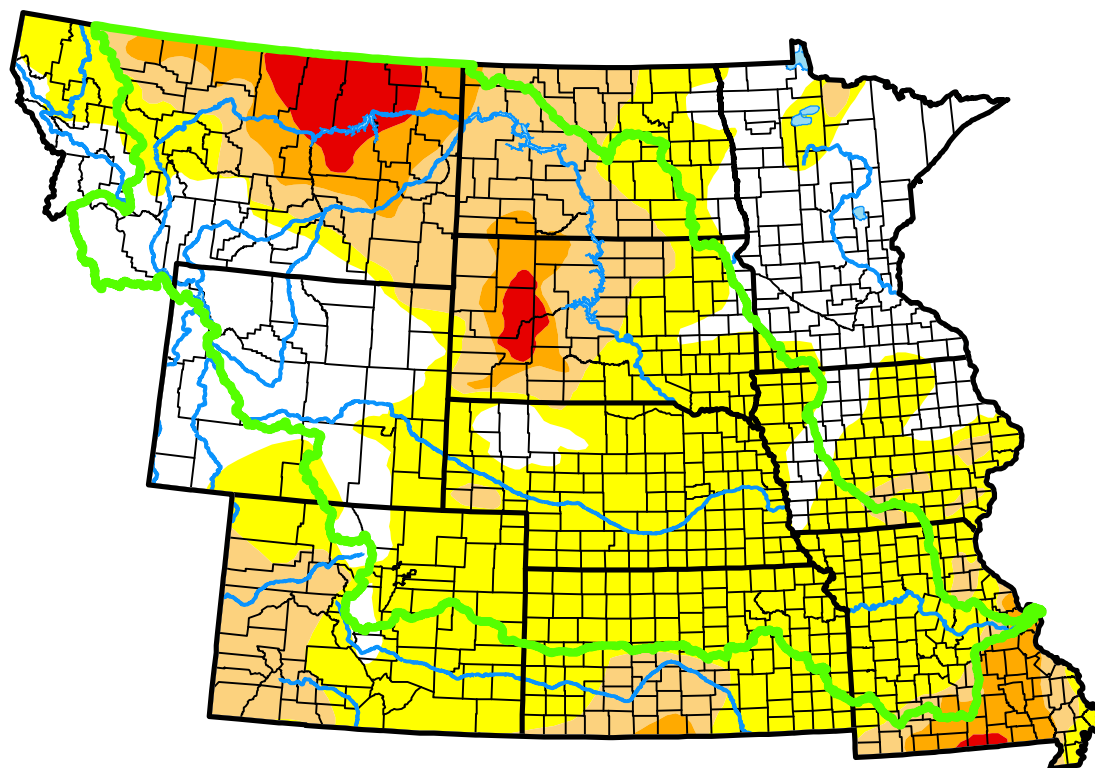


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Missouri River Basin DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**December 19, 2017**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 20.05 | 48.66 | 18.90 | 7.97  | 4.42 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-12-2017</i>              | 25.91 | 42.80 | 18.89 | 7.97  | 4.42 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-19-2017</i>           | 35.67 | 21.34 | 15.39 | 14.01 | 8.50 | 5.09 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 55.38 | 28.62 | 14.59 | 1.41  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2017</i>    | 45.44 | 15.87 | 13.50 | 11.62 | 8.48 | 5.09 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-20-2016</i>           | 53.38 | 30.82 | 13.48 | 2.32  | 0.00 | 0.00 |

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

### 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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