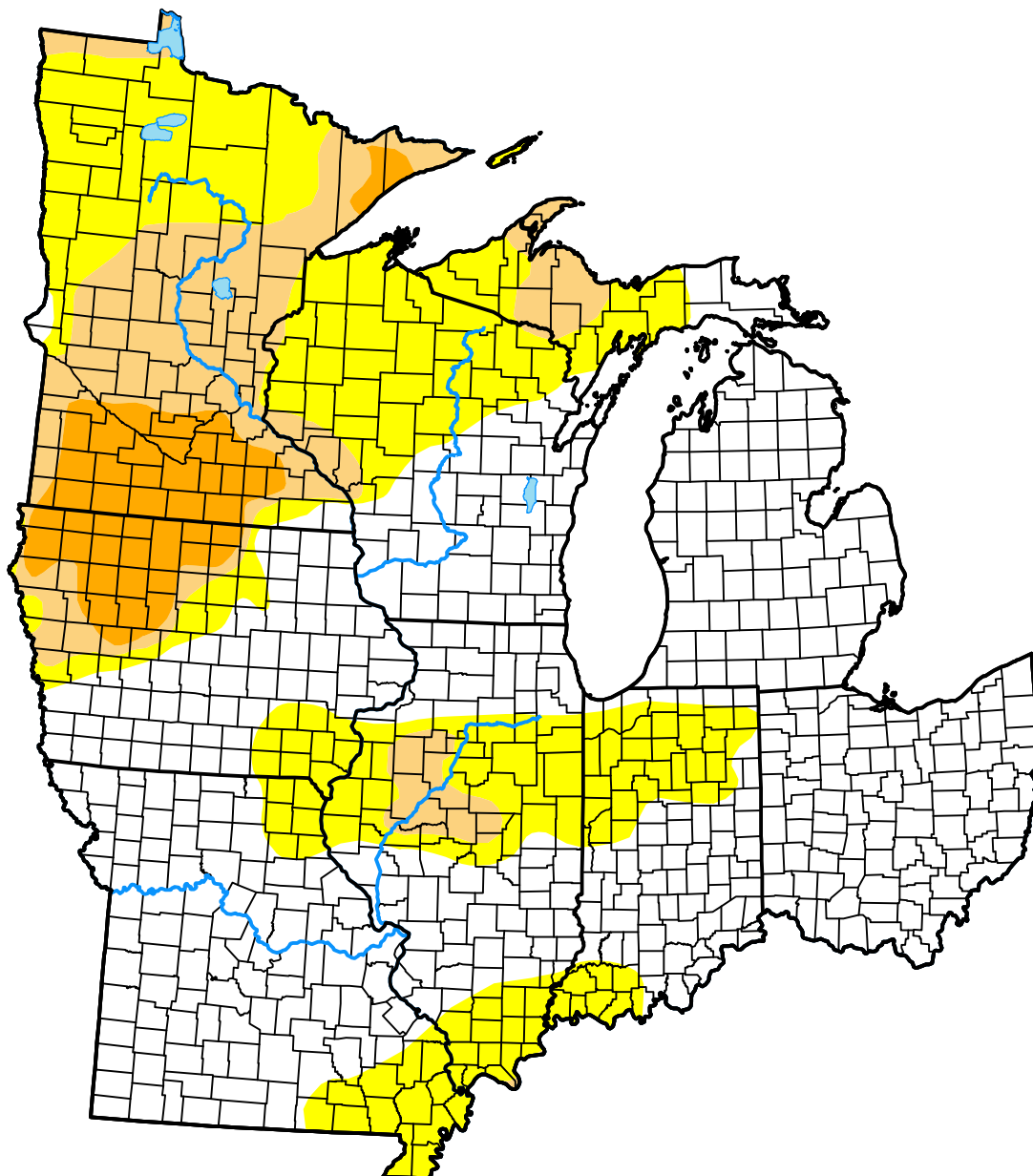


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	55.48	27.16	11.55	5.82	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-24-2012</i>	59.03	24.31	10.15	6.50	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-31-2012</i>	69.29	8.88	14.44	7.40	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	69.36	15.99	7.26	7.40	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.39	28.37	9.77	5.47	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-03-2011</i>	94.35	5.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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