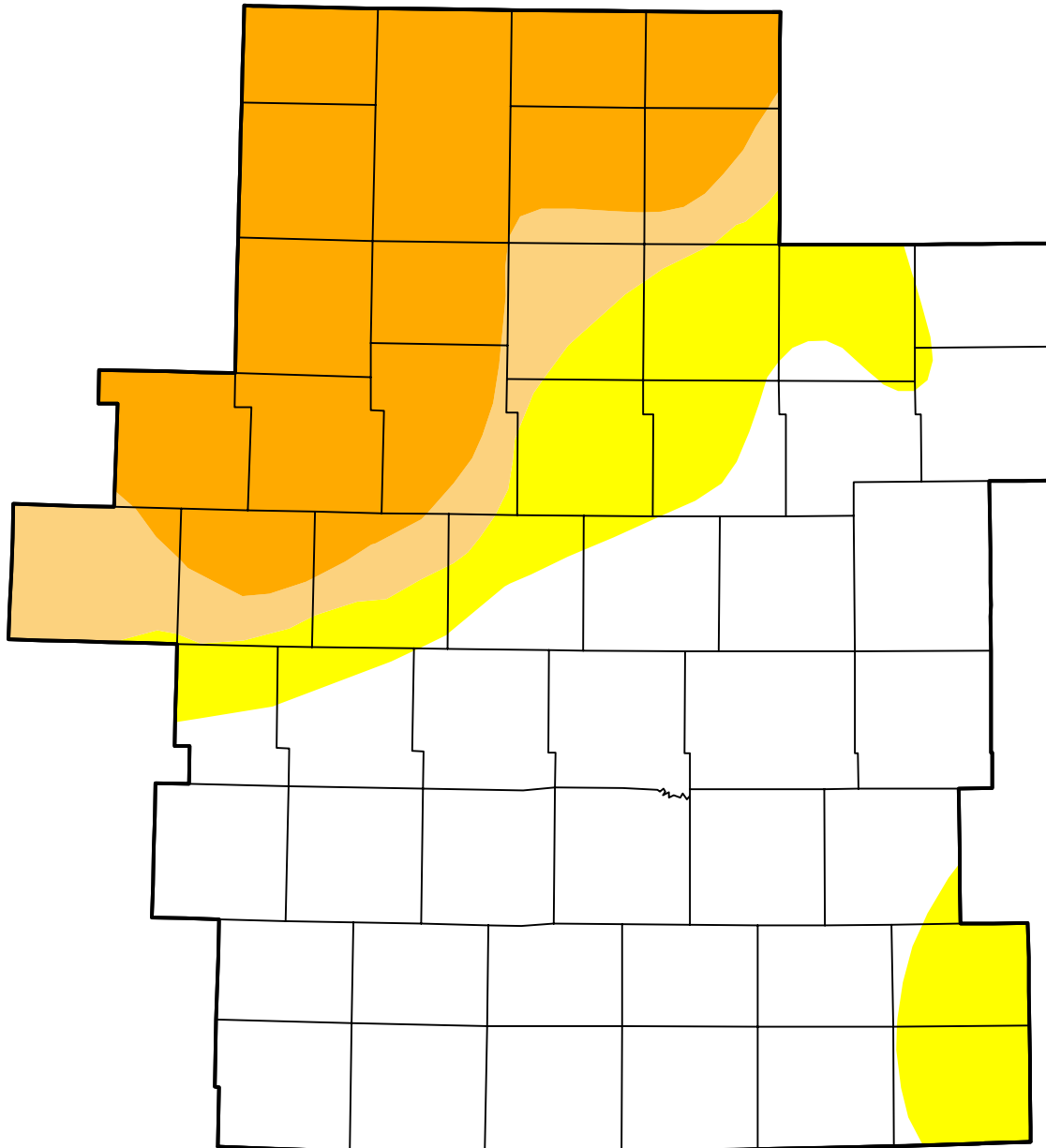


U.S. Drought Monitor

Des Moines, IA WFO

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.39	45.61	31.23	23.48	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-26-2012</i>	55.16	44.84	29.26	22.82	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-02-2012</i>	59.20	40.80	31.03	24.33	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	59.20	40.80	31.03	24.33	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	20.11	79.89	27.70	5.24	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-05-2011</i>	100.00	0.00	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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