



LOWER CEDAR WMA

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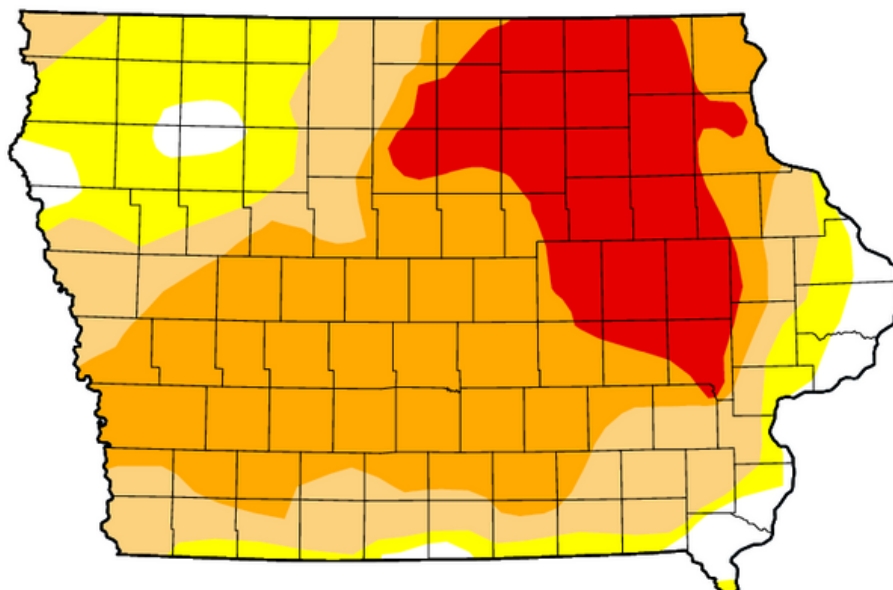
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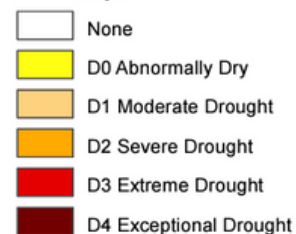
Heartland Co-op Update for the Lower Cedar
Watershed Management Authority





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Intensity:



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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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW:

- Much of the Lower Cedar Watershed is still in a severe or extreme drought despite record breaking snow falls in January.
- January temperatures are near average overall despite the unusually warm last week and the unusually cold mid-January temperatures.
- The soil hasn't frozen in most places so most of the precipitation has been able to soak in, especially in fields that have good soil infiltration like cover crop fields.

Cover Crop Cost-Share



Already using cover crops?

Want to start using cover crops or plant more acres?

- Receive \$10 / acre on unlimited acres!
- Acres can overlap with any publicly funded cost-share program!

**PROGRAM OPEN UNTIL
DECEMBER 1, 2023**

Lower Cedar Batch and Build Update

40 structures (25 saturated buffers and 15 bioreactors) were approved by landowners. We are preparing the landowner packets now and hope to have the projects ready for the public bid process by the end of March.



Lower Cedar Watershed Winter Banquet- Leap Day!

Date: February 29th, 2024 at 5:30pm

Location: Lamp Memorial Community Center, 606 5th Ave Durant, Iowa 52747

Come celebrate our successes from last year and learn how you can be more involved in the Lower Cedar Watershed next year. We will have a nice brisket dinner, a short presentation, and doorprizes.



Thank you for your partnership in making it possible for us to work with farmers to adopt conservation practices in the Lower Cedar Watershed. We are very excited to see the progress that will happen over the next few years!