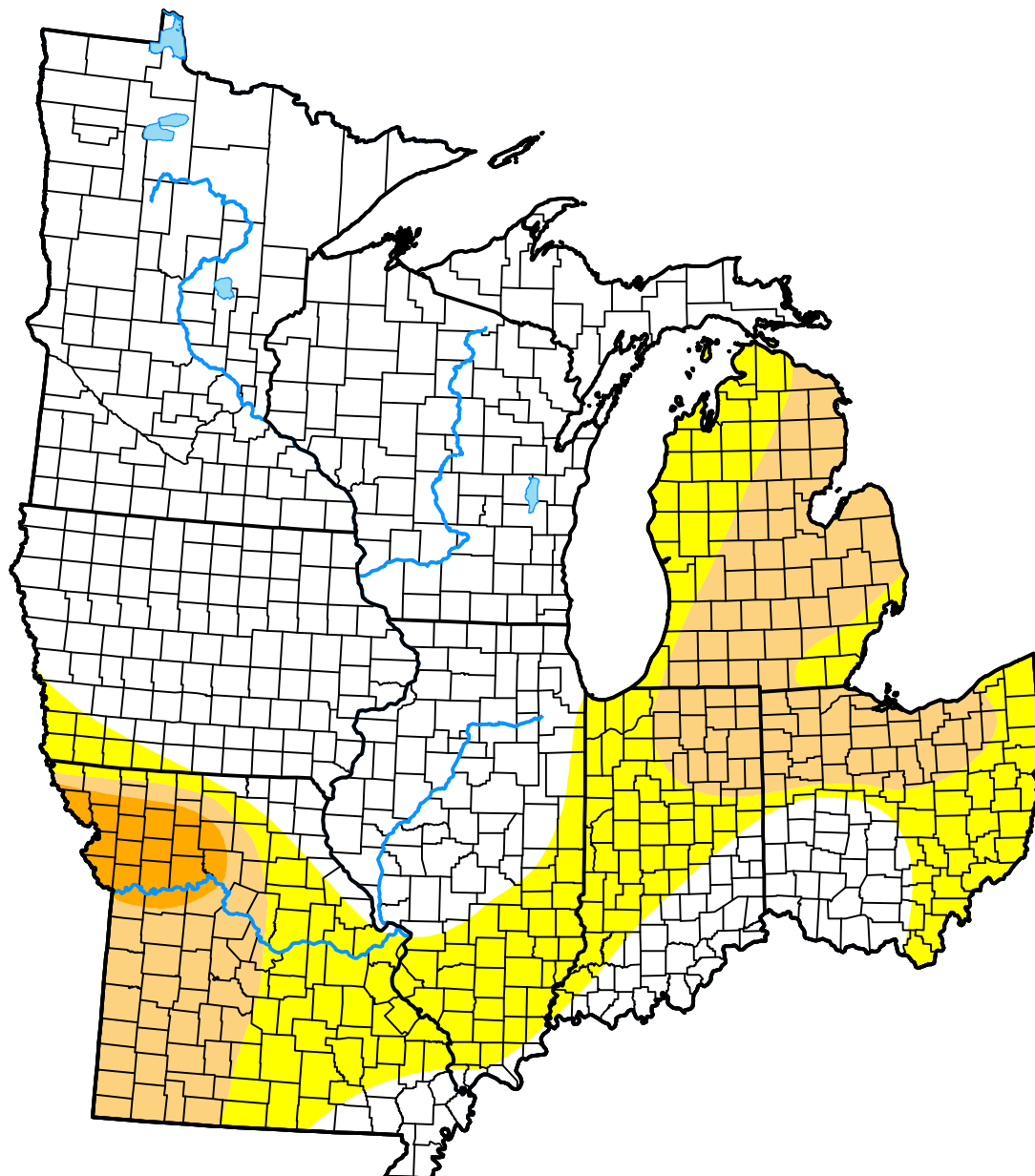


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

**October 15, 2002**  
*(Released Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 61.75 | 38.25 | 17.14 | 1.90  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-08-2002</i>              | 60.83 | 39.17 | 13.48 | 1.49  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-16-2002</i>           | 73.25 | 26.75 | 1.65  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i> | 94.97 | 5.03  | 0.05  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 56.51 | 43.49 | 18.25 | 3.10  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-16-2001</i>           | 94.14 | 5.86  | 0.46  | 0.00  | 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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