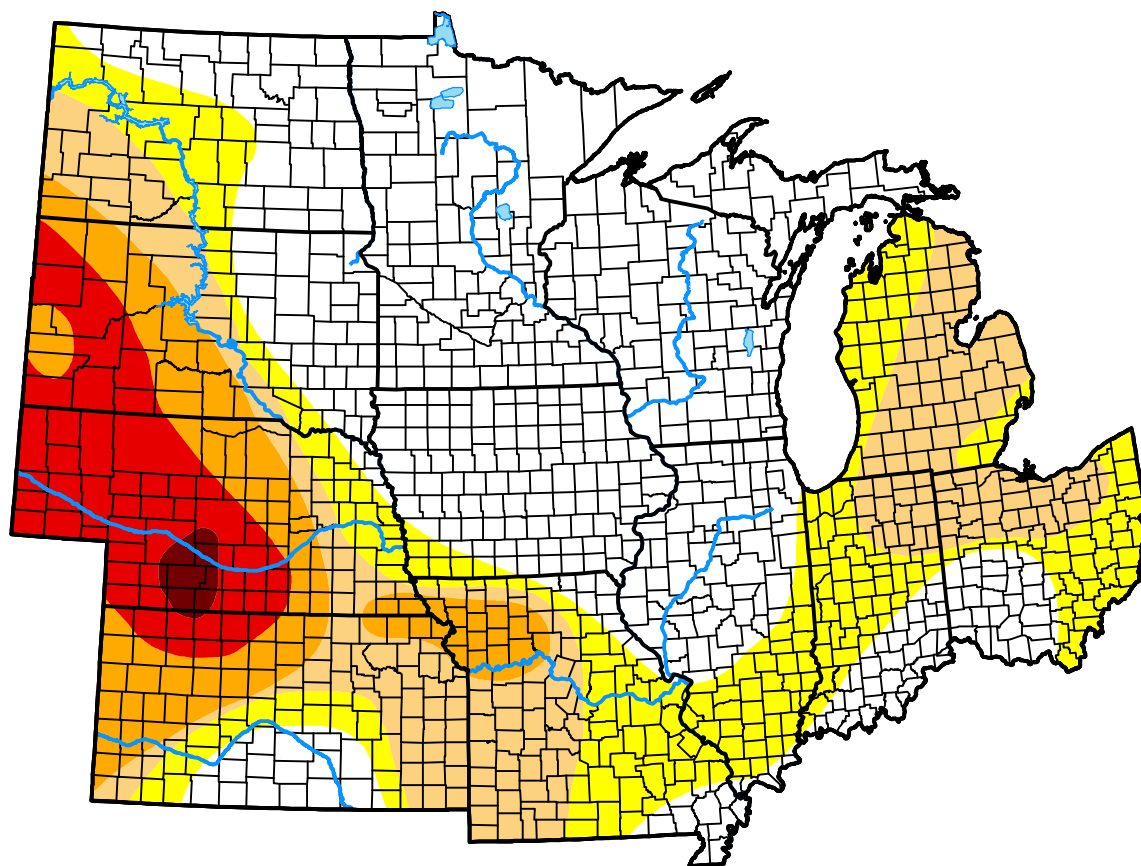


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	47.23	18.75	16.23	9.04	8.11	0.64
Last Week <i>10-08-2002</i>	46.87	22.23	15.52	7.98	6.81	0.59
3 Months Ago <i>07-16-2002</i>	54.73	22.09	9.12	10.09	3.97	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	74.67	17.79	7.46	0.07	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	44.74	21.91	14.54	8.95	8.35	1.50
One Year Ago <i>10-16-2001</i>	86.27	13.13	0.60	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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