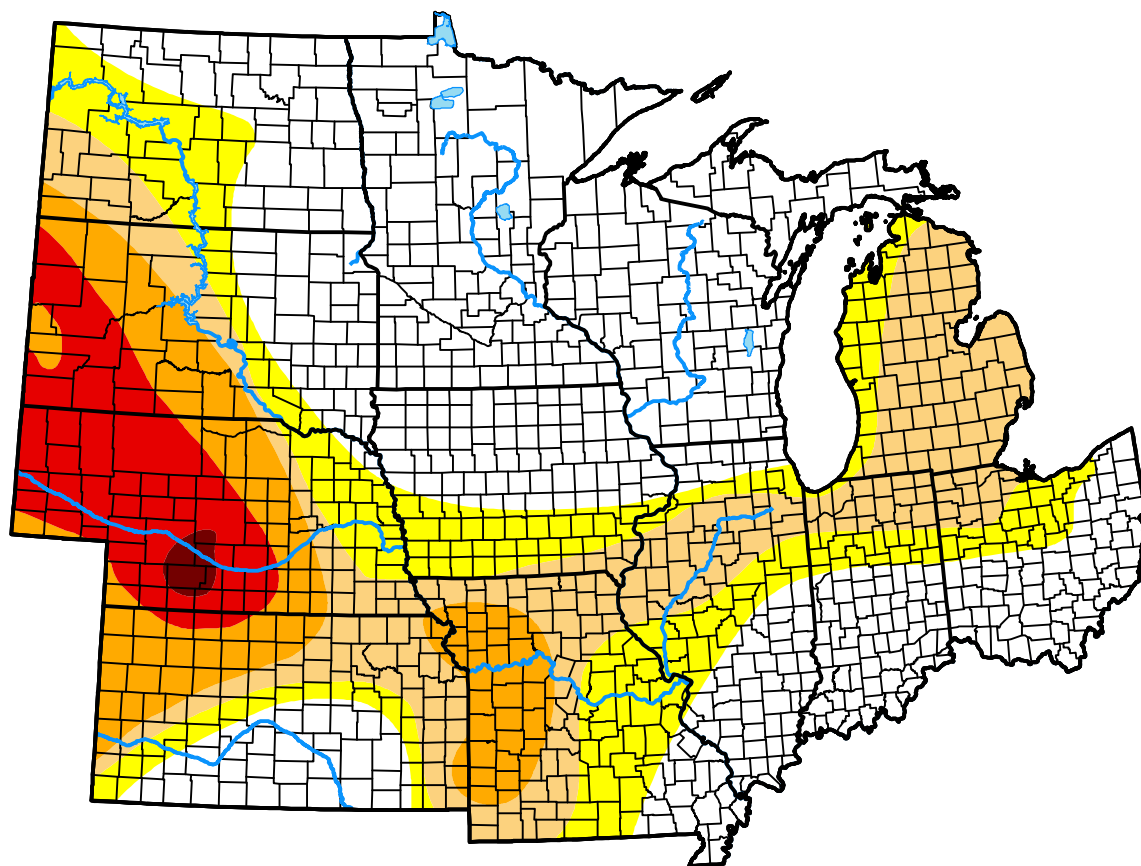


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	48.43	16.65	17.21	9.96	7.32	0.42
Last Week <i>11-26-2002</i>	50.15	18.24	15.60	8.26	7.30	0.46
3 Months Ago <i>09-03-2002</i>	57.96	13.77	9.17	6.98	8.05	4.07
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>12-04-2001</i>	77.60	17.51	4.89	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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