

U.S. Drought Monitor

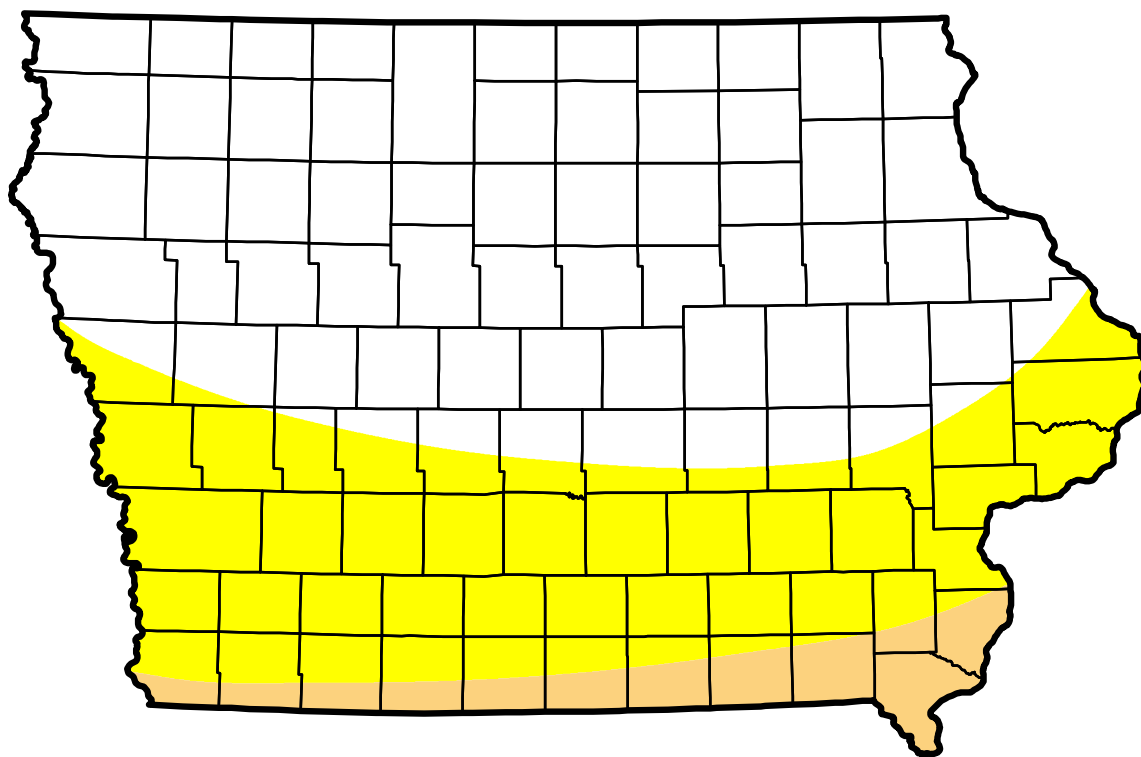
Iowa

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.32	39.68	6.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12/3/2002</i>	64.75	35.25	5.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>9/10/2002</i>	93.92	6.08	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/1/2002</i>	90.98	9.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10/1/2002</i>	80.89	19.11	3.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12/11/2001</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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