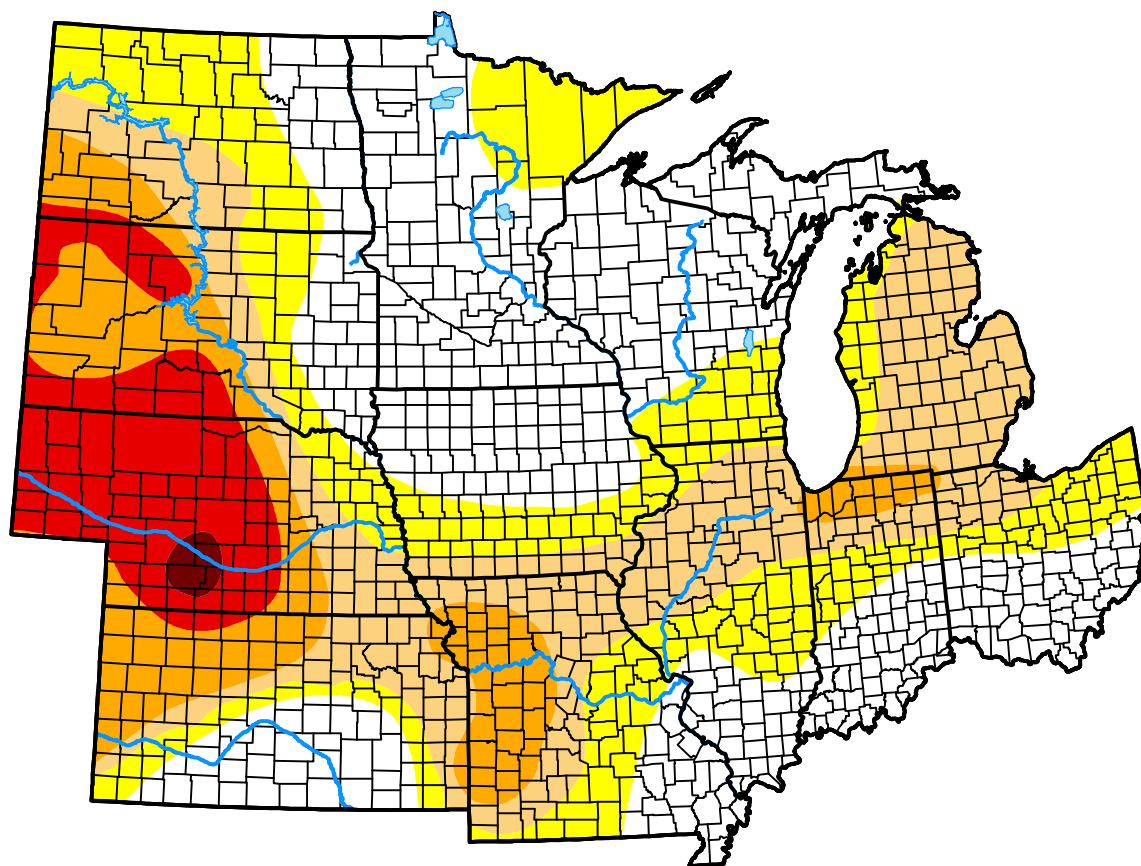


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.93	21.86	19.53	11.43	8.83	0.43
Last Week <i>12-10-2002</i>	39.23	22.88	17.95	10.77	8.69	0.48
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	53.40	13.01	15.12	8.58	8.47	1.42
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>12-18-2001</i>	78.54	15.18	6.24	0.04	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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