

# U.S. Drought Monitor

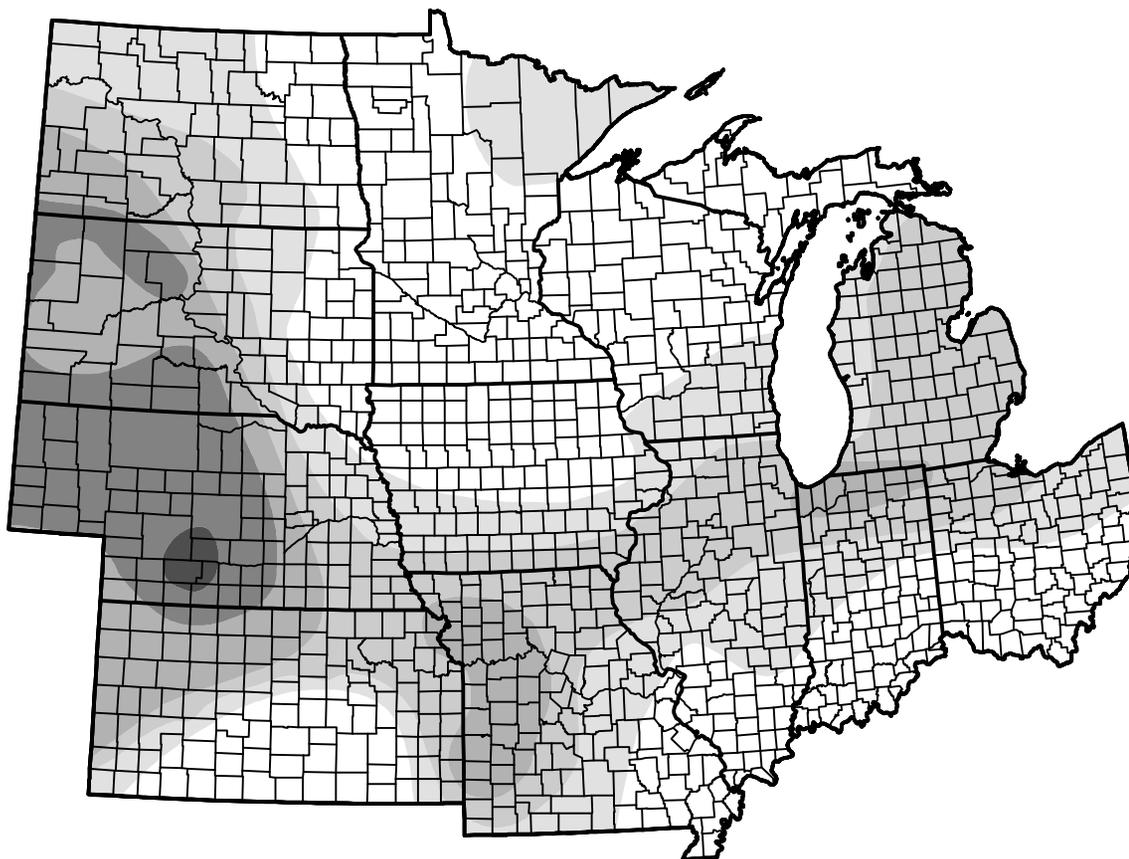
## North Central States

**December 17, 2002**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	37.93	21.86	19.53	11.43	8.83	0.43
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-10-2002</i>	39.23	22.88	17.95	10.77	8.69	0.48
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-17-2002</i>	53.40	13.01	15.12	8.58	8.47	1.42
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	74.67	17.79	7.46	0.07	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	44.74	21.91	14.54	8.95	8.35	1.50
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2001</i>	78.54	15.18	6.24	0.04	0.00	0.00



***Intensity:***

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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