

# U.S. Drought Monitor

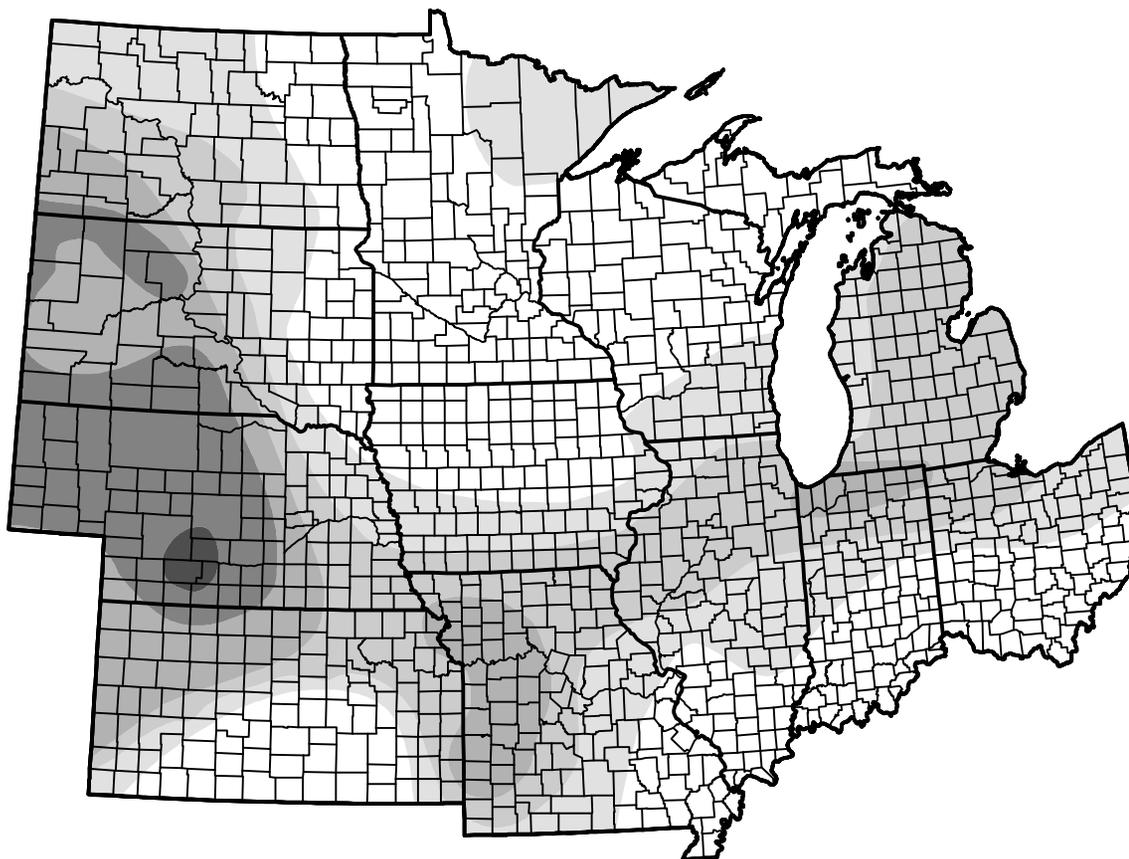
## North Central States

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

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 37.93 | 62.07 | 40.22 | 20.69 | 9.26  | 0.43 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-10-2002</i>              | 39.23 | 60.77 | 37.89 | 19.94 | 9.18  | 0.48 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-17-2002</i>           | 53.40 | 46.60 | 33.59 | 18.47 | 9.89  | 1.42 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i> | 74.67 | 25.33 | 7.54  | 0.07  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 44.74 | 55.26 | 33.34 | 18.80 | 9.86  | 1.50 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-18-2001</i>           | 78.54 | 21.46 | 6.28  | 0.04  | 0.00  | 0.00 |



### Intensity:



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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