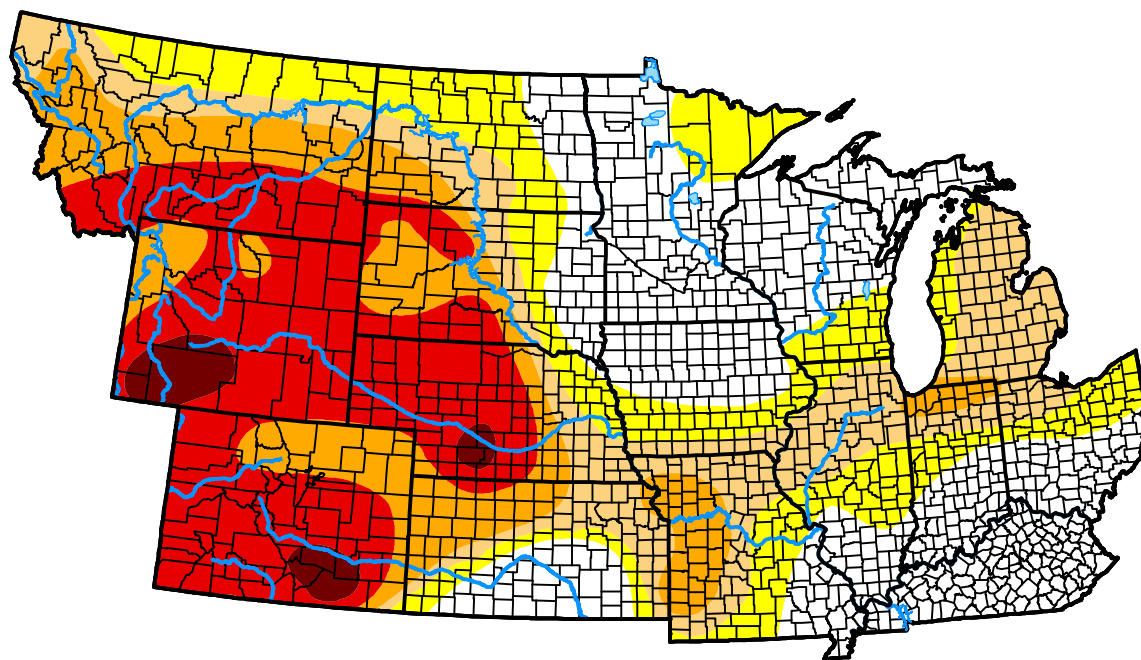


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	28.64	16.87	15.35	15.43	21.62	2.09
Last Week <i>12-10-2002</i>	29.50	17.60	14.32	15.33	21.18	2.06
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	36.55	11.96	15.43	11.13	19.30	5.63
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	56.84	17.86	9.32	7.36	8.62	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	32.21	20.54	12.59	10.16	19.43	5.06
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2001</i>	59.62	16.41	8.00	7.14	8.84	0.00

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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