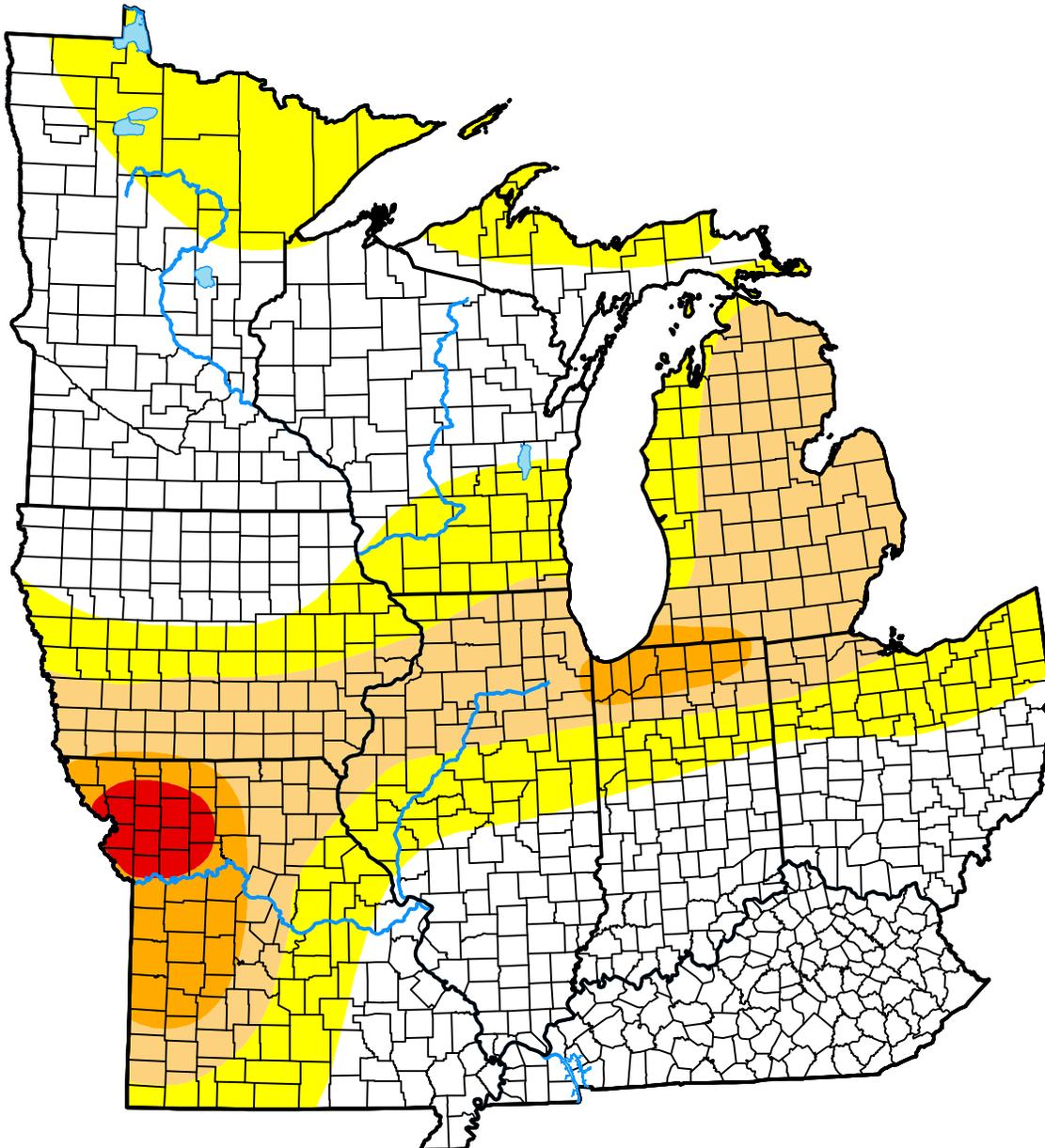


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Midwest

**December 31, 2002**  
 (Released Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003)  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	51.12	24.72	18.65	4.30	1.21	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-24-2002</i>	55.68	20.78	18.43	5.11	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	57.19	25.80	14.16	2.85	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	94.46	5.49	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	57.19	25.80	14.16	2.85	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	94.46	5.49	0.04	0.00	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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