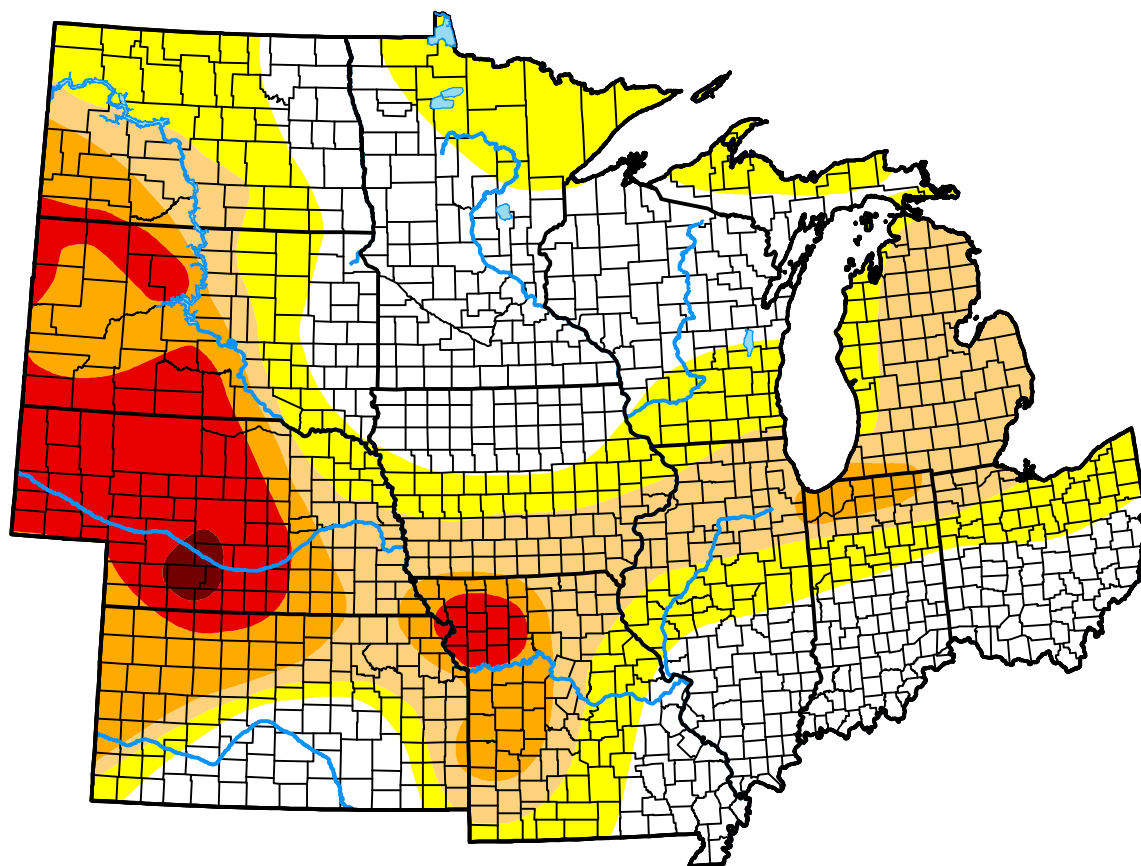


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	35.62	64.38	40.38	21.68	10.29	0.49
Last Week 12-24-2002	39.04	60.96	39.42	20.68	9.16	0.48
3 Months Ago 10-01-2002	44.74	55.26	33.34	18.80	9.86	1.50
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2002	74.67	25.33	7.54	0.07	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	44.74	55.26	33.34	18.80	9.86	1.50
One Year Ago 01-01-2002	74.67	25.33	7.54	0.07	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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