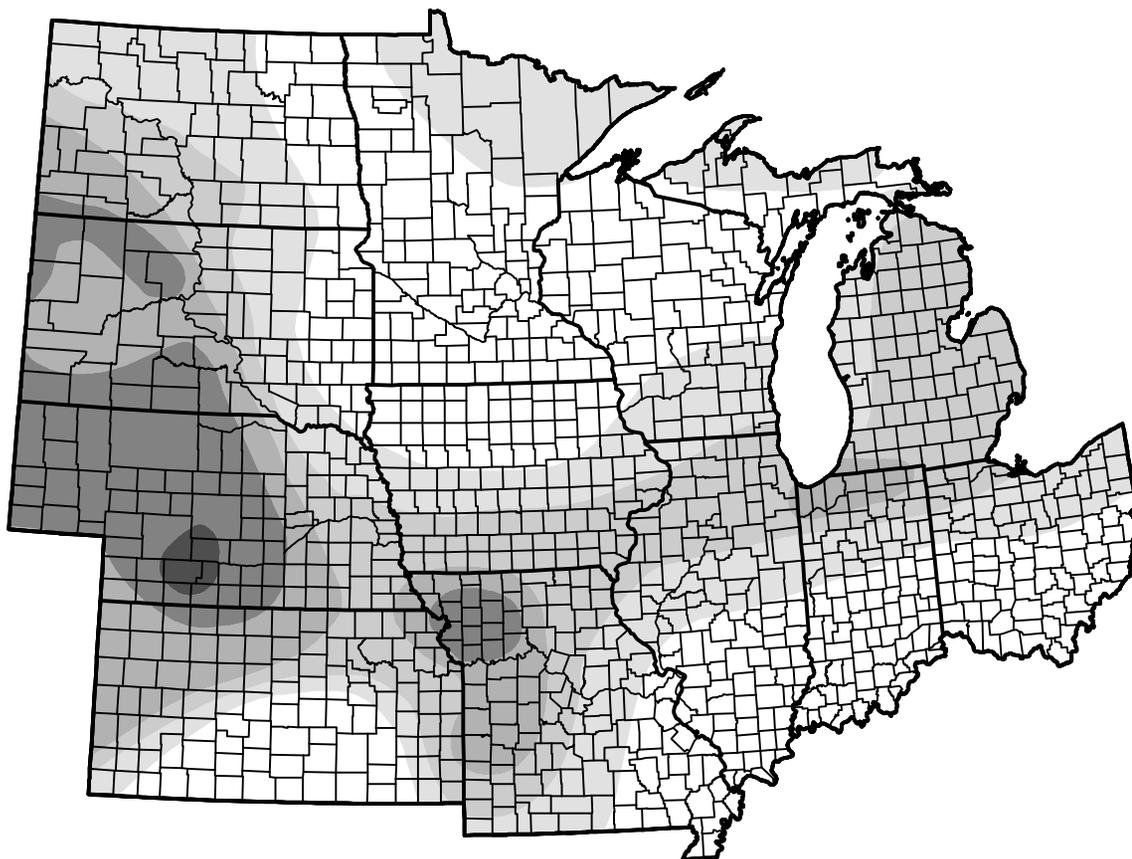


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## North Central States

**December 31, 2002**  
 (Released Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

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