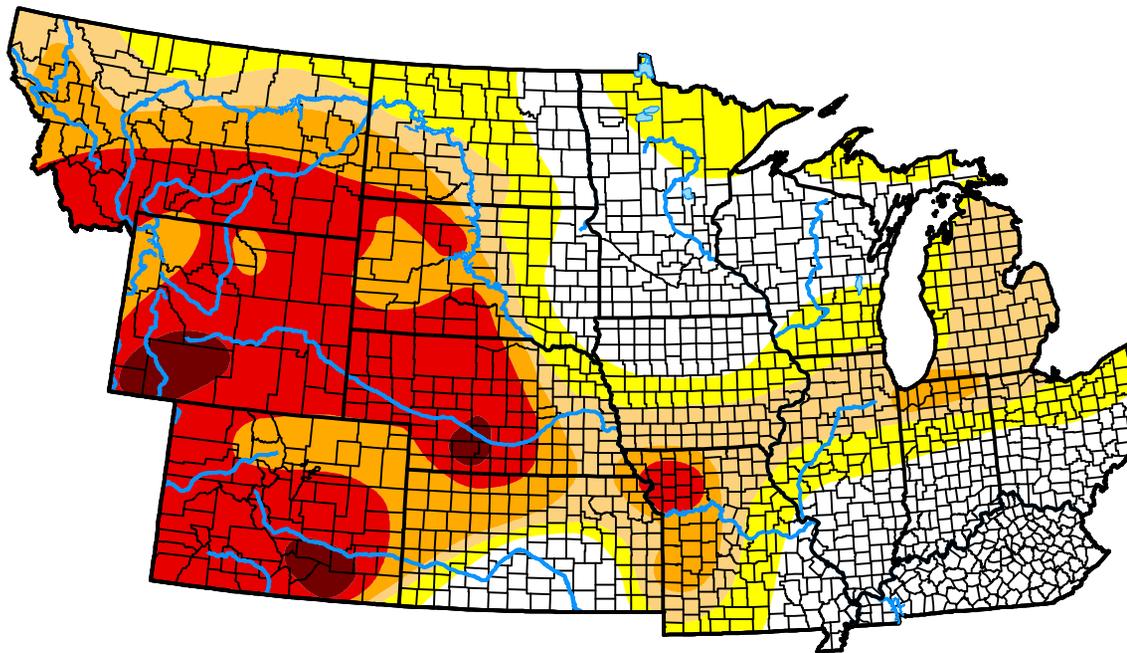


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

**December 31, 2002**  
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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 27.11 | 17.35 | 15.50 | 14.97 | 22.96 | 2.11 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-24-2002</i>              | 29.38 | 16.62 | 14.81 | 15.56 | 21.52 | 2.12 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>           | 32.21 | 20.54 | 12.59 | 10.16 | 19.43 | 5.06 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i> | 56.84 | 17.86 | 9.32  | 7.36  | 8.62  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 32.21 | 20.54 | 12.59 | 10.16 | 19.43 | 5.06 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i>           | 56.84 | 17.86 | 9.32  | 7.36  | 8.62  | 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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