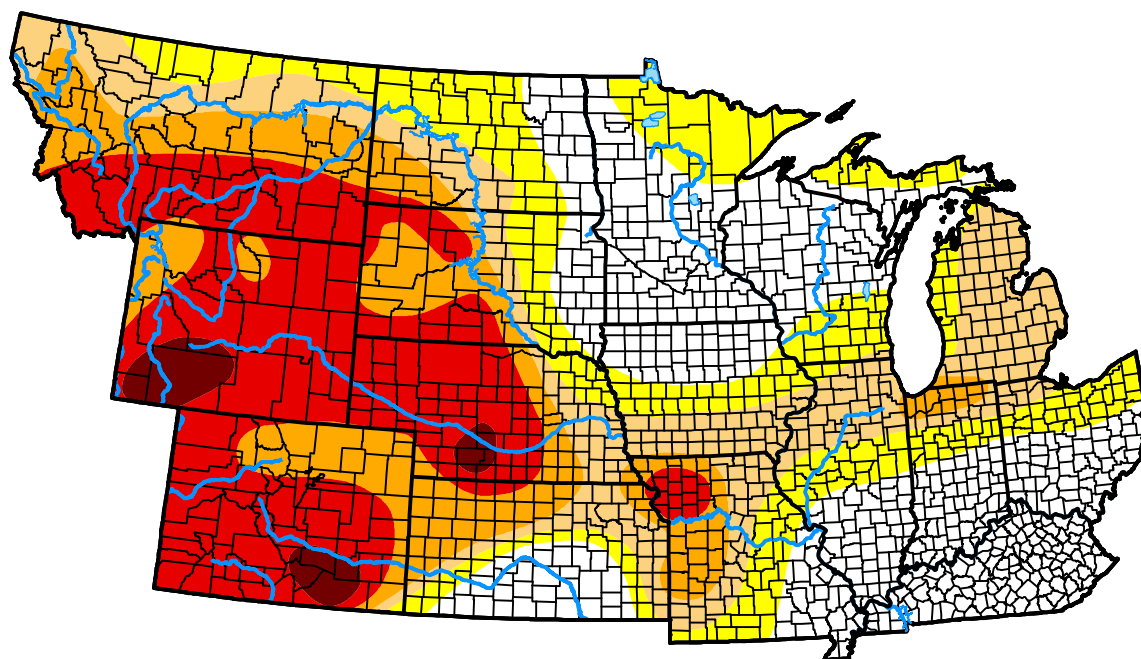


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	27.11	72.89	55.54	40.04	25.07	2.11
Last Week <i>12-24-2002</i>	29.38	70.62	54.00	39.19	23.63	2.12
3 Months Ago <i>10-01-2002</i>	32.21	67.79	47.24	34.65	24.49	5.06
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	56.84	43.16	25.30	15.98	8.62	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	32.21	67.79	47.24	34.65	24.49	5.06
One Year Ago <i>01-01-2002</i>	56.84	43.16	25.30	15.98	8.62	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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