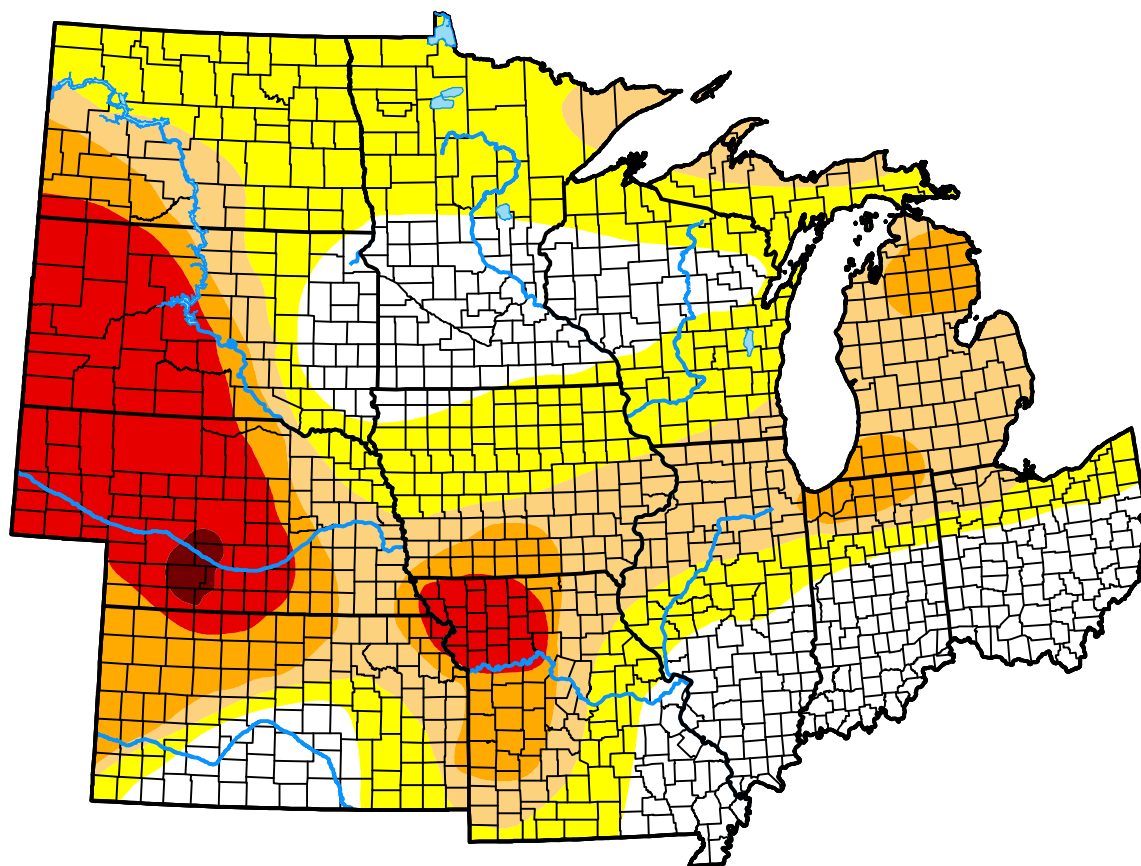


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.49	75.51	44.80	24.55	13.52	0.48
Last Week <i>12-31-2002</i>	35.62	64.38	40.38	21.68	10.29	0.49
3 Months Ago <i>10-08-2002</i>	46.87	53.13	30.89	15.38	7.40	0.59
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	35.62	64.38	40.38	21.68	10.29	0.49
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	44.74	55.26	33.34	18.80	9.86	1.50
One Year Ago <i>01-08-2002</i>	72.74	27.26	7.06	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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