

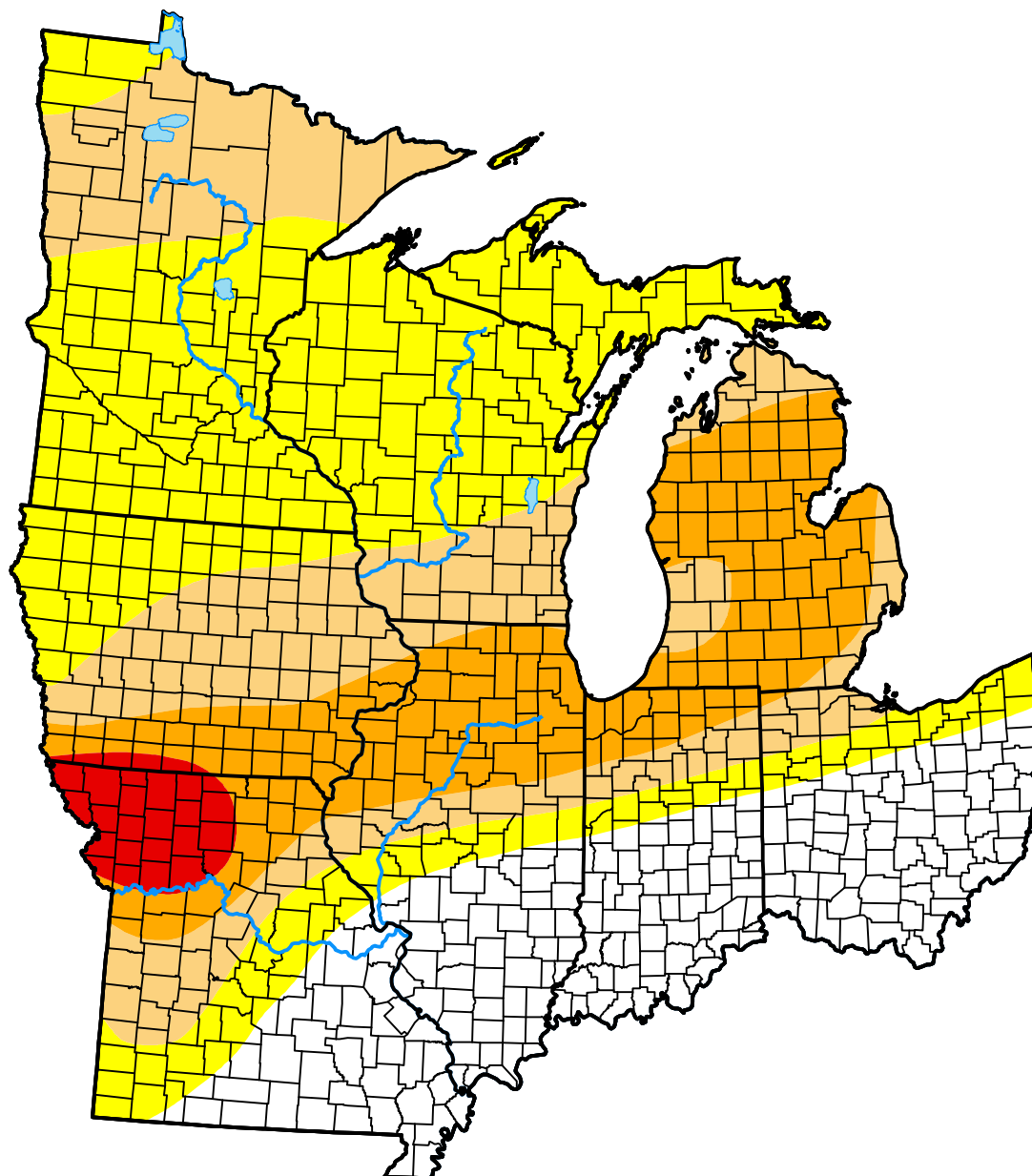
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 21.81 | 34.91 | 23.16 | 17.34 | 2.78 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-25-2003</i>              | 21.61 | 37.25 | 21.82 | 16.29 | 3.02 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-03-2002</i>           | 61.04 | 16.21 | 18.68 | 4.06  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 46.82 | 26.90 | 20.29 | 4.67  | 1.32 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 56.51 | 25.24 | 15.14 | 3.10  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-05-2002</i>           | 79.55 | 20.45 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 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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