

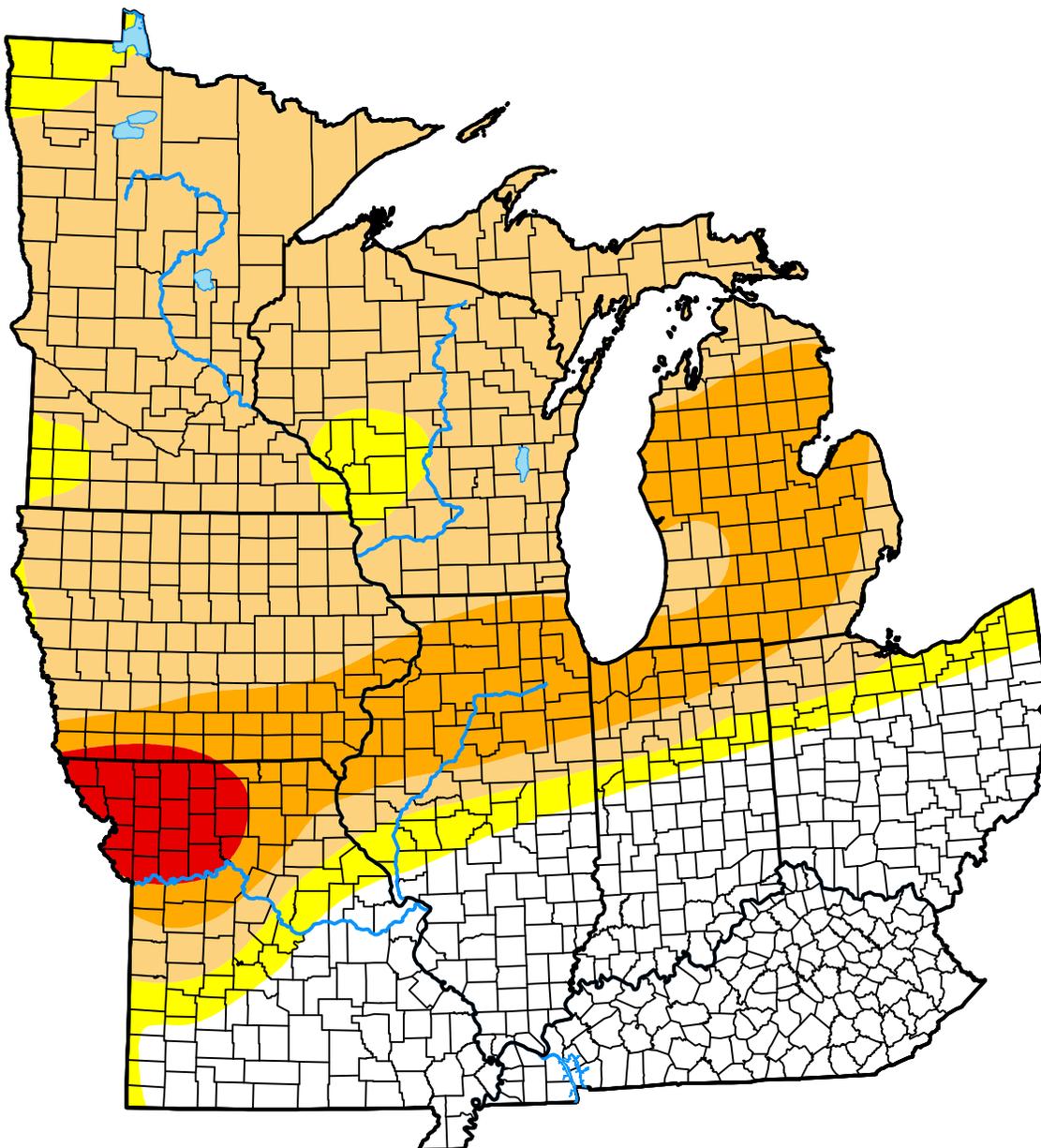
U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest

March 18, 2003
(Released Thursday, Mar. 20, 2003)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Current | 29.73 | 8.21 | 43.63 | 15.88 | 2.54 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i> | 28.02 | 30.89 | 22.48 | 16.02 | 2.58 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i> | 54.18 | 21.73 | 19.15 | 4.94 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i> | 51.12 | 24.72 | 18.65 | 4.30 | 1.21 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i> | 57.19 | 25.80 | 14.16 | 2.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>03-19-2002</i> | 78.92 | 21.07 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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>

Author:

Richard Heim
NCEI/NOAA



droughtmonitor.unl.edu