

# U.S. Drought Monitor

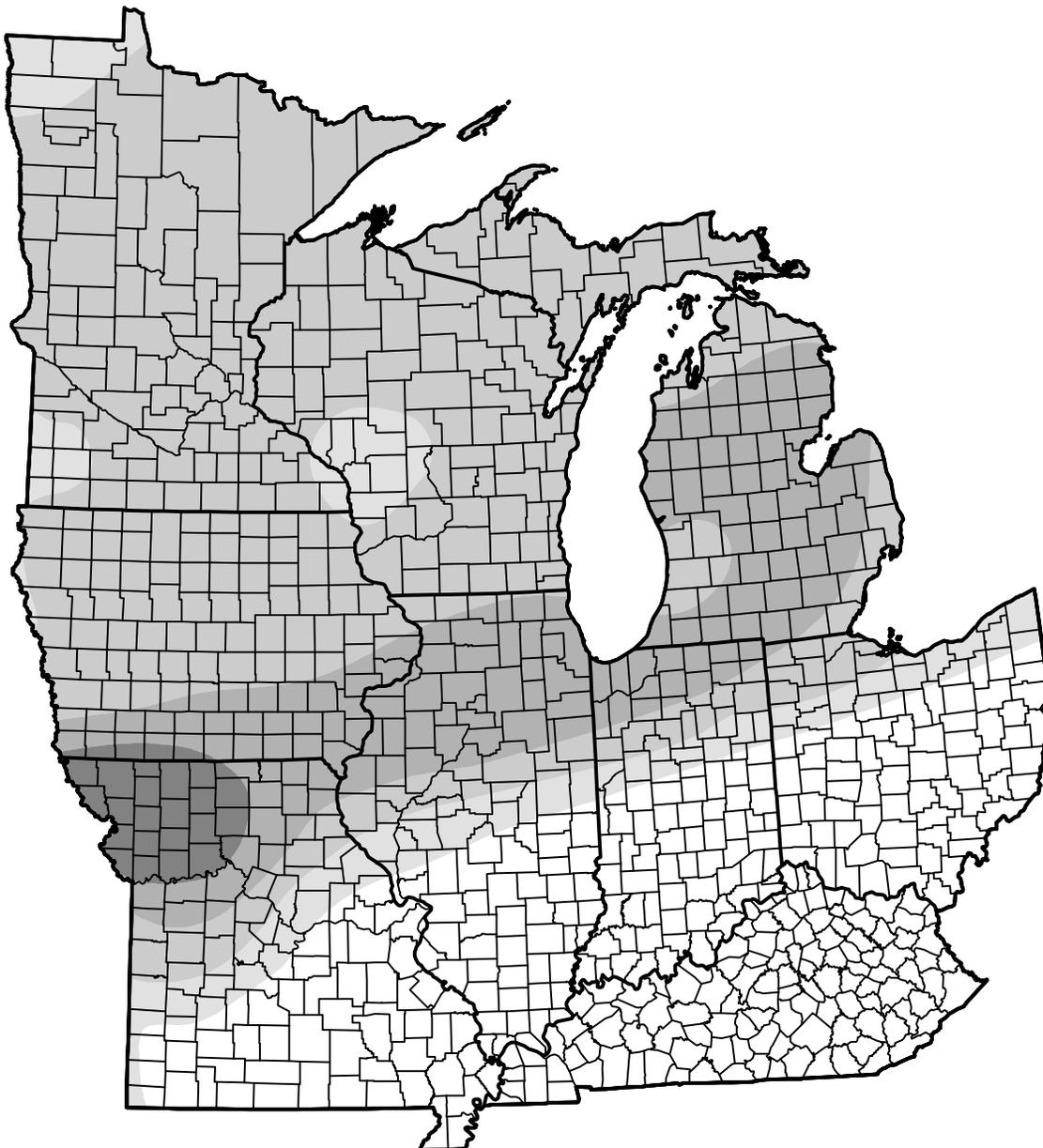
## Midwest

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

Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

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

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