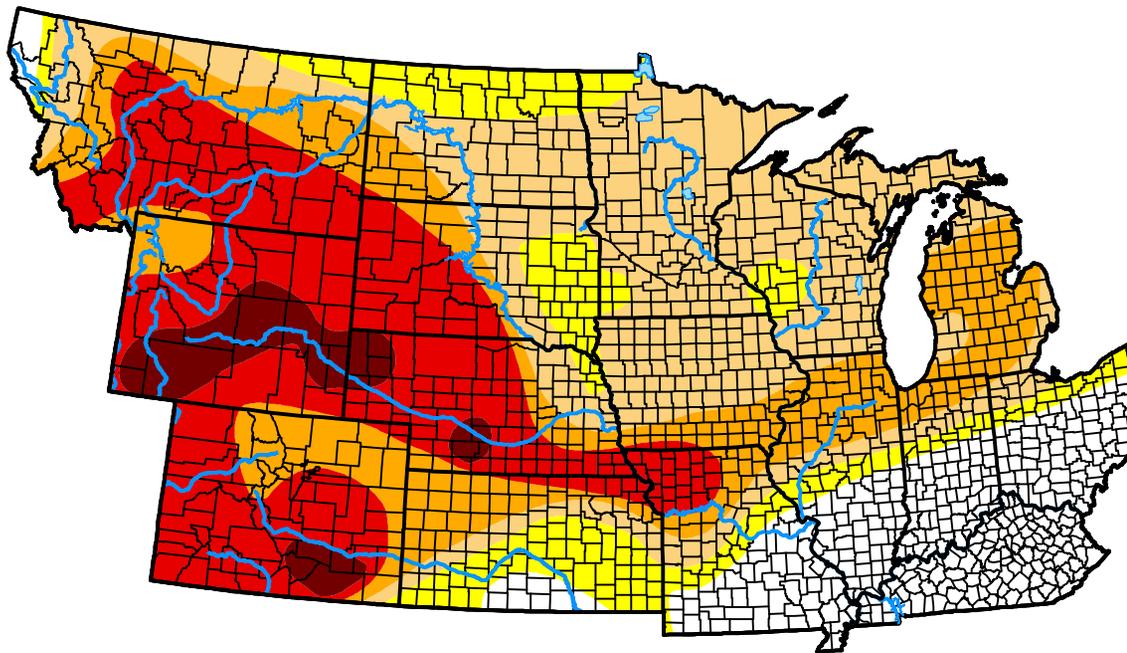


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	13.99	86.01	75.22	47.33	28.98	4.38
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-11-2003</i>	12.86	87.14	65.28	47.54	28.90	4.36
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	28.64	71.36	54.49	39.15	23.71	2.09
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	27.11	72.89	55.54	40.04	25.07	2.11
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	32.21	67.79	47.24	34.65	24.49	5.06
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-19-2002</i>	39.28	60.72	32.06	20.58	7.86	0.00



### Intensity:



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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