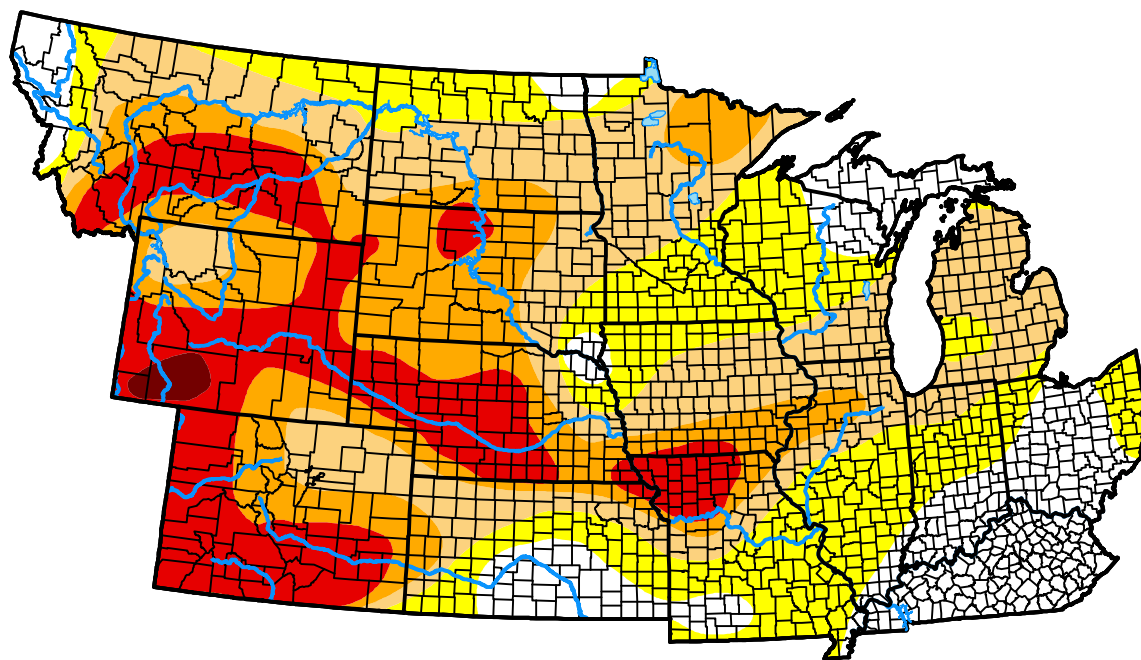


U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

April 15, 2003
(Released Thursday, Apr. 17, 2003)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.00	21.61	26.06	19.47	17.28	0.60
Last Week <i>04-08-2003</i>	21.54	16.70	24.78	18.71	17.60	0.68
3 Months Ago <i>01-14-2003</i>	18.98	18.46	18.49	14.46	24.40	5.22
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	27.11	17.35	15.50	14.97	22.96	2.11
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	32.21	20.54	12.59	10.16	19.43	5.06
One Year Ago <i>04-16-2002</i>	36.12	21.04	17.18	14.88	10.78	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>

Author:

Brad Rippey
U.S. Department of Agriculture



droughtmonitor.unl.edu