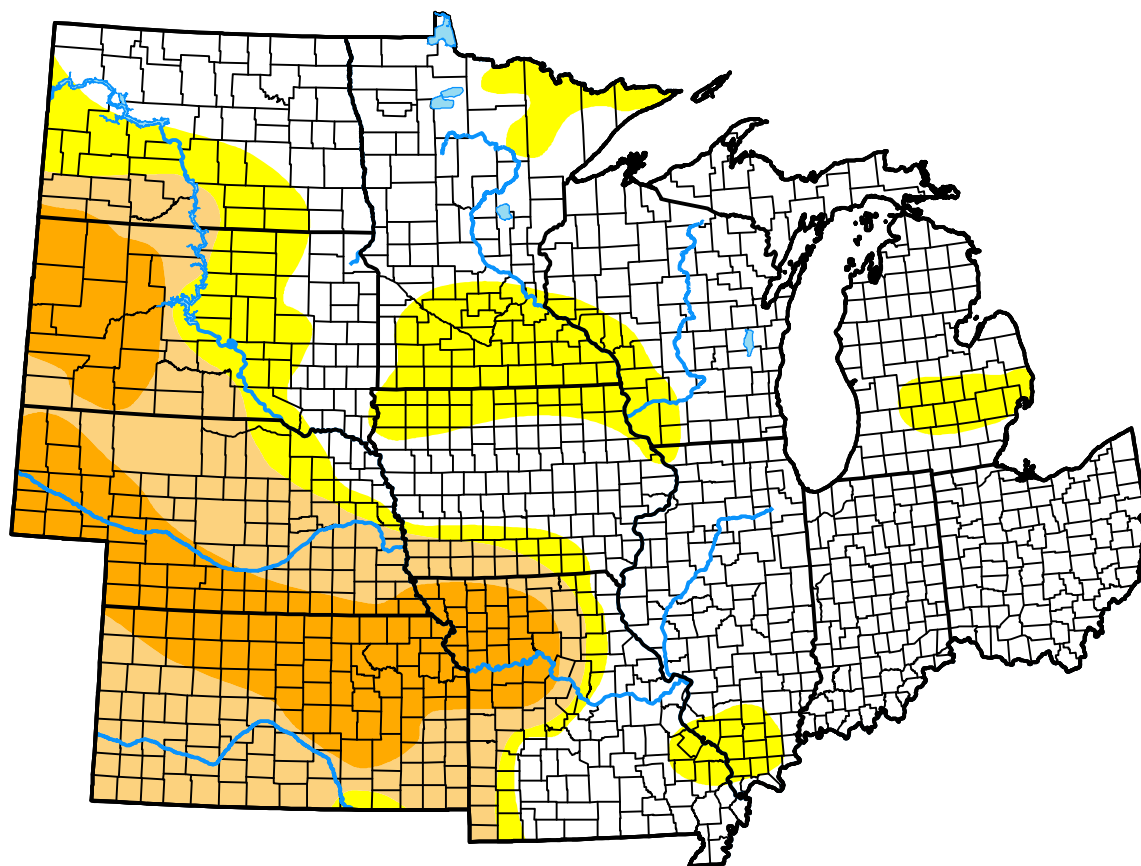


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	53.84	16.39	15.71	14.06	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-29-2003</i>	56.81	14.57	15.94	12.68	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-06-2003</i>	37.51	23.05	25.89	11.19	2.36	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	35.62	24.00	18.70	11.38	9.80	0.49
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	44.74	21.91	14.54	8.95	8.35	1.50
One Year Ago <i>08-06-2002</i>	41.61	22.81	13.13	7.13	7.43	7.89

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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