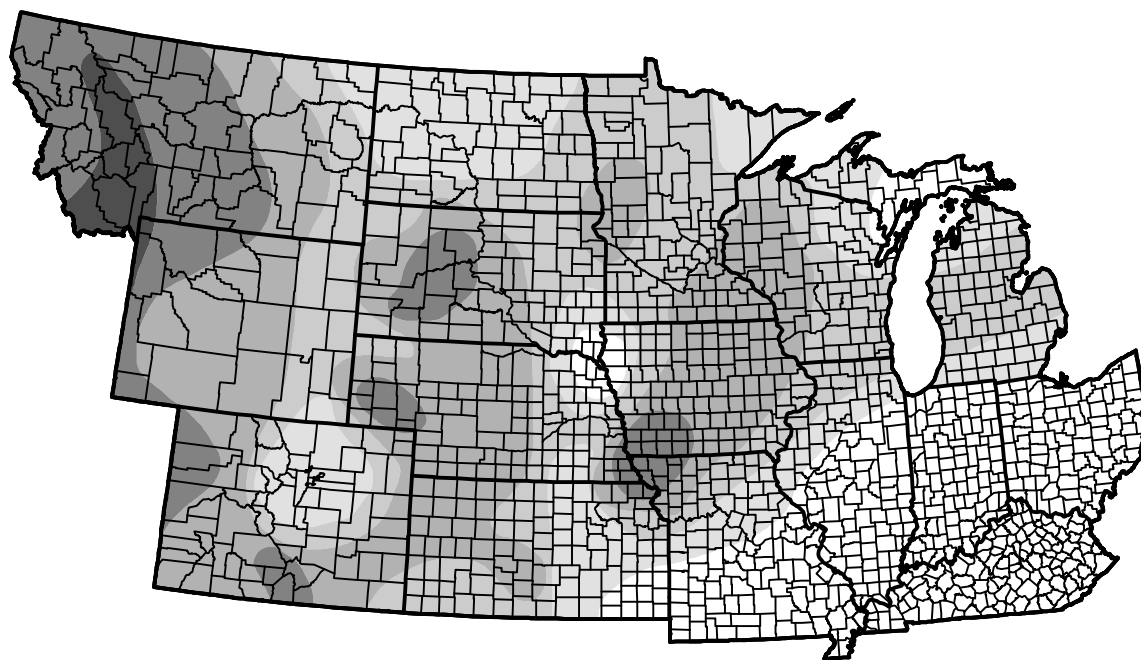


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	19.35	15.53	23.97	27.06	11.95	2.14
Last Week <i>09-09-2003</i>	16.01	15.93	19.01	30.71	16.40	1.93
3 Months Ago <i>06-17-2003</i>	47.43	18.68	16.35	10.82	5.55	1.17
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>09-17-2002</i>	36.55	11.96	15.43	11.13	19.30	5.63

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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