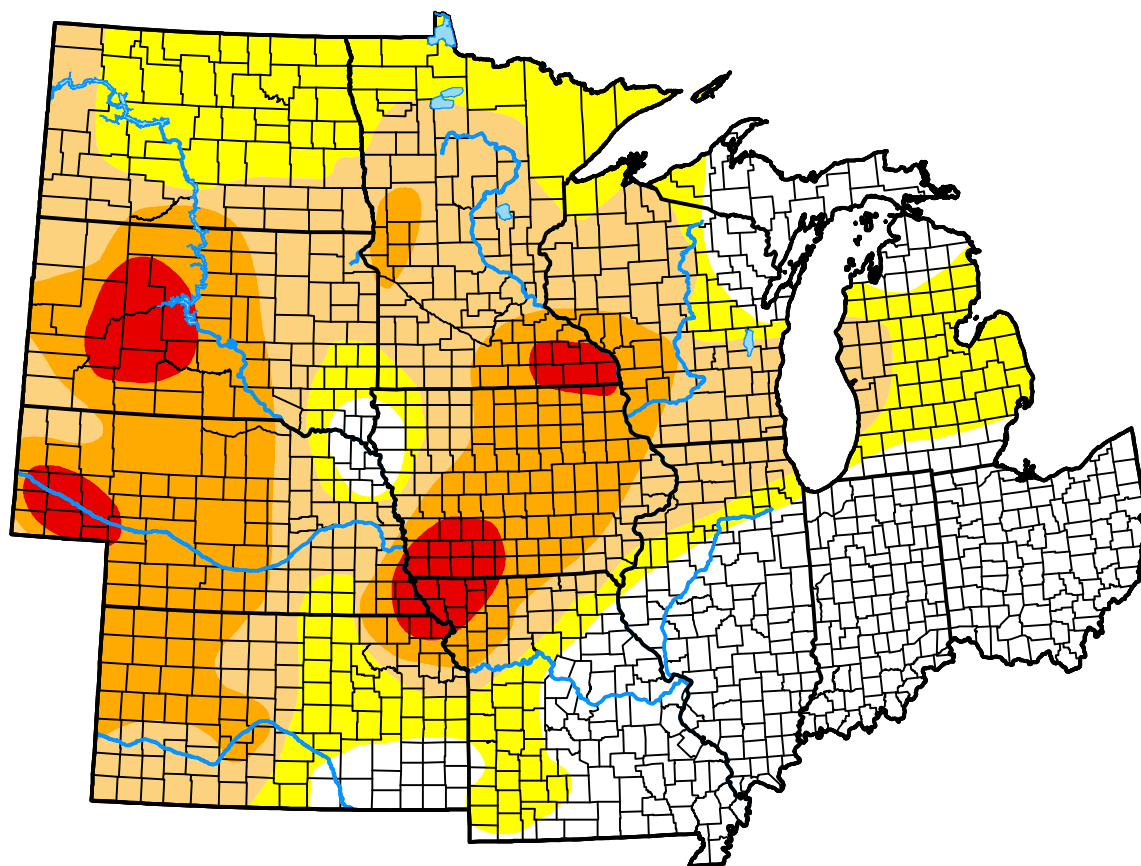


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	27.33	72.67	51.77	25.00	4.75	0.00
Last Week <i>09-30-2003</i>	24.71	75.29	54.21	25.60	4.25	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-08-2003</i>	69.77	30.23	6.16	1.56	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	35.62	64.38	40.38	21.68	10.29	0.49
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	24.71	75.29	54.21	25.60	4.25	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-08-2002</i>	46.87	53.13	30.89	15.38	7.40	0.59

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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