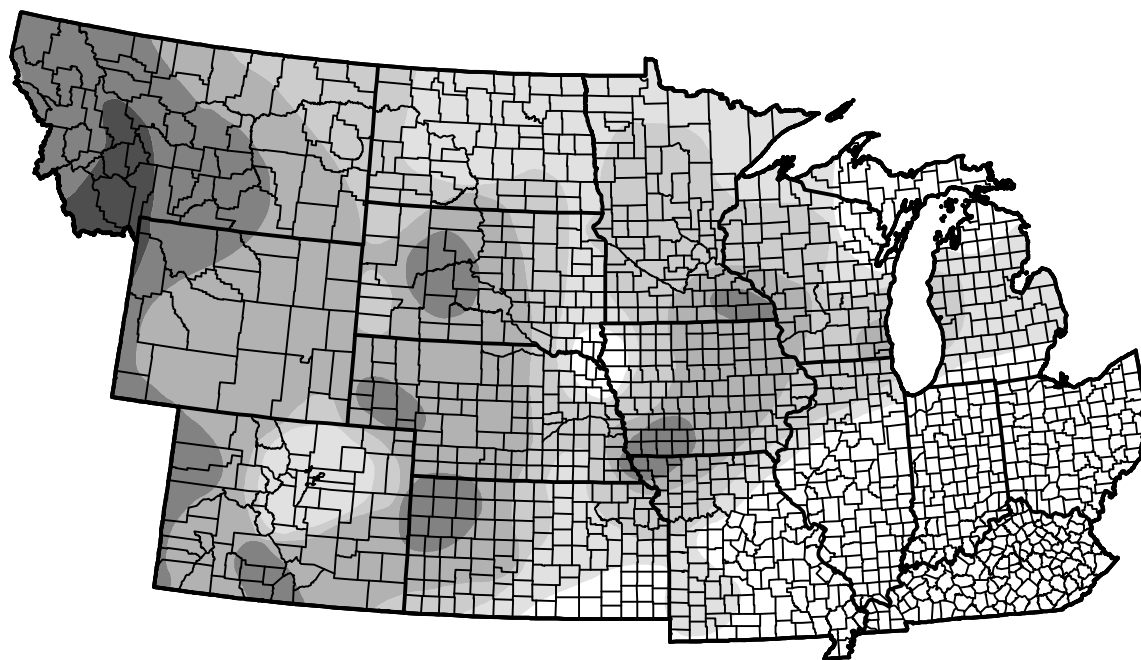


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	21.90	17.24	19.54	26.88	12.73	1.71
Last Week <i>10-07-2003</i>	21.61	15.88	23.61	25.09	12.01	1.81
3 Months Ago <i>07-15-2003</i>	47.74	20.85	11.75	12.16	6.85	0.65
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>09-30-2003</i>	19.87	16.43	24.52	25.67	11.74	1.77
One Year Ago <i>10-15-2002</i>	34.15	16.83	14.19	11.44	21.47	1.92

Intensity:

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

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