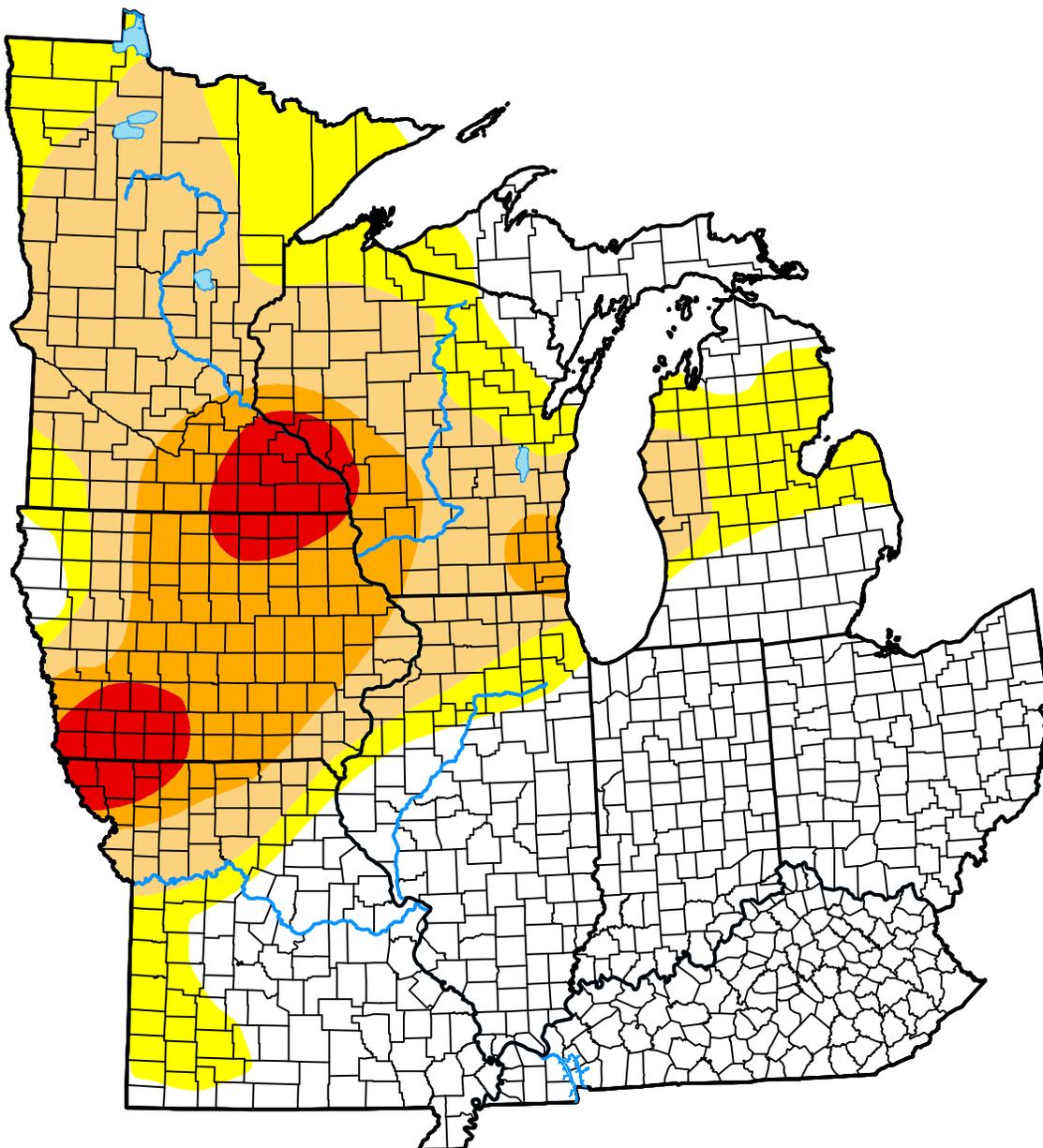


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Midwest

**October 21, 2003**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	48.38	15.81	21.65	10.17	3.99	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-14-2003</i>	47.19	18.21	21.99	10.36	2.26	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-22-2003</i>	83.15	12.00	4.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	51.12	24.72	18.65	4.30	1.21	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	44.04	16.14	25.16	12.14	2.52	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-22-2002</i>	70.04	13.68	14.54	1.75	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**



*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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