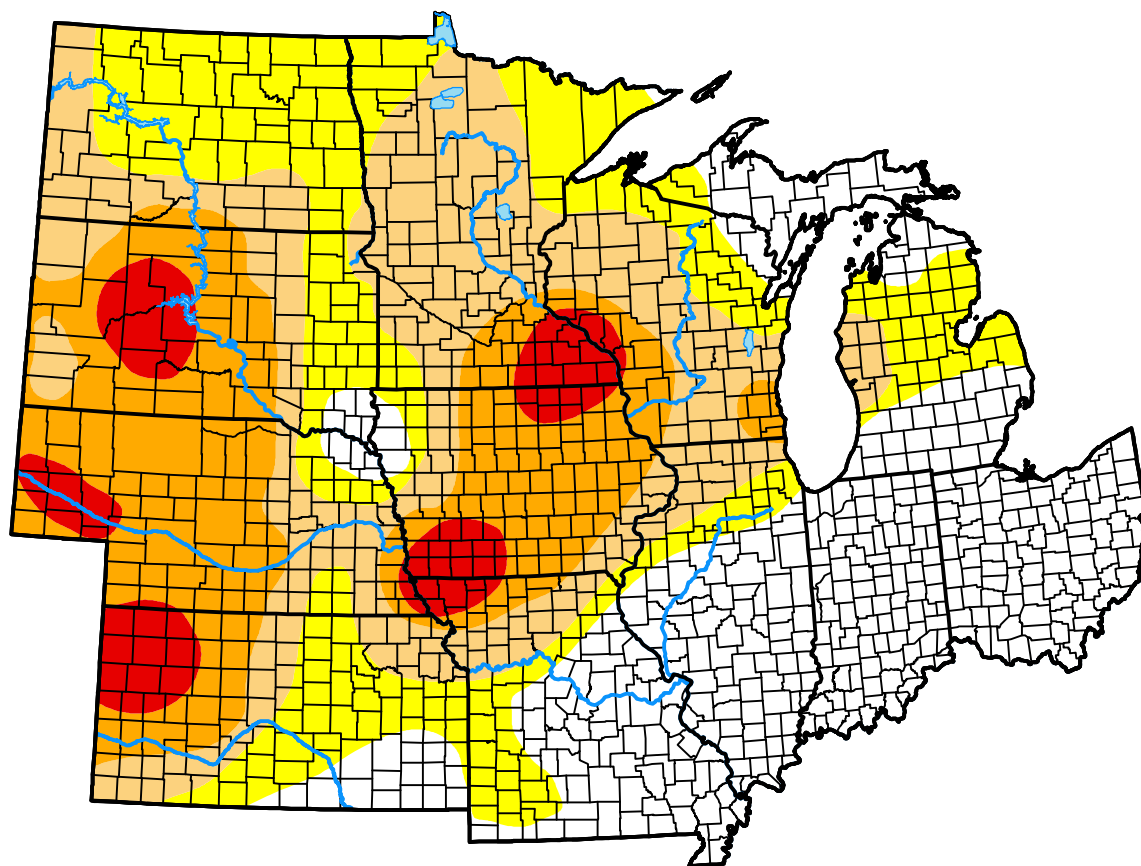


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	28.55	22.17	23.72	19.20	6.37	0.00
Last Week <i>10-14-2003</i>	27.76	23.10	24.63	19.17	5.34	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2003</i>	61.13	14.63	18.54	5.70	0.00	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>09-30-2003</i>	24.71	21.08	28.60	21.35	4.25	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-22-2002</i>	50.95	14.72	16.54	8.86	8.31	0.61

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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