

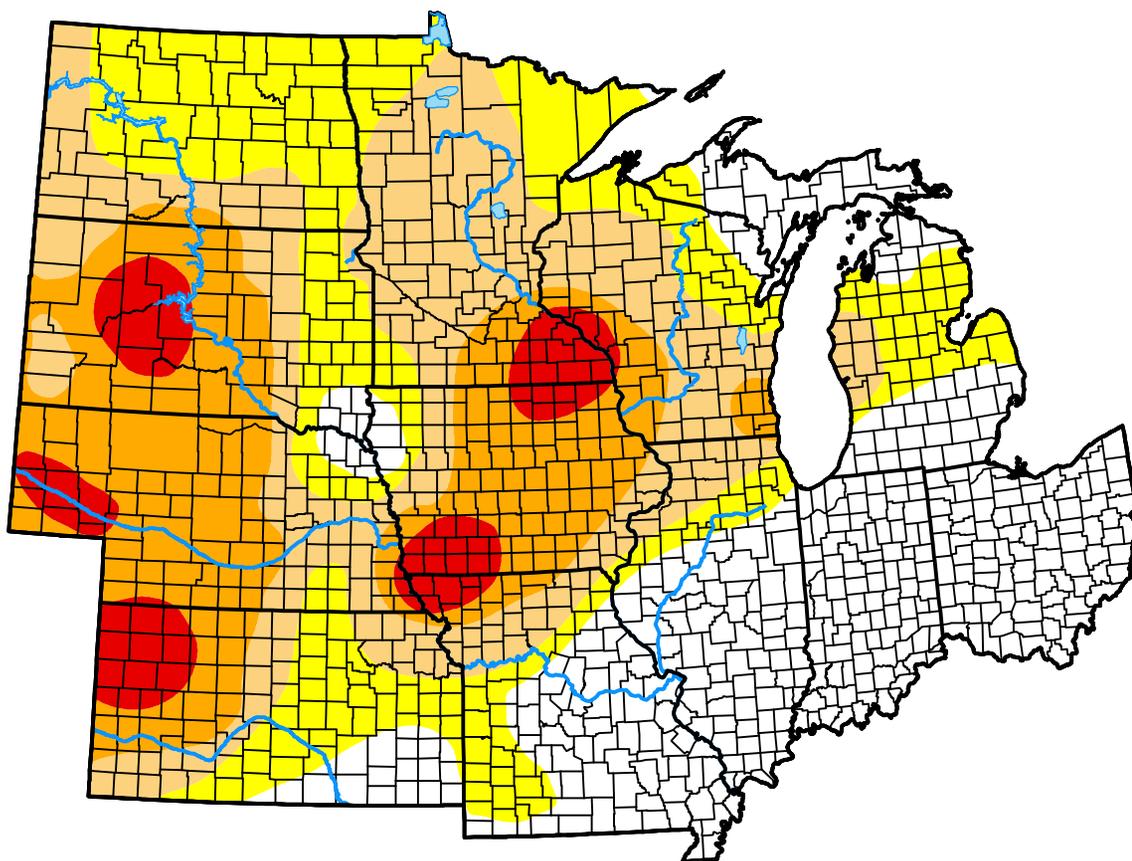
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## North Central States

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

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	28.55	71.45	49.29	25.57	6.37	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-14-2003</i>	27.76	72.24	49.14	24.51	5.34	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-22-2003</i>	61.13	38.87	24.24	5.70	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	35.62	64.38	40.38	21.68	10.29	0.49
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	24.71	75.29	54.21	25.60	4.25	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-22-2002</i>	50.95	49.05	34.32	17.78	8.92	0.61



**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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