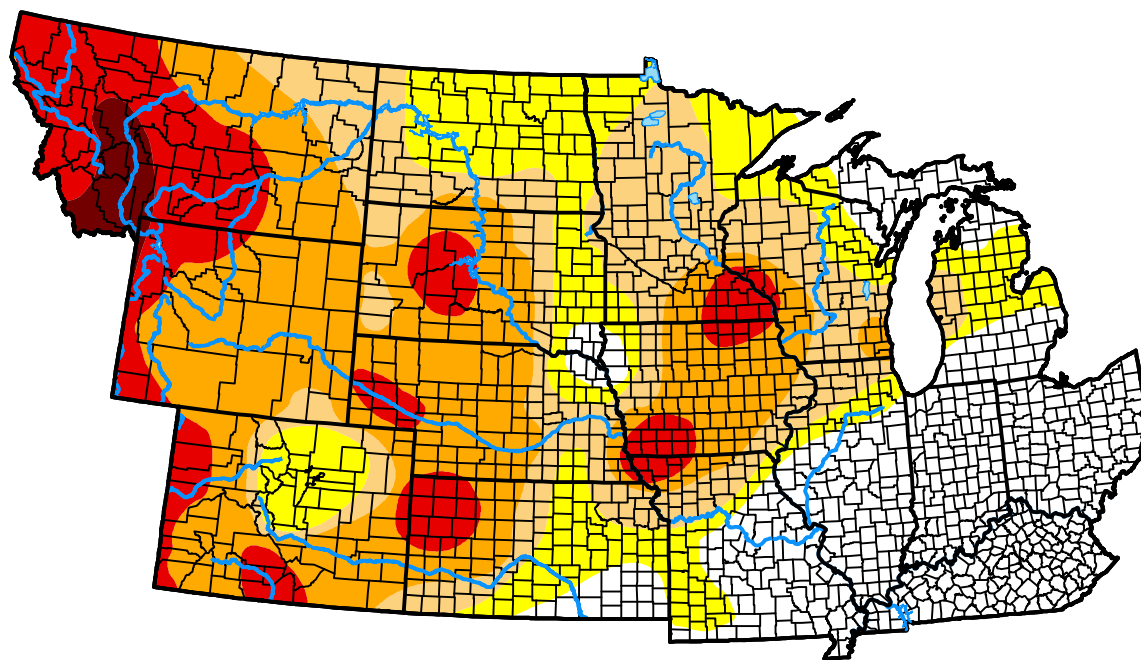


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.42	16.56	18.98	27.08	13.28	1.68
Last Week <i>10-14-2003</i>	21.90	17.24	19.54	26.88	12.73	1.71
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2003</i>	45.18	12.14	17.81	13.45	10.33	1.08
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>10-22-2002</i>	36.94	14.11	14.17	11.15	21.74	1.90

Intensity:

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

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