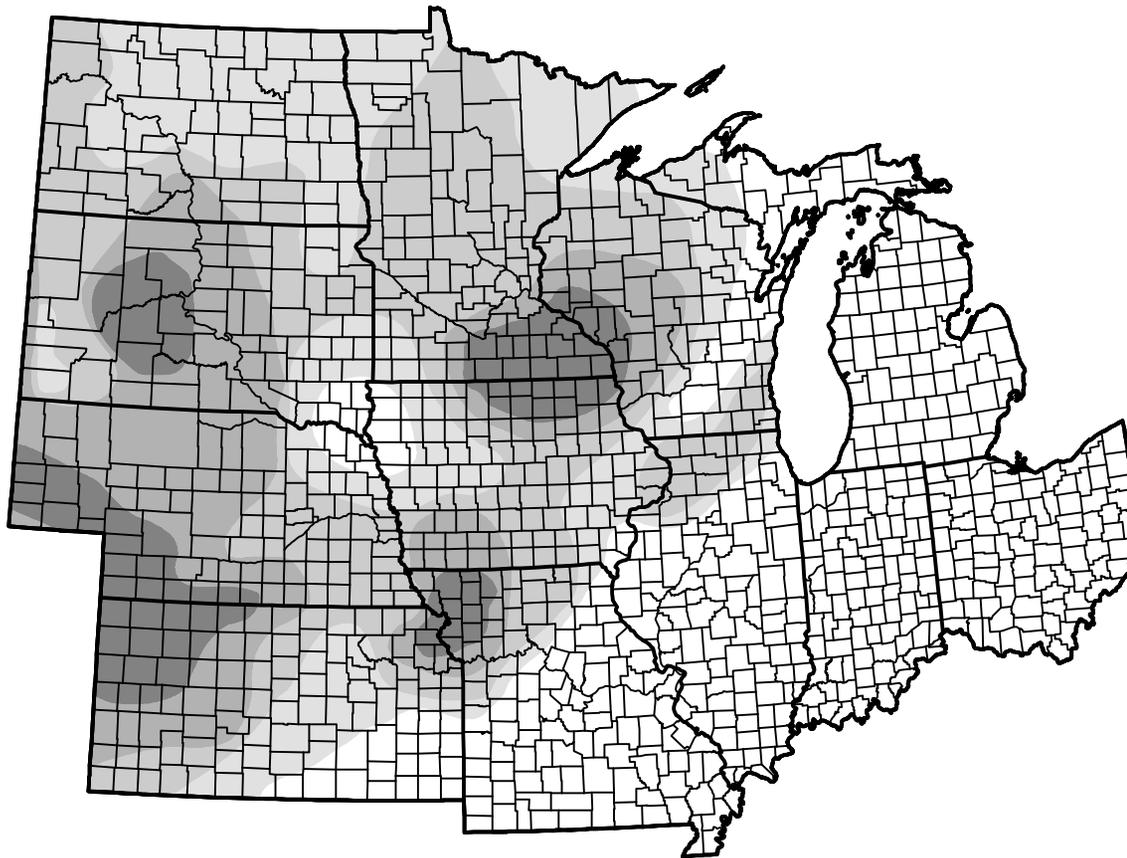


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	34.64	18.88	23.25	14.62	8.61	0.00
Last Week <i>12-02-2003</i>	34.55	18.42	23.12	15.47	8.43	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-09-2003</i>	18.89	19.93	23.28	29.36	8.55	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>12-10-2002</i>	39.23	22.88	17.95	10.77	8.69	0.48

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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