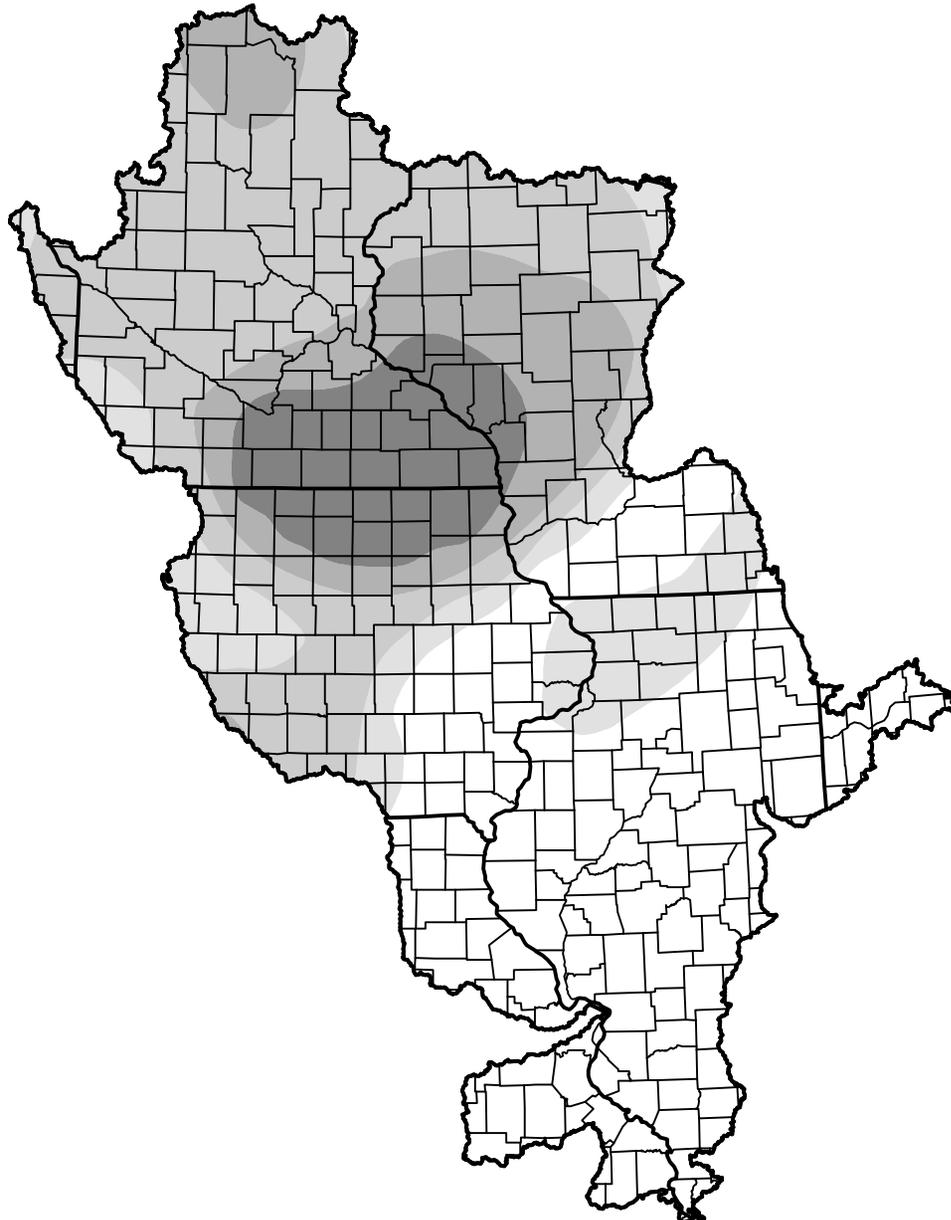


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Upper Mississippi Watershed

**December 16, 2003**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	38.50	11.21	27.49	13.11	9.68	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-11-2003</i>	29.78	12.13	37.73	10.25	10.12	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-18-2003</i>	20.33	9.48	34.63	35.26	0.30	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2003</i>	56.99	23.34	18.39	1.29	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2003</i>	23.81	5.92	42.26	26.11	1.89	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-19-2002</i>	60.23	21.54	17.03	1.20	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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