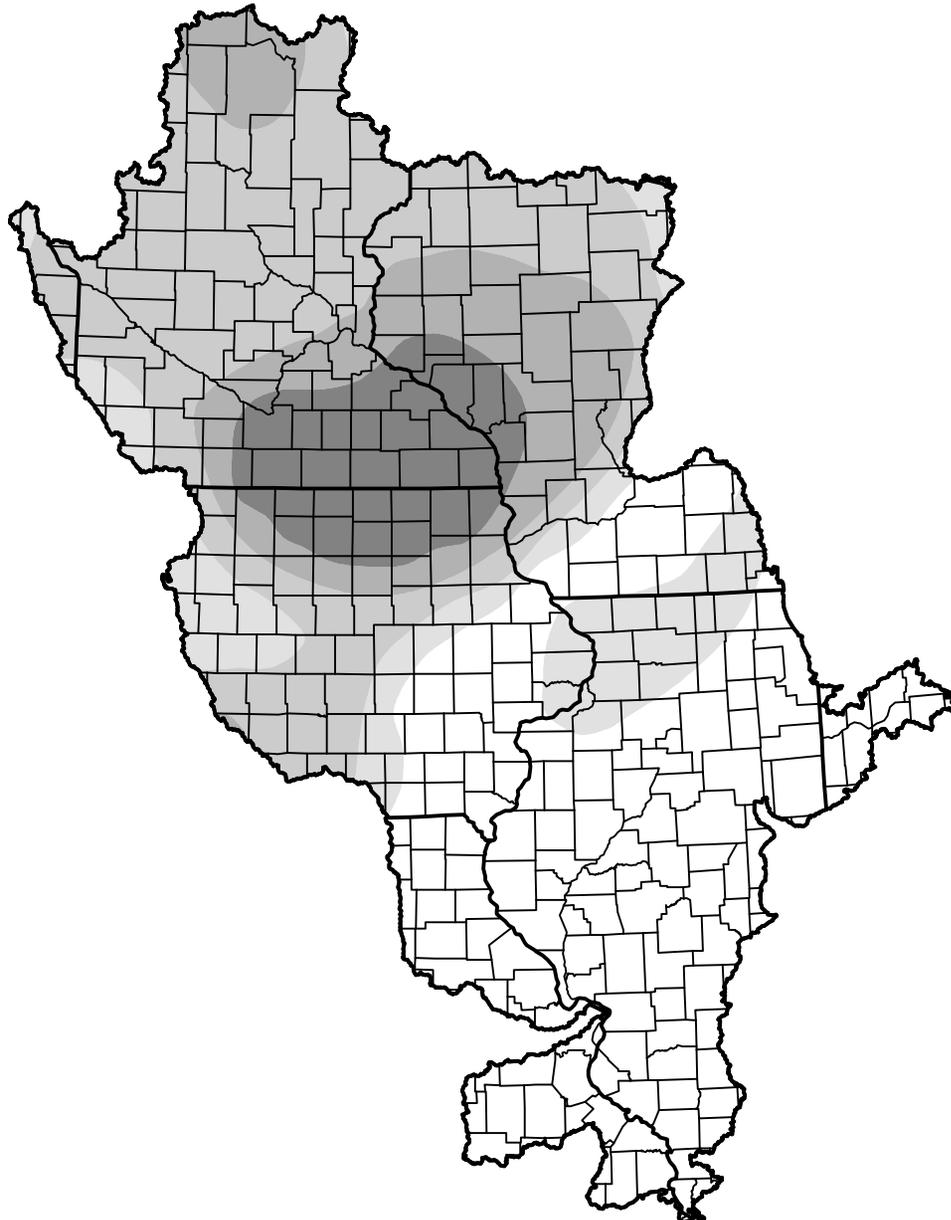


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Upper Mississippi Watershed

**December 16, 2003**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	38.50	61.50	50.28	22.79	9.68	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-11-2003</i>	29.78	70.22	58.10	20.37	10.12	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-18-2003</i>	20.33	79.67	70.19	35.56	0.30	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2003</i>	56.99	43.01	19.67	1.29	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2003</i>	23.81	76.19	70.27	28.00	1.89	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-19-2002</i>	60.23	39.77	18.23	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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