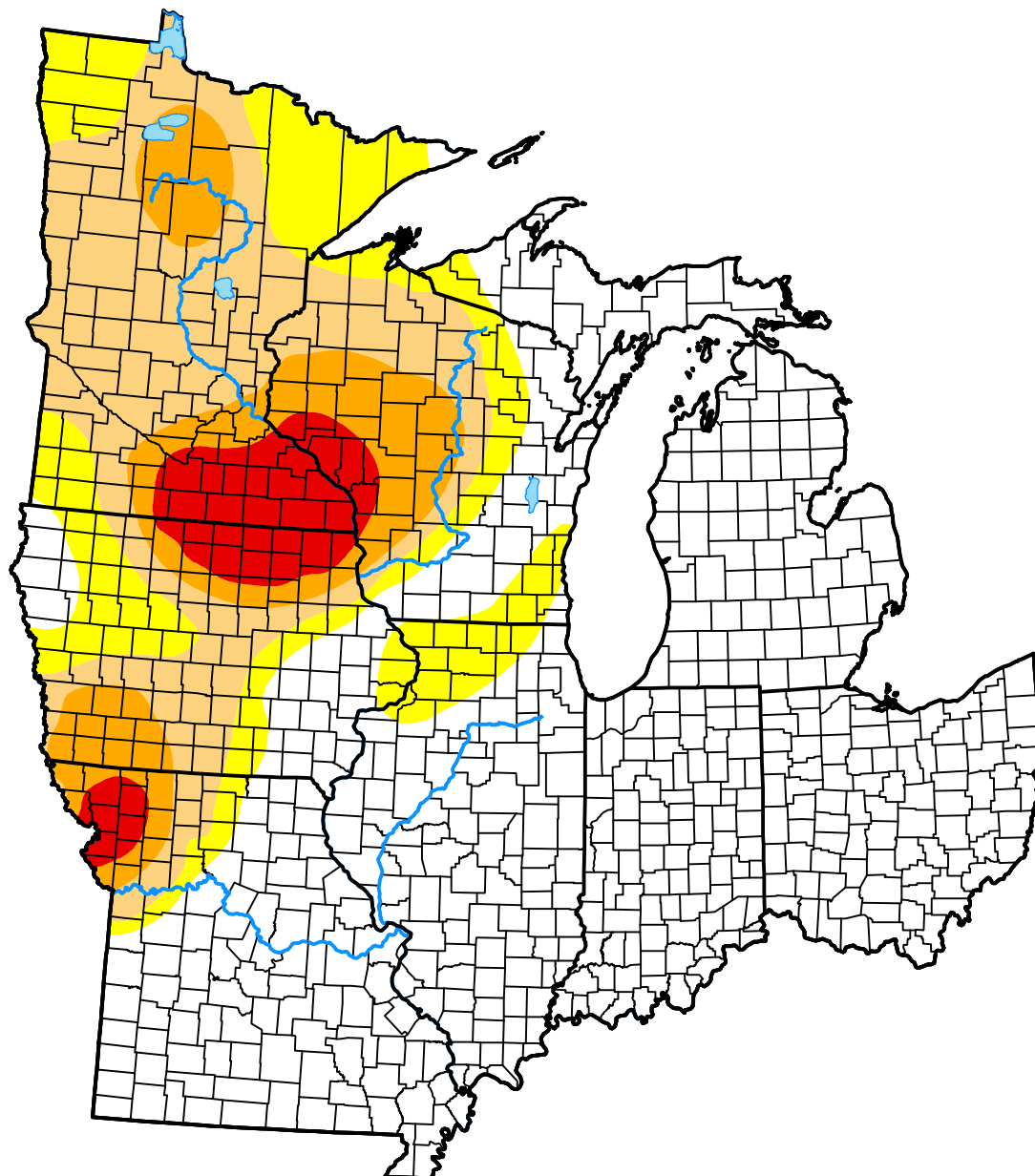


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.09	40.91	28.94	12.64	4.65	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	53.54	46.46	32.20	11.41	5.23	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	37.46	62.54	47.17	19.02	2.10	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	46.82	53.18	26.28	5.99	1.32	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	39.11	60.89	43.33	15.95	2.75	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	50.14	49.86	26.21	5.38	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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