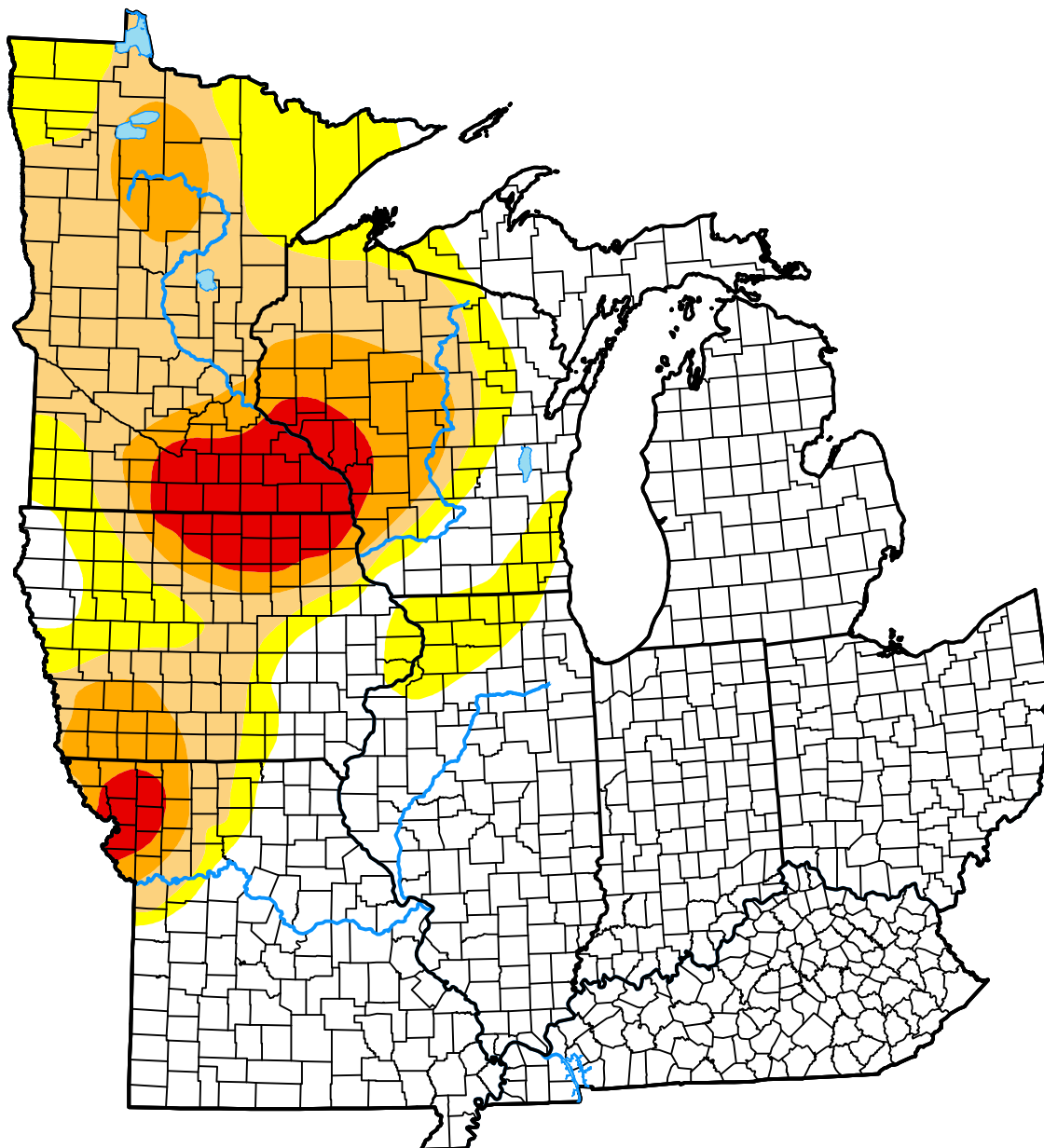


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	62.40	11.01	14.98	7.34	4.28	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	57.30	13.10	19.11	5.68	4.80	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	42.52	14.13	25.88	15.55	1.93	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	51.12	24.72	18.65	4.30	1.21	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	44.04	16.14	25.16	12.14	2.52	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	54.18	21.73	19.15	4.94	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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