

# U.S. Drought Monitor

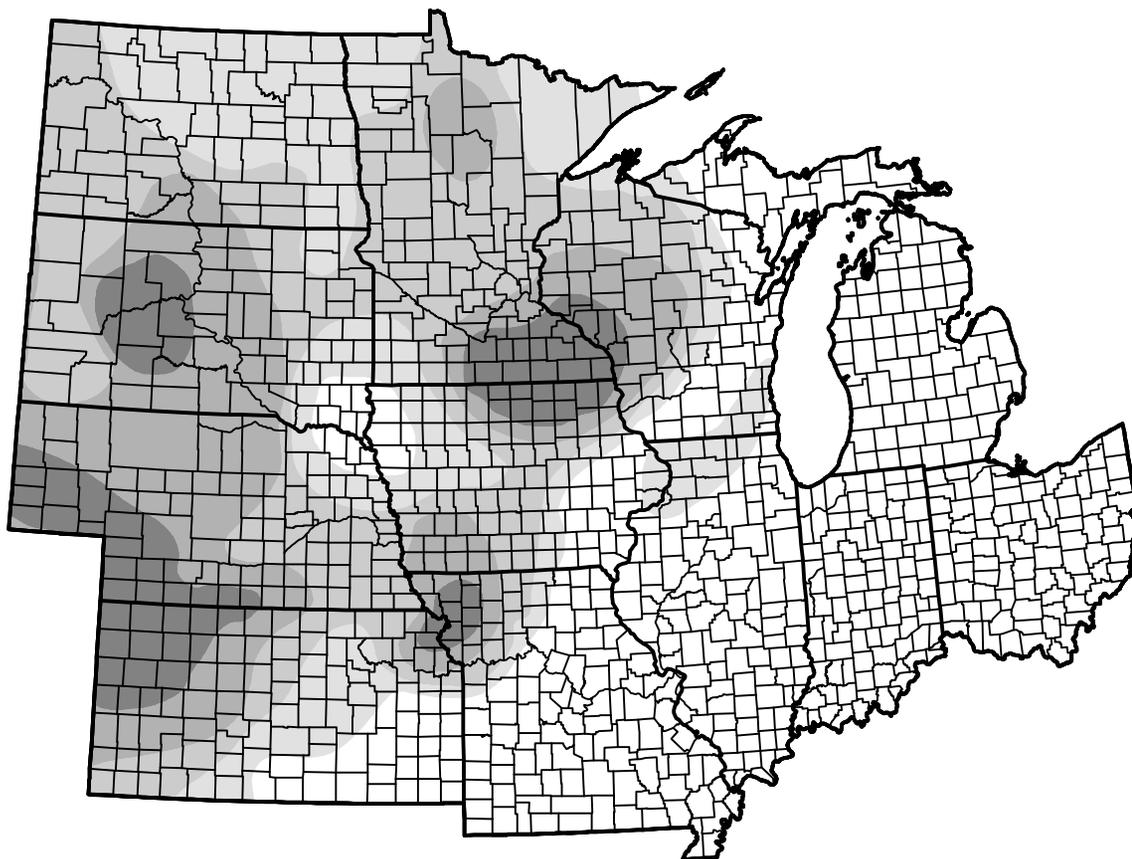
## North Central States

**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>	38.55	15.96	21.49	15.62	8.39	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-09-2003</i>	34.64	18.88	23.25	14.62	8.61	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-16-2003</i>	23.92	19.67	28.41	23.76	4.24	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	35.62	24.00	18.70	11.38	9.80	0.49
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	24.71	21.08	28.60	21.35	4.25	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	37.93	21.86	19.53	11.43	8.83	0.43



### 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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