

U.S. Drought Monitor

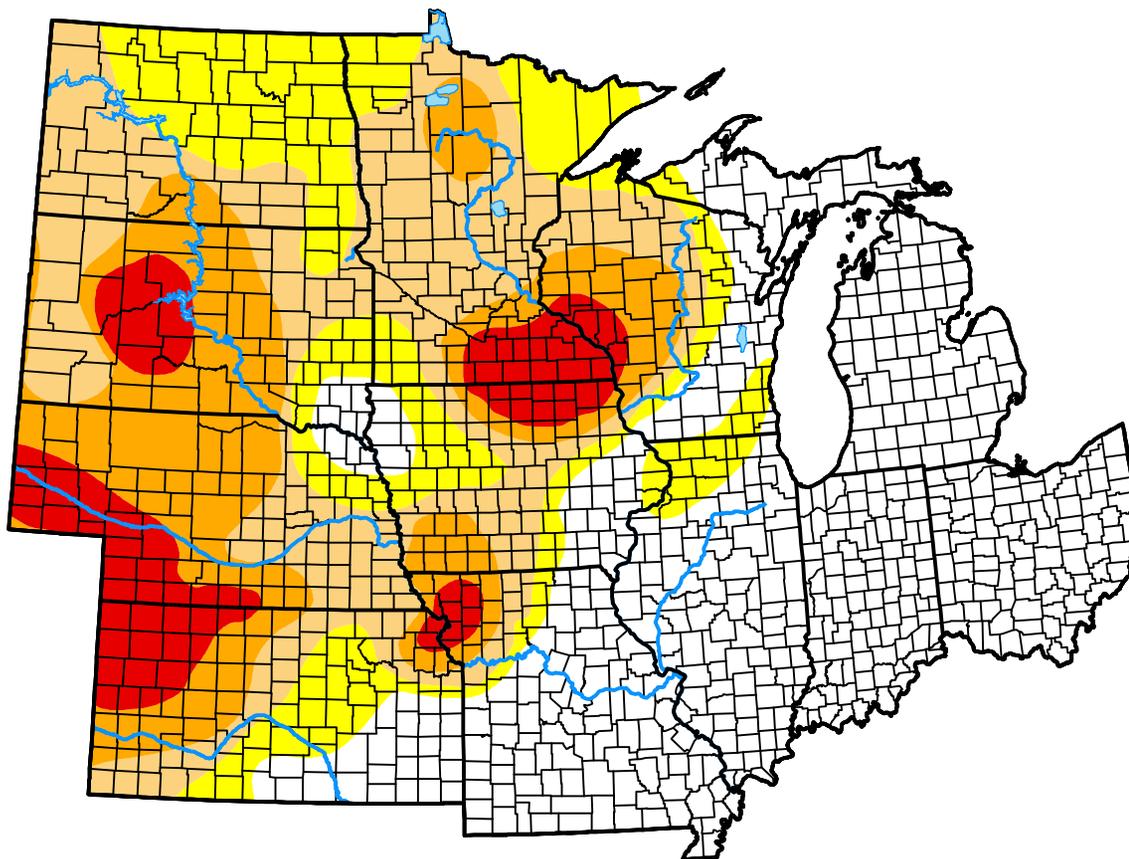
North Central States

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
Current	38.55	61.45	45.49	24.00	8.39	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	34.64	65.36	46.48	23.23	8.61	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	23.92	76.08	56.41	28.00	4.24	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	35.62	64.38	40.38	21.68	10.29	0.49
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	24.71	75.29	54.21	25.60	4.25	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	37.93	62.07	40.22	20.69	9.26	0.43



Intensity:

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