

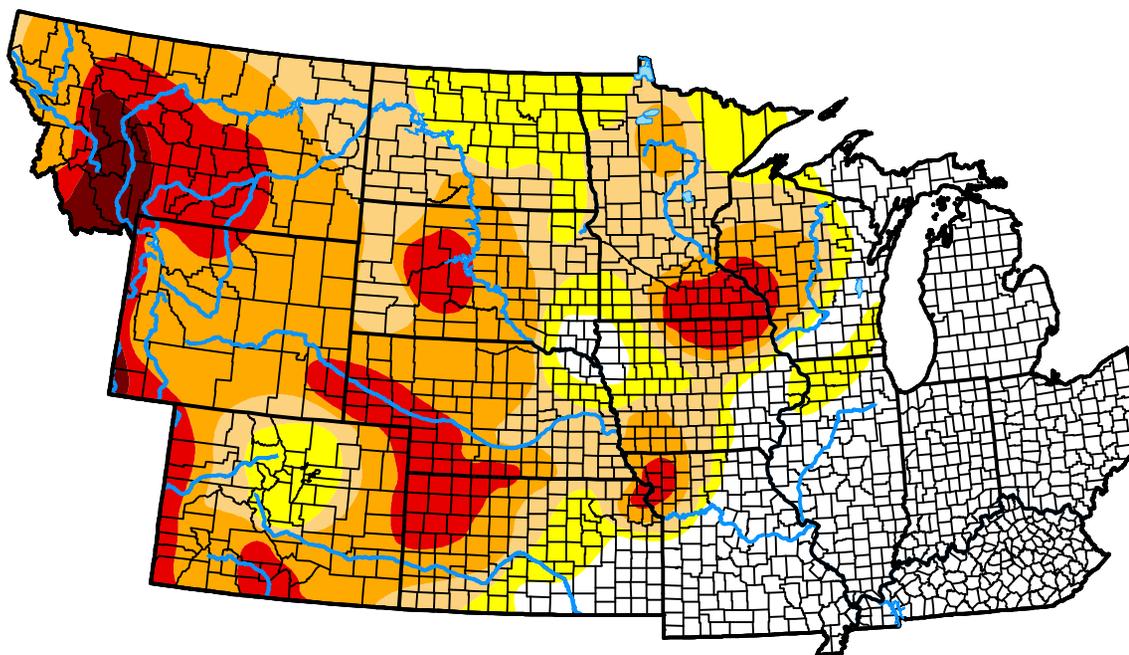
# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

**December 16, 2003**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	29.05	12.28	18.01	26.38	12.32	1.95
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-09-2003</i>	26.46	14.22	19.08	26.37	11.95	1.92
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-16-2003</i>	19.35	15.53	23.97	27.06	11.95	2.14
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	27.11	17.35	15.50	14.97	22.96	2.11
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	19.87	16.43	24.52	25.67	11.74	1.77
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	28.64	16.87	15.35	15.43	21.62	2.09



**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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