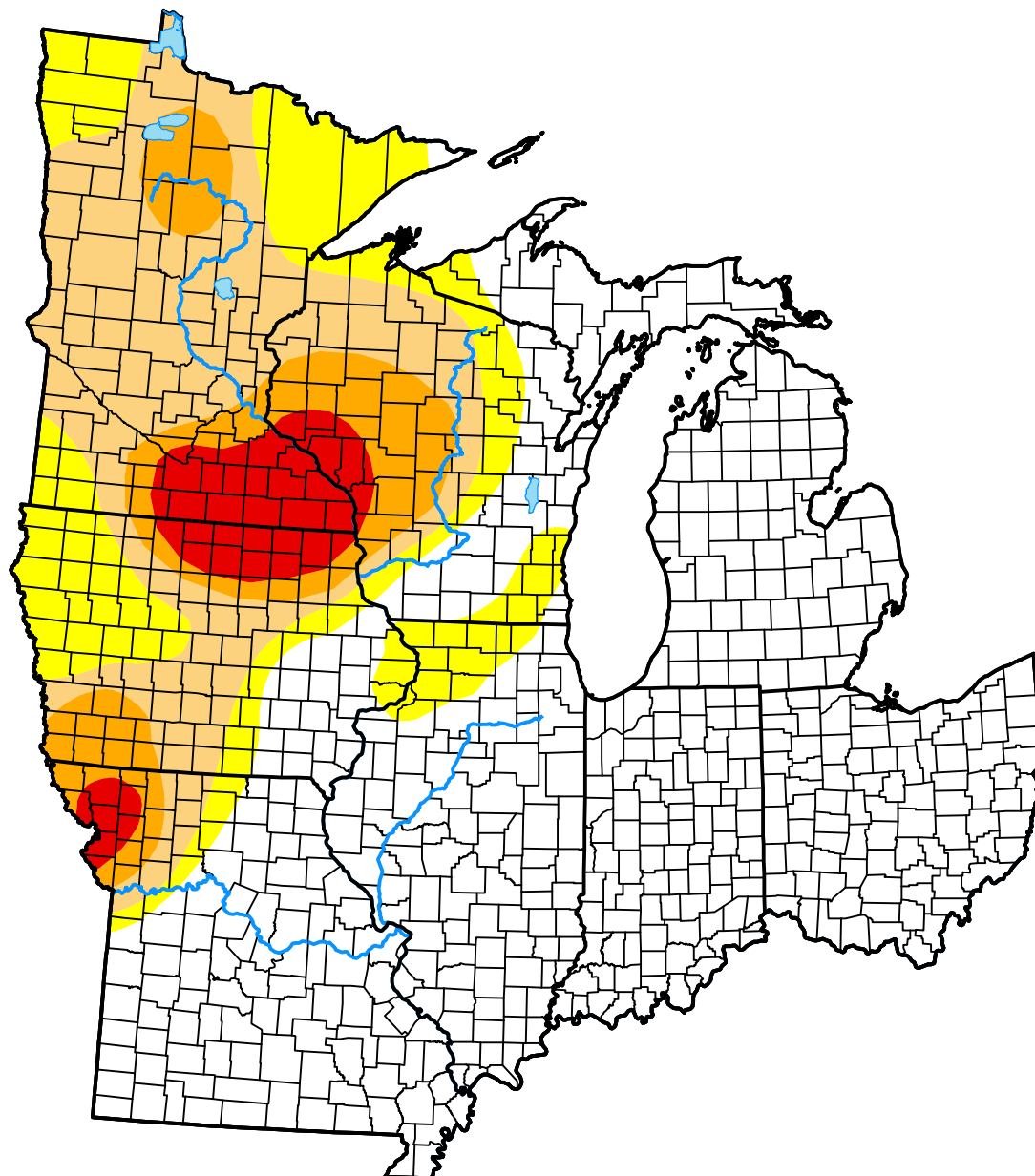


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

**December 23, 2003**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 58.77 | 41.23 | 28.28 | 11.82 | 4.59  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-16-2003</i>              | 59.09 | 40.91 | 28.94 | 12.64 | 4.65  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-23-2003</i>           | 36.01 | 63.99 | 46.87 | 16.08 | 2.08  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 46.82 | 53.18 | 26.28 | 5.99  | 1.32  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>    | 39.11 | 60.89 | 43.33 | 15.95 | 2.75  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-24-2002</i>           | 51.77 | 48.23 | 25.62 | 5.56  | 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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