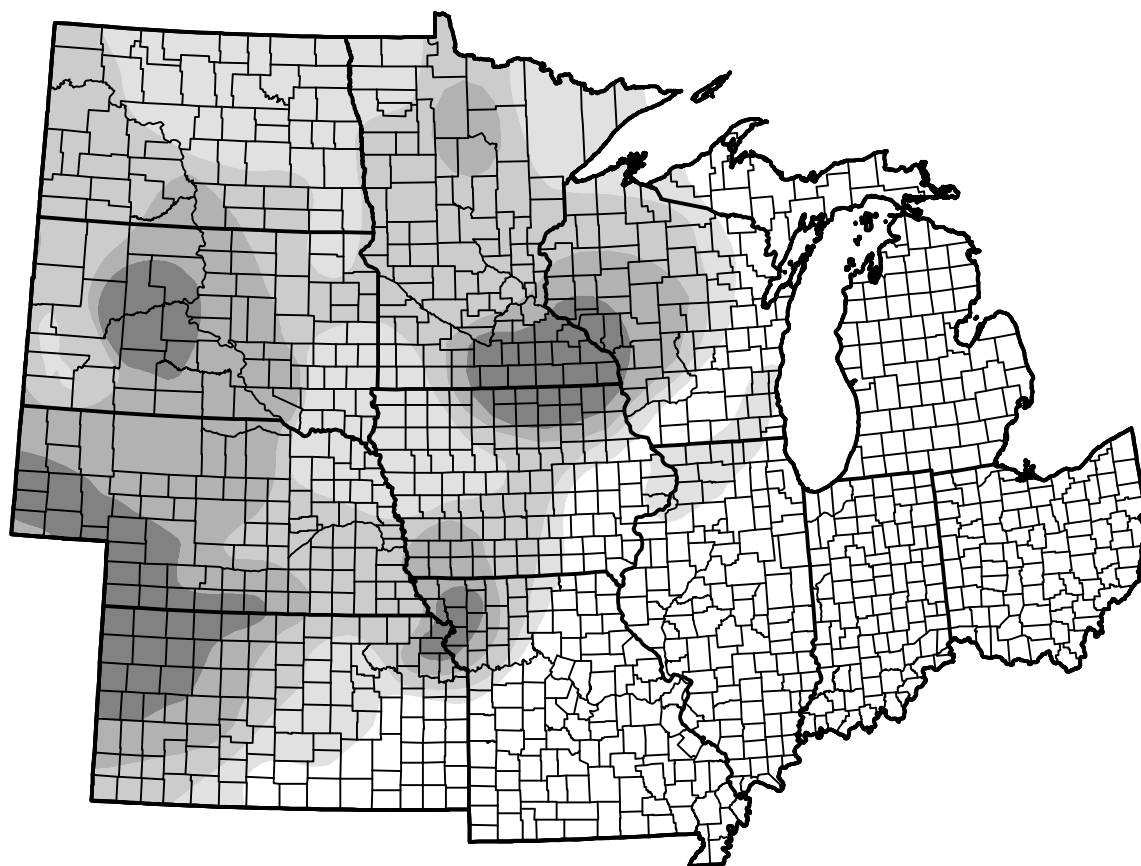


U.S. Drought Monitor

North Central States

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.75	17.39	21.76	14.78	8.33	0.00
Last Week 12-16-2003	38.55	15.96	21.49	15.62	8.39	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-23-2003	22.92	20.87	30.50	21.77	3.95	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2002	35.62	24.00	18.70	11.38	9.80	0.49
Start of Water Year 09-30-2003	24.71	21.08	28.60	21.35	4.25	0.00
One Year Ago 12-24-2002	39.04	21.54	18.73	11.52	8.68	0.48

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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