

# U.S. Drought Monitor

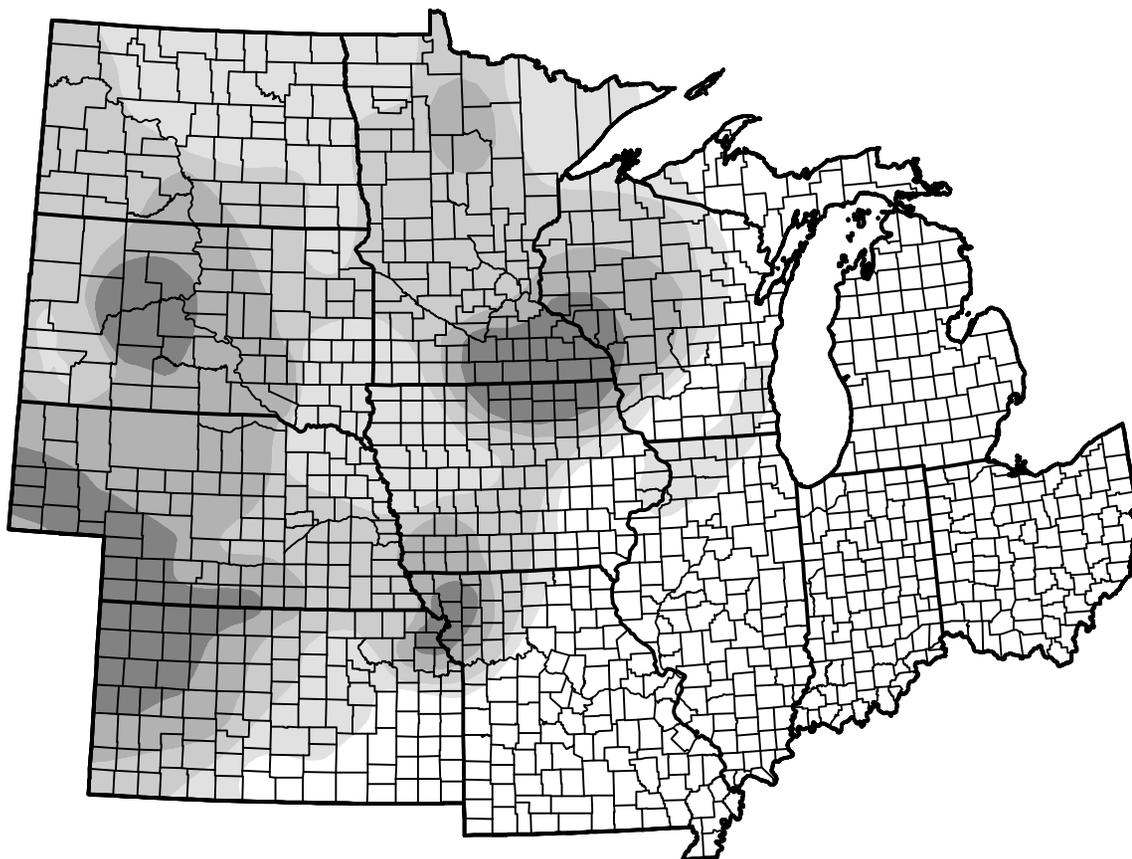
## North Central States

**December 23, 2003**  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	37.75	62.25	44.86	23.11	8.33	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-16-2003</i>	38.55	61.45	45.49	24.00	8.39	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-23-2003</i>	22.92	77.08	56.21	25.72	3.95	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	35.62	64.38	40.38	21.68	10.29	0.49
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	24.71	75.29	54.21	25.60	4.25	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-24-2002</i>	39.04	60.96	39.42	20.68	9.16	0.48



### 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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