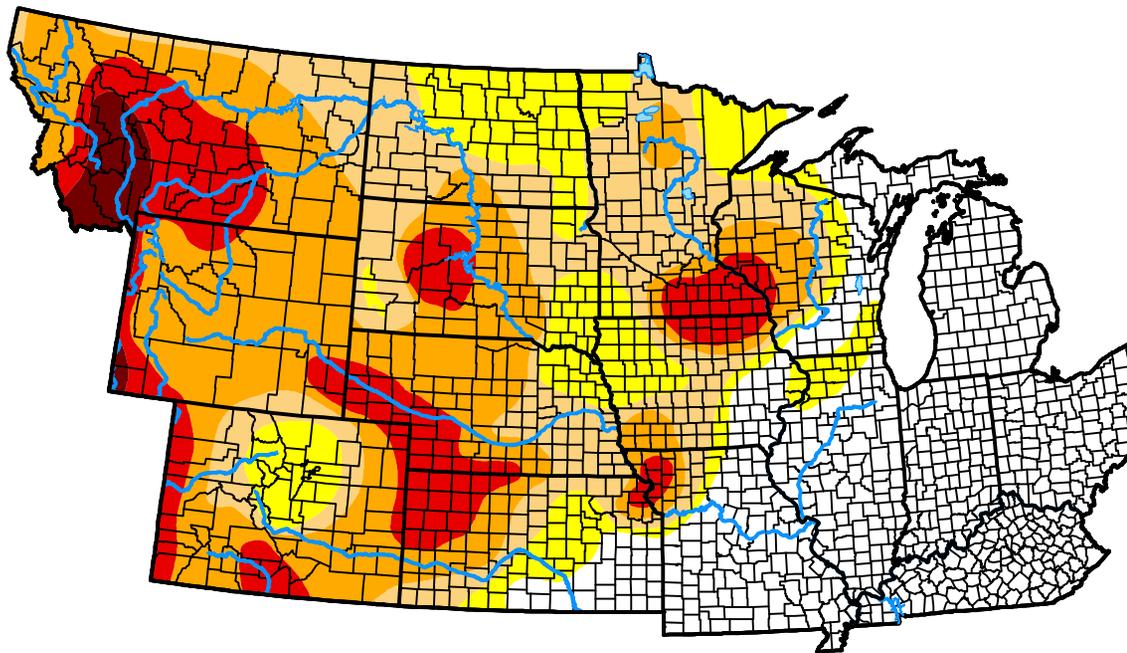


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.52	71.48	58.25	39.83	13.91	1.87
Last Week <i>12-16-2003</i>	29.05	70.95	58.66	40.65	14.27	1.95
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2003</i>	18.69	81.31	64.99	39.29	13.20	1.77
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	27.11	72.89	55.54	40.04	25.07	2.11
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	19.87	80.13	63.70	39.18	13.51	1.77
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2002</i>	29.38	70.62	54.00	39.19	23.63	2.12



Intensity:



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