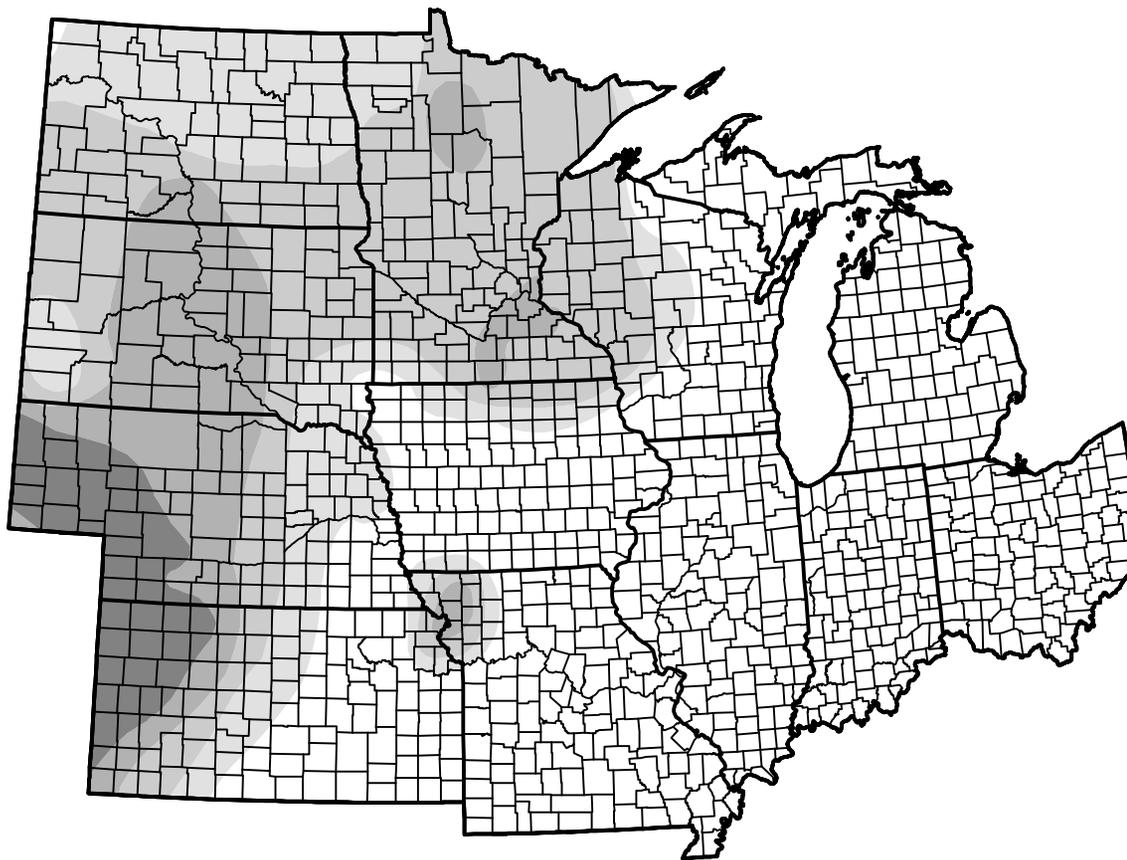


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## North Central States

**March 16, 2004**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 18, 2004)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	49.44	50.56	36.80	15.27	4.75	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-09-2004</i>	48.33	51.67	37.25	15.50	4.75	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-16-2003</i>	38.55	61.45	45.49	24.00	8.39	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	38.64	61.36	43.31	24.93	9.37	0.00
<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>03-18-2003</i>	15.19	84.81	69.74	31.07	14.04	1.22

***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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