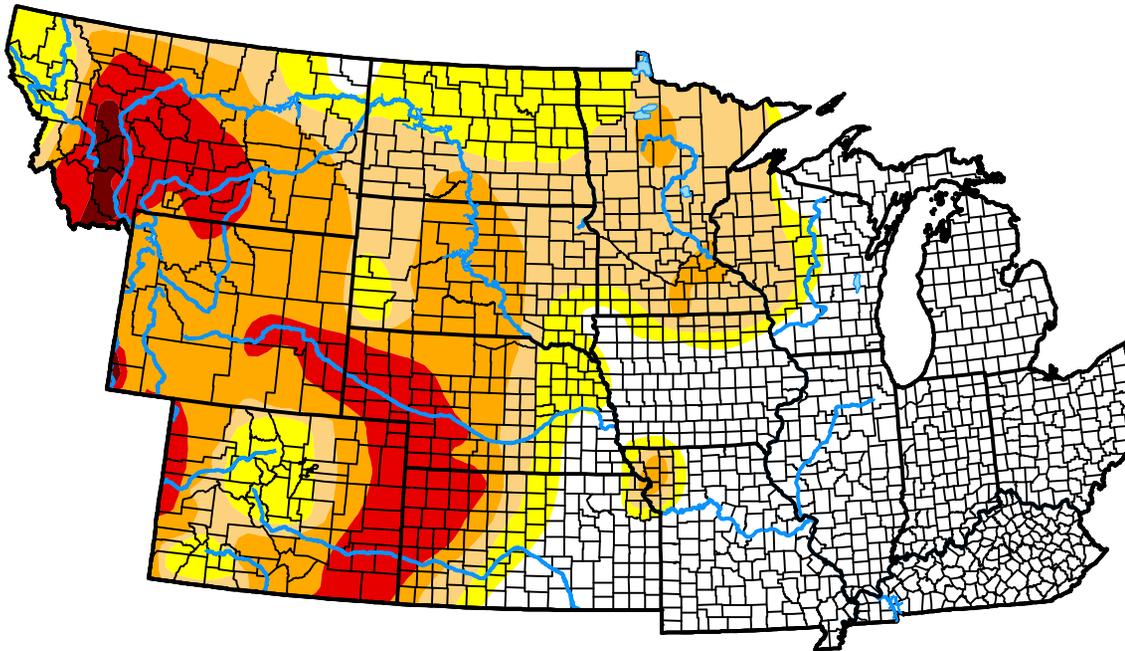


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	36.56	13.28	18.17	20.62	10.66	0.72
Last Week <i>03-09-2004</i>	35.53	13.30	18.65	21.14	10.66	0.72
3 Months Ago <i>12-16-2003</i>	29.05	12.28	18.01	26.38	12.32	1.95
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	29.11	14.43	16.31	25.84	12.50	1.80
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	19.87	16.43	24.52	25.67	11.74	1.77
One Year Ago <i>03-18-2003</i>	13.99	10.78	27.90	18.35	24.61	4.38



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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