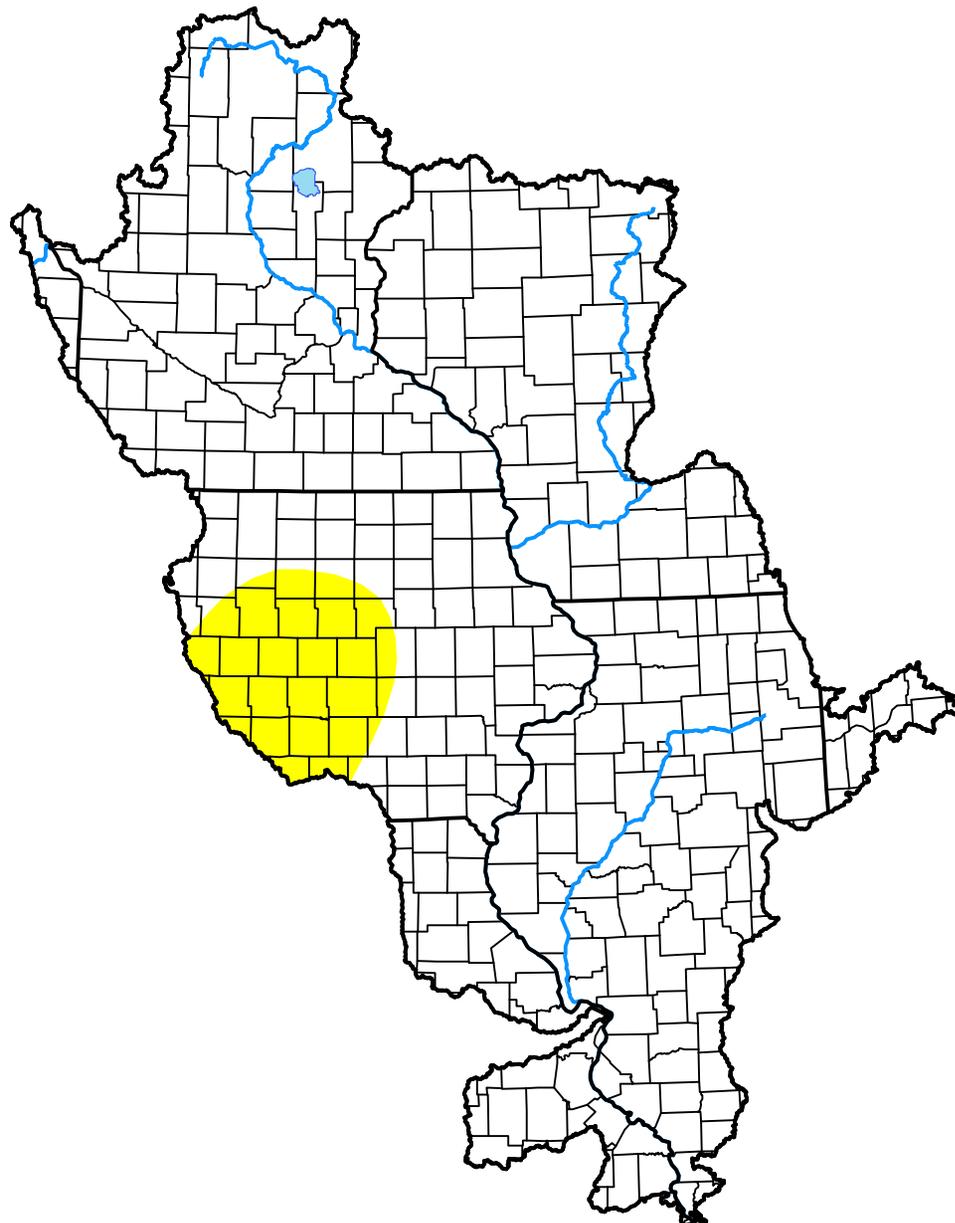


U.S. Drought Monitor

Upper Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	93.56	6.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-16-2004</i>	98.77	1.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2004</i>	97.65	2.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	39.39	60.61	49.24	23.47	10.33	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	79.92	20.08	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2003</i>	39.09	60.91	49.82	21.57	9.72	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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