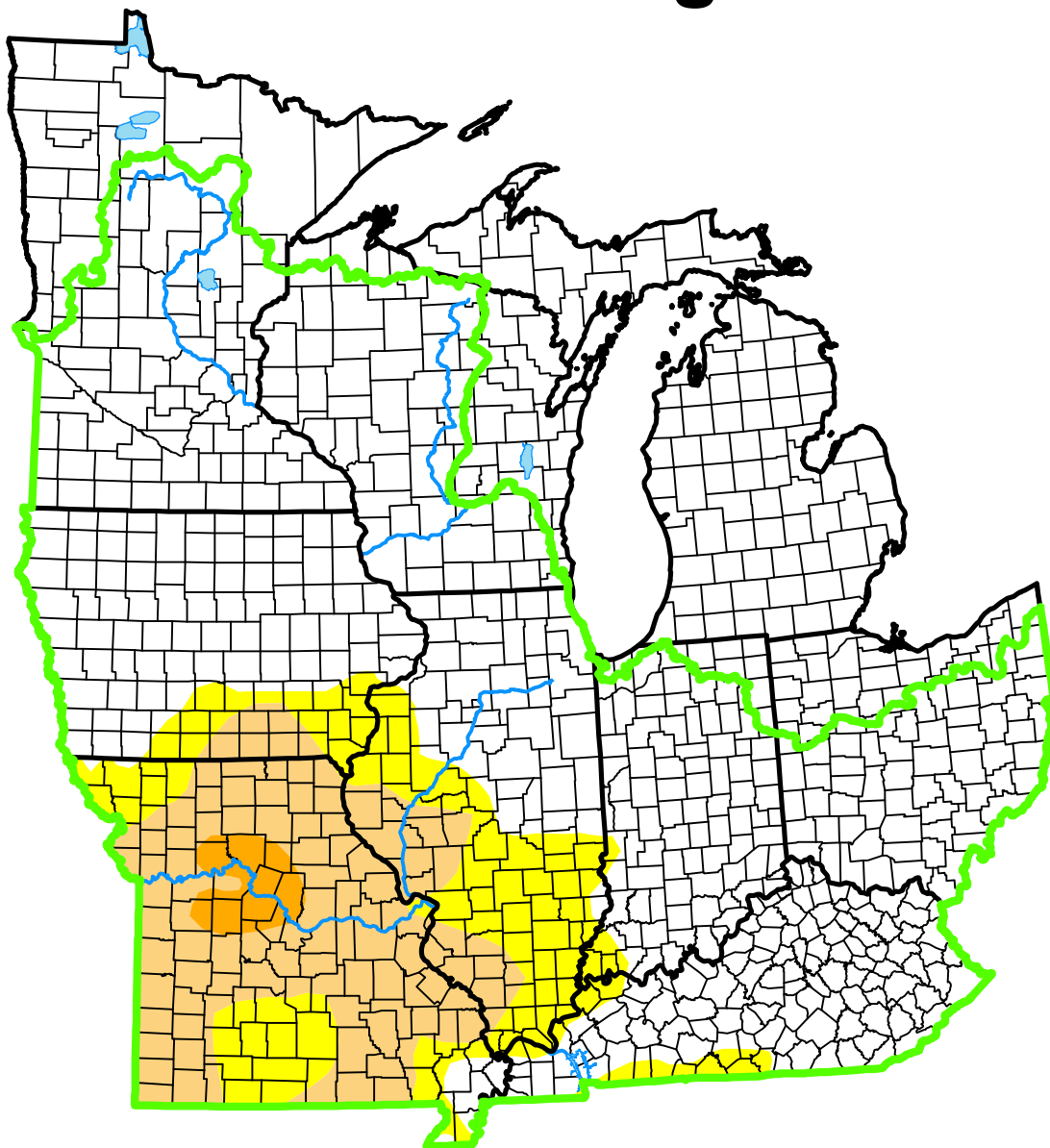


# U.S. Drought Monitor Midwest DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 69.70 | 30.30 | 17.67 | 1.54  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-07-2017</i>              | 68.91 | 31.09 | 17.67 | 1.54  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-13-2016</i>           | 59.30 | 40.70 | 13.59 | 6.05  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 72.28 | 27.72 | 5.96  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 89.24 | 10.76 | 0.70  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-15-2016</i>           | 99.16 | 0.84  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

**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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