

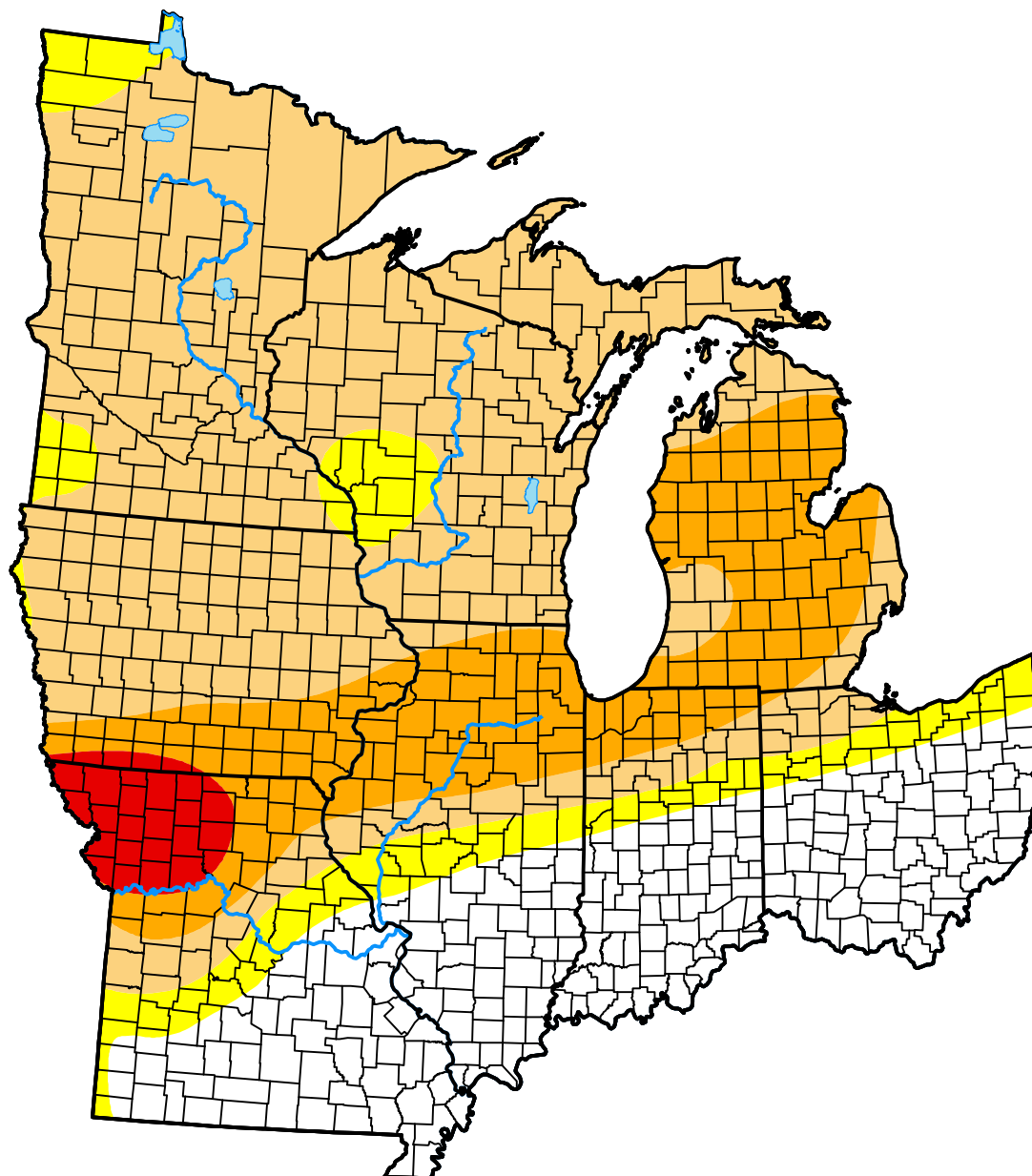
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	23.54	76.46	67.52	20.05	2.77	0.00
Last Week 03-11-2003	21.69	78.31	44.70	20.25	2.81	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-17-2002	50.14	49.86	26.21	5.38	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2002	46.82	53.18	26.28	5.99	1.32	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	56.51	43.49	18.25	3.10	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-19-2002	79.15	20.85	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00

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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