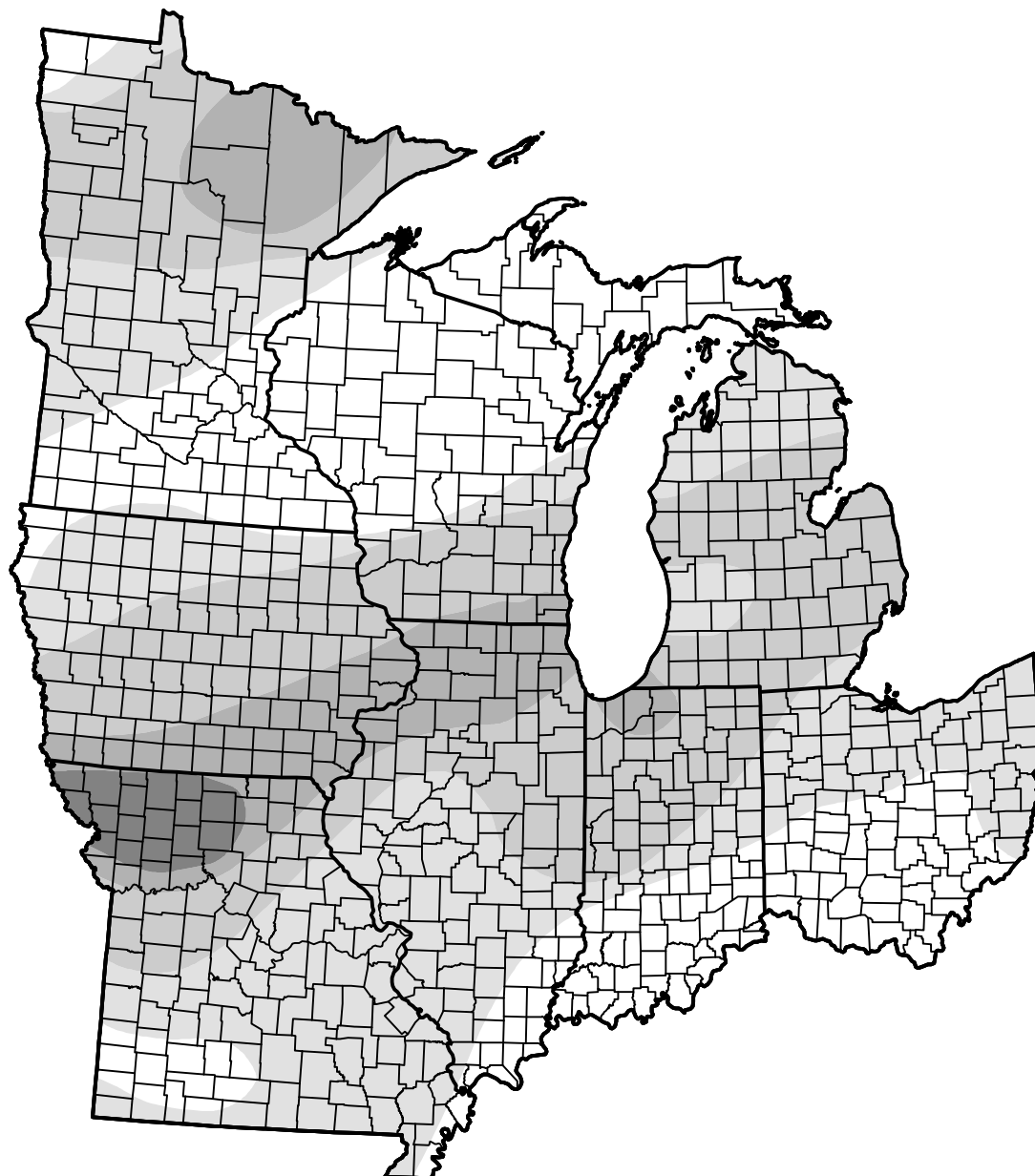


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

**April 22, 2003**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 28.45 | 71.55 | 40.49 | 12.69 | 2.05  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-15-2003</i>              | 18.46 | 81.54 | 43.08 | 11.30 | 3.21  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-21-2003</i>           | 17.50 | 82.50 | 42.20 | 15.88 | 3.16  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 46.82 | 53.18 | 26.28 | 5.99  | 1.32  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 56.51 | 43.49 | 18.25 | 3.10  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-23-2002</i>           | 85.99 | 14.01 | 4.78  | 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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