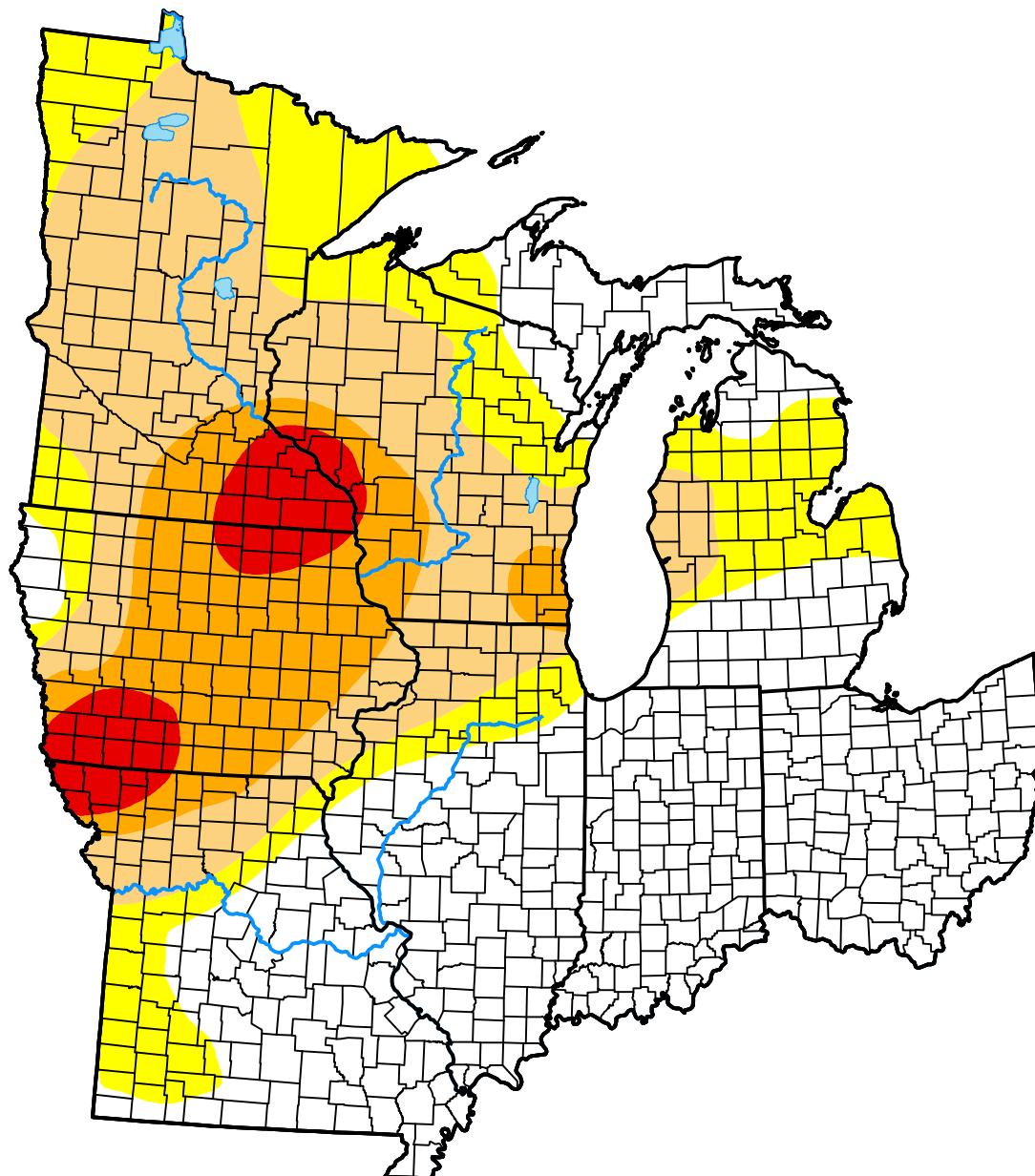


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.84	56.16	38.96	15.40	4.34	0.00
Last Week <i>10-14-2003</i>	42.54	57.46	37.65	13.73	2.46	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2003</i>	81.67	18.33	5.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	46.82	53.18	26.28	5.99	1.32	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	39.11	60.89	43.33	15.95	2.75	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-22-2002</i>	68.24	31.76	17.72	1.90	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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