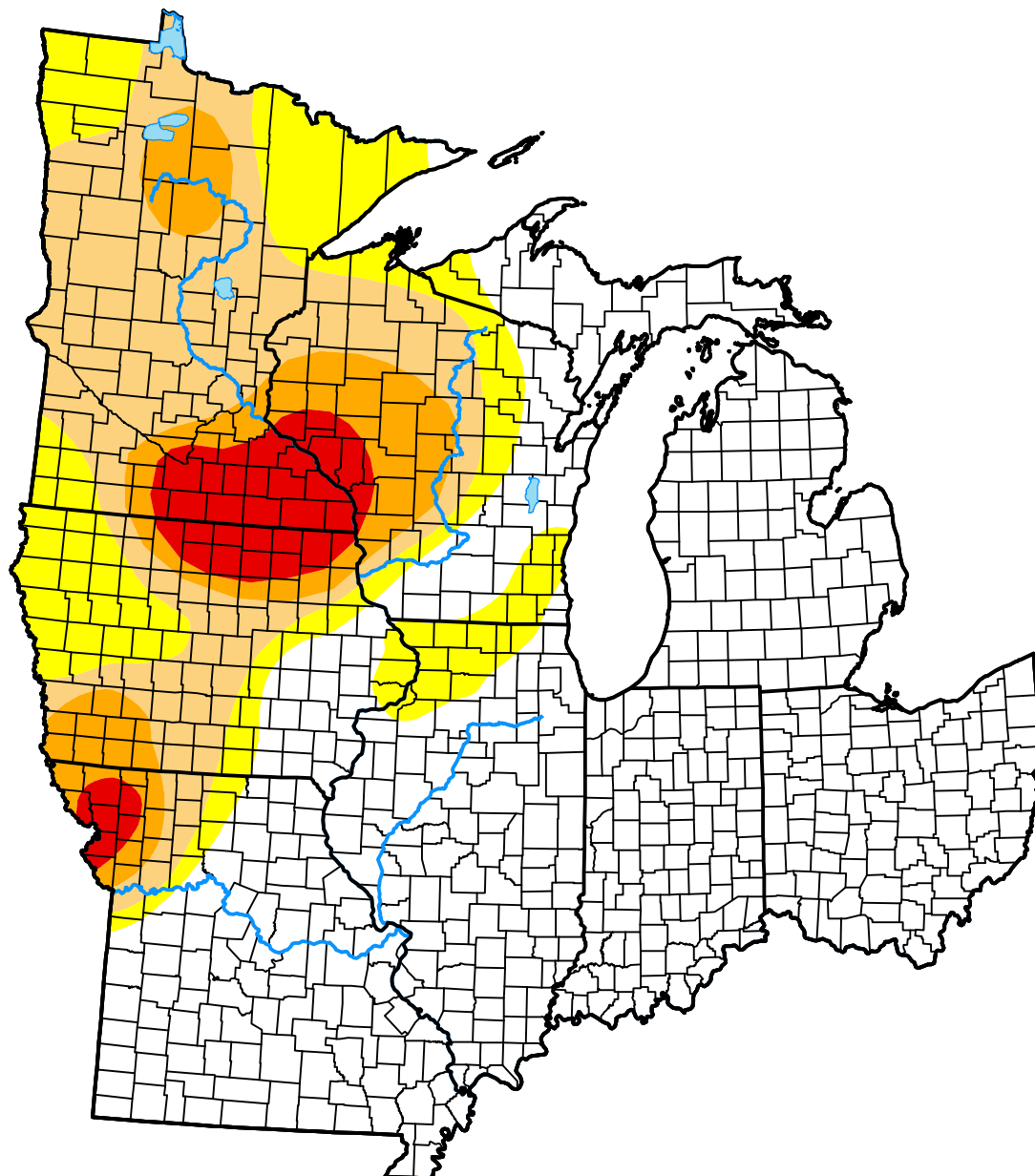


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	58.77	12.95	16.46	7.23	4.59	0.00
Last Week <i>12-16-2003</i>	59.09	11.98	16.30	7.98	4.65	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2003</i>	36.01	17.12	30.79	14.00	2.08	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	46.82	26.90	20.29	4.67	1.32	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	39.11	17.56	27.38	13.21	2.75	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2002</i>	51.77	22.61	20.05	5.56	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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