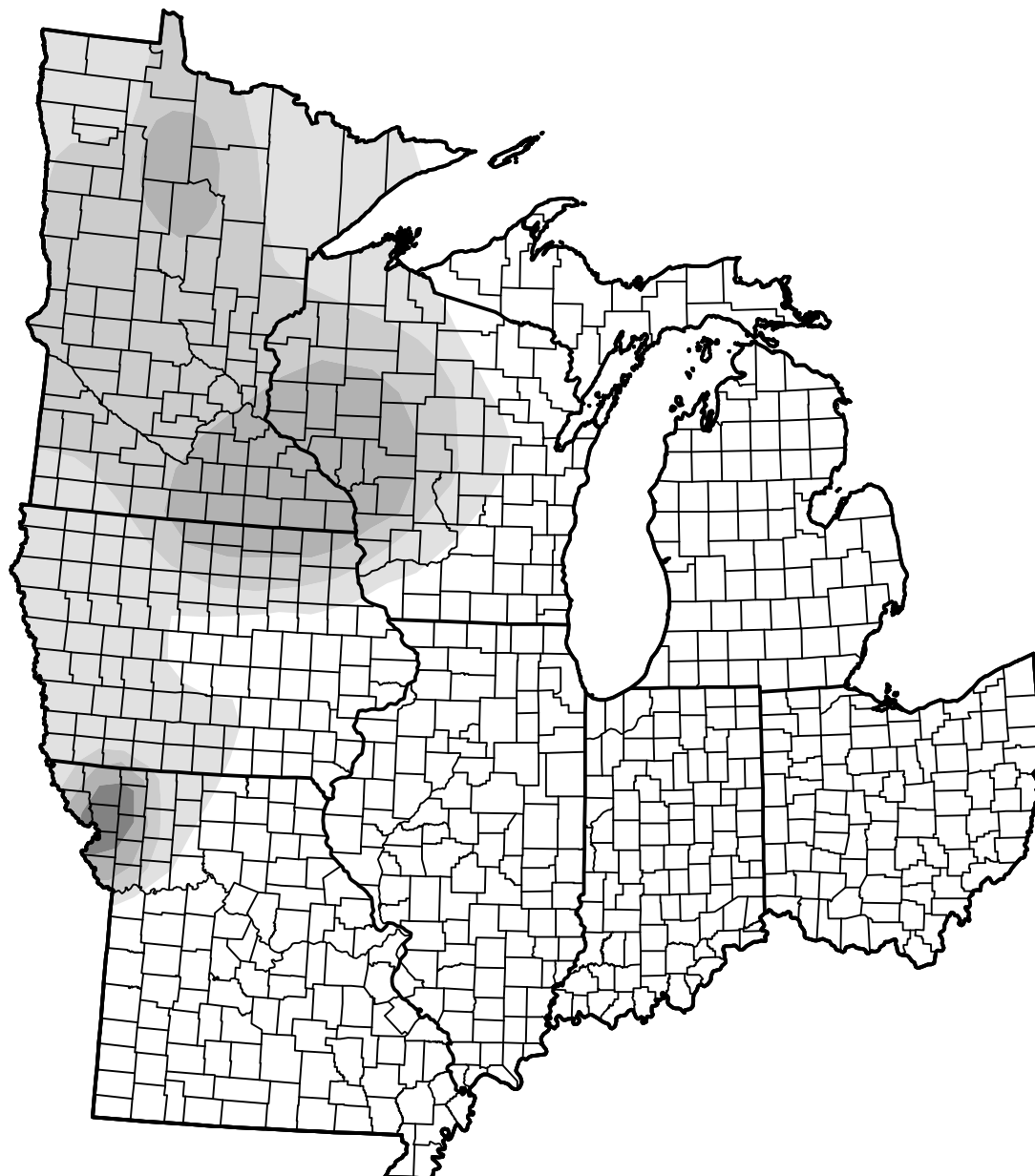


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 64.36 | 35.64 | 21.31 | 7.15  | 0.38  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-17-2004</i>              | 62.26 | 37.74 | 21.61 | 7.15  | 0.38  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-25-2003</i>           | 51.72 | 48.28 | 33.87 | 12.88 | 5.29  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2003</i> | 59.86 | 40.14 | 27.36 | 12.83 | 4.94  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>    | 39.11 | 60.89 | 43.33 | 15.95 | 2.75  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-25-2003</i>           | 21.61 | 78.39 | 41.14 | 19.32 | 3.02  | 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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