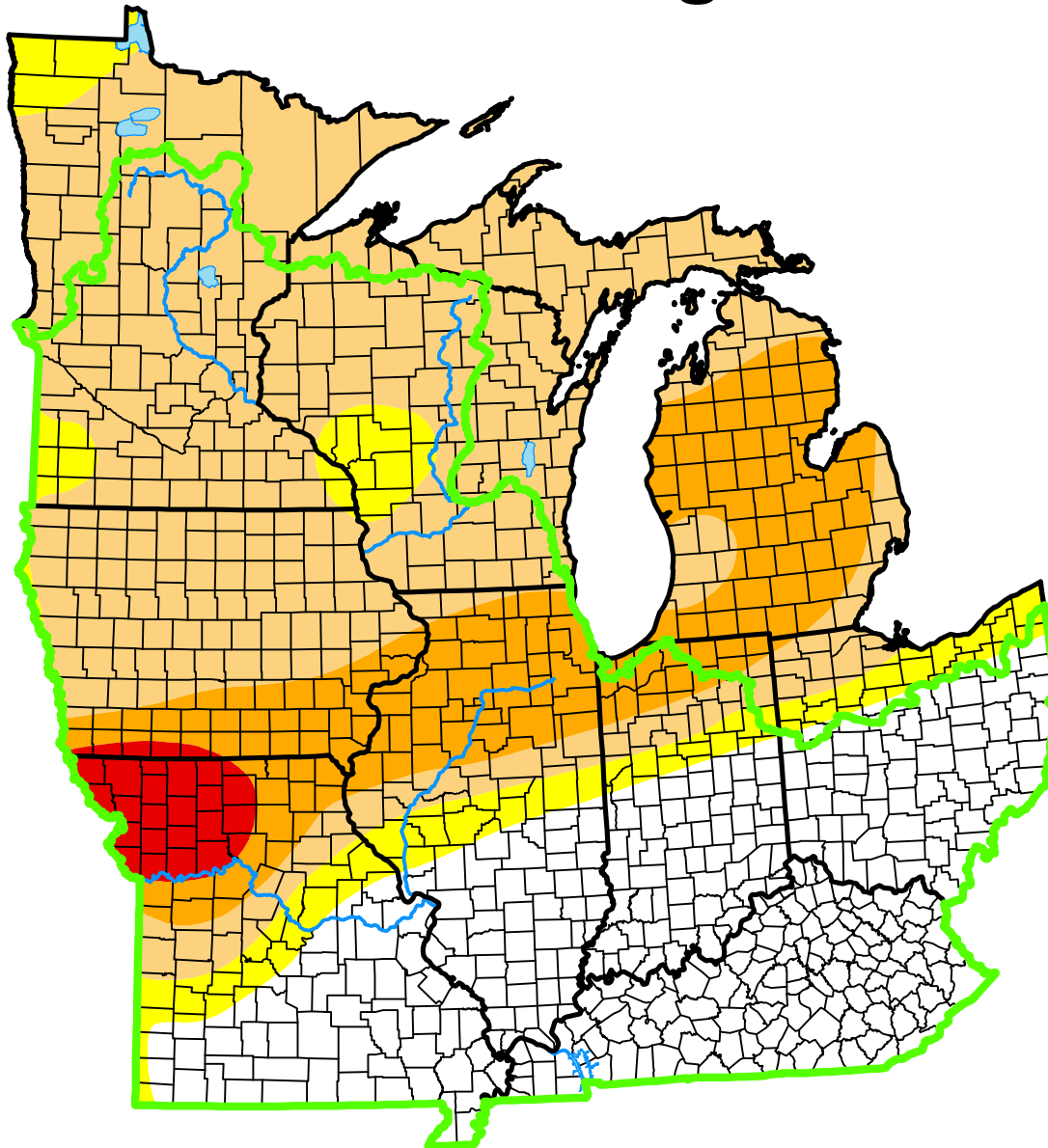


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Midwest DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**March 18, 2003**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	39.43	7.85	36.89	12.43	3.40	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-11-2003</i>	37.17	30.20	16.82	12.36	3.46	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	58.71	20.92	14.76	5.61	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	59.13	19.65	14.72	4.88	1.62	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	58.03	29.38	8.77	3.81	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-19-2002</i>	80.82	19.16	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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