

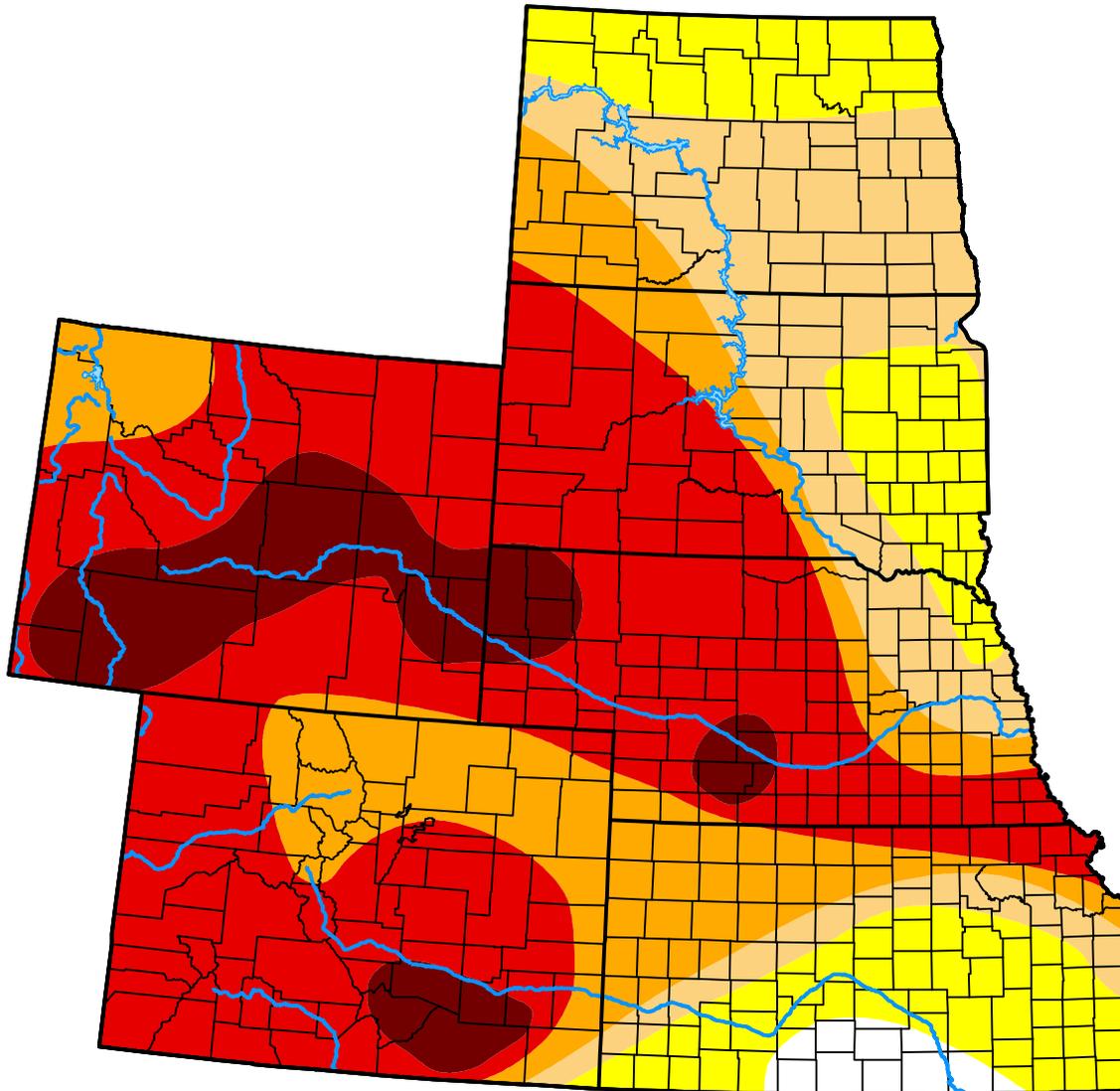
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**March 18, 2003**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 20, 2003)  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	1.65	98.35	83.68	68.07	49.88	9.93
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-11-2003</i>	1.69	98.31	81.55	68.16	49.69	9.90
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	11.89	88.11	76.47	65.76	45.34	4.75
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	11.41	88.59	76.64	66.65	45.68	4.79
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	16.41	83.59	73.36	65.12	49.12	11.49
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-19-2002</i>	9.96	90.04	47.34	26.17	5.54	0.00



**Intensity:**



*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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