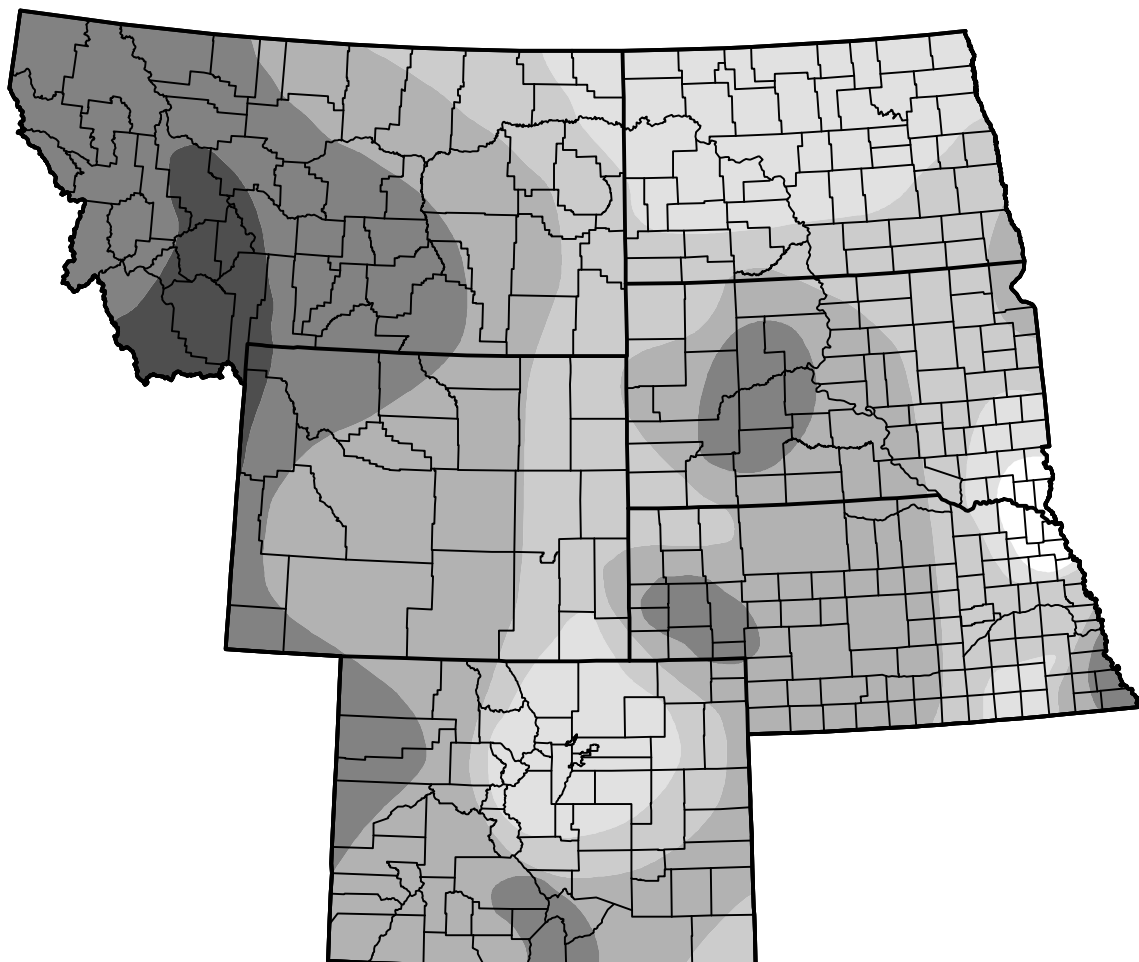


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
Last Week <i>09-23-2003</i>	0.84	15.05	22.53	36.89	21.13	3.56
3 Months Ago <i>07-01-2003</i>	30.25	20.53	16.29	20.58	11.29	1.05
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	11.53	11.95	22.22	44.73	4.25
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	14.42	11.03	13.66	36.71	9.48
One Year Ago <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	14.42	11.03	13.66	36.71	9.48

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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