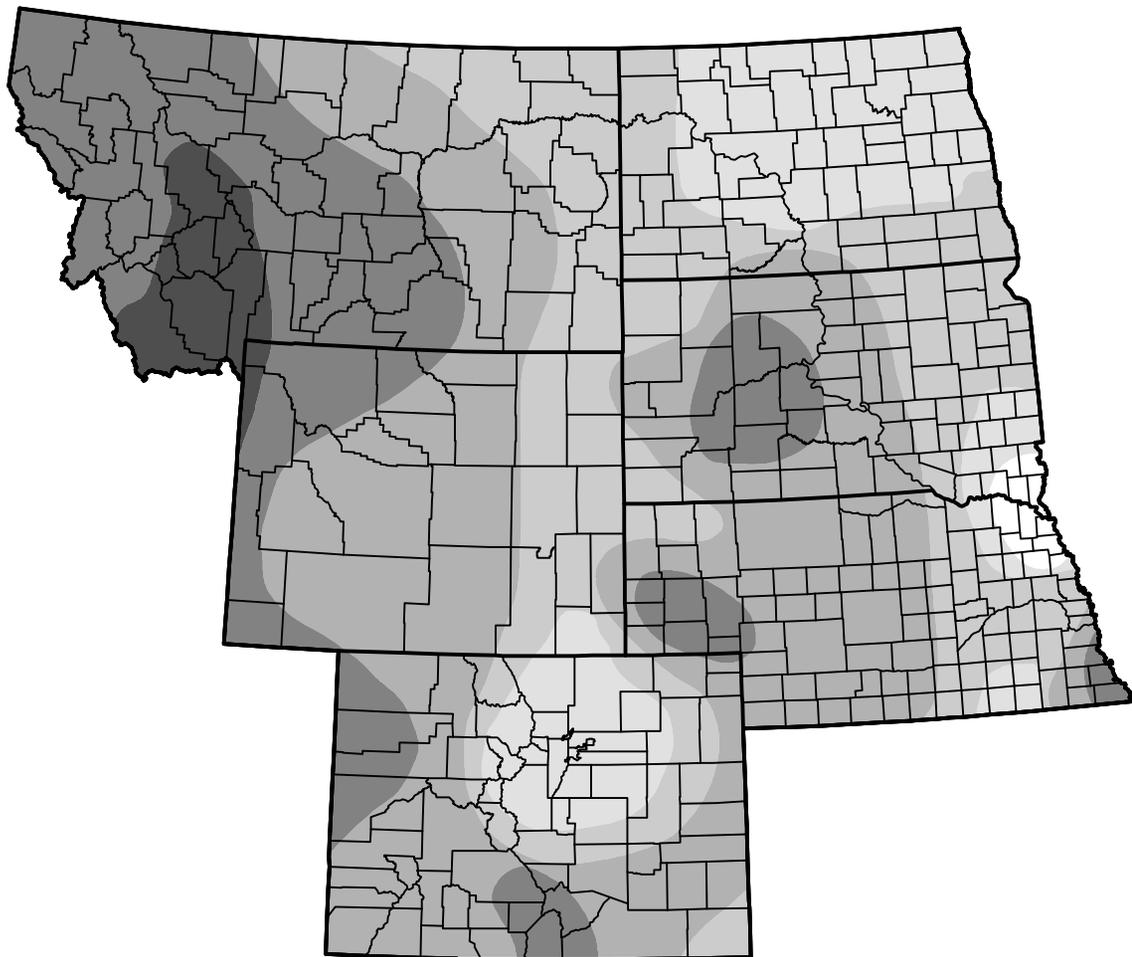


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.81	13.12	24.16	36.79	21.48	3.64
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-08-2003</i>	28.73	19.92	16.59	21.32	12.31	1.12
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	11.53	11.95	22.22	44.73	4.25
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-08-2002</i>	10.96	14.16	13.30	17.49	40.29	3.79

***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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