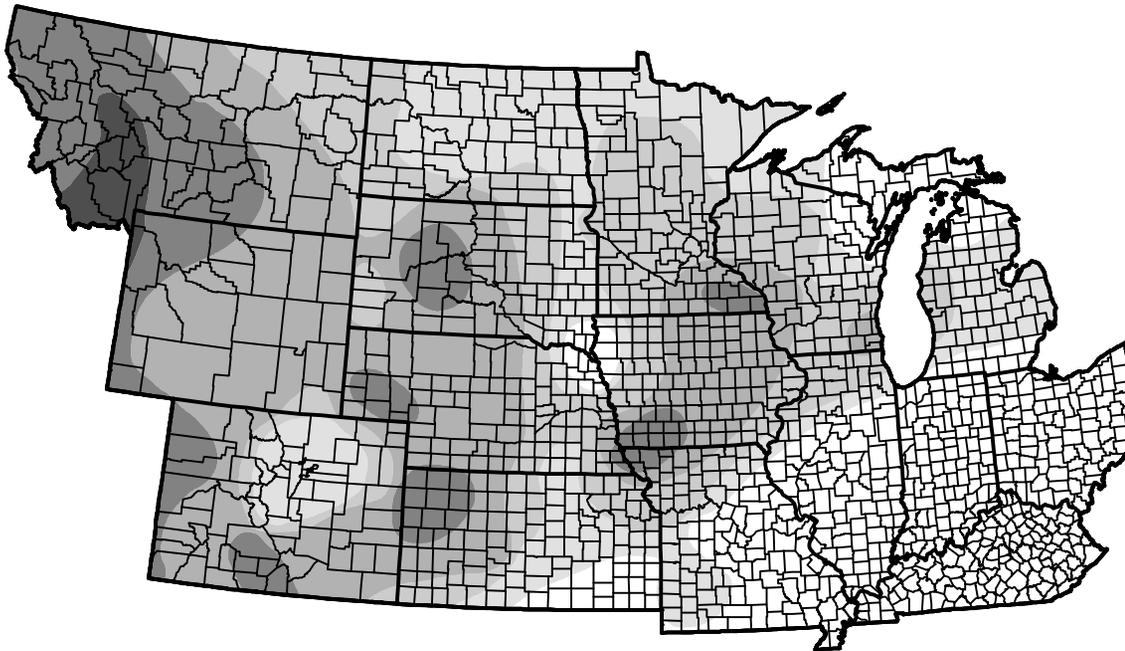


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	21.90	78.10	60.86	41.32	14.43	1.71
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-07-2003</i>	21.61	78.39	62.51	38.90	13.81	1.81
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-15-2003</i>	47.74	52.26	31.41	19.66	7.50	0.65
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	27.11	72.89	55.54	40.04	25.07	2.11
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	19.87	80.13	63.70	39.18	13.51	1.77
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-15-2002</i>	34.15	65.85	49.02	34.83	23.38	1.92



### 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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