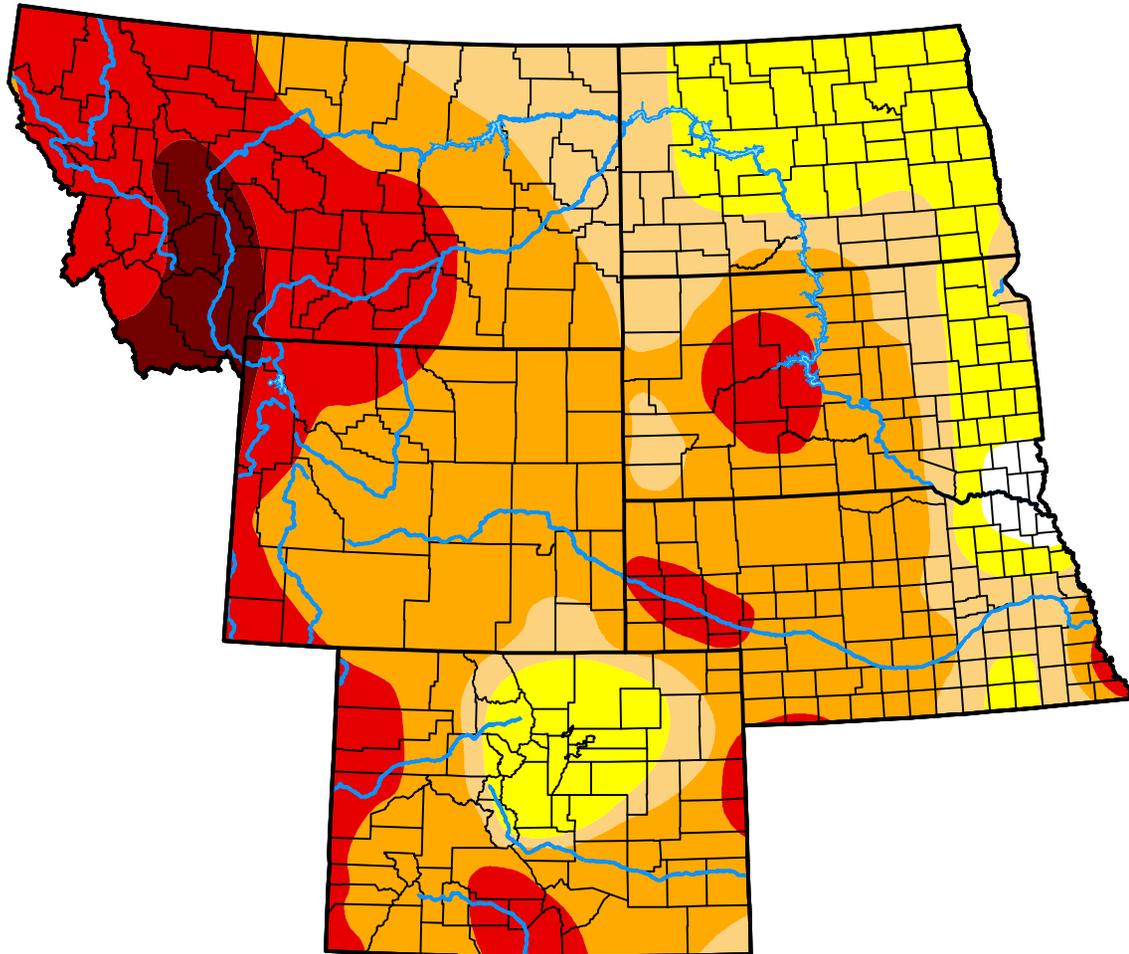


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**October 21, 2003**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.87  | 99.13 | 84.09 | 67.94 | 24.76 | 3.38 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-14-2003</i>              | 0.81  | 99.19 | 84.43 | 67.48 | 25.23 | 3.43 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-22-2003</i>           | 18.66 | 81.34 | 69.22 | 49.08 | 22.97 | 2.18 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 5.32  | 94.68 | 83.14 | 71.20 | 48.98 | 4.25 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>    | 0.79  | 99.21 | 84.27 | 61.39 | 24.85 | 3.57 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-22-2002</i>           | 10.96 | 89.04 | 74.92 | 63.25 | 46.40 | 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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