

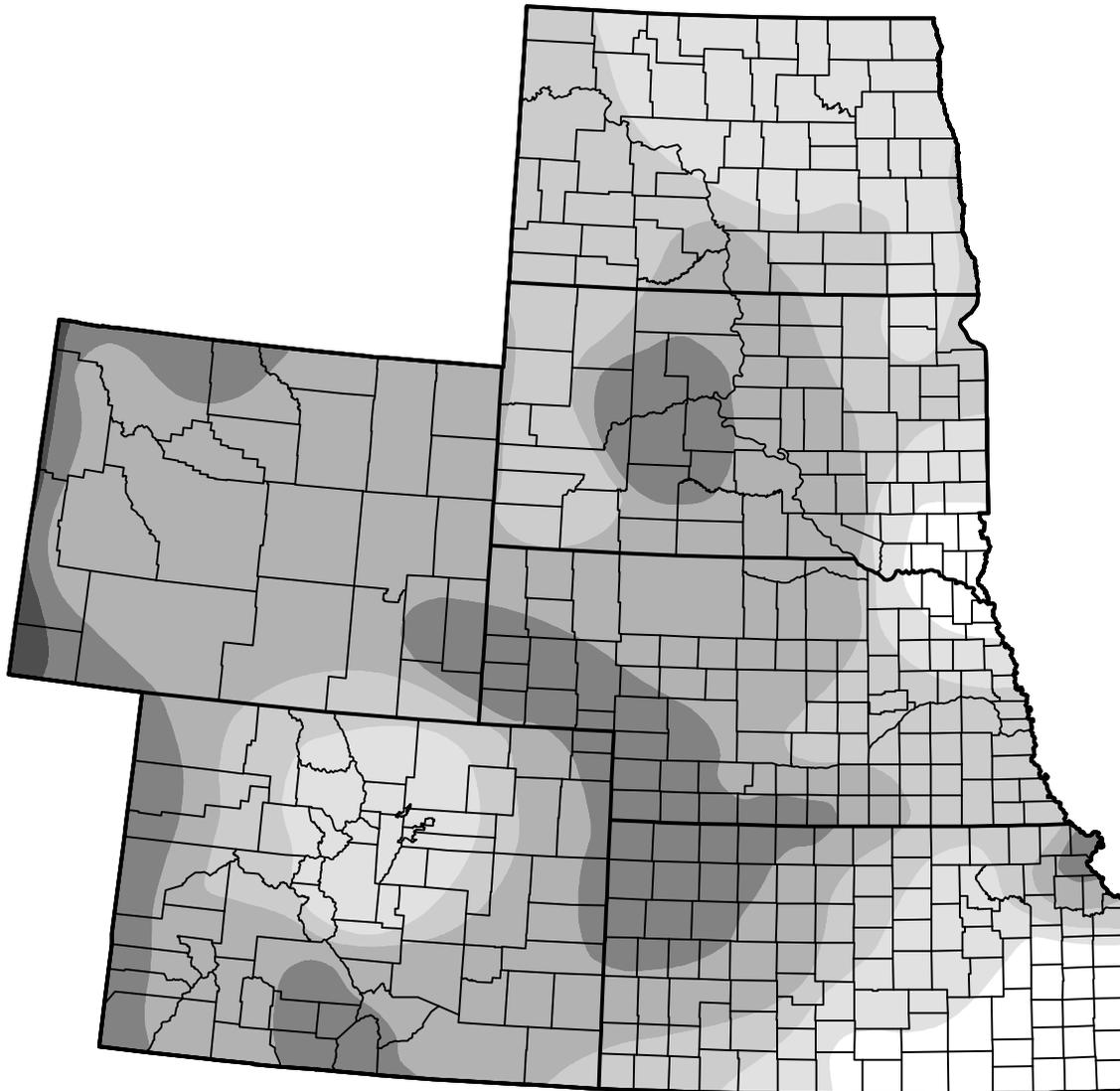
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**December 16, 2003**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	4.78	17.08	21.92	40.39	15.30	0.53
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-09-2003</i>	3.89	19.42	20.34	41.29	14.46	0.61
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-16-2003</i>	2.25	20.41	25.25	40.86	10.89	0.34
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	11.41	11.95	9.99	20.96	40.89	4.79
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	1.95	20.54	26.51	40.16	10.52	0.32
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	11.89	11.63	10.72	20.42	40.59	4.75



### 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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