

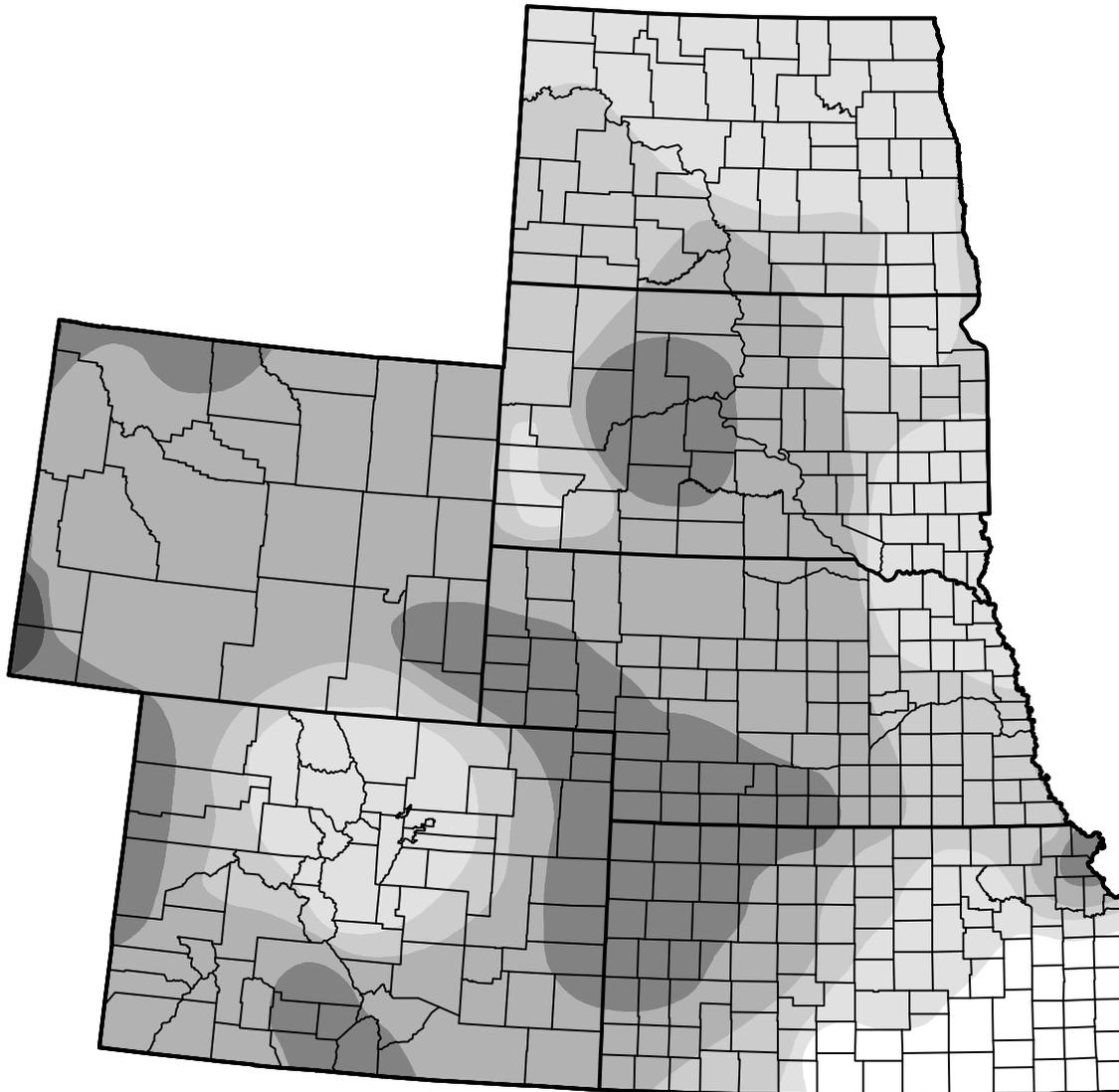
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**December 30, 2003**  
 (Released Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	4.23	95.77	75.43	57.35	16.43	0.28
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-23-2003</i>	3.86	96.14	77.79	55.42	15.41	0.49
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	1.95	98.05	77.51	51.01	10.84	0.32
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	11.41	88.59	76.64	66.65	45.68	4.79
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	1.95	98.05	77.51	51.01	10.84	0.32
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	11.41	88.59	76.64	66.65	45.68	4.79



***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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