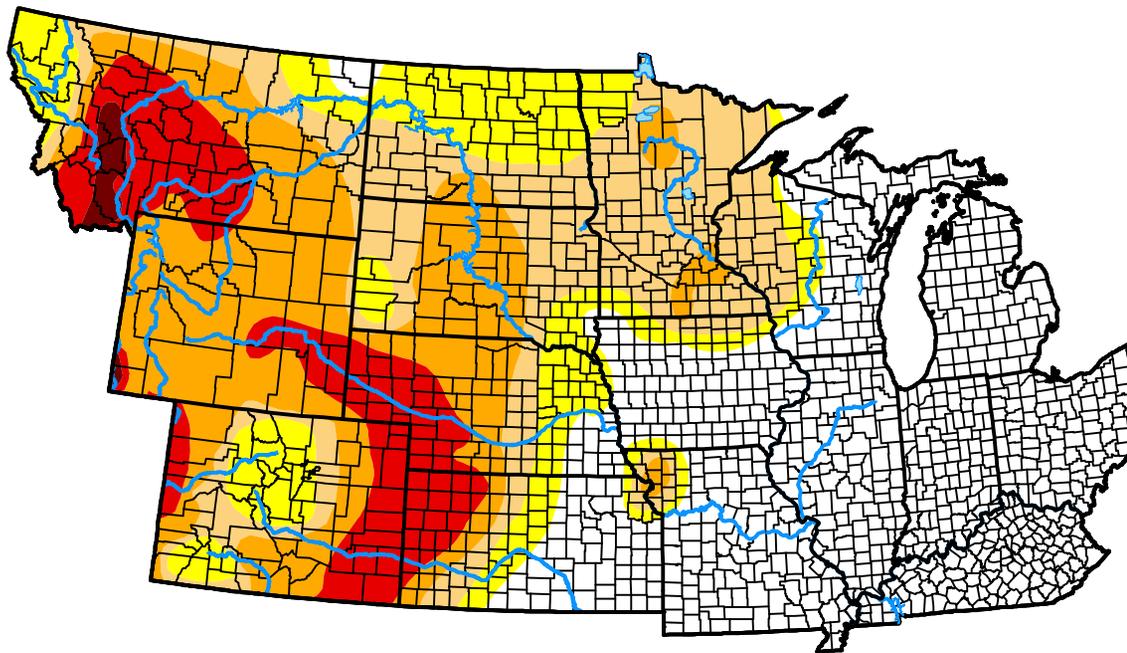


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	36.56	63.44	50.17	32.00	11.38	0.72
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-09-2004</i>	35.53	64.47	51.17	32.51	11.38	0.72
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-16-2003</i>	29.05	70.95	58.66	40.65	14.27	1.95
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	29.11	70.89	56.46	40.14	14.30	1.80
<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>03-18-2003</i>	13.99	86.01	75.22	47.33	28.98	4.38



### 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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