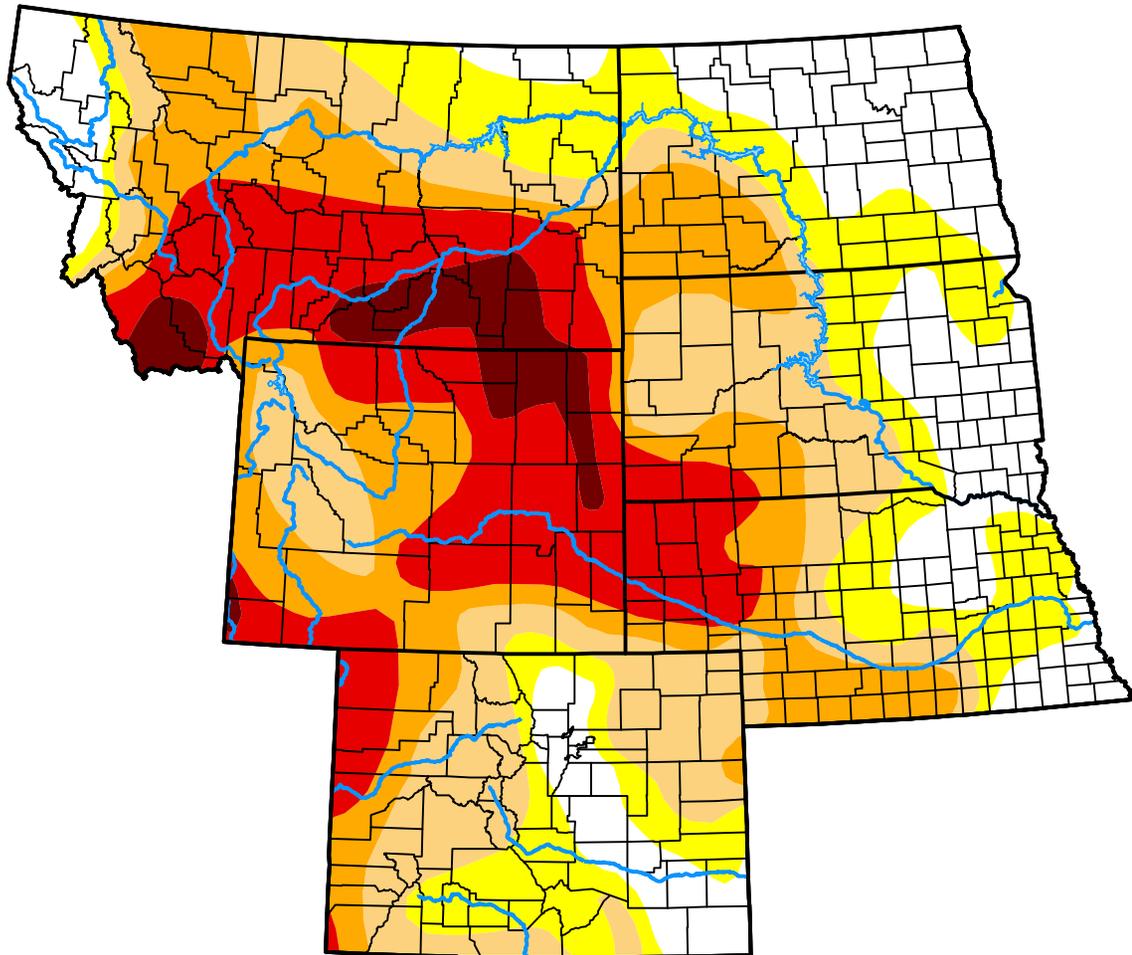


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**August 31, 2004**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	18.17	17.63	21.70	20.47	17.90	4.13
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-24-2004</i>	17.74	16.32	21.64	21.78	18.29	4.23
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-01-2004</i>	15.85	7.97	19.47	26.51	28.19	2.01
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	0.00	16.29	18.77	42.96	18.35	3.63
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>09-02-2003</i>	0.00	14.47	18.88	37.12	27.78	1.74

***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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