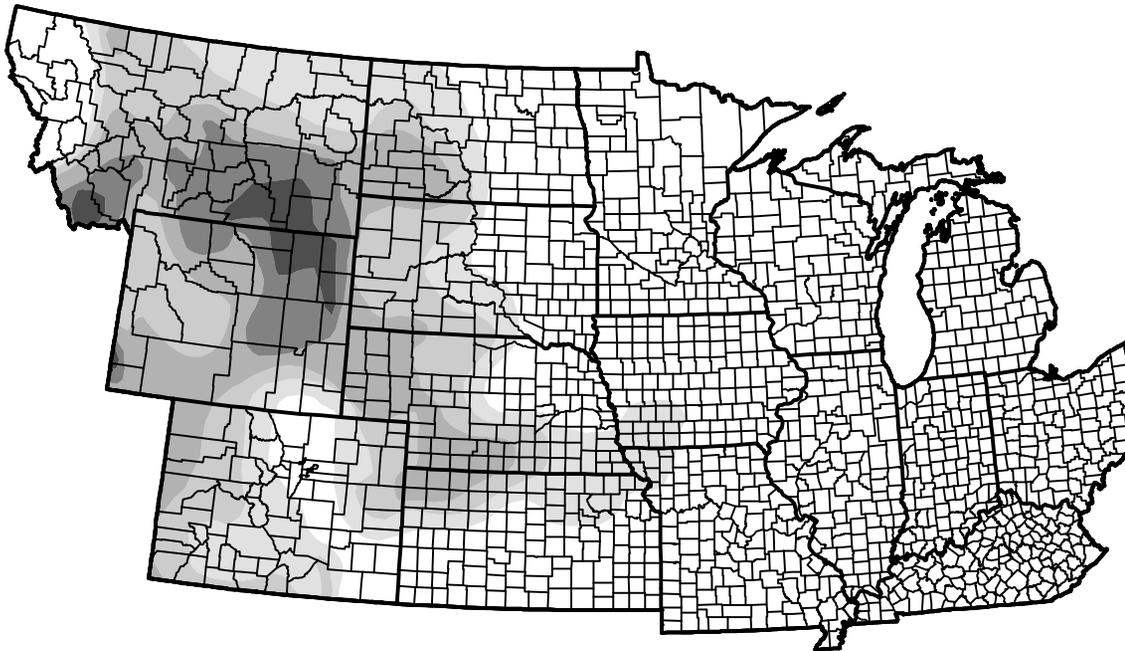


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	59.22	40.78	28.86	16.54	6.18	1.56
<b>Last Week</b> <i>11-30-2004</i>	57.40	42.60	28.72	16.54	6.18	1.56
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-07-2004</i>	57.88	42.12	32.31	20.99	8.97	1.99
<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>09-28-2004</i>	50.74	49.26	31.13	19.50	8.04	1.66
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-09-2003</i>	26.46	73.54	59.33	40.24	13.88	1.92



### 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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