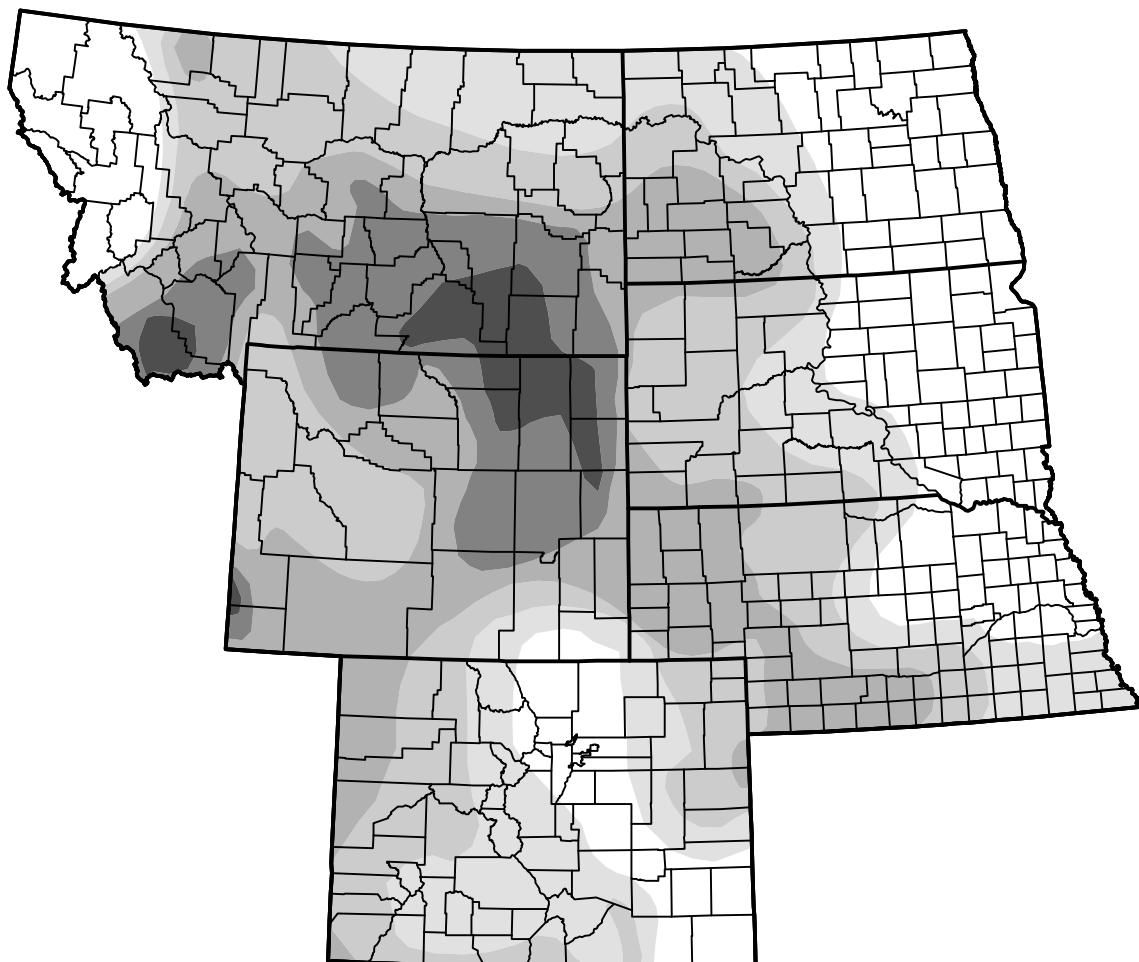


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**December 14, 2004**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 24.26 | 18.65 | 24.72 | 19.94 | 9.30  | 3.13 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-07-2004</i>              | 24.26 | 19.38 | 23.99 | 19.94 | 9.30  | 3.13 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-14-2004</i>           | 19.95 | 17.15 | 23.06 | 23.58 | 12.73 | 3.52 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2003</i> | 0.00  | 16.29 | 18.77 | 42.96 | 18.35 | 3.63 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2004</i>    | 25.67 | 14.04 | 22.03 | 22.08 | 12.83 | 3.35 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-16-2003</i>           | 1.01  | 12.11 | 20.39 | 43.94 | 18.63 | 3.92 |

### Intensity:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate Drought | D4 Exceptional Drought |

*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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