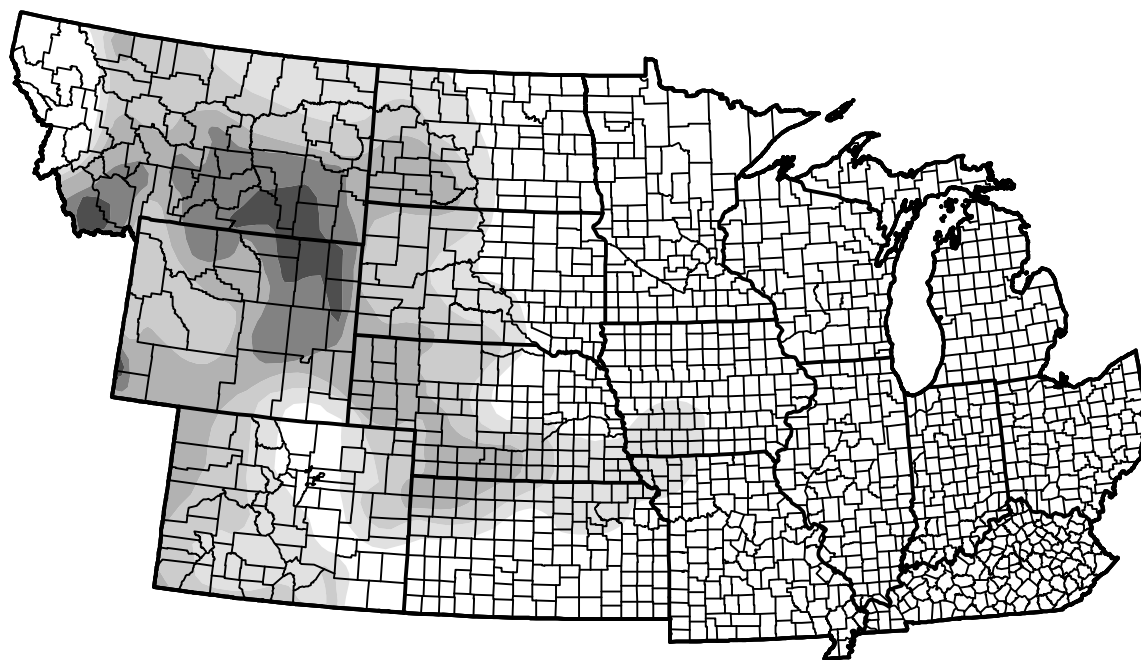


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	58.94	11.79	12.74	10.35	4.62	1.56
Last Week 12-07-2004	59.22	11.92	12.32	10.36	4.62	1.56
3 Months Ago 09-14-2004	54.92	12.97	11.71	12.32	6.33	1.75
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2003	29.11	14.43	16.31	25.84	12.50	1.80
Start of Water Year 09-28-2004	50.74	18.13	11.63	11.46	6.38	1.66
One Year Ago 12-16-2003	29.05	12.28	18.01	26.38	12.32	1.95

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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