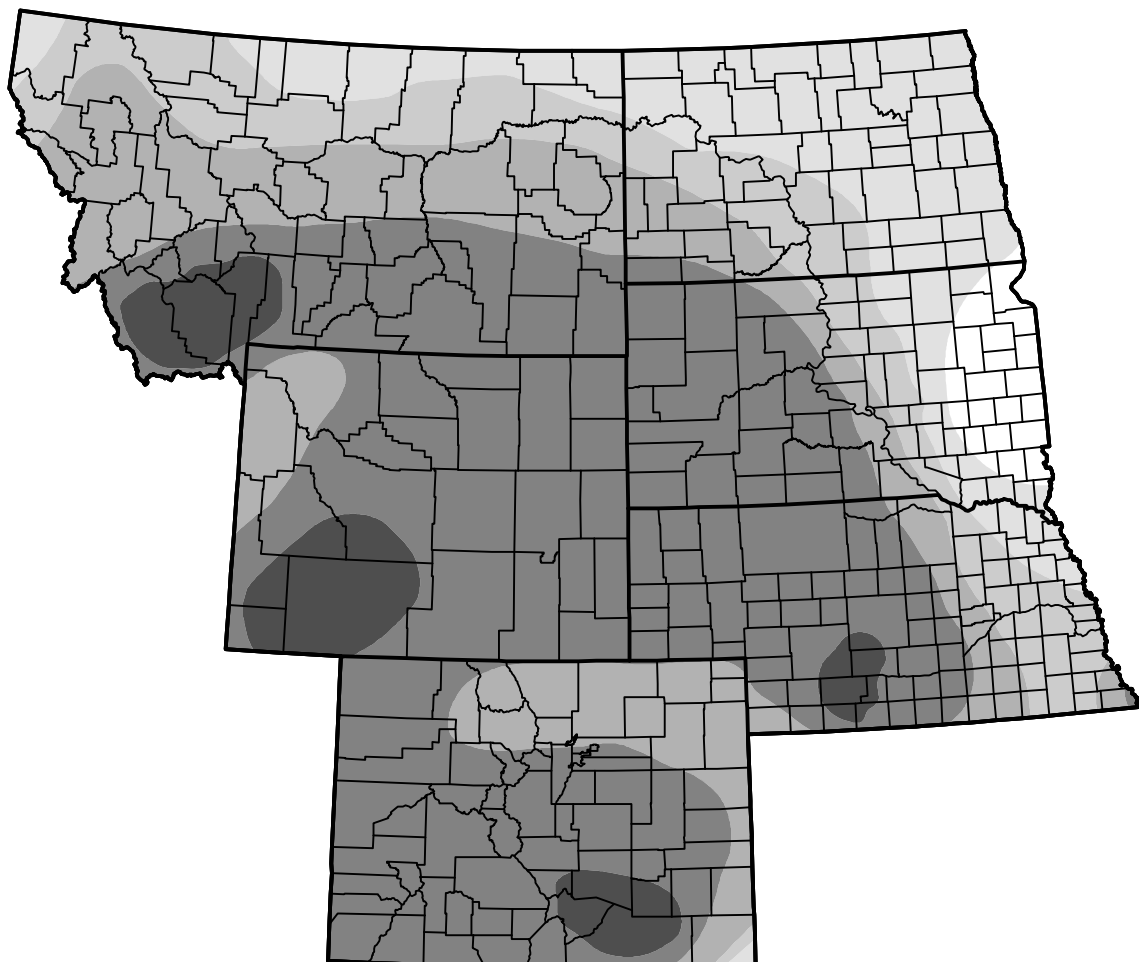


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains

### Climate Hub



**January 7, 2003**  
*(Released Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 2.44  | 13.39 | 11.51 | 19.08 | 47.24 | 6.35 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i>              | 5.32  | 11.53 | 11.95 | 22.22 | 44.73 | 4.25 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-08-2002</i>           | 10.96 | 14.16 | 13.30 | 17.49 | 40.29 | 3.79 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 5.32  | 11.53 | 11.95 | 22.22 | 44.73 | 4.25 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 14.70 | 14.42 | 11.03 | 13.66 | 36.71 | 9.48 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-08-2002</i>           | 20.87 | 33.09 | 12.71 | 17.73 | 15.59 | 0.00 |

**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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