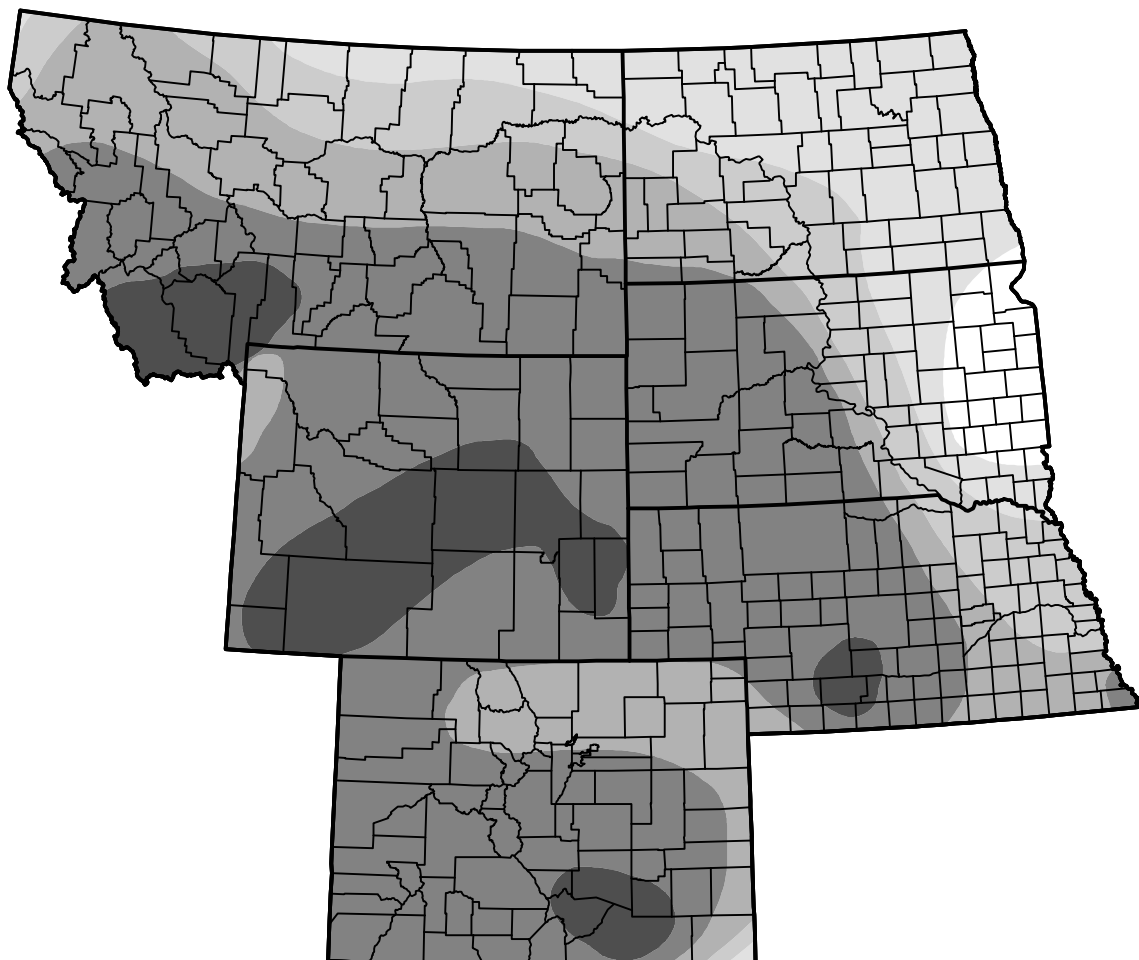


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



January 14, 2003

(Released Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.41	12.27	10.25	18.63	45.93	10.50
Last Week <i>01-07-2003</i>	2.44	13.39	11.51	19.08	47.24	6.35
3 Months Ago <i>10-15-2002</i>	11.01	14.08	11.55	17.41	42.12	3.82
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	11.53	11.95	22.22	44.73	4.25
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	14.42	11.03	13.66	36.71	9.48
One Year Ago <i>01-15-2002</i>	18.00	36.23	13.19	17.09	15.49	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>

Author:

Richard Tinker
CPC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP



droughtmonitor.unl.edu