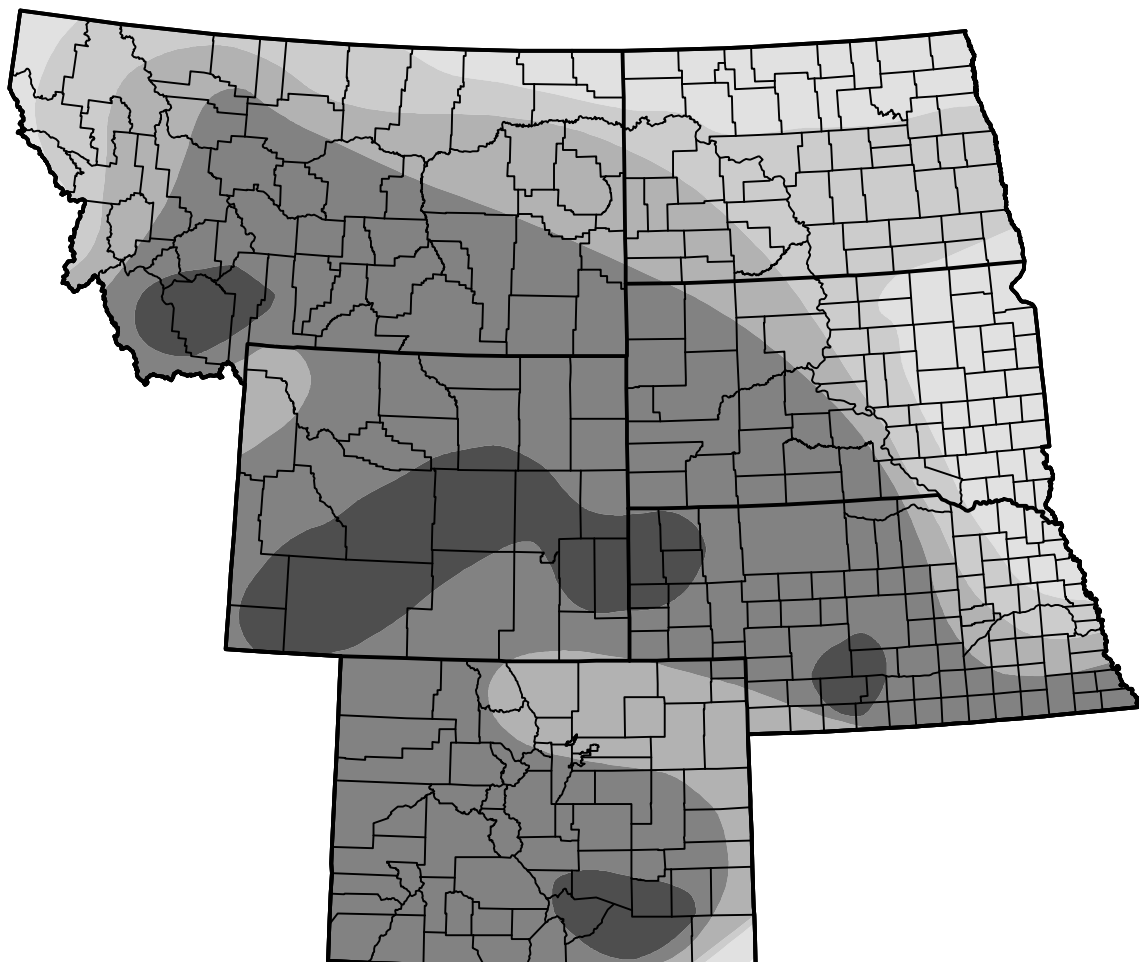


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**March 4, 2003**

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.00  | 11.13 | 13.82 | 16.93 | 47.67 | 10.44 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-25-2003</i>              | 0.01  | 15.86 | 11.32 | 18.01 | 45.42 | 9.37  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-03-2002</i>           | 11.17 | 12.45 | 10.25 | 21.64 | 41.01 | 3.49  |
| <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>03-05-2002</i>           | 4.89  | 31.00 | 29.10 | 20.21 | 14.81 | 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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