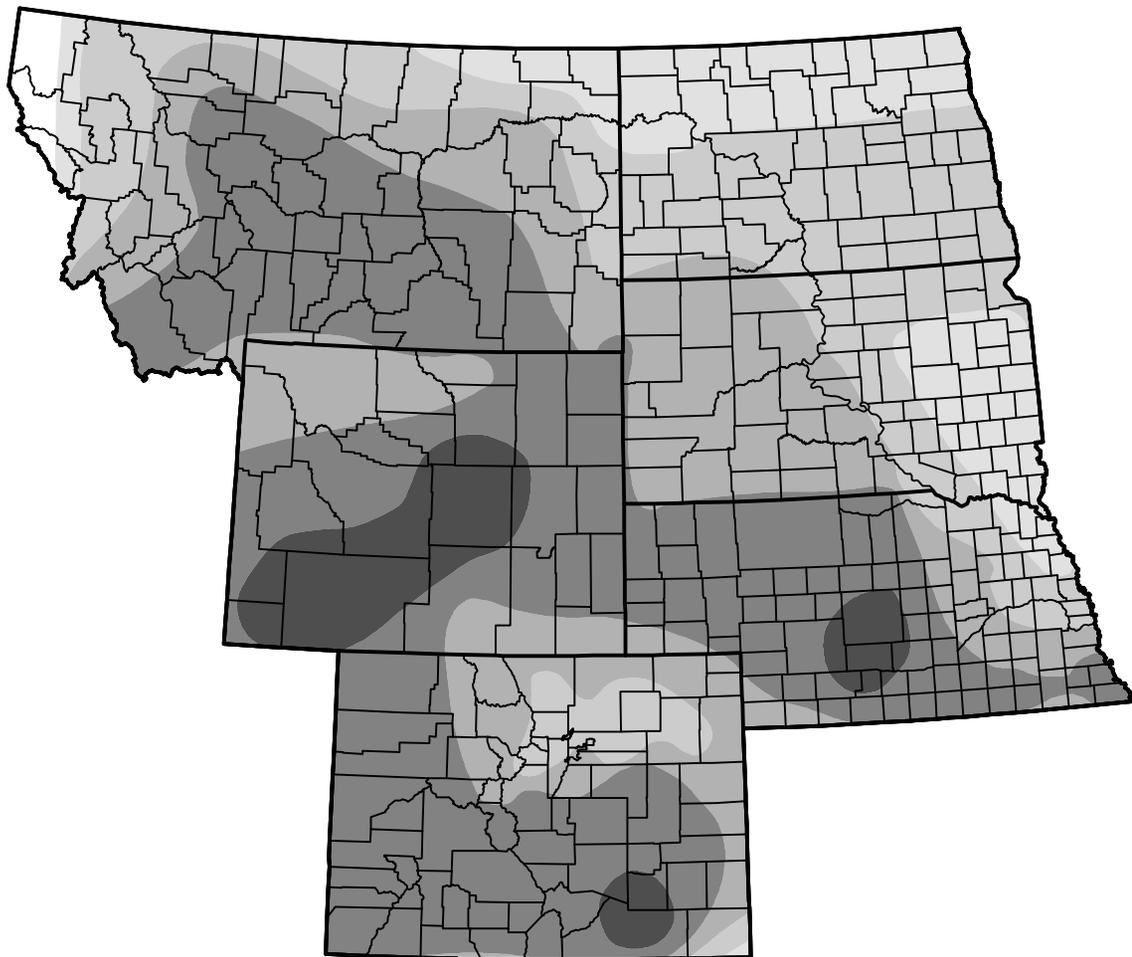


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**March 25, 2003**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 27, 2003)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.83  | 99.17 | 89.60 | 70.34 | 45.44 | 6.34 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-18-2003</i>              | 0.86  | 99.14 | 90.36 | 74.25 | 55.19 | 8.80 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-24-2002</i>           | 5.88  | 94.12 | 80.67 | 70.27 | 47.26 | 4.26 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 5.32  | 94.68 | 83.14 | 71.20 | 48.98 | 4.25 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 14.70 | 85.30 | 70.88 | 59.85 | 46.19 | 9.48 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-26-2002</i>           | 2.54  | 97.46 | 63.25 | 40.02 | 15.17 | 0.00 |

***Intensity:***



*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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