

U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

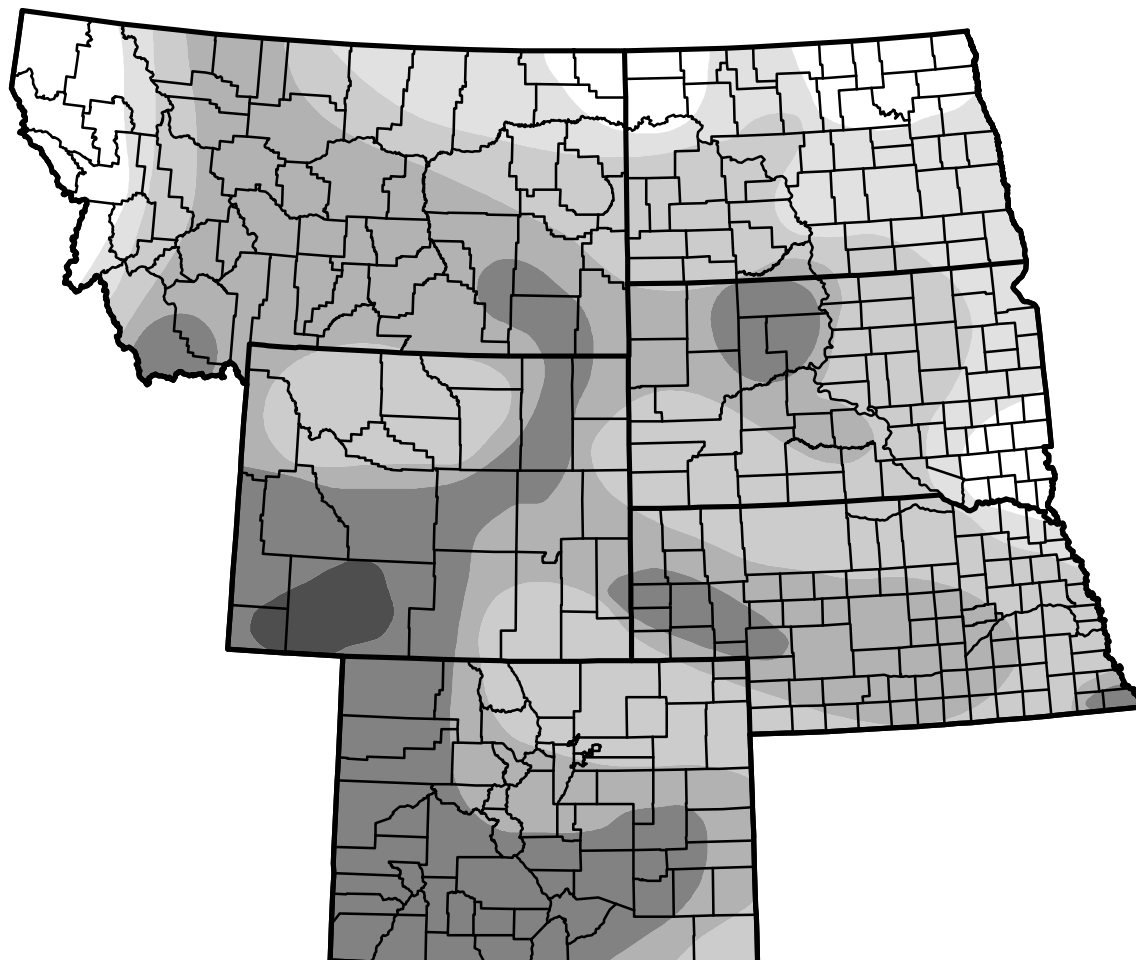
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	7.55	11.59	29.75	29.78	19.96	1.37
Last Week <i>04-29-2003</i>	4.10	8.90	21.65	34.29	29.69	1.38
3 Months Ago <i>02-04-2003</i>	0.00	14.20	12.68	18.28	45.59	9.25
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>05-07-2002</i>	2.13	21.03	18.75	26.42	28.45	3.22



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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