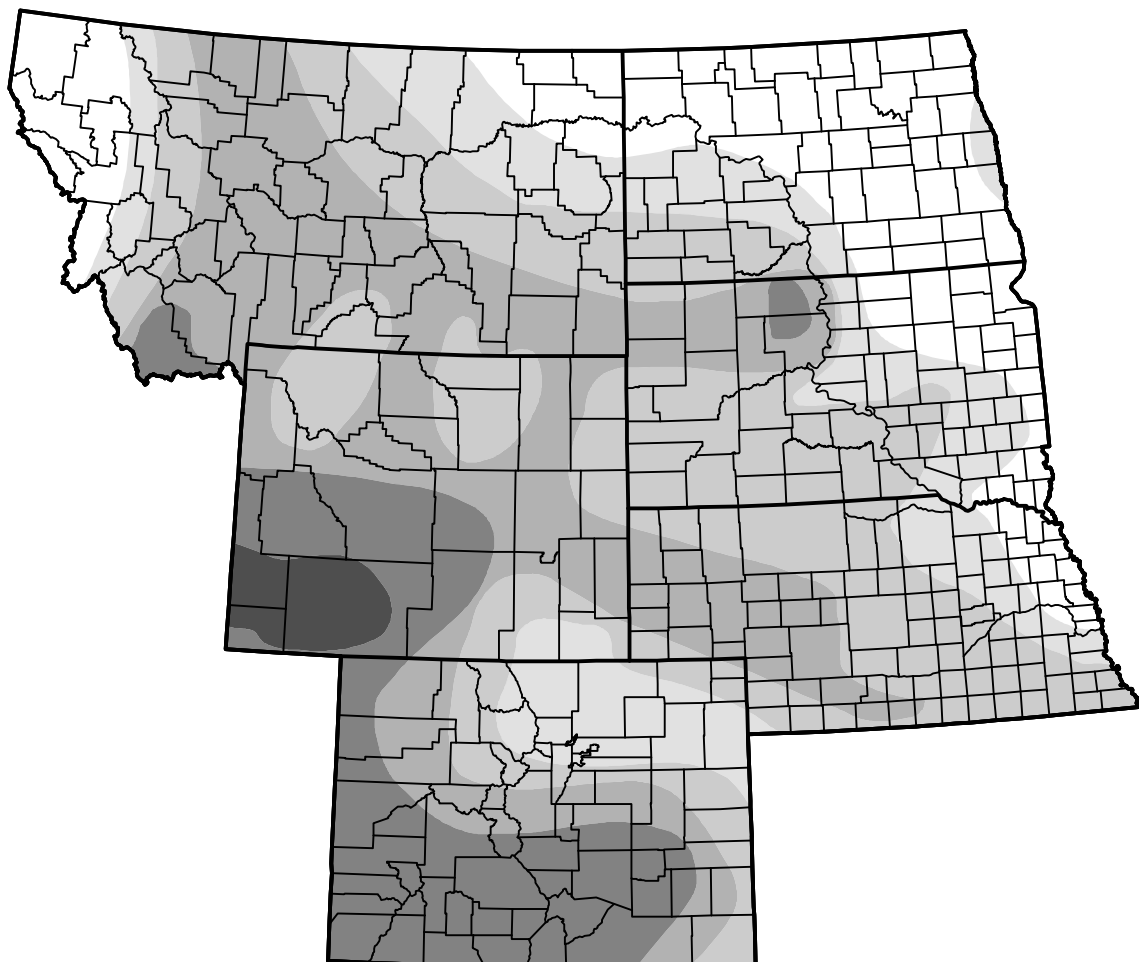


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**May 27, 2003**  
*(Released Thursday, May. 29, 2003)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 16.91 | 14.22 | 28.45 | 25.37 | 13.14 | 1.92 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-20-2003</i>              | 17.78 | 13.57 | 27.76 | 26.21 | 12.79 | 1.89 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-25-2003</i>           | 0.01  | 15.86 | 11.32 | 18.01 | 45.42 | 9.37 |
| <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>05-28-2002</i>           | 10.62 | 27.97 | 8.66  | 15.68 | 31.88 | 5.20 |

### 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 Heim  
 NCEI/NOAA



**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**