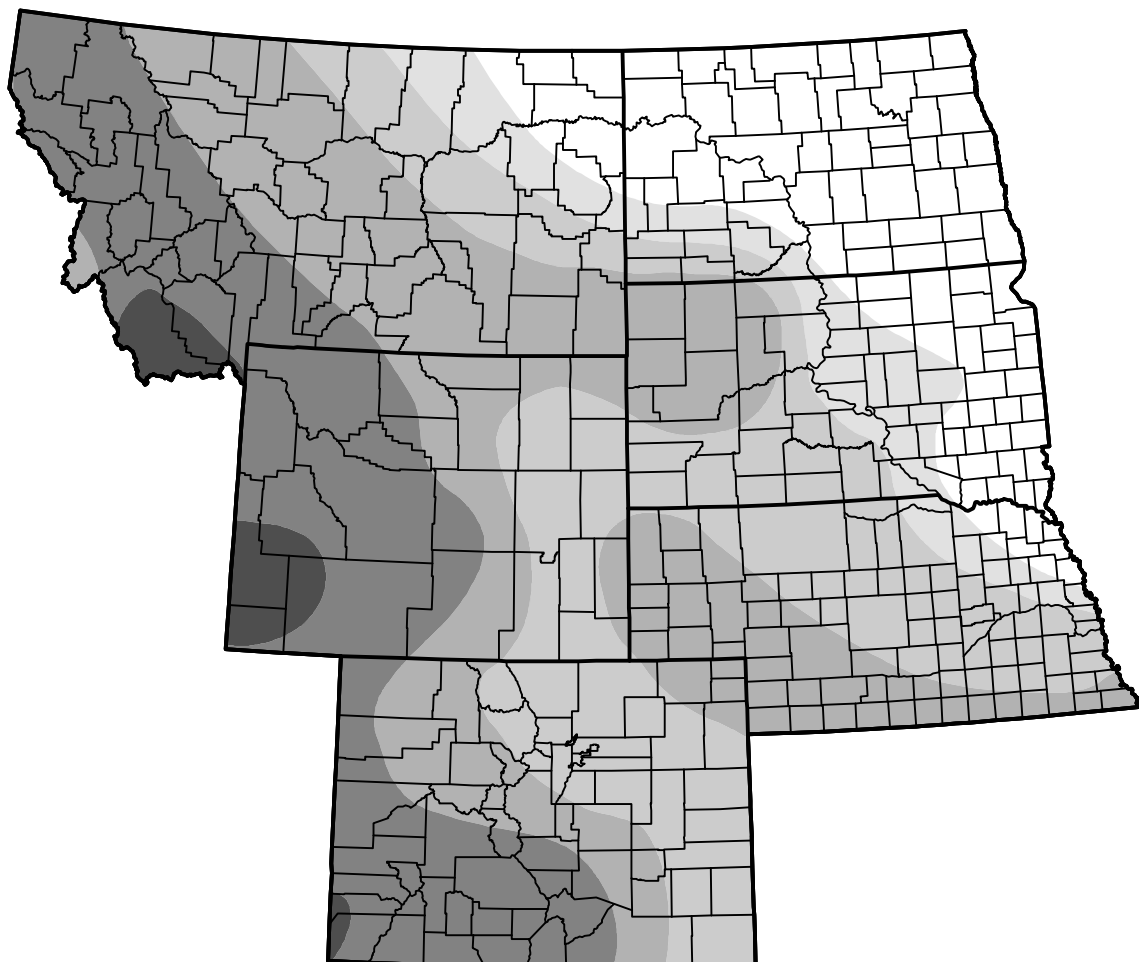


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.20	6.76	23.82	28.25	21.45	2.52
Last Week 07-22-2003	18.66	12.12	20.14	26.11	20.79	2.18
3 Months Ago 04-29-2003	4.10	8.90	21.65	34.29	29.69	1.38
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2002	5.32	11.53	11.95	22.22	44.73	4.25
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	14.70	14.42	11.03	13.66	36.71	9.48
One Year Ago 07-30-2002	8.40	9.86	10.84	14.00	42.92	13.99

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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