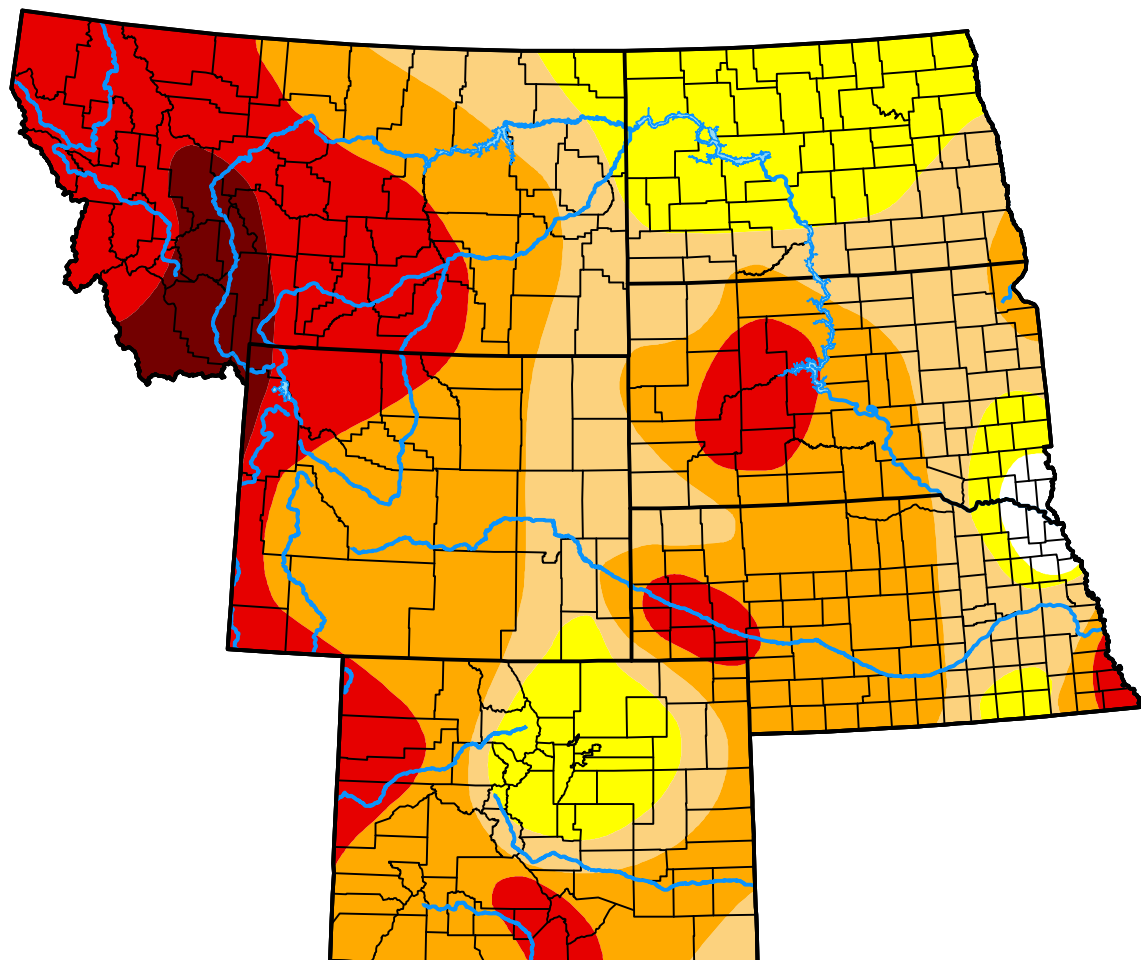


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**September 23, 2003**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.84  | 99.16 | 84.11 | 61.58 | 24.69 | 3.56  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-16-2003</i>              | 0.81  | 99.19 | 84.18 | 62.87 | 26.46 | 4.31  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-24-2003</i>           | 23.60 | 76.40 | 58.47 | 33.71 | 12.33 | 1.71  |
| <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>09-24-2002</i>           | 16.15 | 83.85 | 73.40 | 60.95 | 47.32 | 10.11 |

**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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