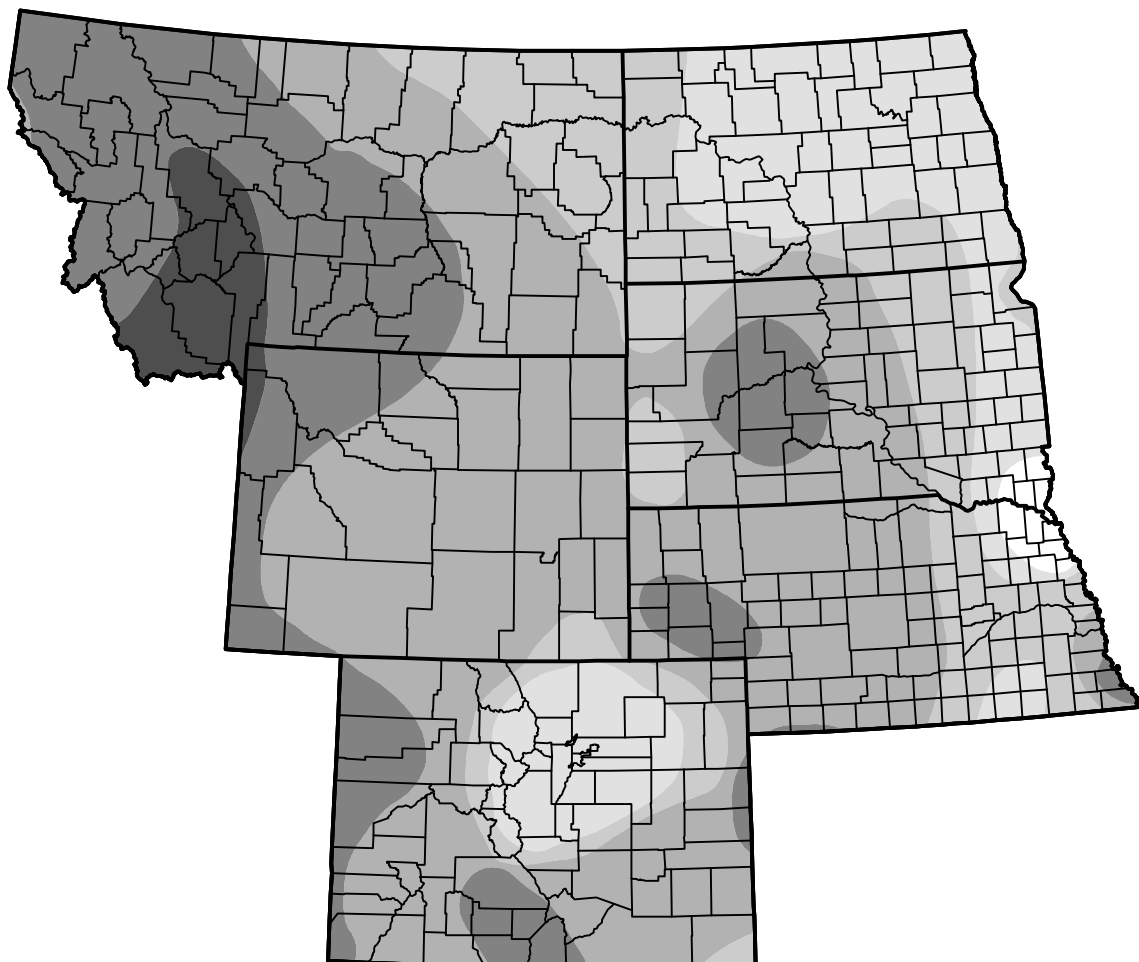


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.81	14.76	16.95	42.25	21.79	3.43
Last Week <i>10-07-2003</i>	0.81	13.12	24.16	36.79	21.48	3.64
3 Months Ago <i>07-15-2003</i>	23.21	15.20	22.02	24.47	13.79	1.31
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>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
One Year Ago <i>10-15-2002</i>	11.01	14.08	11.55	17.41	42.12	3.82

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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