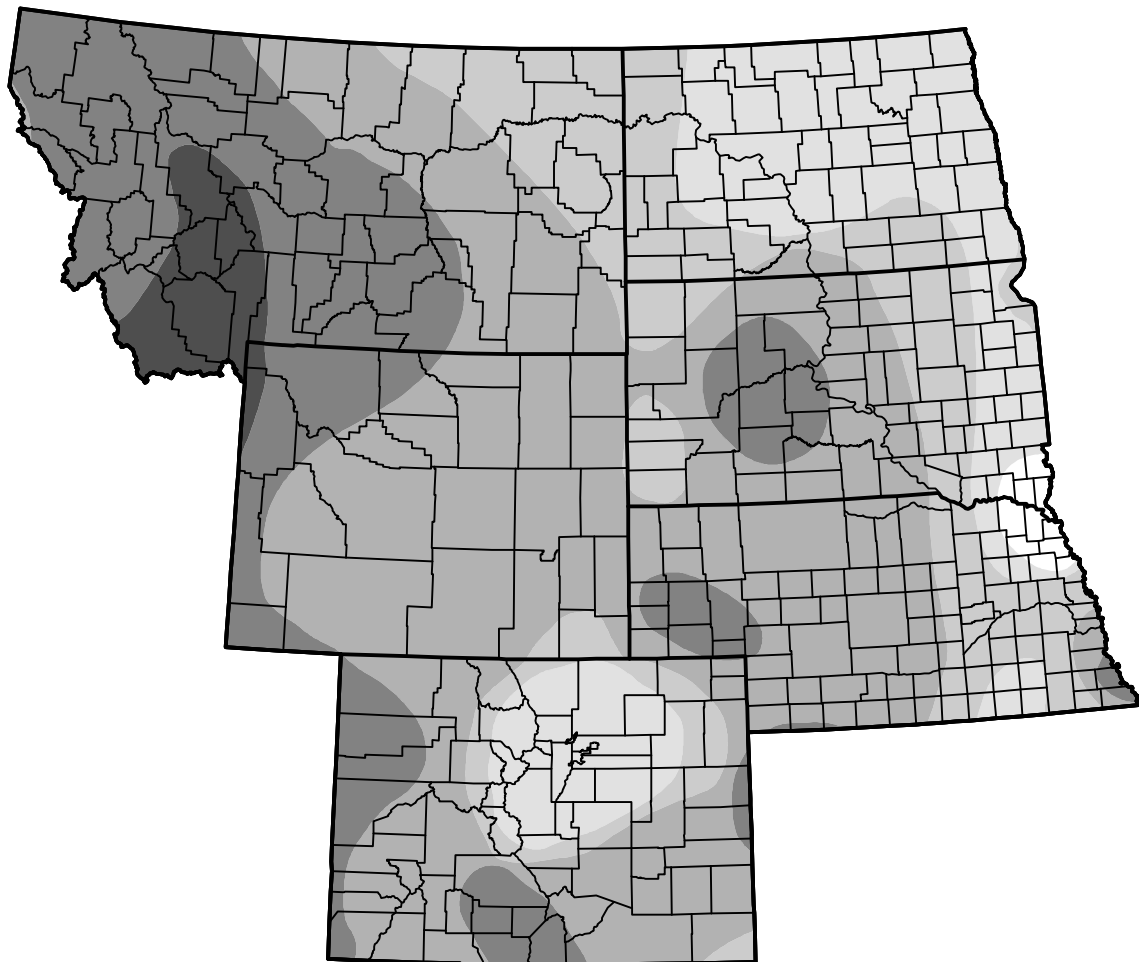


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.81	99.19	84.43	67.48	25.23	3.43
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-07-2003</i>	0.81	99.19	86.07	61.91	25.12	3.64
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-15-2003</i>	23.21	76.79	61.59	39.57	15.10	1.31
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	94.68	83.14	71.20	48.98	4.25
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	99.21	84.27	61.39	24.85	3.57
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-15-2002</i>	11.01	88.99	74.90	63.36	45.95	3.82

***Intensity:***



*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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