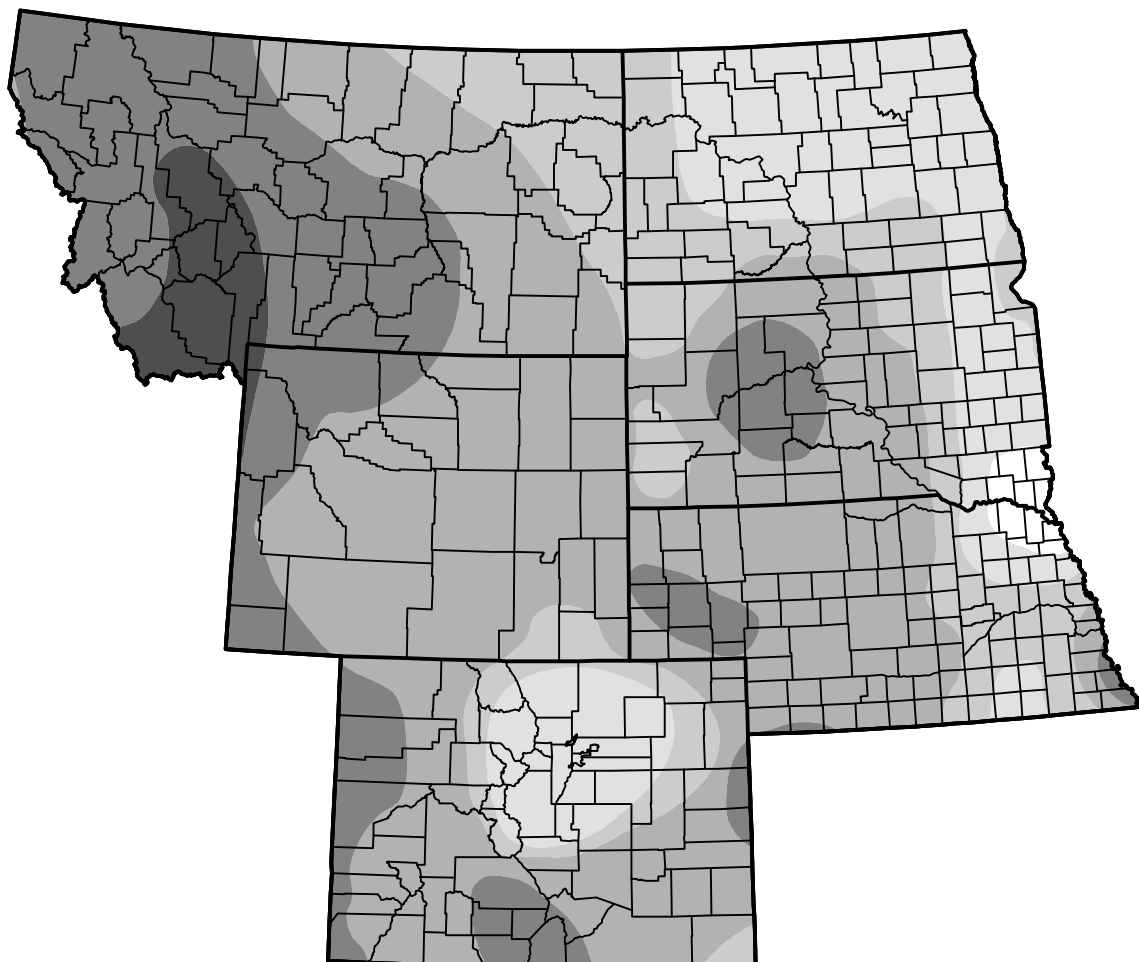


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.87	99.13	84.09	67.94	24.76	3.38
Last Week <i>10-14-2003</i>	0.81	99.19	84.43	67.48	25.23	3.43
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2003</i>	18.66	81.34	69.22	49.08	22.97	2.18
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	94.68	83.14	71.20	48.98	4.25
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	99.21	84.27	61.39	24.85	3.57
One Year Ago <i>10-22-2002</i>	10.96	89.04	74.92	63.25	46.40	3.79

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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