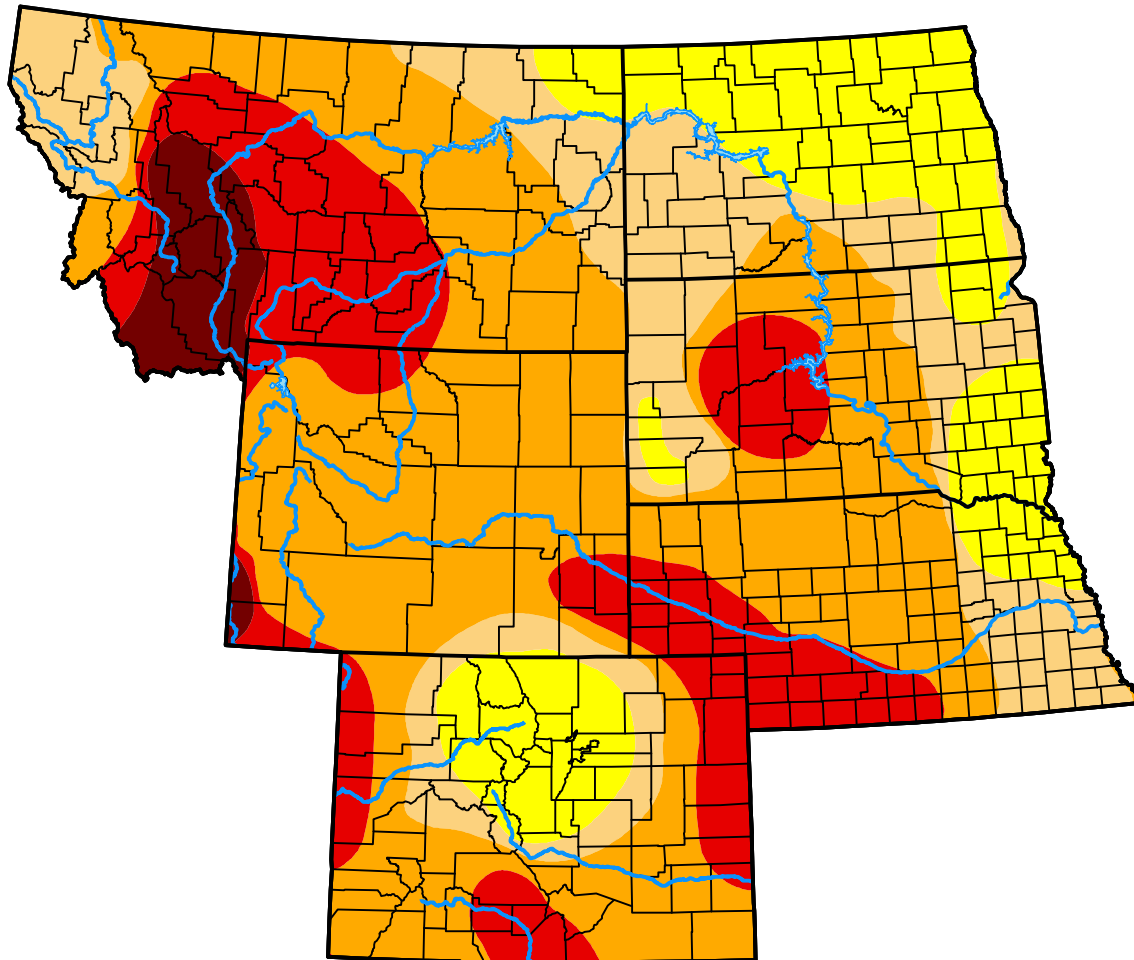


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**December 30, 2003**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	16.29	18.77	42.96	18.35	3.63
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-23-2003</i>	0.00	13.34	21.00	43.90	17.98	3.77
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	11.53	11.95	22.22	44.73	4.25
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	11.53	11.95	22.22	44.73	4.25

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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