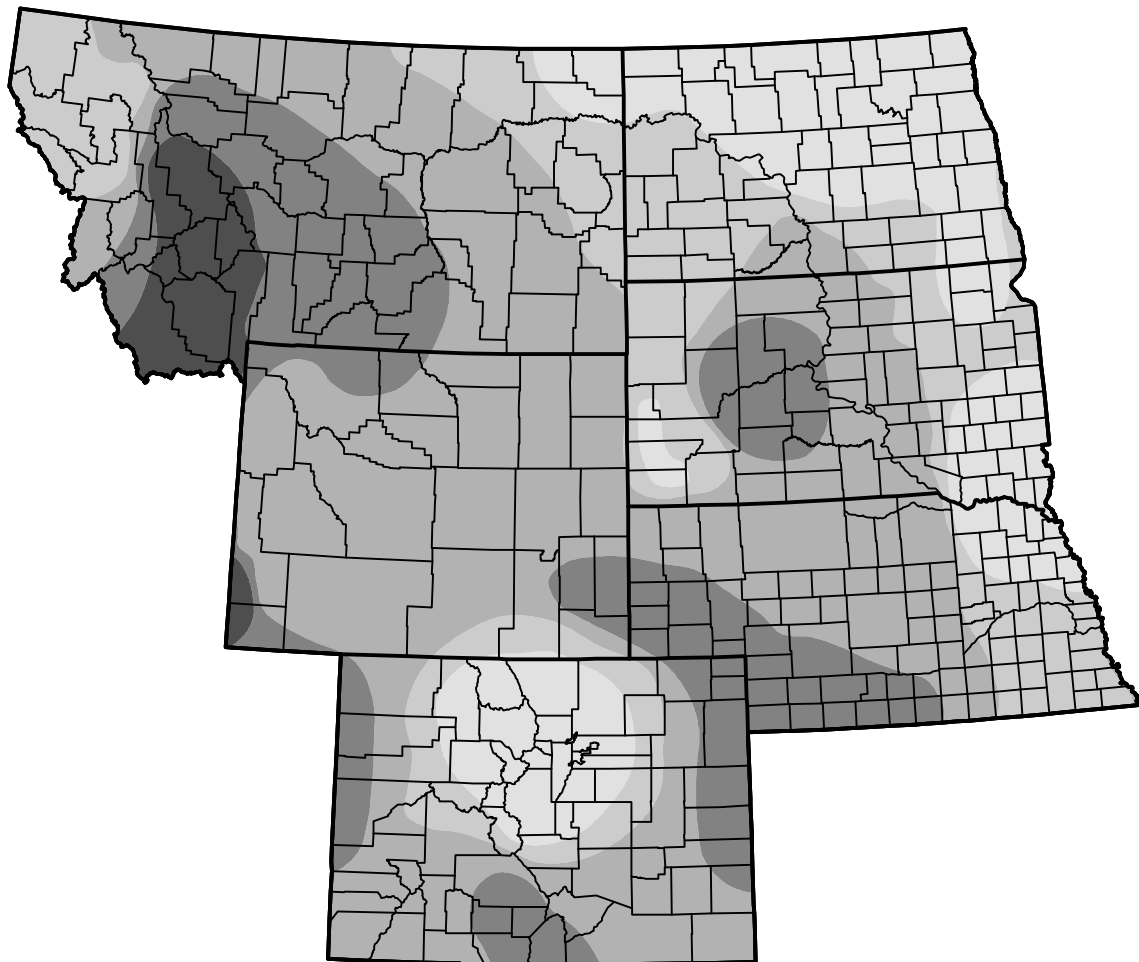


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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

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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