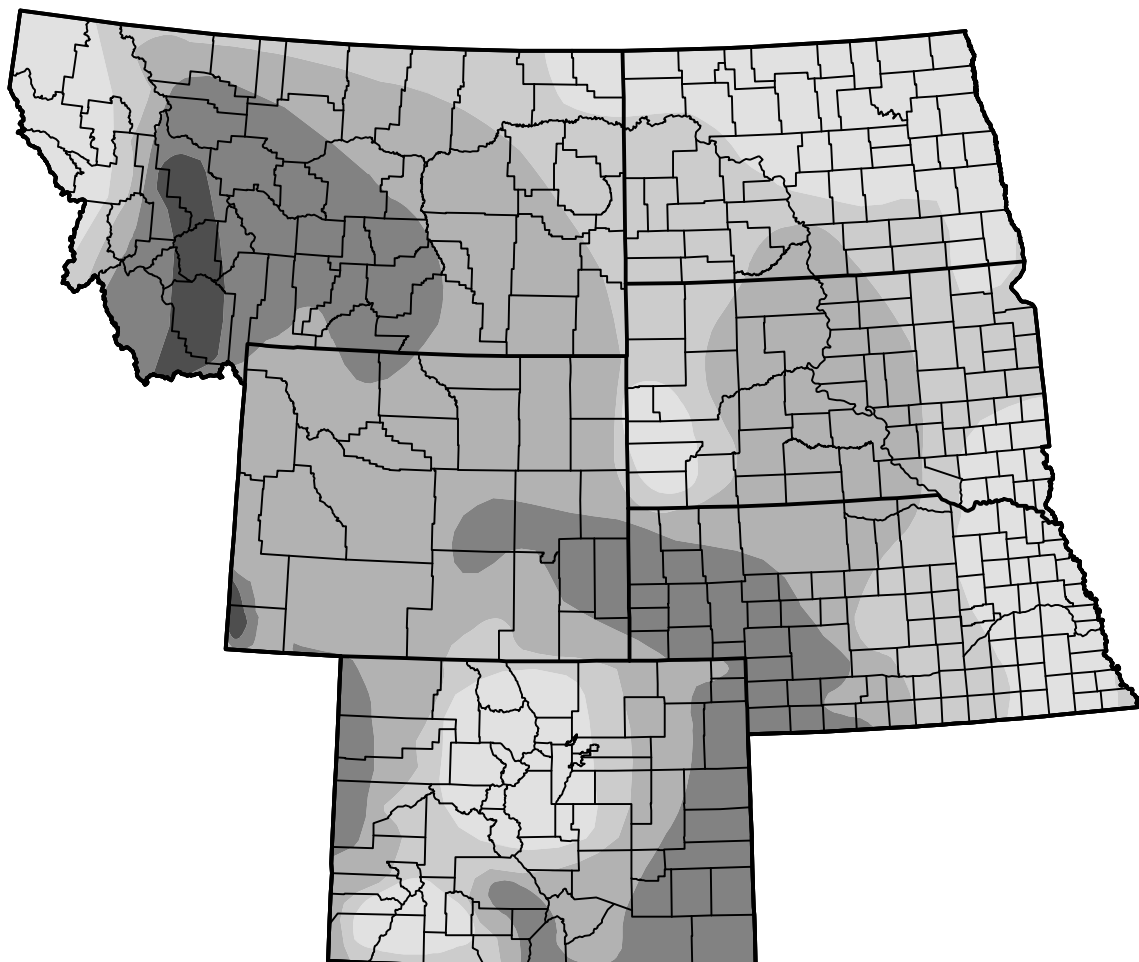


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**March 2, 2004**

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None | D0-D4  | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.00 | 100.00 | 79.92 | 58.61 | 20.90 | 1.65  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-24-2004</i>              | 0.00 | 100.00 | 82.10 | 61.24 | 23.52 | 1.69  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-02-2003</i>           | 1.00 | 99.00  | 84.00 | 64.76 | 21.65 | 3.84  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2003</i> | 0.00 | 100.00 | 83.71 | 64.94 | 21.98 | 3.63  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>    | 0.79 | 99.21  | 84.27 | 61.39 | 24.85 | 3.57  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-04-2003</i>           | 0.00 | 100.00 | 88.86 | 75.04 | 58.11 | 10.44 |

### 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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