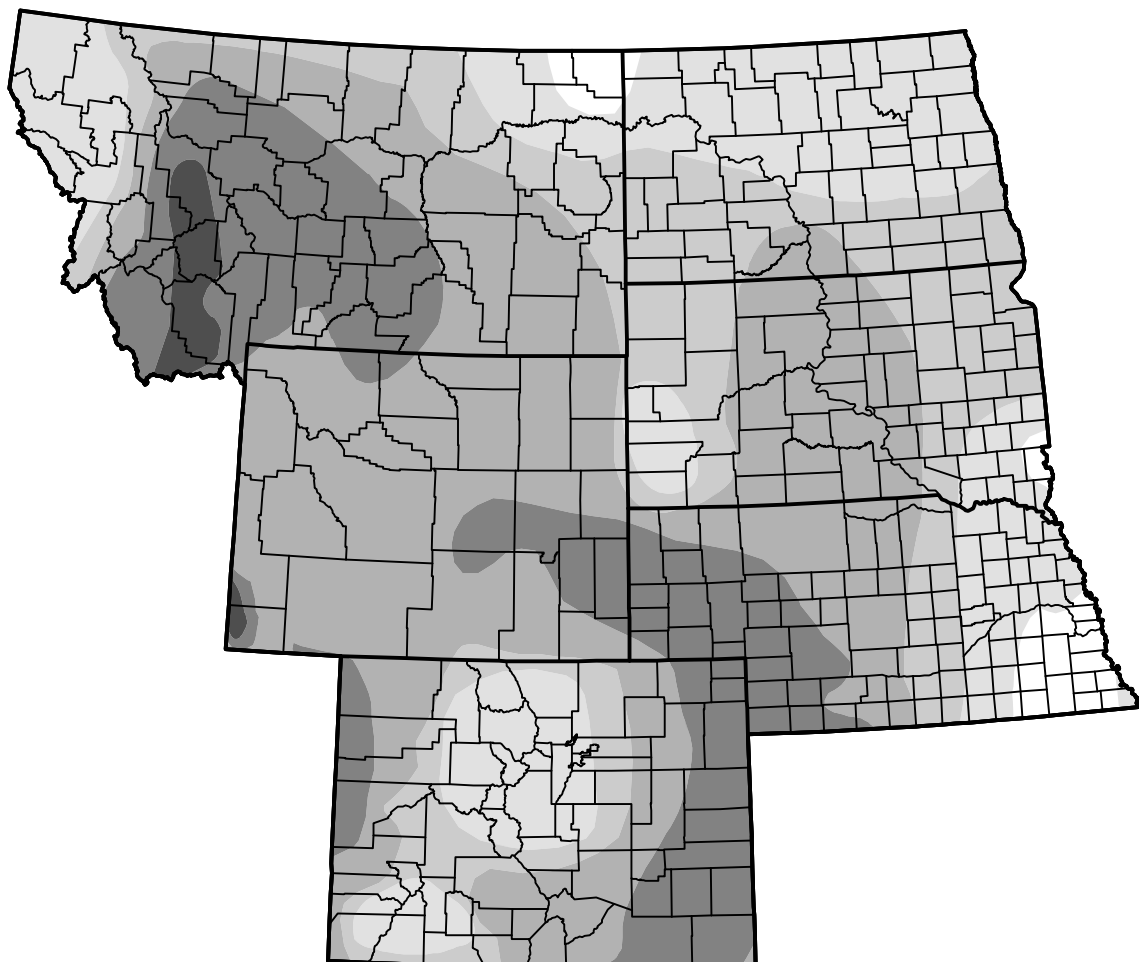


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.22	19.81	19.60	38.01	18.92	1.44
Last Week <i>03-09-2004</i>	1.04	18.98	20.57	39.05	18.92	1.44
3 Months Ago <i>12-16-2003</i>	1.01	12.11	20.39	43.94	18.63	3.92
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	0.00	16.29	18.77	42.96	18.35	3.63
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
One Year Ago <i>03-18-2003</i>	0.86	8.78	16.11	19.06	46.38	8.80

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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