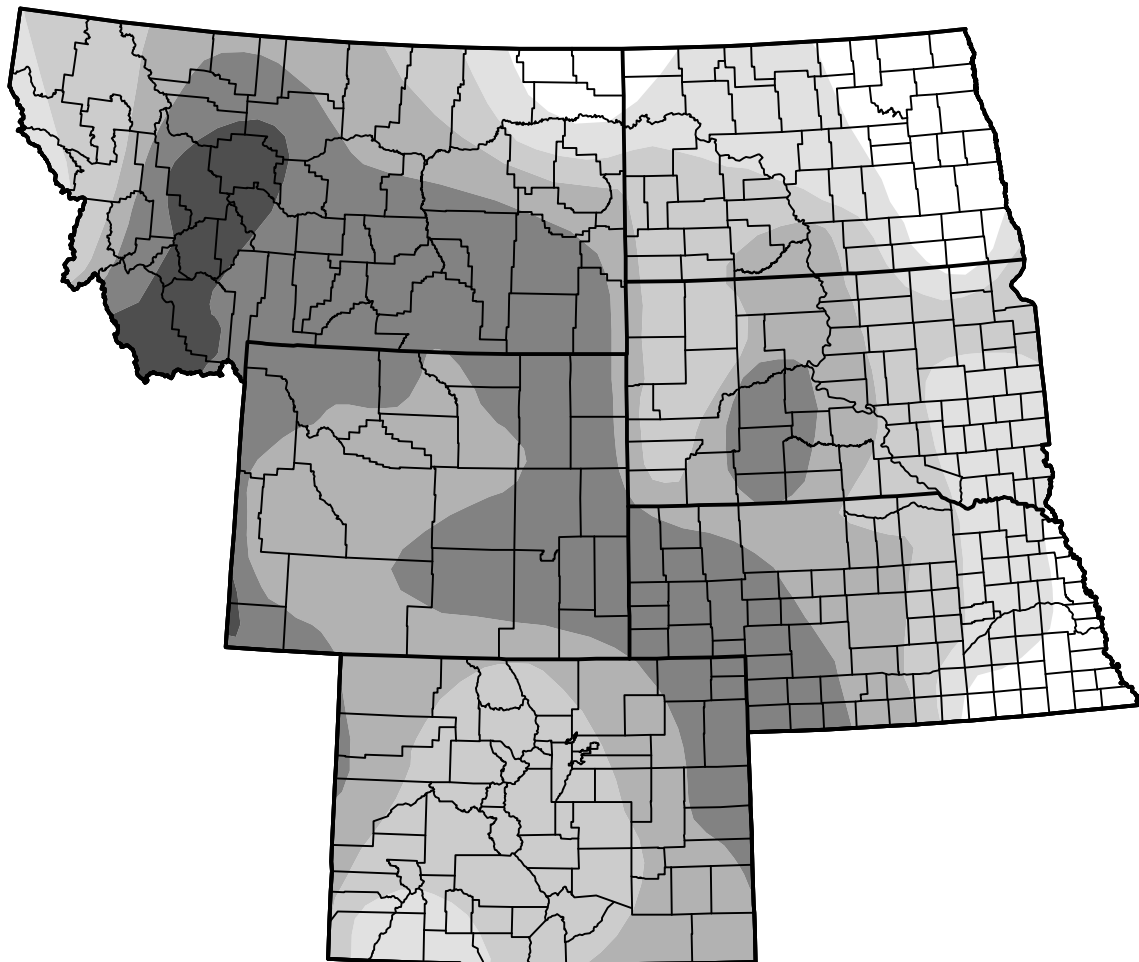


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.33	92.67	80.78	58.55	30.91	3.25
Last Week <i>05-11-2004</i>	4.61	95.39	83.16	61.60	31.96	3.25
3 Months Ago <i>02-17-2004</i>	0.00	100.00	82.10	61.24	22.08	1.69
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	83.71	64.94	21.98	3.63
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>05-20-2003</i>	17.78	82.22	68.66	40.90	14.68	1.89

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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