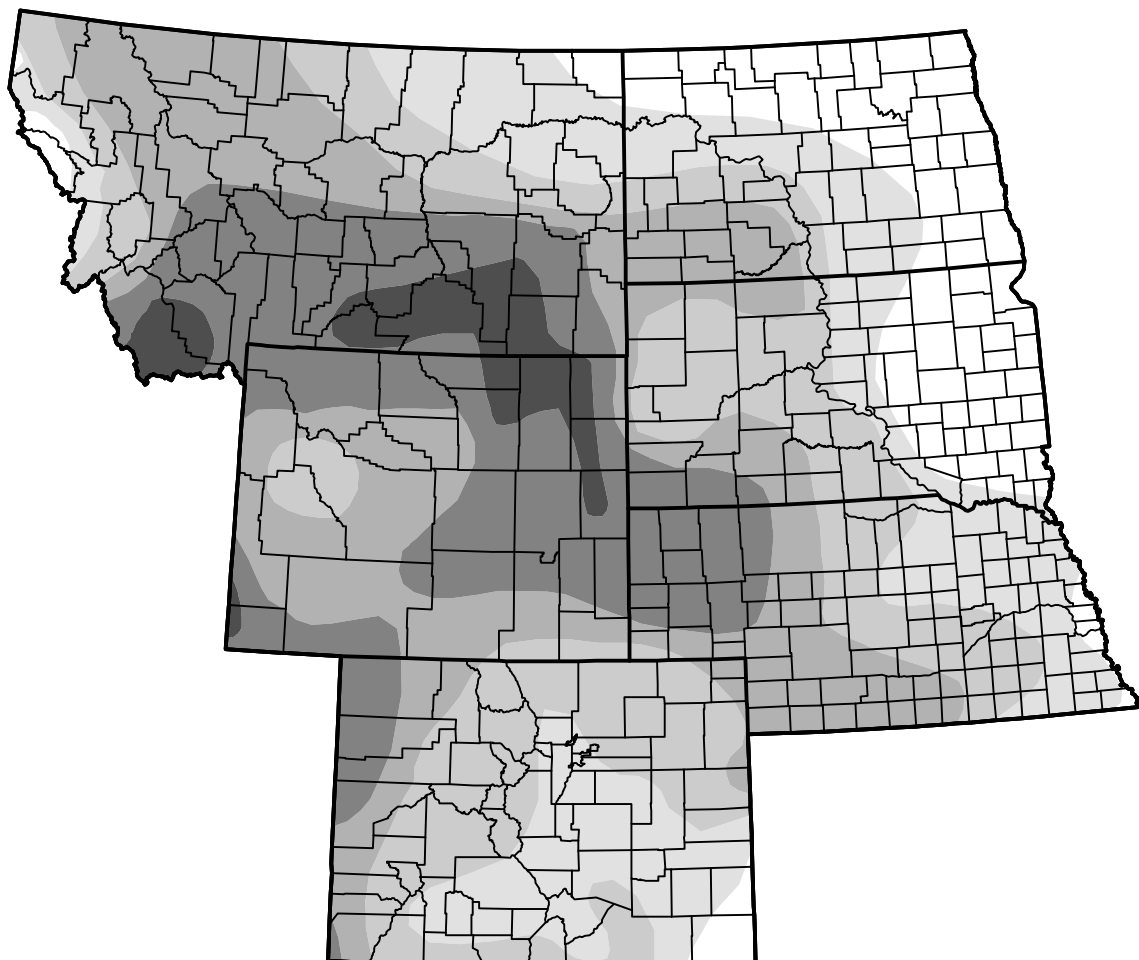


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains

### Climate Hub



**August 17, 2004**  
*(Released Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

#### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 12.13 | 18.08 | 22.40 | 24.01 | 19.16 | 4.22 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-10-2004</i>              | 15.79 | 16.27 | 21.76 | 25.16 | 16.80 | 4.22 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-18-2004</i>           | 7.33  | 11.89 | 22.22 | 27.64 | 27.66 | 3.25 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2003</i> | 0.00  | 16.29 | 18.77 | 42.96 | 18.35 | 3.63 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>    | 0.79  | 14.94 | 22.87 | 36.55 | 21.28 | 3.57 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-19-2003</i>           | 0.00  | 20.83 | 20.04 | 28.14 | 28.44 | 2.56 |

#### 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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