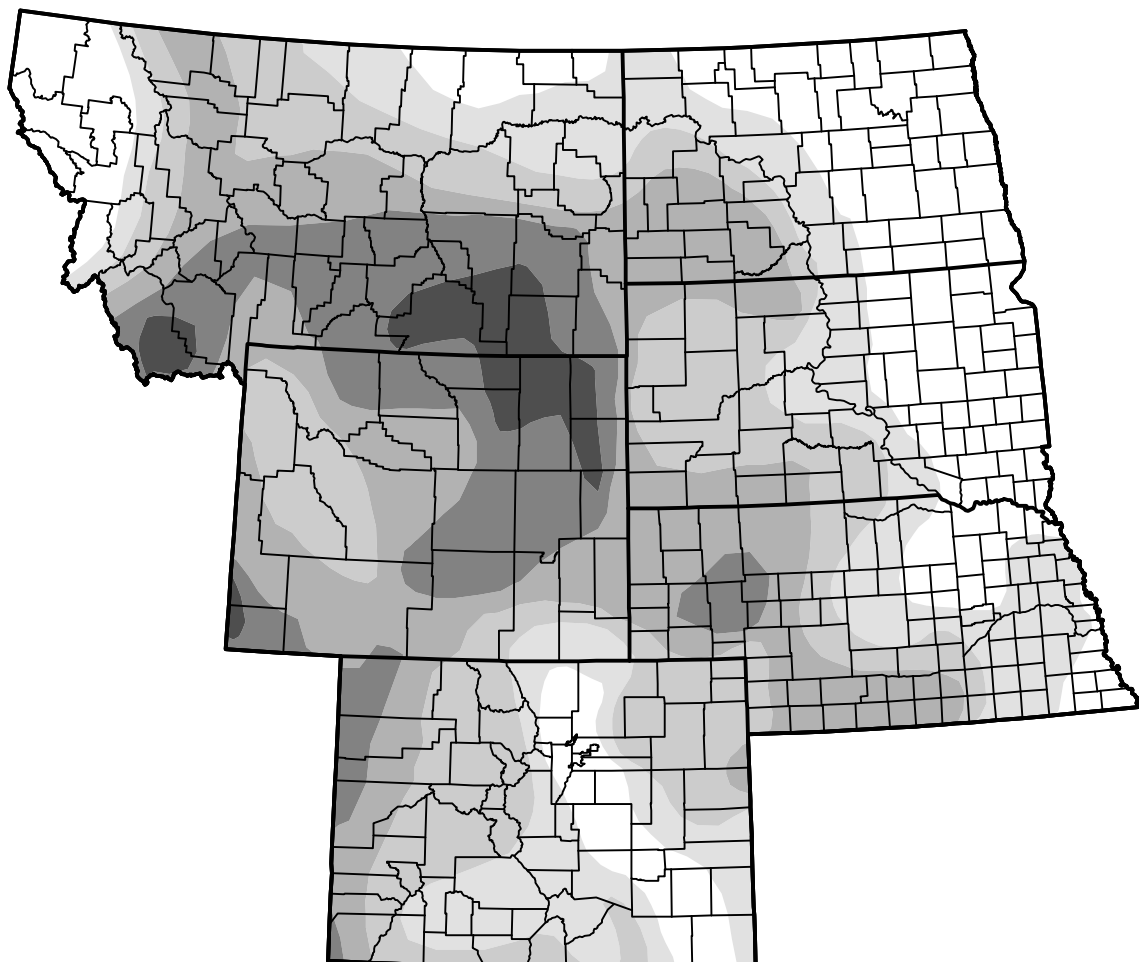


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	20.92	17.90	22.27	22.65	12.90	3.35
Last Week <i>09-14-2004</i>	19.95	17.15	23.06	23.58	12.73	3.52
3 Months Ago <i>06-22-2004</i>	18.91	8.32	19.19	30.09	19.30	4.19
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>09-23-2003</i>	0.84	15.05	22.53	36.89	21.13	3.56

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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