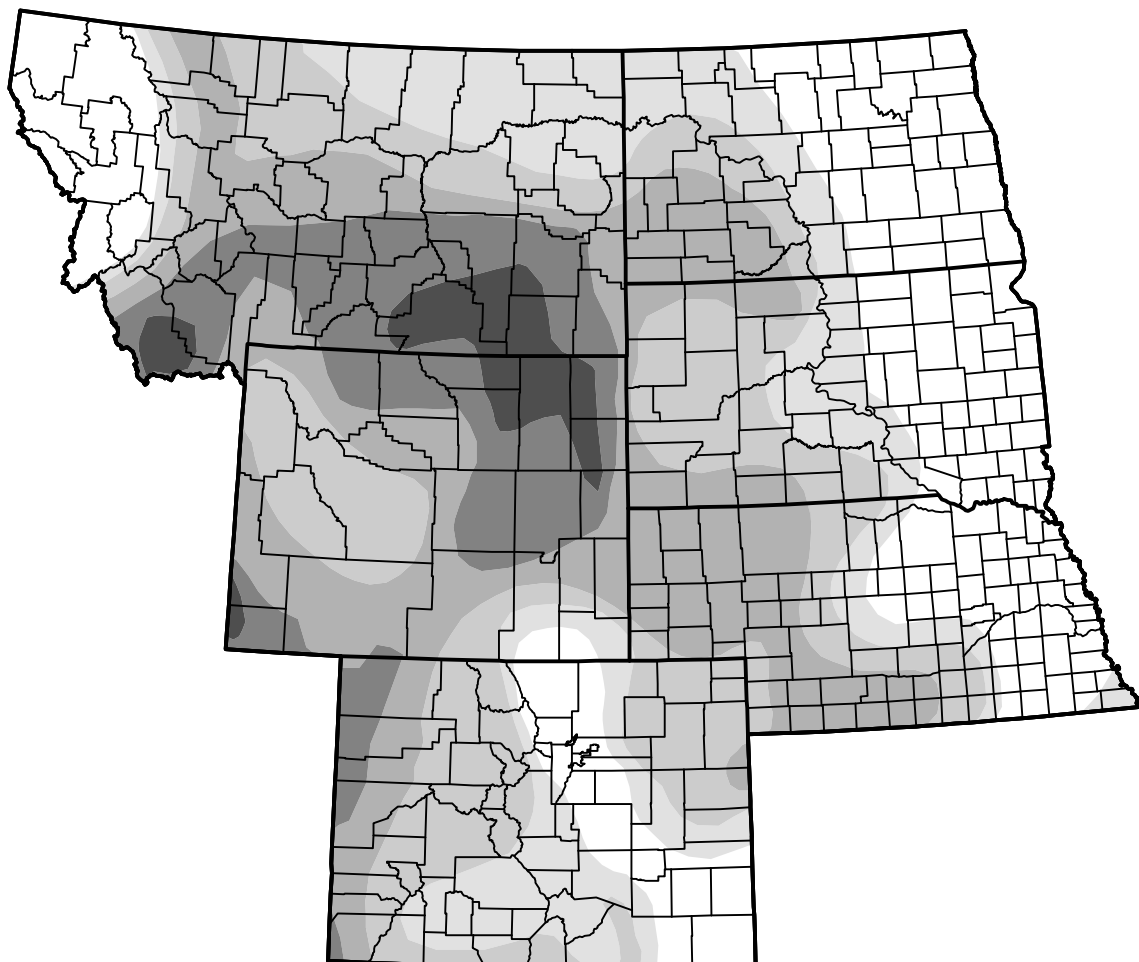


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**October 5, 2004**  
*(Released Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4  | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 24.19 | 75.81  | 59.89 | 37.03 | 14.70 | 3.35 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-28-2004</i>              | 25.67 | 74.33  | 60.29 | 38.26 | 16.18 | 3.35 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-06-2004</i>           | 18.82 | 81.18  | 69.63 | 51.69 | 21.16 | 4.07 |
| <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>09-28-2004</i>    | 25.67 | 74.33  | 60.29 | 38.26 | 16.18 | 3.35 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-07-2003</i>           | 0.81  | 99.19  | 86.07 | 61.91 | 25.12 | 3.64 |

### 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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