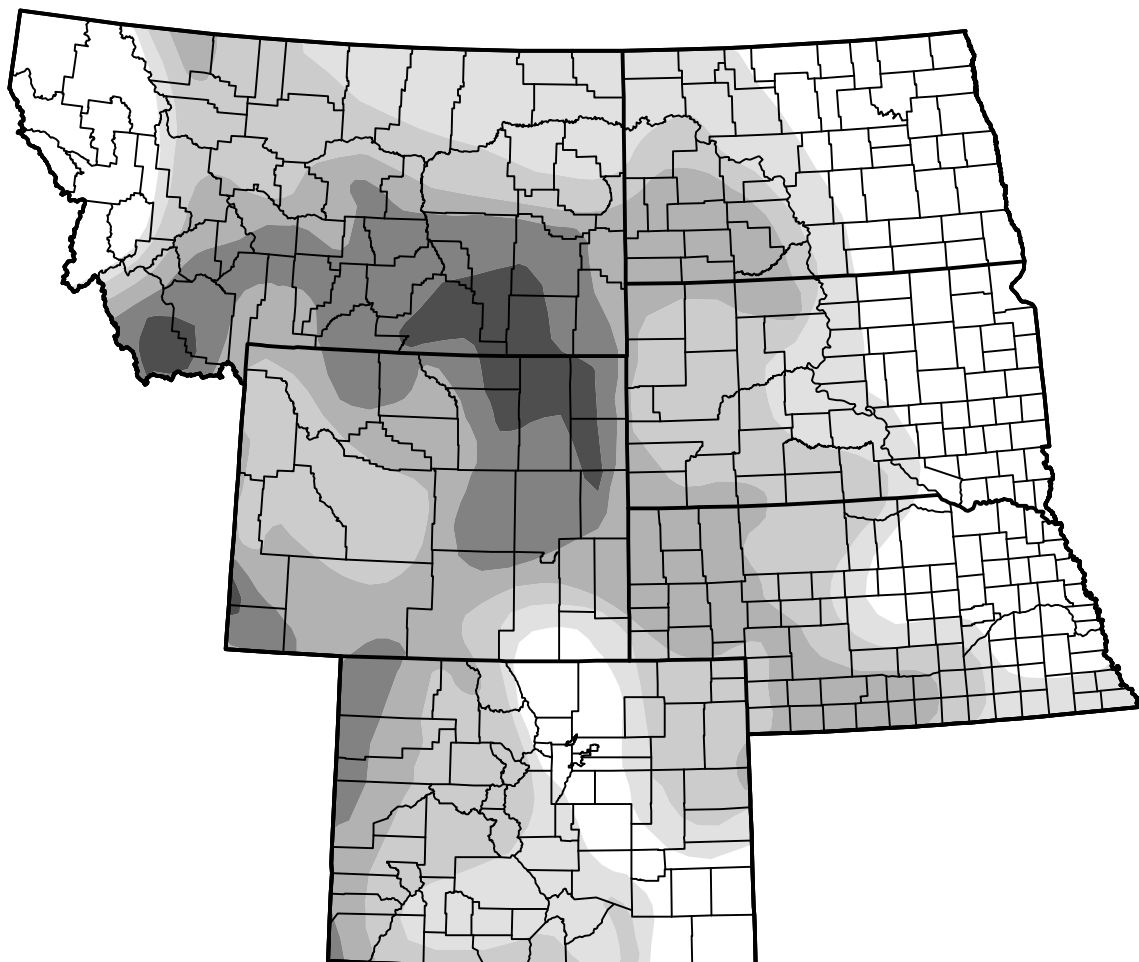


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	23.87	16.80	24.65	20.34	11.21	3.13
Last Week <i>10-19-2004</i>	23.87	16.80	24.58	20.17	11.38	3.19
3 Months Ago <i>07-27-2004</i>	18.70	13.07	20.15	27.07	16.18	4.83
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>09-28-2004</i>	25.67	14.04	22.03	22.08	12.83	3.35
One Year Ago <i>10-28-2003</i>	0.91	13.74	16.67	43.39	21.87	3.43

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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