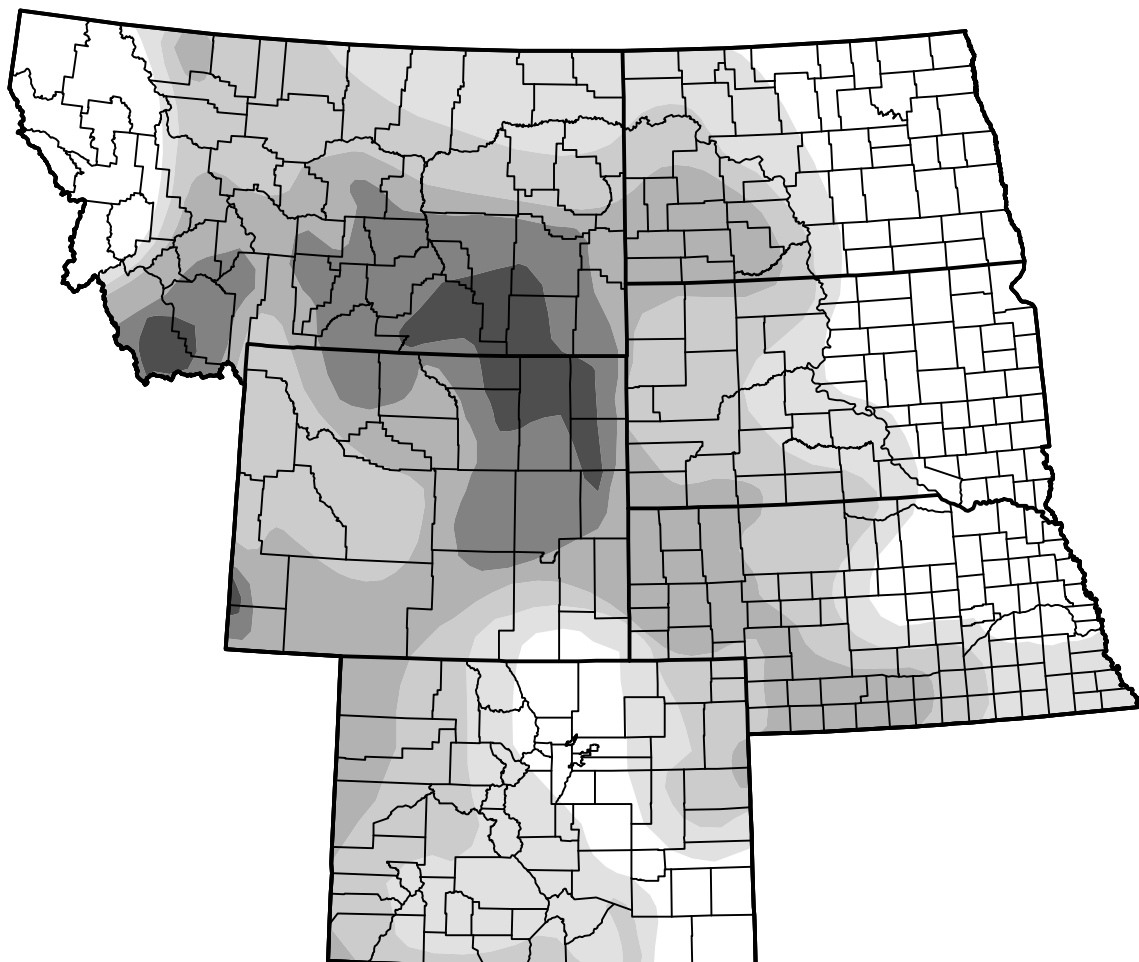


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.26	75.74	57.09	32.37	12.43	3.13
Last Week 12-07-2004	24.26	75.74	56.36	32.37	12.43	3.13
3 Months Ago 09-14-2004	19.95	80.05	62.90	39.83	16.25	3.52
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2003	0.00	100.00	83.71	64.94	21.98	3.63
Start of Water Year 09-28-2004	25.67	74.33	60.29	38.26	16.18	3.35
One Year Ago 12-16-2003	1.01	98.99	86.88	66.49	22.55	3.92

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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