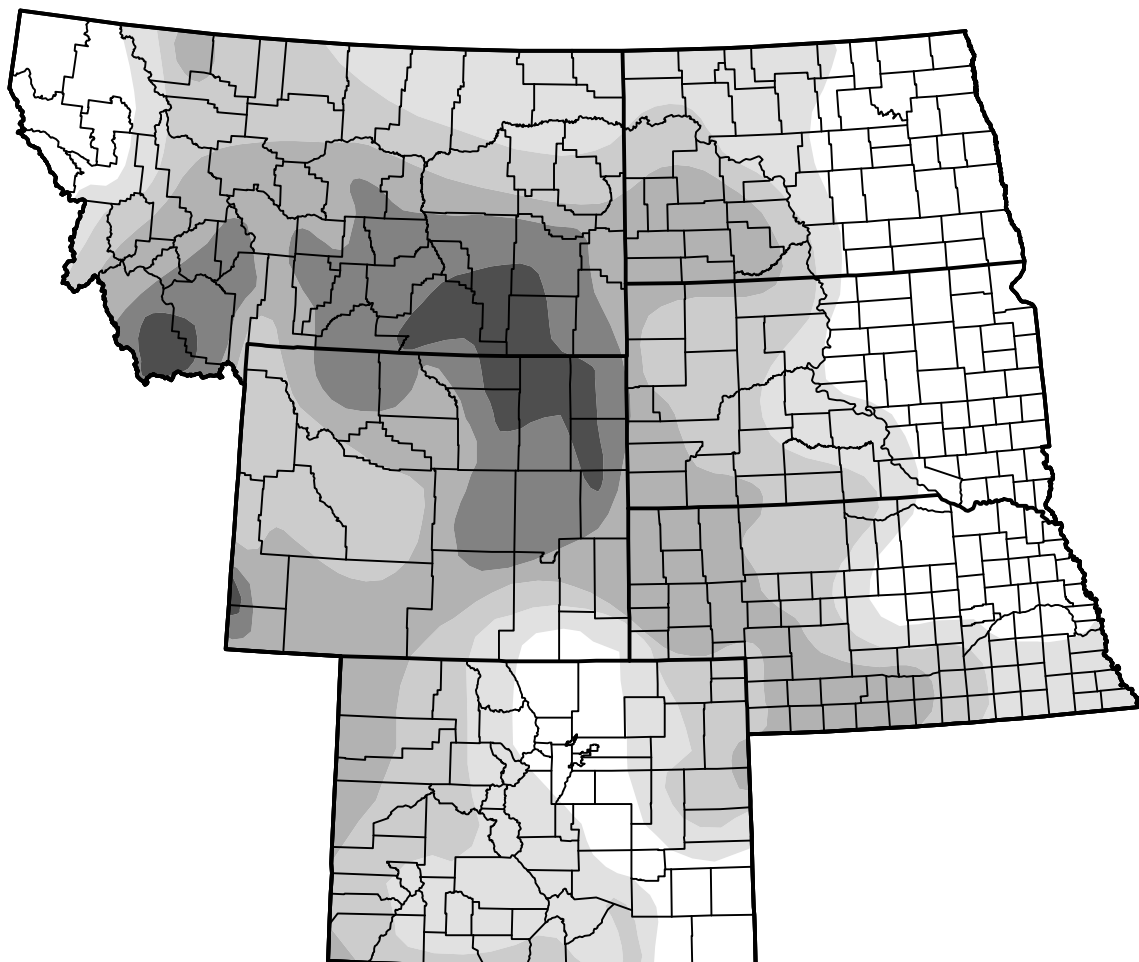


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.00	19.60	23.41	21.82	9.90	3.27
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	24.26	18.65	24.72	19.94	9.30	3.13
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	20.92	17.90	22.27	22.65	12.90	3.35
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>12-23-2003</i>	0.00	13.34	21.00	43.90	17.98	3.77

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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