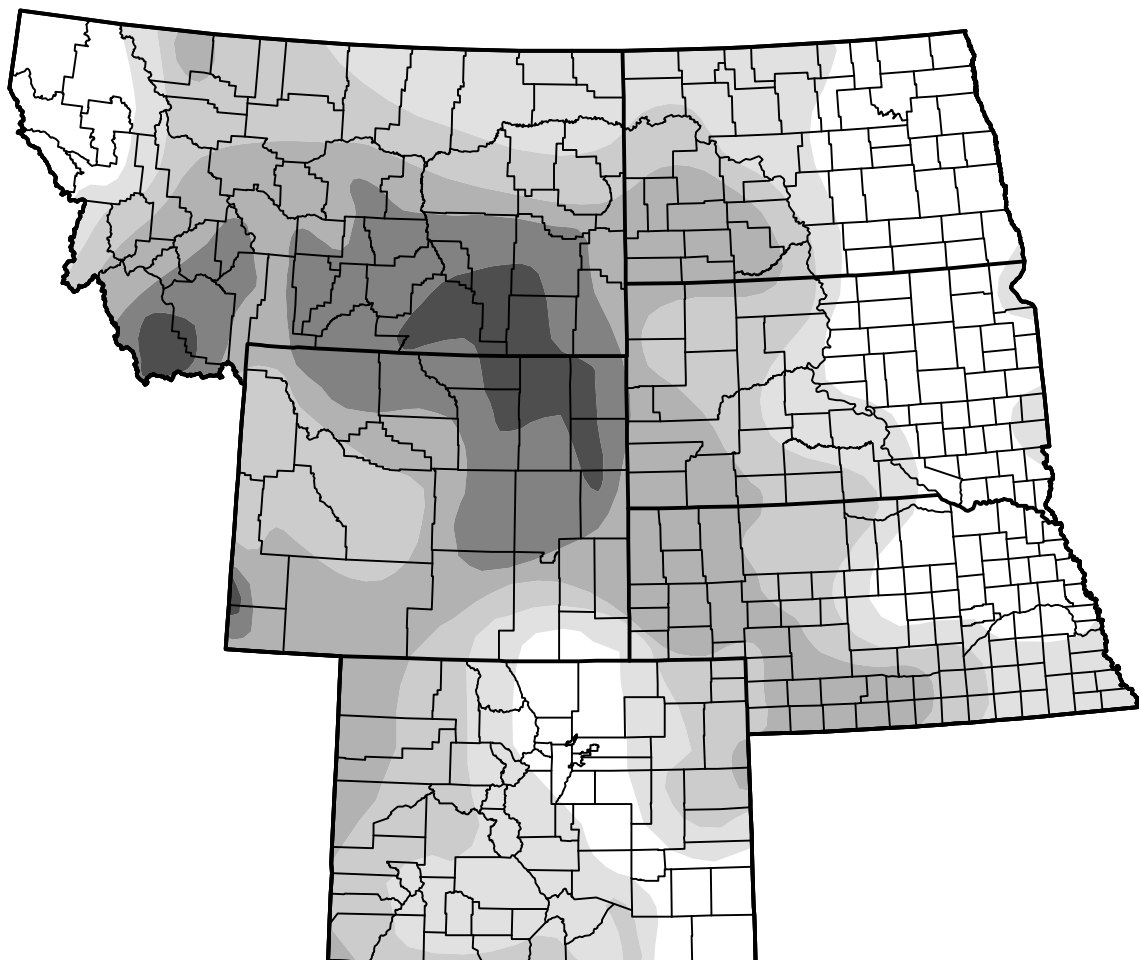


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	21.51	20.08	22.67	21.85	10.61	3.27
Last Week 12-21-2004	22.00	19.60	23.41	21.82	9.90	3.27
3 Months Ago 09-28-2004	25.67	14.04	22.03	22.08	12.83	3.35
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2003	0.00	16.29	18.77	42.96	18.35	3.63
Start of Water Year 09-28-2004	25.67	14.04	22.03	22.08	12.83	3.35
One Year Ago 12-30-2003	0.00	16.29	18.77	42.96	18.35	3.63

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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