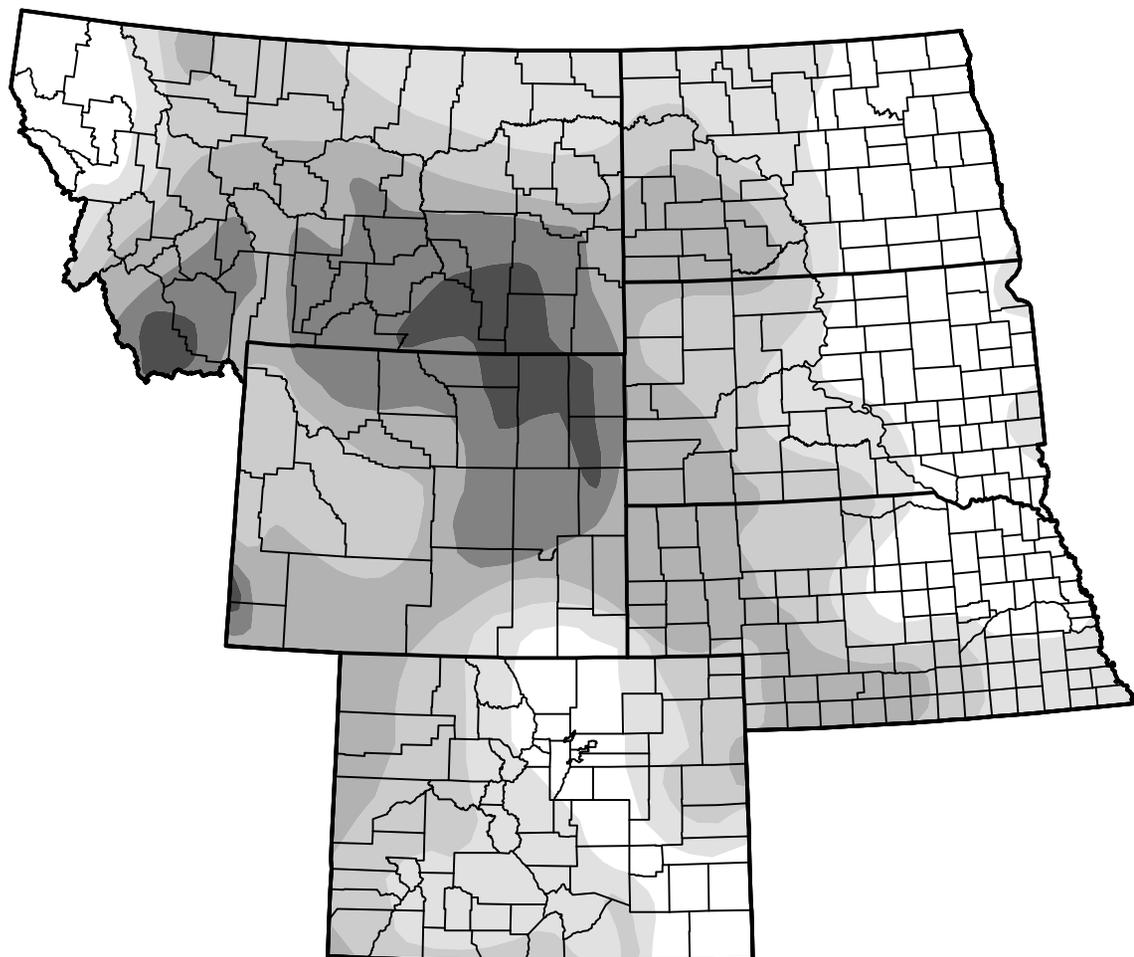


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**December 28, 2004**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	21.51	78.49	58.40	35.73	13.88	3.27
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-21-2004</i>	22.00	78.00	58.40	34.99	13.17	3.27
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	25.67	74.33	60.29	38.26	16.18	3.35
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	83.71	64.94	21.98	3.63
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	25.67	74.33	60.29	38.26	16.18	3.35
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	83.71	64.94	21.98	3.63

***Intensity:***



*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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