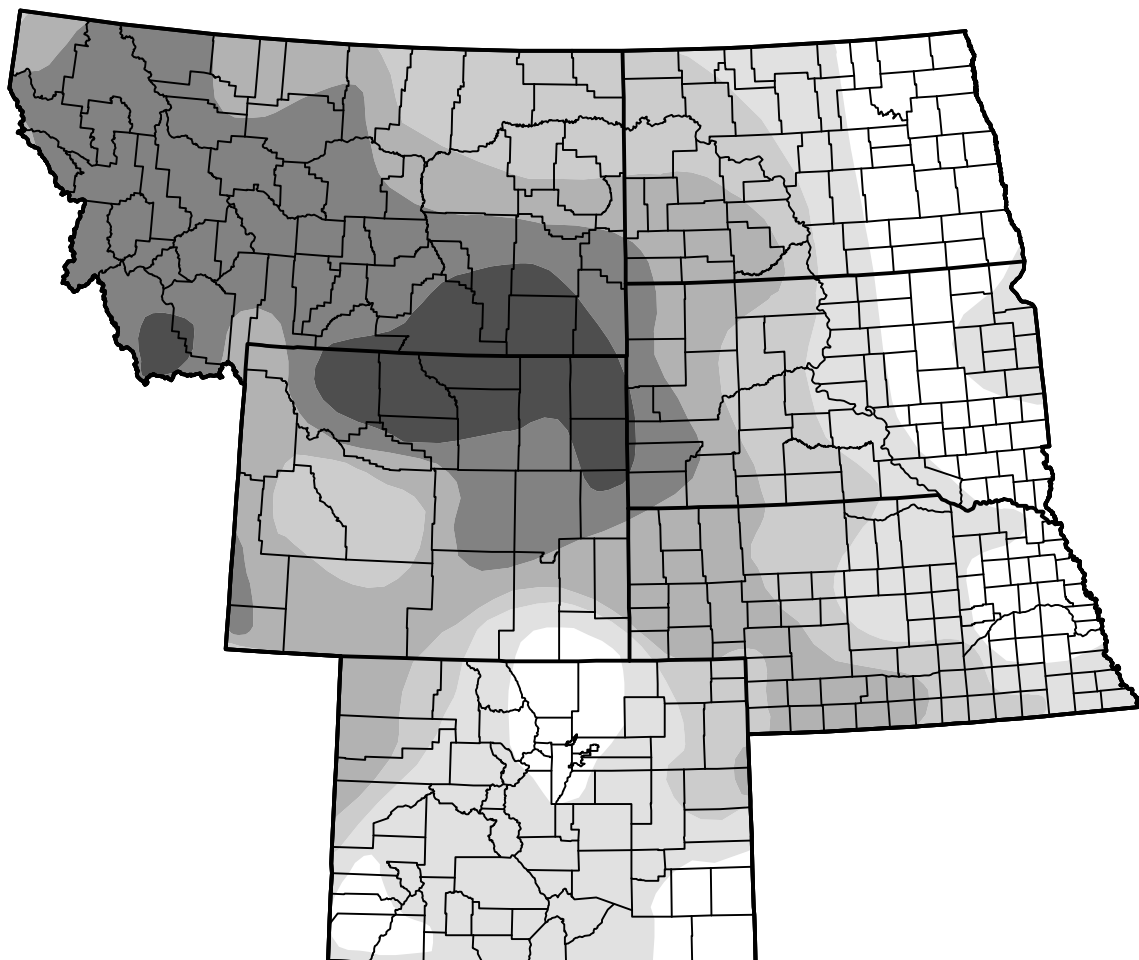


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**March 22, 2005**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 24, 2005)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 14.78 | 20.74 | 17.71 | 20.34 | 19.97 | 6.46 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-15-2005</i>              | 14.78 | 20.74 | 17.71 | 20.34 | 19.97 | 6.46 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-21-2004</i>           | 22.00 | 19.60 | 23.41 | 21.82 | 9.90  | 3.27 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2005</i> | 21.51 | 20.08 | 22.67 | 21.85 | 10.61 | 3.27 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2004</i>    | 25.67 | 14.04 | 22.03 | 22.08 | 12.83 | 3.35 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-23-2004</i>           | 2.22  | 16.37 | 22.45 | 37.47 | 20.04 | 1.44 |

### 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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