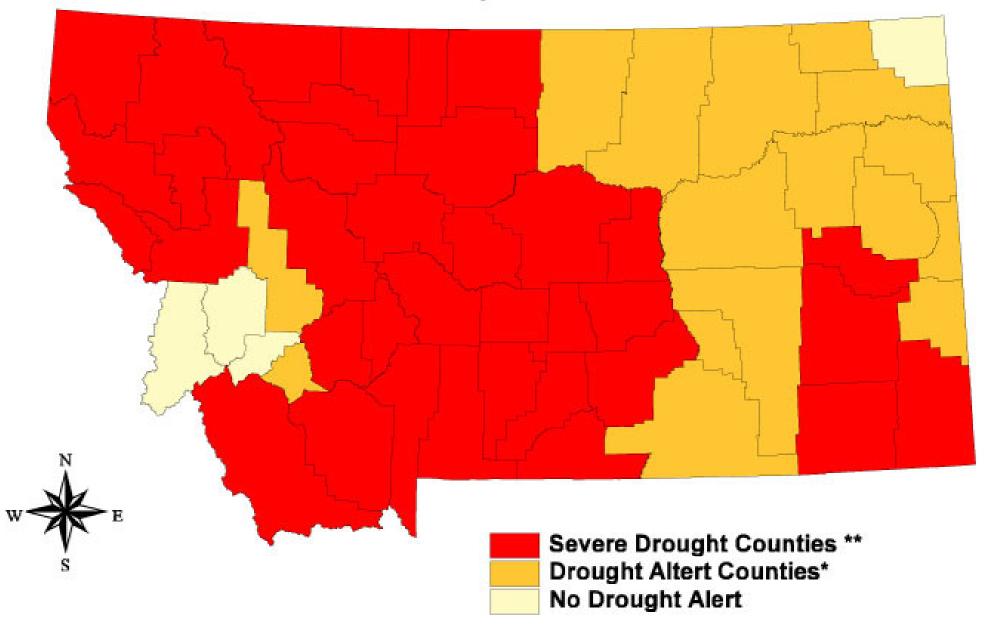
## **Montana Drought Status**

As of September 17, 2003



<sup>\*</sup> A drought alert will be in effect when, by April 15, monitoring indicates that a county is entering initial levels of drought.

<sup>\*\*</sup> A county or region will be assigned a severe drought status when drought indices indicate steadily worsening conditions and precipitation forcasts indicate no improvement in the near future.