

# U.S. Drought Monitor

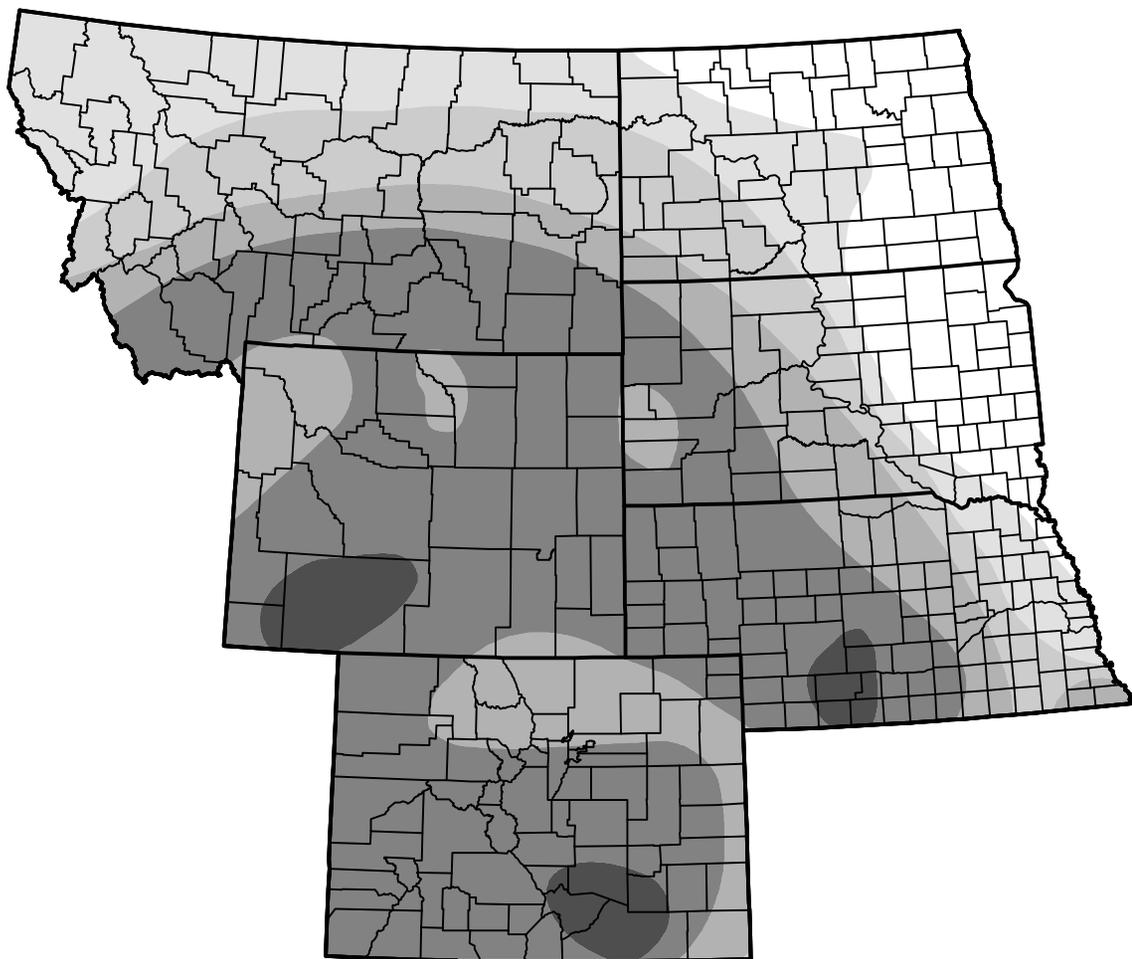
## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	10.96	89.04	74.92	63.25	46.40	3.79
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-15-2002</i>	11.01	88.99	74.90	63.36	45.95	3.82
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-23-2002</i>	12.38	87.62	81.89	70.56	44.59	12.27
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	29.07	70.93	44.41	32.06	17.34	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	85.30	70.88	59.85	46.19	9.48
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-23-2001</i>	32.19	67.81	34.50	28.98	19.53	0.00



***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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