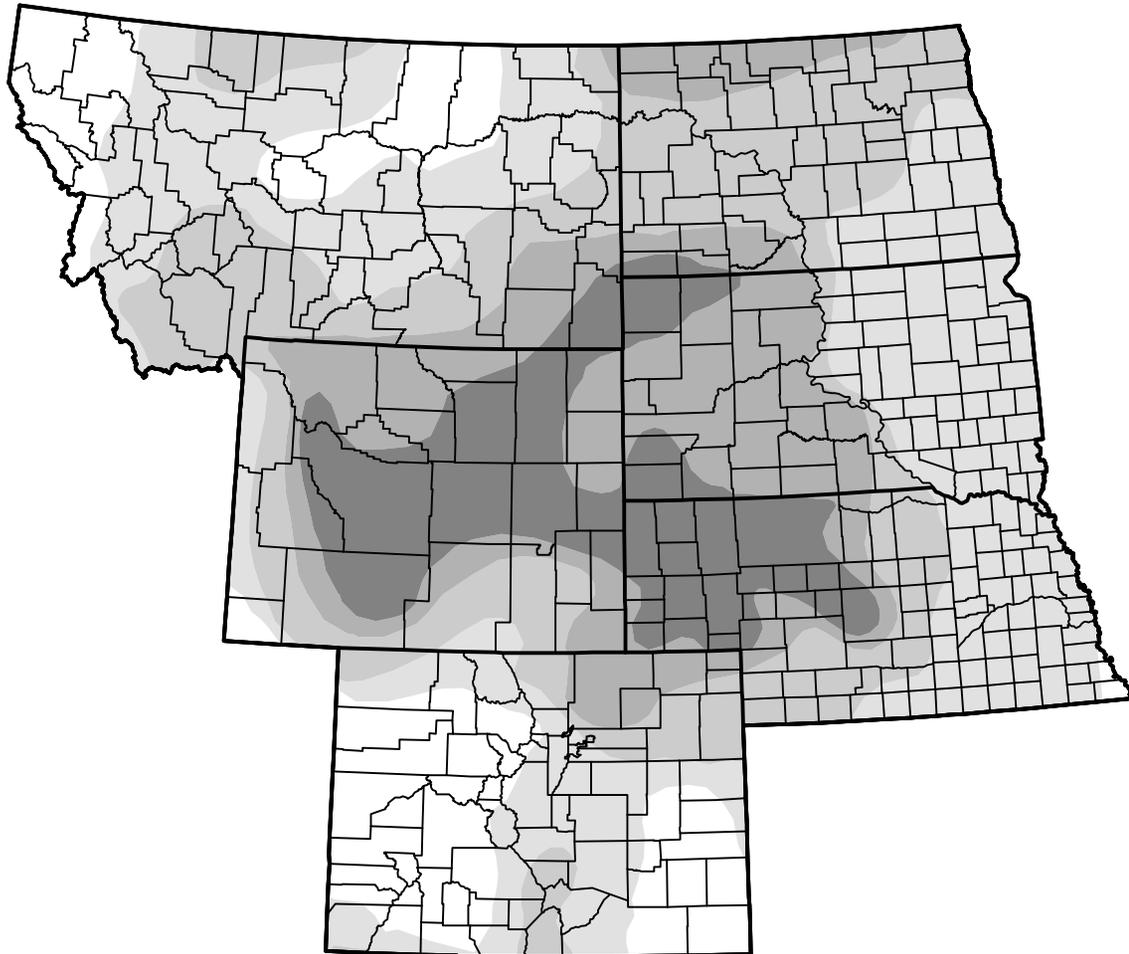


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**December 19, 2006**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	14.32	30.72	23.67	17.82	13.46	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-12-2006</i>	13.02	29.57	24.85	18.86	13.70	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-19-2006</i>	3.01	13.73	38.53	24.90	19.84	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	49.75	29.62	20.60	0.03	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2006</i>	5.69	21.41	28.70	29.13	15.07	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-20-2005</i>	51.25	27.41	21.31	0.03	0.00	0.00

***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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