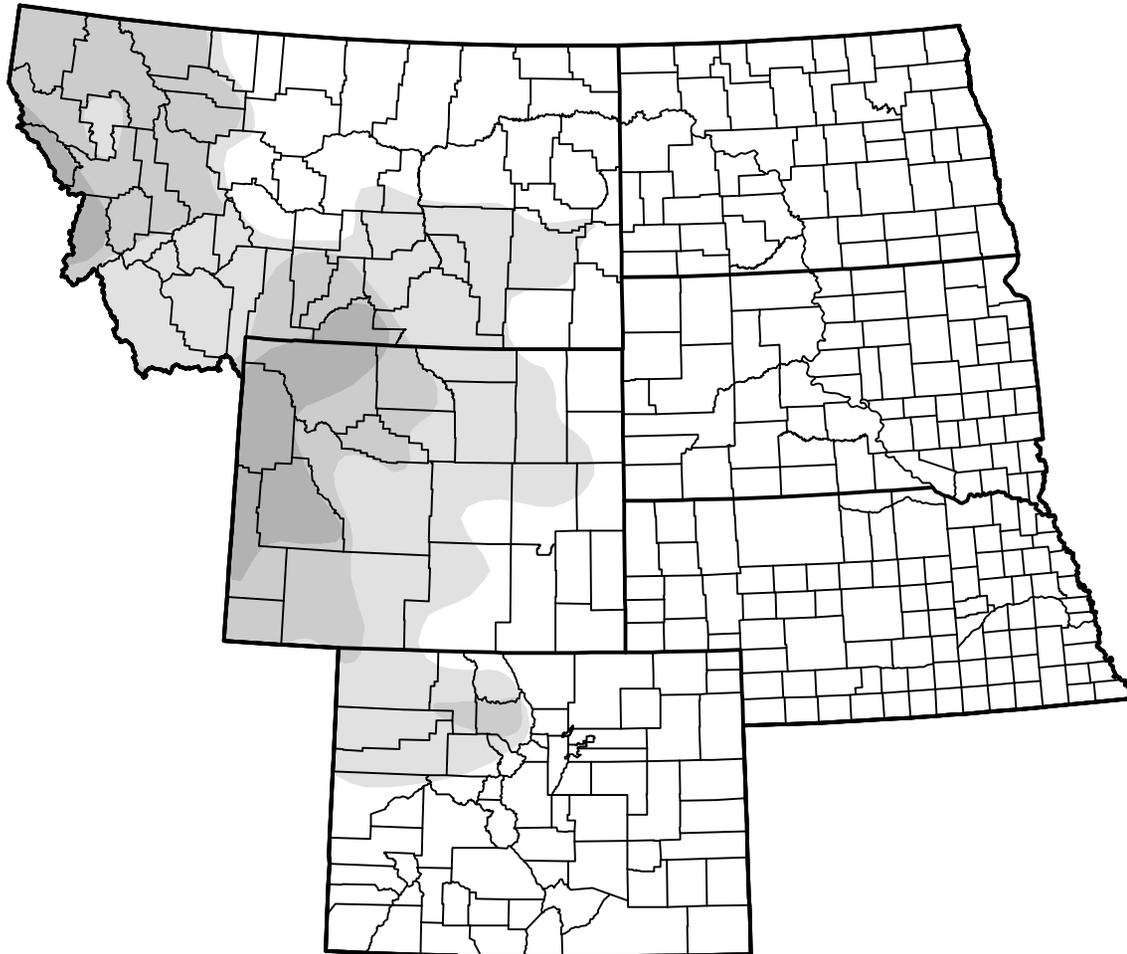


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	70.08	16.12	10.21	3.59	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-27-2010</i>	64.29	21.91	10.21	3.59	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-02-2010</i>	73.43	22.74	3.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2009</i>	78.67	19.96	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	76.34	22.27	1.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-05-2009</i>	81.36	16.69	1.95	0.00	0.00	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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