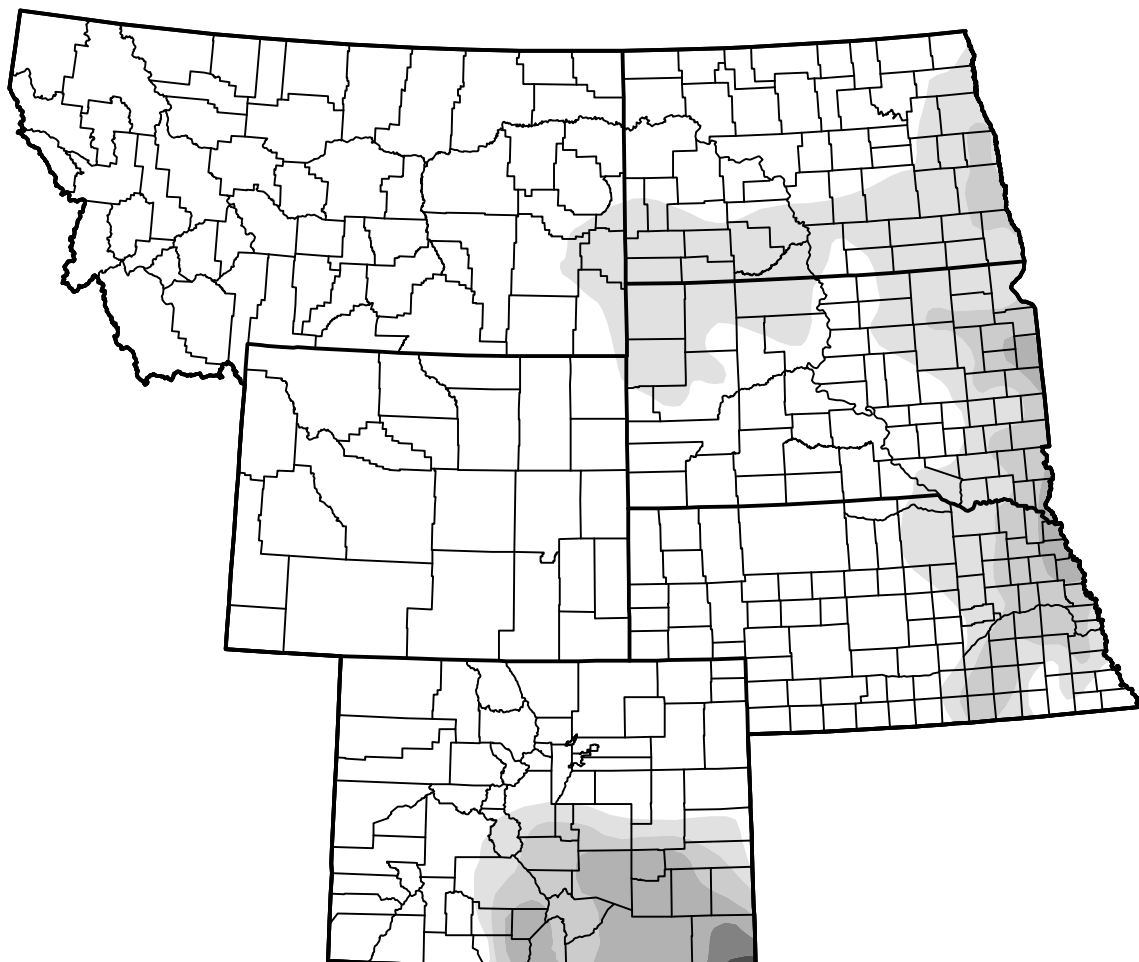


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	77.52	22.48	8.70	3.25	0.24	0.03
Last Week <i>12-06-2011</i>	77.33	22.67	8.84	3.68	0.24	0.03
3 Months Ago <i>09-13-2011</i>	80.14	19.86	5.80	4.16	1.56	0.10
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	76.75	23.25	10.51	1.84	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	73.09	26.91	6.01	3.63	1.43	0.10
One Year Ago <i>12-14-2010</i>	76.35	23.65	11.01	1.83	0.00	0.00

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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