

# U.S. Drought Monitor

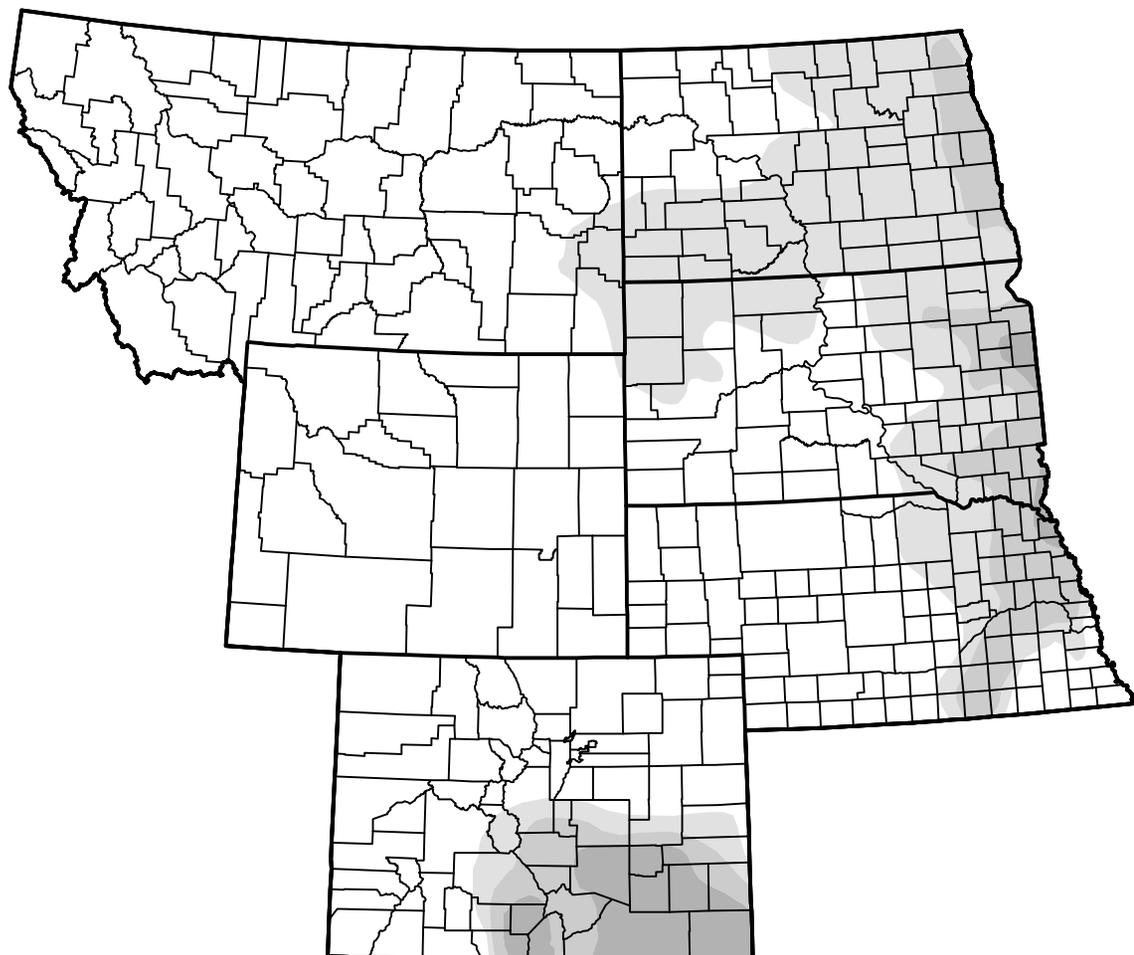
## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**December 20, 2011**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	73.46	26.54	9.32	3.08	0.01	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-13-2011</i>	77.52	22.48	8.70	3.25	0.24	0.03
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-20-2011</i>	85.45	14.55	6.01	3.63	1.43	0.10
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2011</i>	76.75	23.25	10.51	1.84	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	73.09	26.91	6.01	3.63	1.43	0.10
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-21-2010</i>	76.16	23.84	10.88	1.84	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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