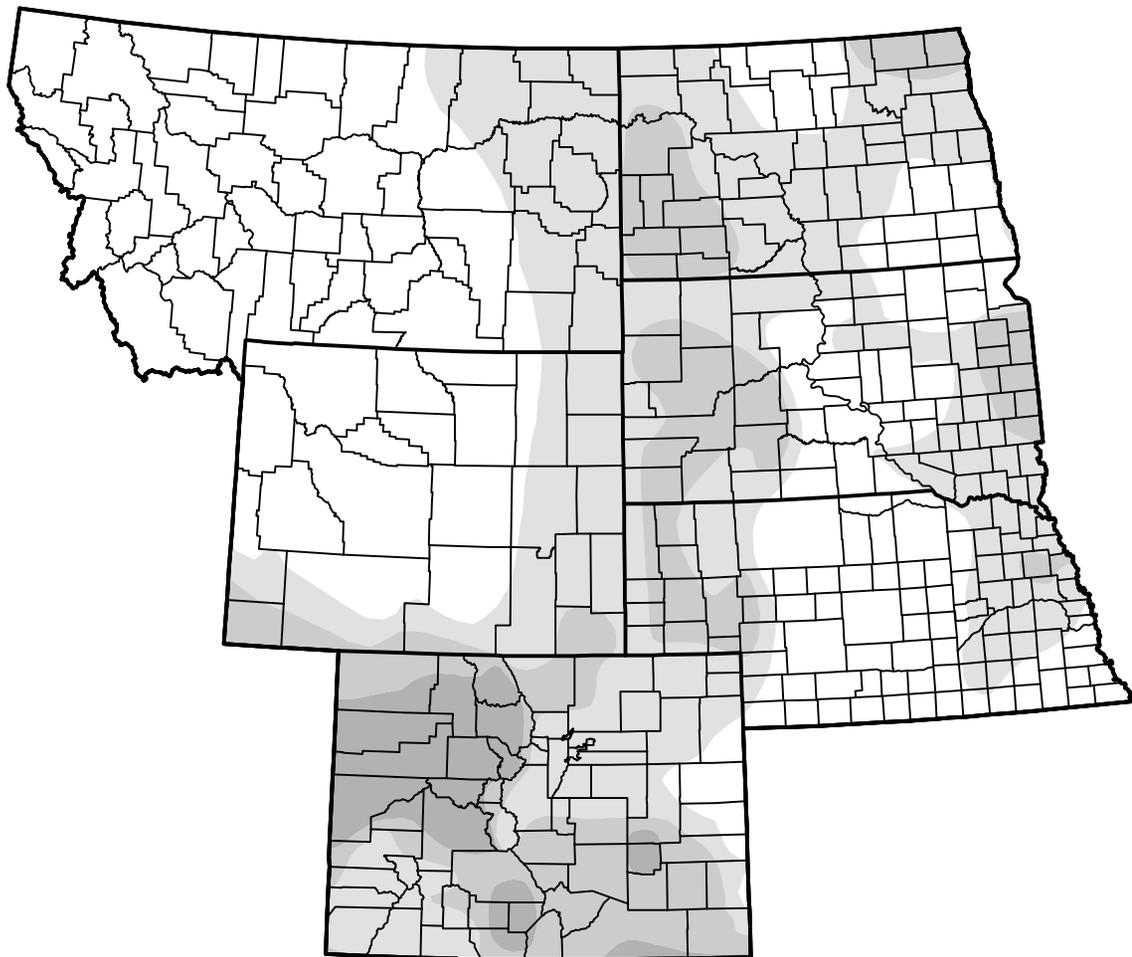


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	46.55	53.45	20.10	4.70	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-10-2012</i>	42.16	57.84	19.63	3.43	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-17-2012</i>	59.67	40.33	9.67	2.29	0.04	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	68.95	31.05	9.32	2.29	0.01	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>04-19-2011</i>	81.62	18.38	9.95	7.78	0.20	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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