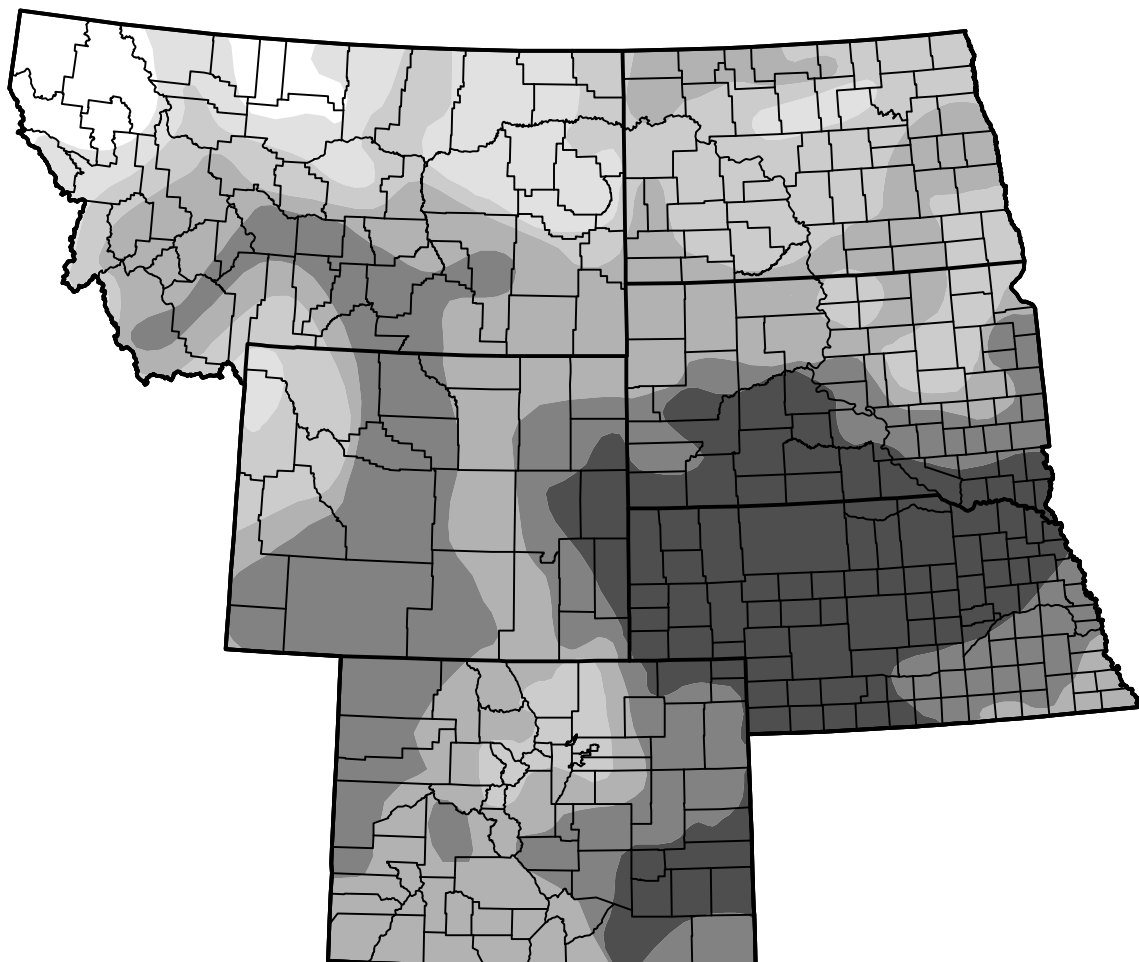


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>                                     | 3.40  | 96.60 | 88.87 | 71.27 | 43.20 | 18.66 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-16-2012</i>              | 3.34  | 96.66 | 89.36 | 71.07 | 41.20 | 18.66 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-24-2012</i>           | 12.24 | 87.76 | 71.70 | 58.40 | 29.07 | 0.89  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 68.95 | 31.05 | 9.32  | 2.29  | 0.01  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2012</i>    | 4.80  | 95.20 | 89.43 | 67.48 | 42.77 | 14.29 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-25-2011</i>           | 84.60 | 15.40 | 6.56  | 3.63  | 1.17  | 0.10  |

### 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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