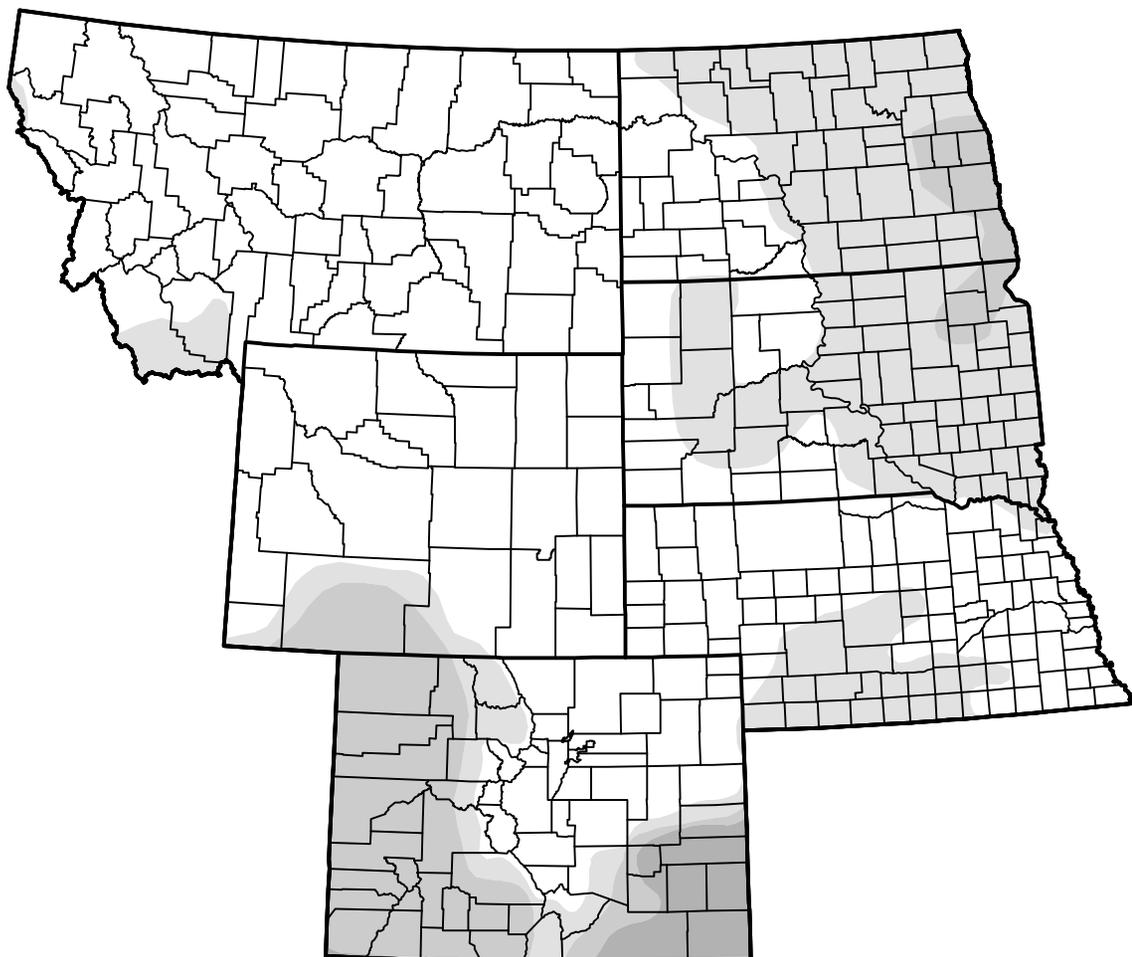


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**February 17, 2015**  
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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>	64.49	35.51	12.35	2.21	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-10-2015</i>	64.49	35.51	5.66	2.21	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-18-2014</i>	85.97	14.03	4.38	2.22	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	75.26	24.74	4.64	2.22	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2014</i>	90.80	9.20	4.48	2.51	0.42	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-18-2014</i>	67.13	32.87	10.60	6.12	1.38	0.27

***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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