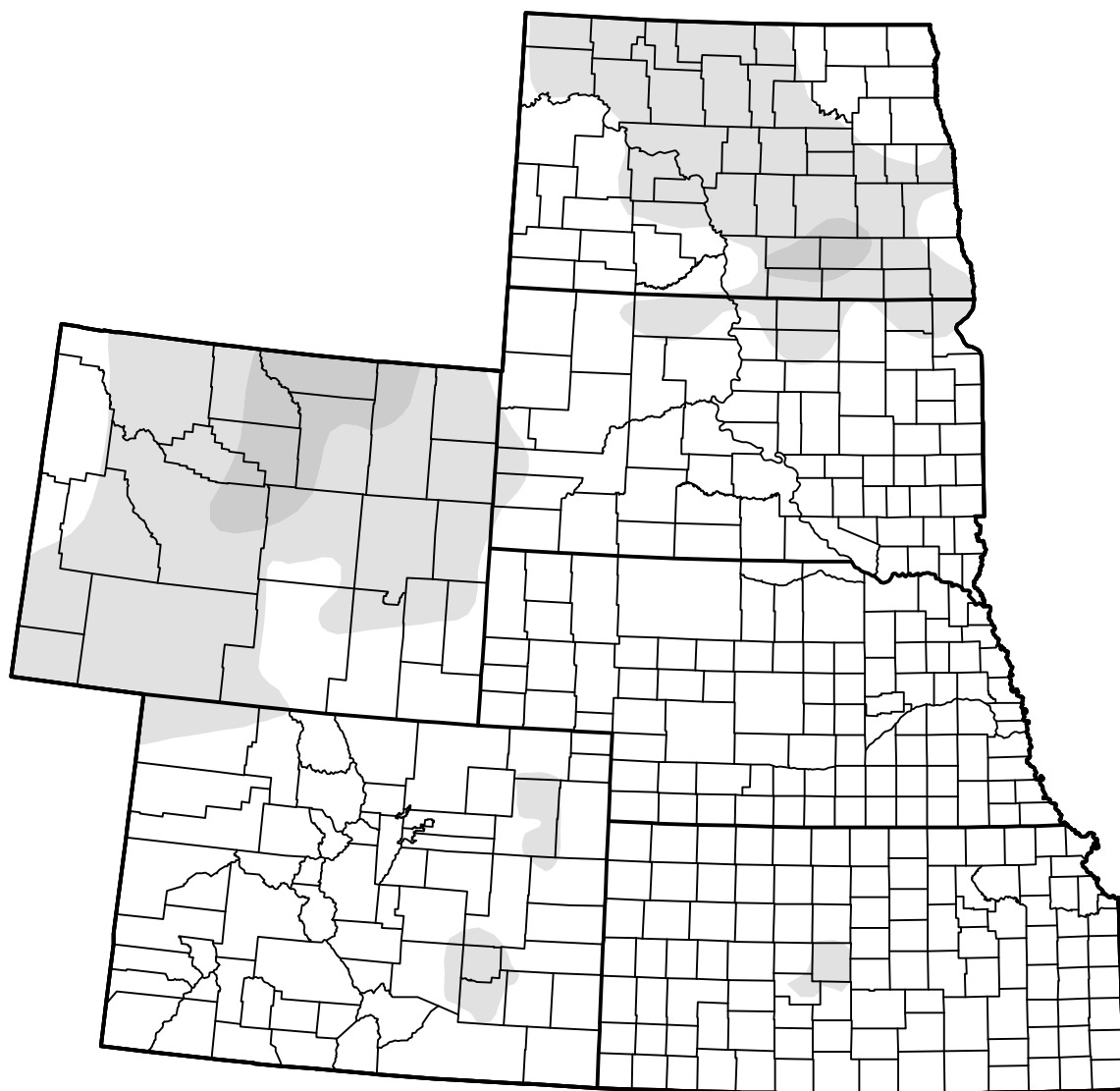


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**February 16, 2016**  
 (Released Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 73.50 | 26.50 | 2.97  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-09-2016</i>              | 74.06 | 25.94 | 2.97  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-17-2015</i>           | 62.15 | 37.85 | 4.09  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 78.82 | 21.18 | 1.58  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2015</i>    | 75.58 | 24.42 | 0.82  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-17-2015</i>           | 46.61 | 53.39 | 20.18 | 5.51  | 0.30  | 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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