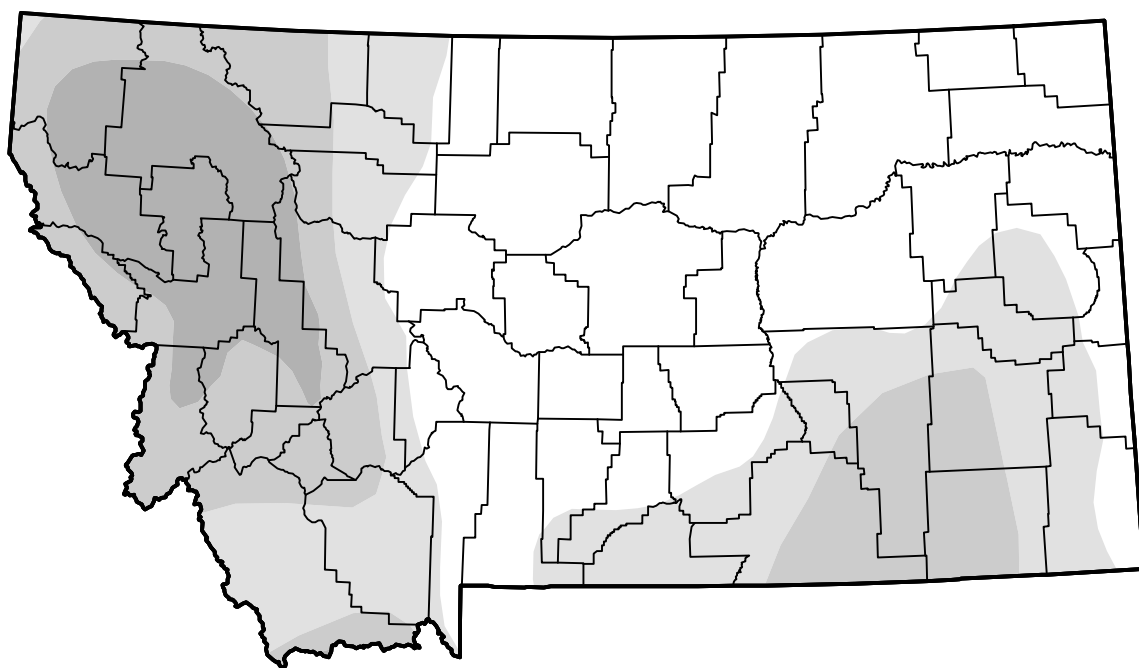


# U.S. Drought Monitor Montana

**February 16, 2016**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 47.60 | 22.67 | 19.46 | 10.27 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-11-2016</i>              | 47.72 | 22.54 | 17.08 | 9.12  | 3.54  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-19-2015</i>           | 42.40 | 23.75 | 7.78  | 20.44 | 5.63  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2015</i> | 48.55 | 20.52 | 9.98  | 17.42 | 3.54  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2015</i>    | 30.55 | 31.27 | 9.40  | 11.86 | 16.92 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-19-2015</i>           | 96.52 | 3.48  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 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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