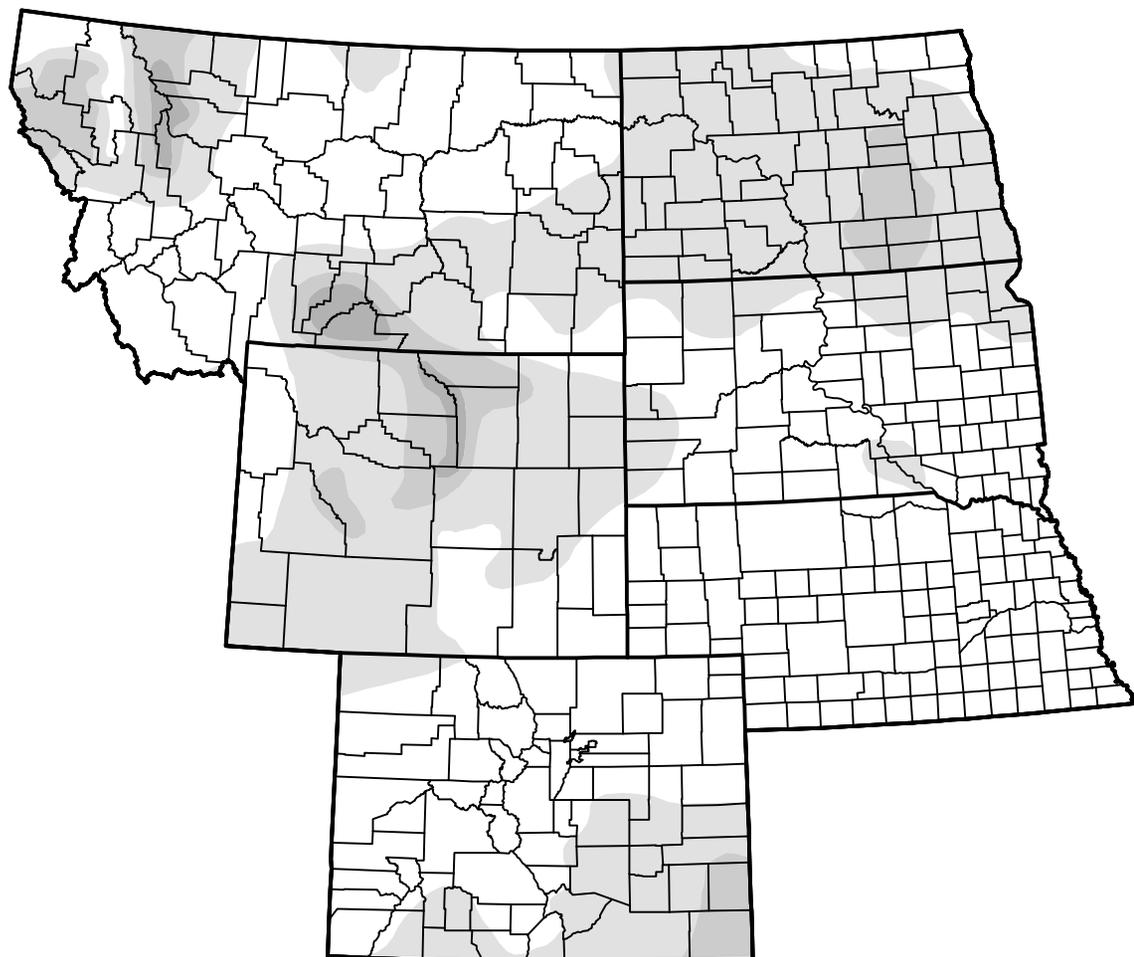


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**March 29, 2016**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	56.38	35.99	6.38	1.25	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-22-2016</i>	56.43	36.20	6.12	1.25	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	68.34	22.34	3.95	4.46	0.91	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	68.34	22.34	3.95	4.46	0.91	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	63.29	26.84	2.49	3.04	4.33	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-31-2015</i>	47.49	30.45	14.72	7.34	0.00	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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