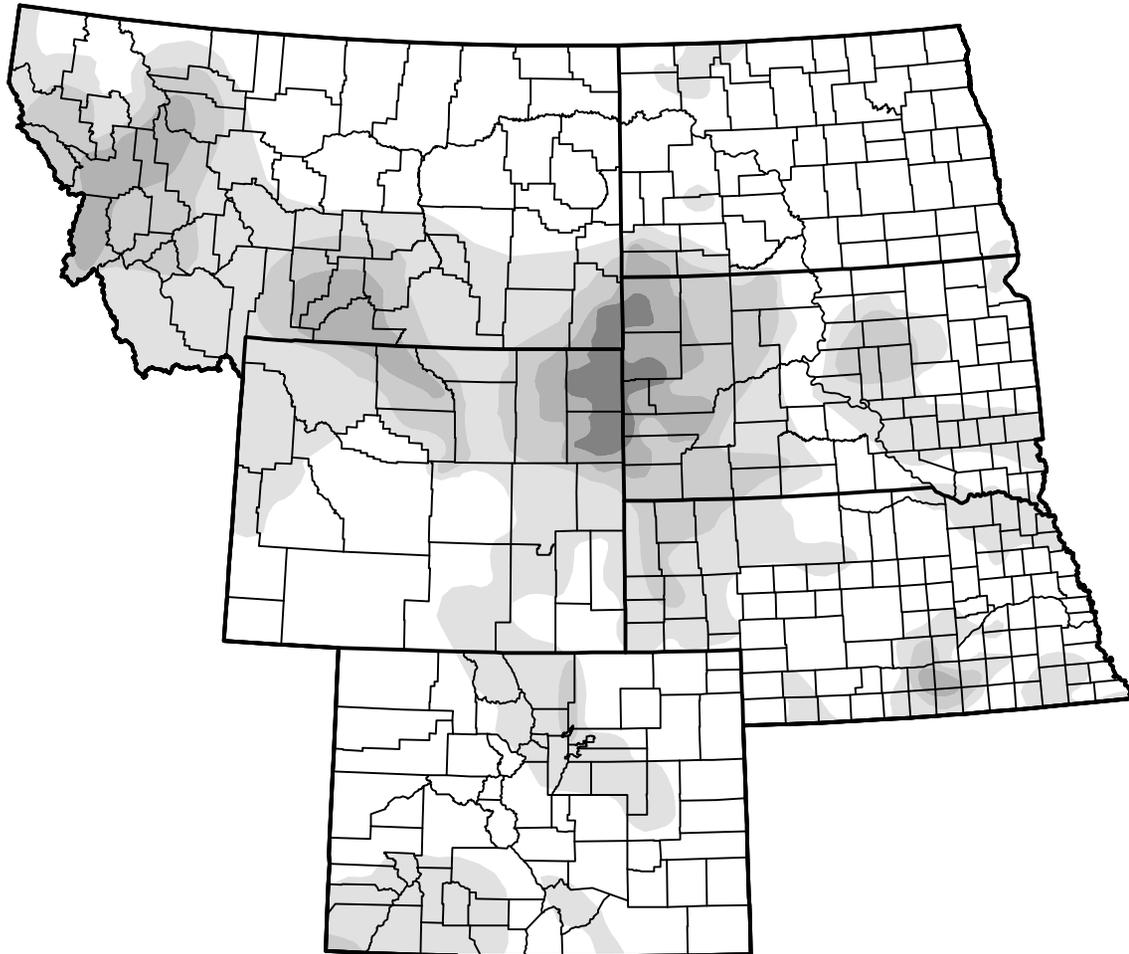


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**August 16, 2016**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	54.99	28.02	10.94	4.87	1.18	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-09-2016</i>	52.11	29.00	12.72	4.75	1.43	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-17-2016</i>	86.96	10.15	2.71	0.18	0.00	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>08-18-2015</i>	79.41	11.36	3.21	2.34	3.68	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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