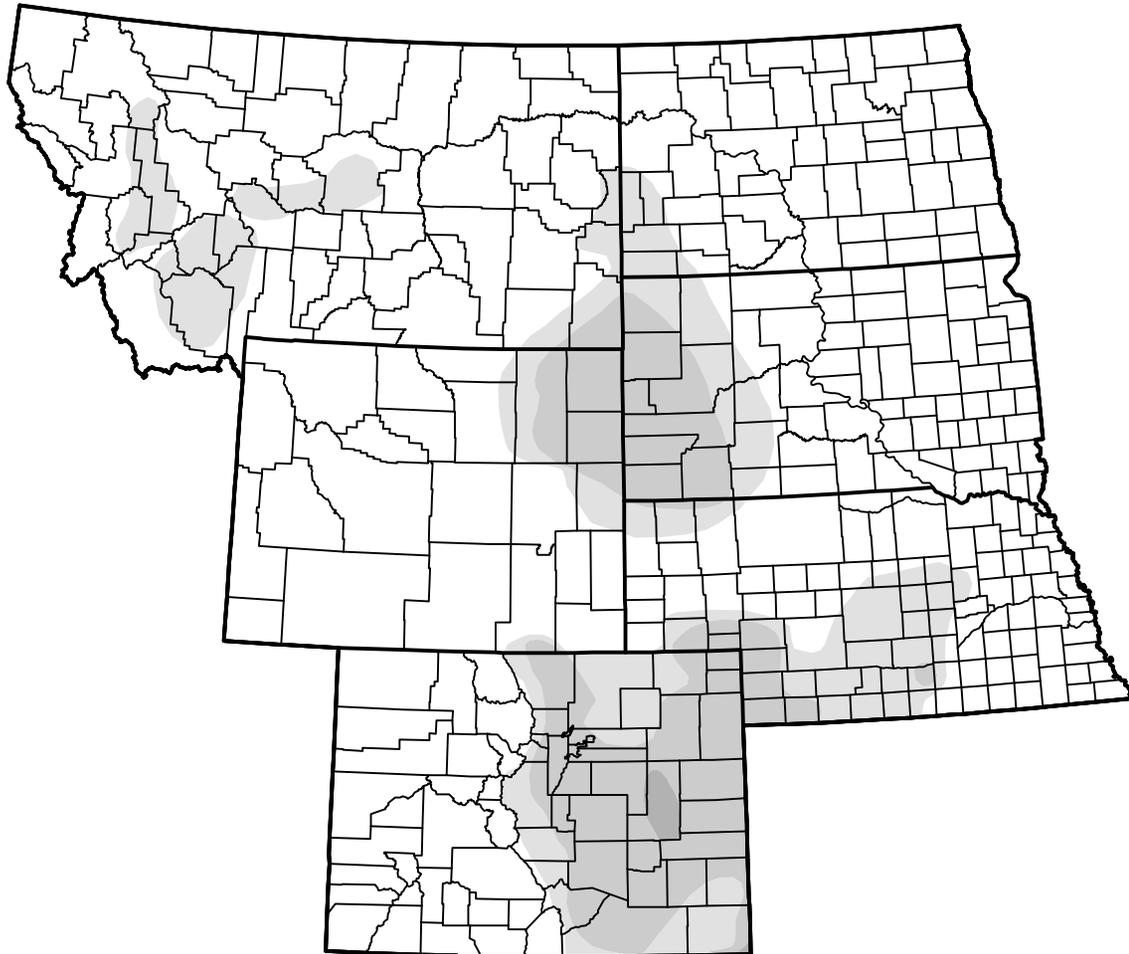


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**February 28, 2017**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	74.64	13.27	11.79	0.30	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-21-2017</i>	72.29	13.95	13.46	0.30	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-29-2016</i>	47.69	35.92	15.42	0.97	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2017</i>	61.47	22.58	14.48	1.47	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	62.66	23.14	10.33	3.65	0.23	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-01-2016</i>	60.23	30.56	6.62	2.59	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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