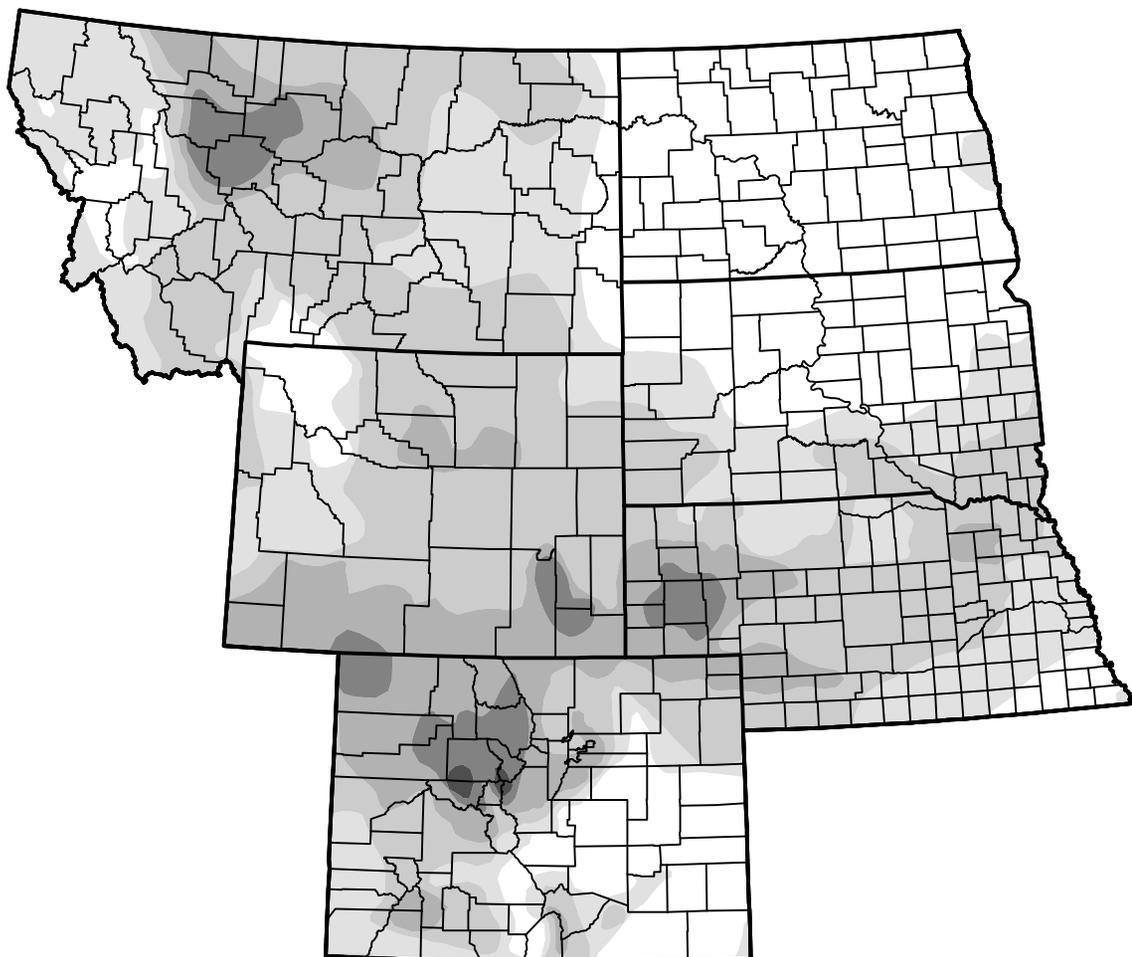


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.14	71.86	48.96	16.72	3.90	0.15
Last Week <i>02-10-2026</i>	33.33	66.67	37.76	14.02	2.39	0.15
3 Months Ago <i>11-18-2025</i>	46.38	53.62	29.73	13.01	1.47	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	43.84	56.16	25.41	9.26	1.16	0.12
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	51.04	48.96	27.32	19.65	7.49	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-18-2025</i>	24.24	75.76	60.49	30.59	7.25	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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