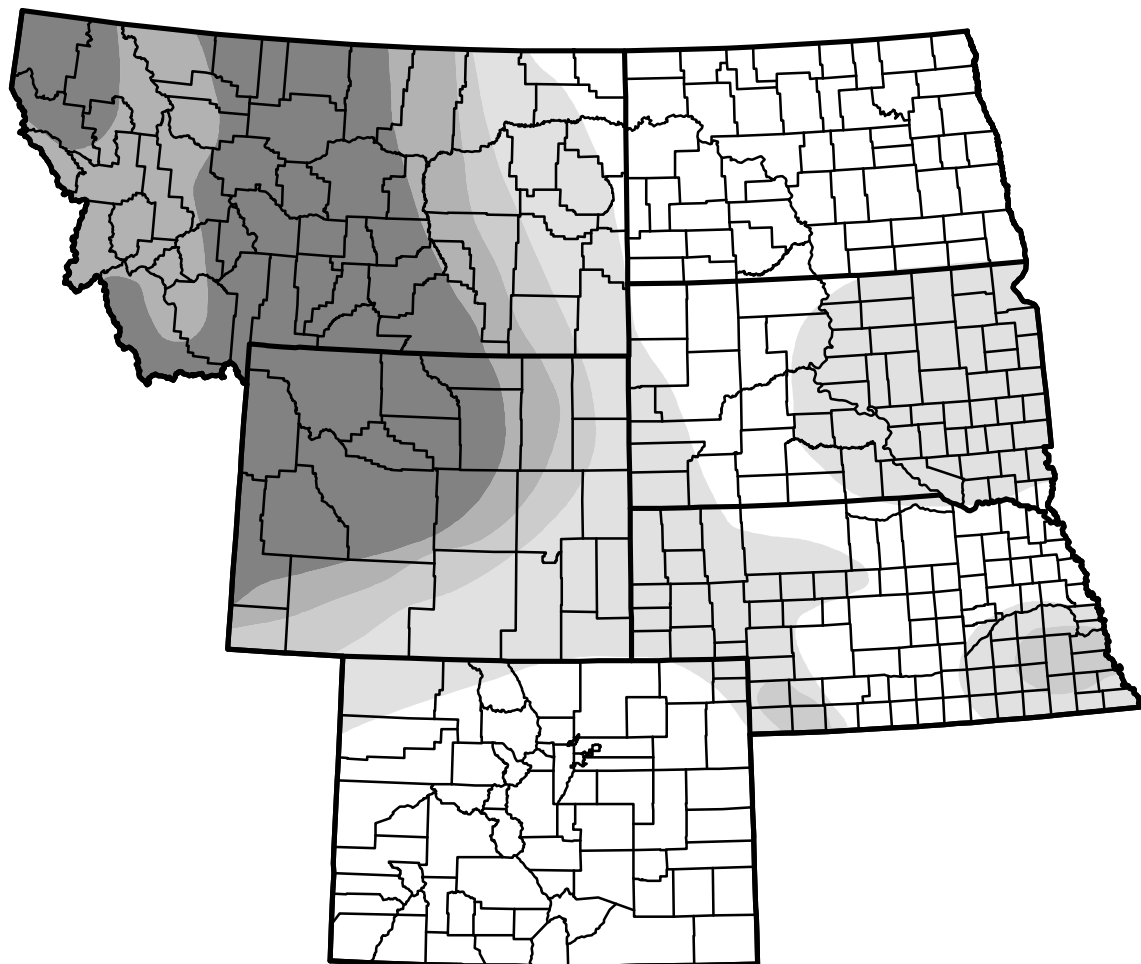


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	41.19	24.39	5.43	9.51	19.47	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-28-2001</i>	53.74	13.85	4.77	9.34	18.31	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-05-2001</i>	64.34	9.07	8.07	15.57	2.96	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2001</i>	57.35	27.03	8.53	6.68	0.40	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2000</i>	27.60	36.32	14.43	18.71	2.94	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>09-05-2000</i>	33.21	32.02	17.21	15.43	2.13	0.00

***Intensity:***

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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