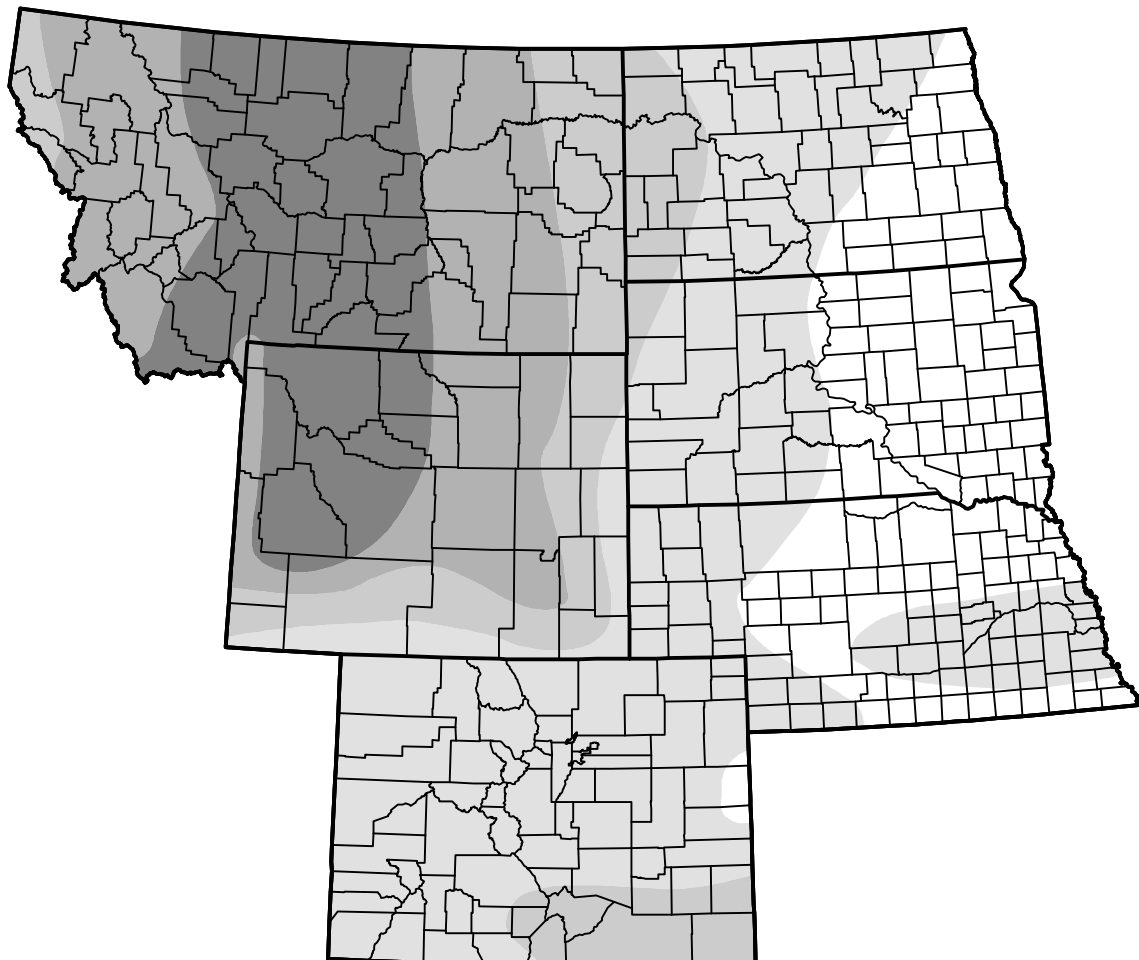


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains

### Climate Hub



**January 15, 2002**

*(Released Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002)*

**Valid 7 a.m. EST**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 18.00 | 36.23 | 13.19 | 17.09 | 15.49 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-08-2002</i>              | 20.87 | 33.09 | 12.71 | 17.73 | 15.59 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-16-2001</i>           | 38.16 | 27.34 | 5.52  | 9.45  | 19.53 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i> | 29.07 | 26.52 | 12.36 | 14.72 | 17.34 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2001</i>    | 46.53 | 19.62 | 4.86  | 12.80 | 16.18 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-16-2001</i>           | 62.85 | 21.54 | 9.97  | 5.24  | 0.40  | 0.00 |

#### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  None                  |  D2 Severe Drought        |
|  D0 Abnormally Dry    |  D3 Extreme Drought      |
|  D1 Moderate Drought |  D4 Exceptional Drought |

*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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