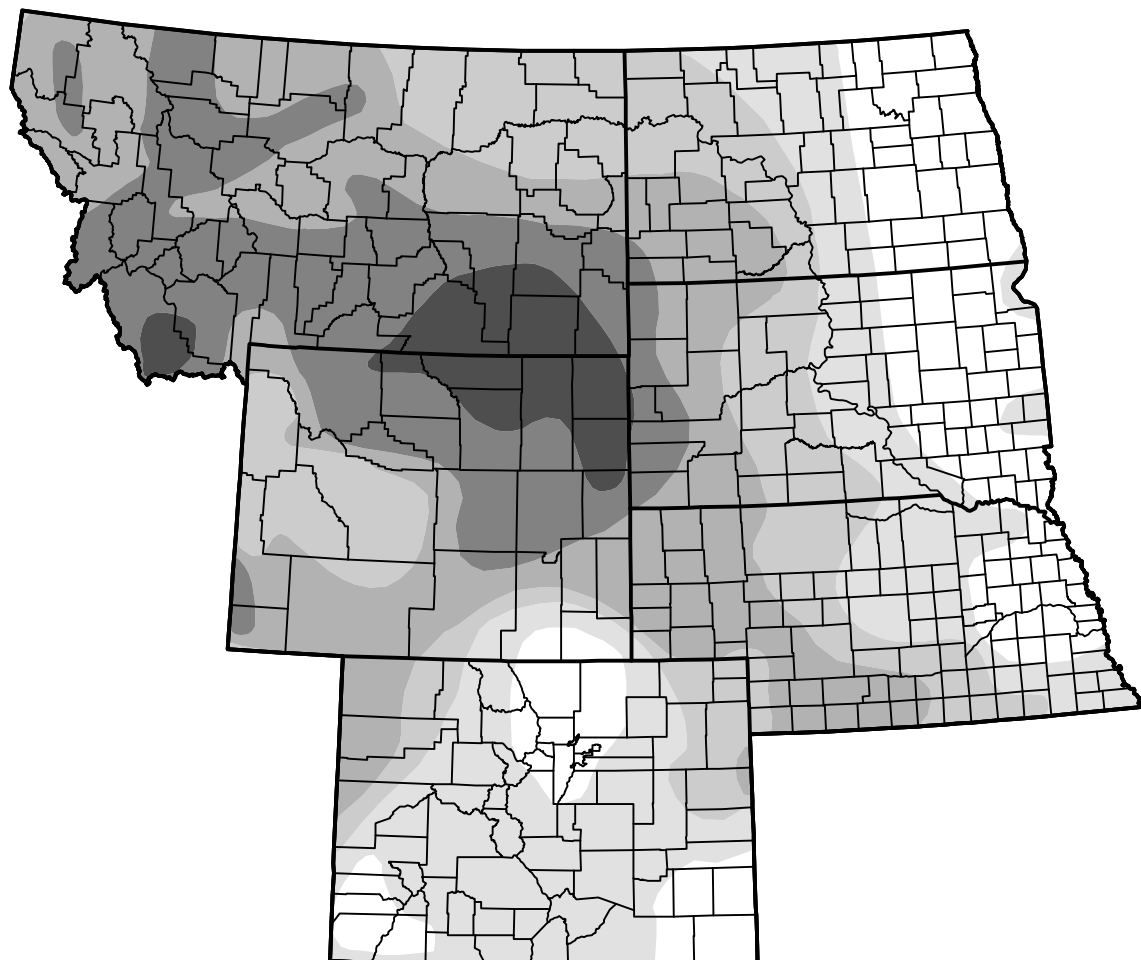


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.48	20.02	19.00	23.38	17.16	4.95
Last Week <i>02-15-2005</i>	15.91	19.60	20.39	22.35	16.80	4.95
3 Months Ago <i>11-23-2004</i>	24.10	17.47	24.63	19.55	11.12	3.13
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	21.51	20.08	22.67	21.85	10.61	3.27
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	25.67	14.04	22.03	22.08	12.83	3.35
One Year Ago <i>02-24-2004</i>	0.00	17.90	20.85	37.73	21.83	1.69

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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