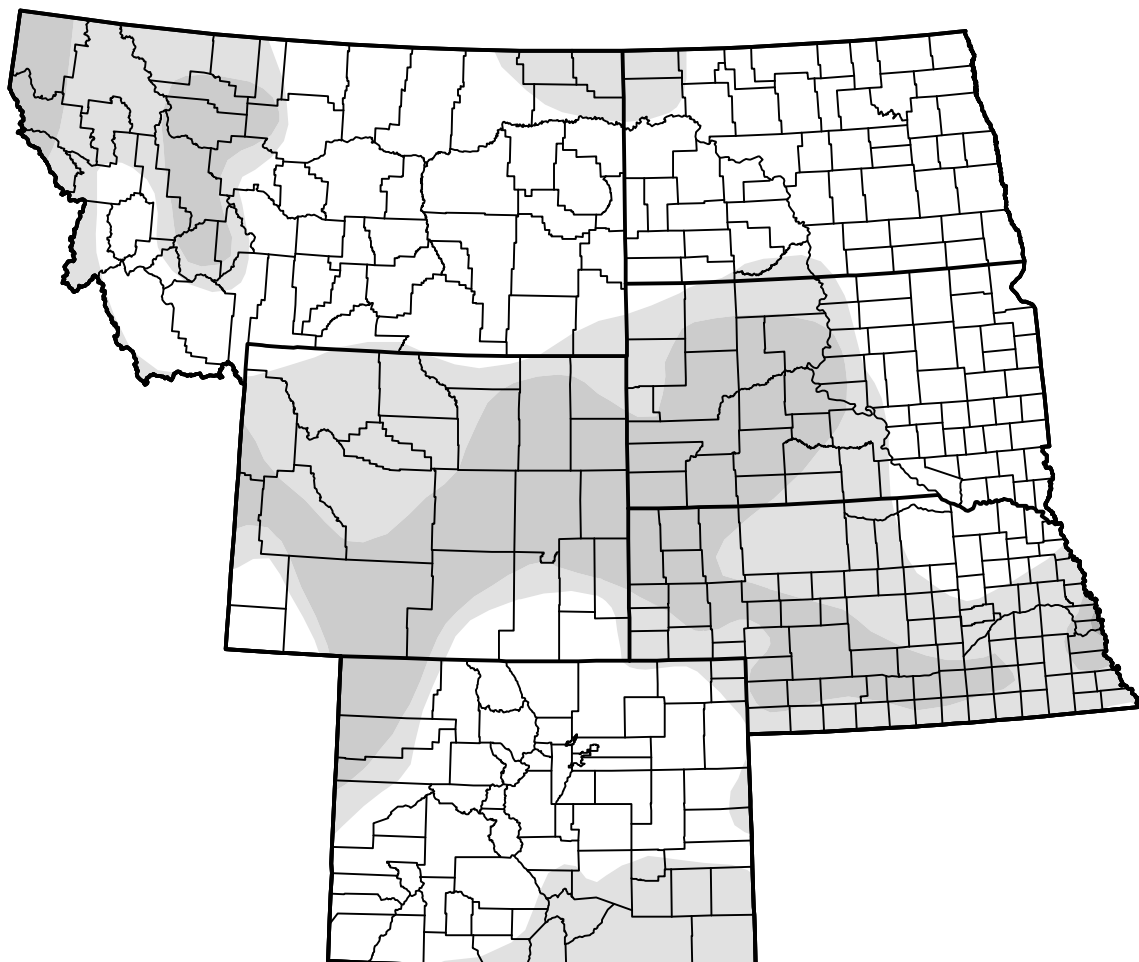


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.25	48.75	21.34	0.03	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-13-2005</i>	54.90	45.10	20.06	0.03	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2005</i>	29.37	70.63	34.71	10.70	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	21.51	78.49	58.40	35.73	13.88	3.27
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	30.88	69.12	34.37	9.35	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2004</i>	22.00	78.00	58.40	34.99	13.17	3.27

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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