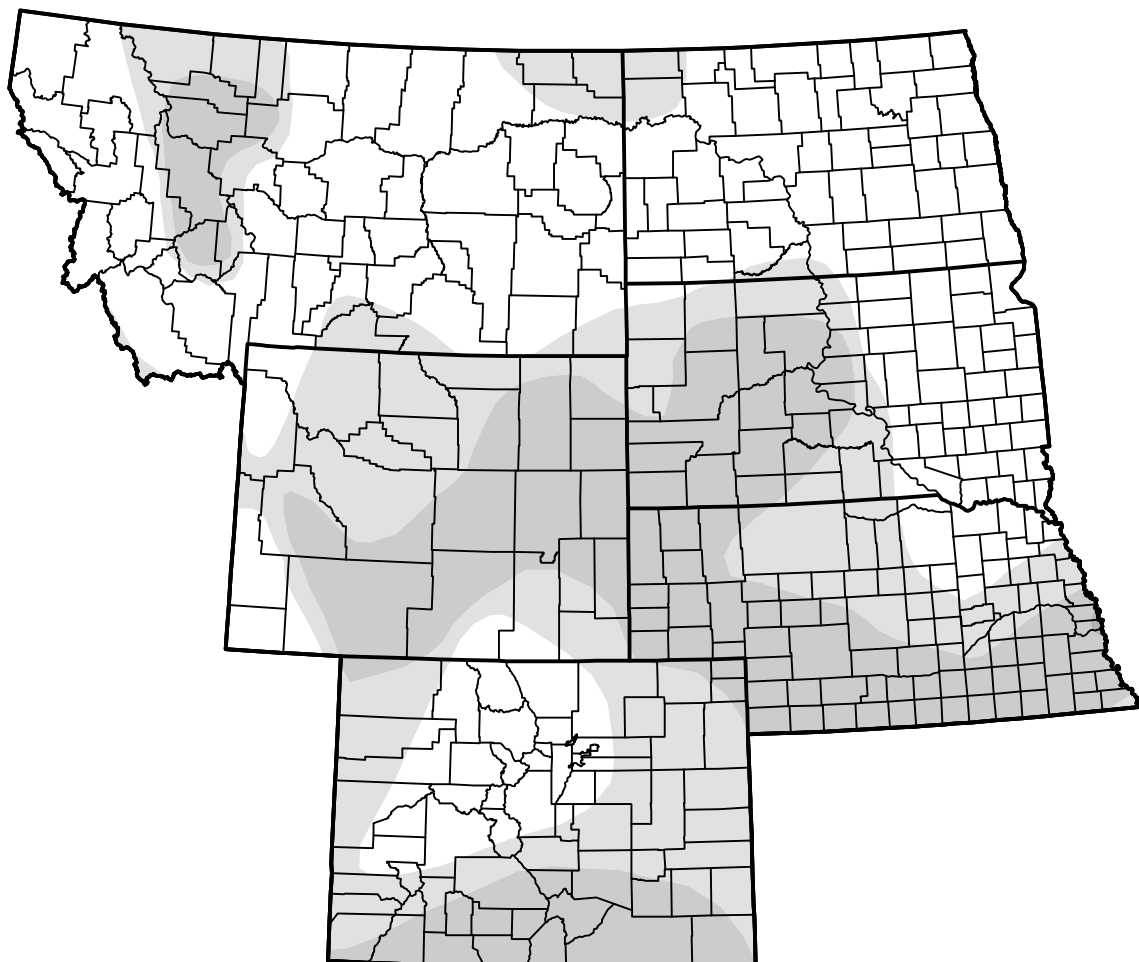


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	45.90	27.19	26.88	0.03	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>01-24-2006</i>	50.68	25.03	24.26	0.03	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-01-2005</i>	37.95	35.83	25.72	0.49	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	49.75	29.62	20.60	0.03	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	30.88	34.75	25.01	9.35	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-01-2005</i>	16.74	22.12	20.67	24.94	12.32	3.22

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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