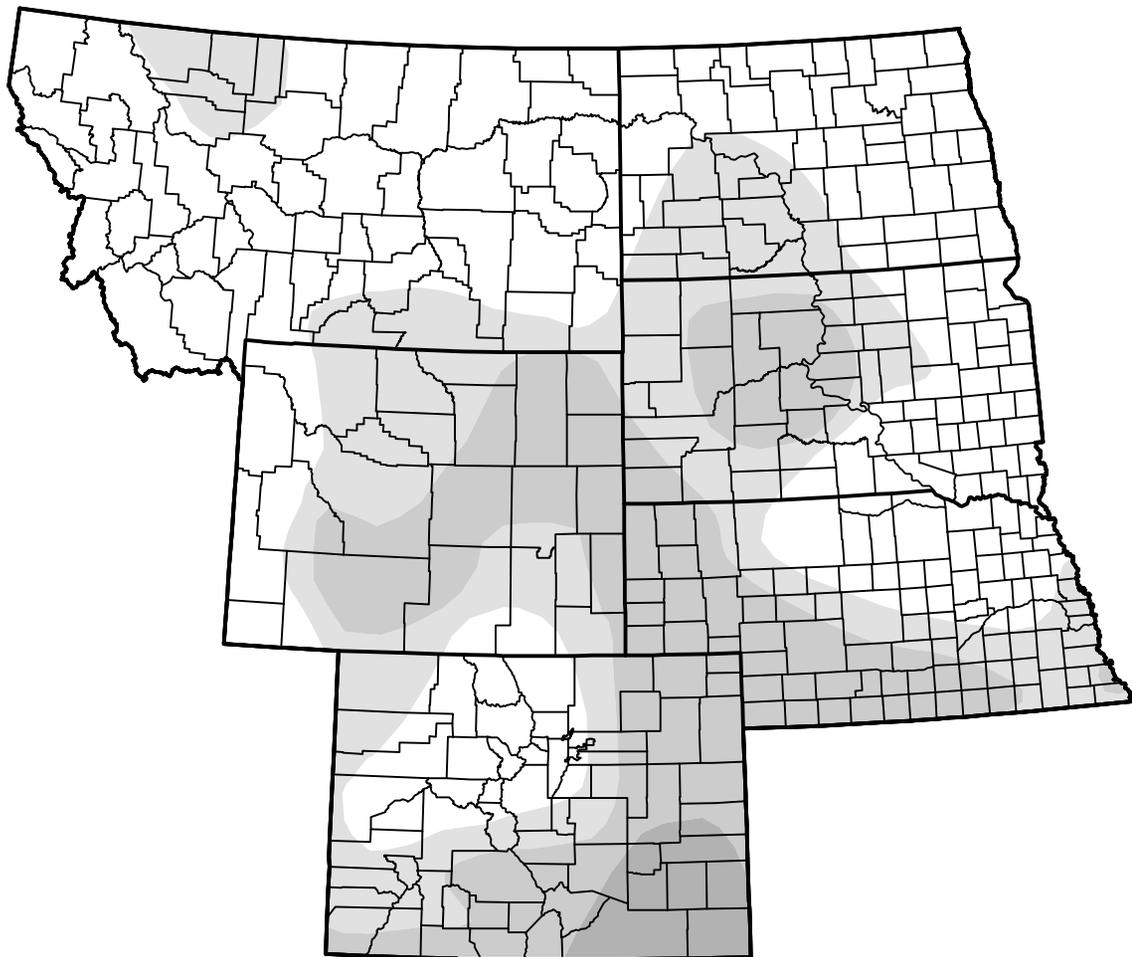


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	49.34	50.66	24.98	2.76	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-11-2006</i>	49.88	50.12	24.59	1.20	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-17-2006</i>	49.32	50.68	24.29	0.03	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	49.75	50.25	20.63	0.03	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	30.88	69.12	34.37	9.35	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-19-2005</i>	21.73	78.27	60.49	43.32	21.17	6.56

***Intensity:***



*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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