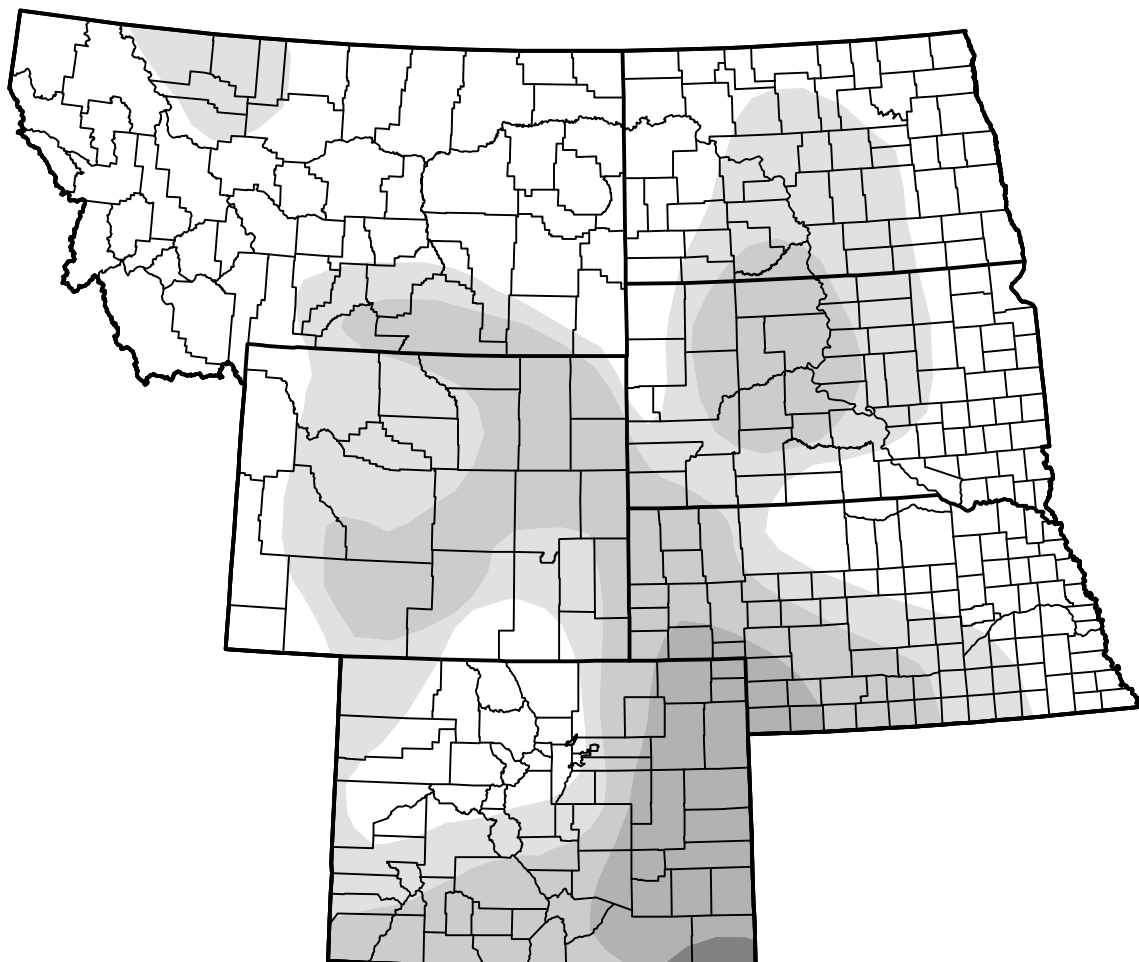


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	47.78	52.22	27.77	6.66	0.28	0.00
Last Week <i>05-09-2006</i>	48.47	51.53	27.19	4.66	0.10	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2006</i>	46.83	53.17	27.52	0.75	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	49.75	50.25	20.63	0.03	0.00	0.00
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>05-17-2005</i>	27.93	72.07	56.61	29.72	6.04	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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