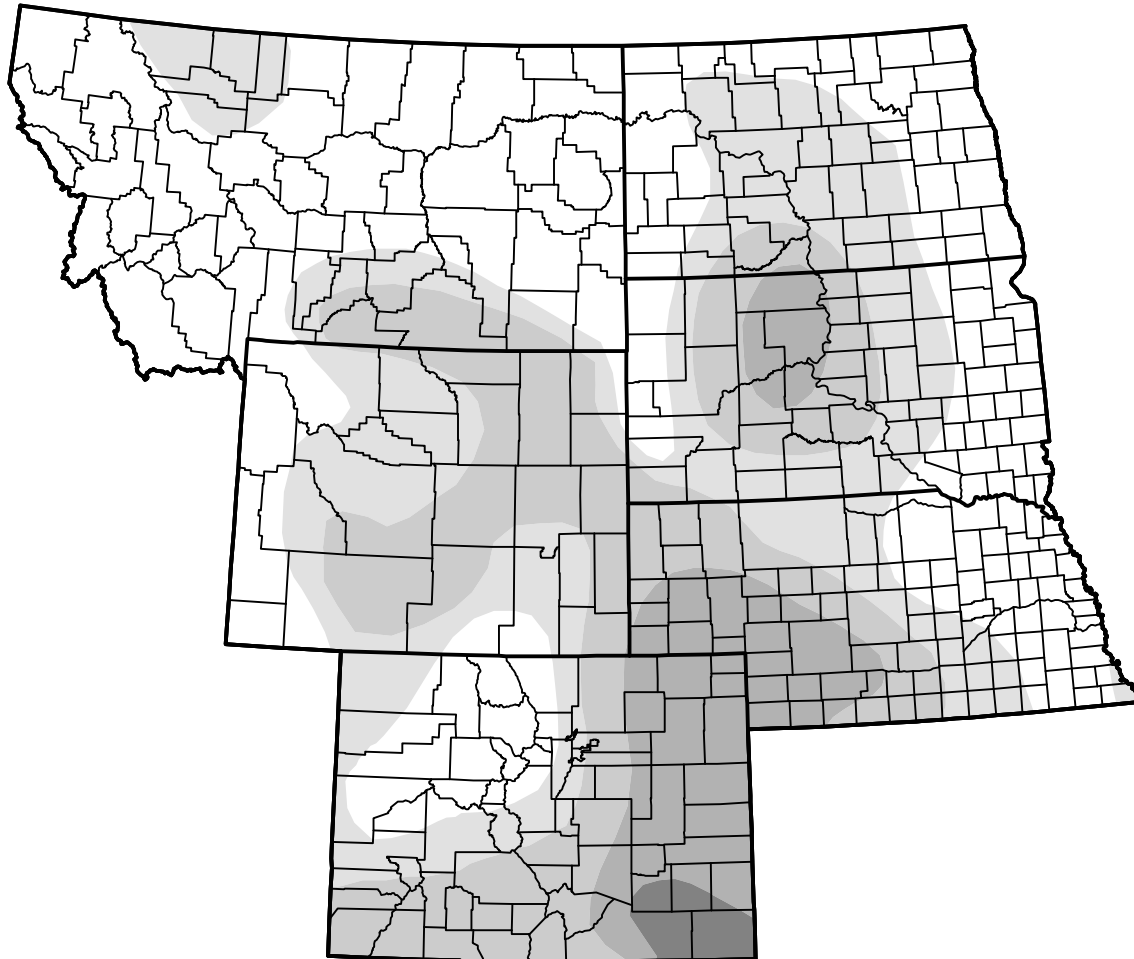


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	44.06	24.74	20.56	9.53	1.11	0.00
Last Week <i>05-16-2006</i>	47.78	24.45	21.11	6.37	0.28	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-21-2006</i>	47.26	26.54	25.45	0.75	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>05-24-2005</i>	28.17	17.27	24.85	23.67	6.04	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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