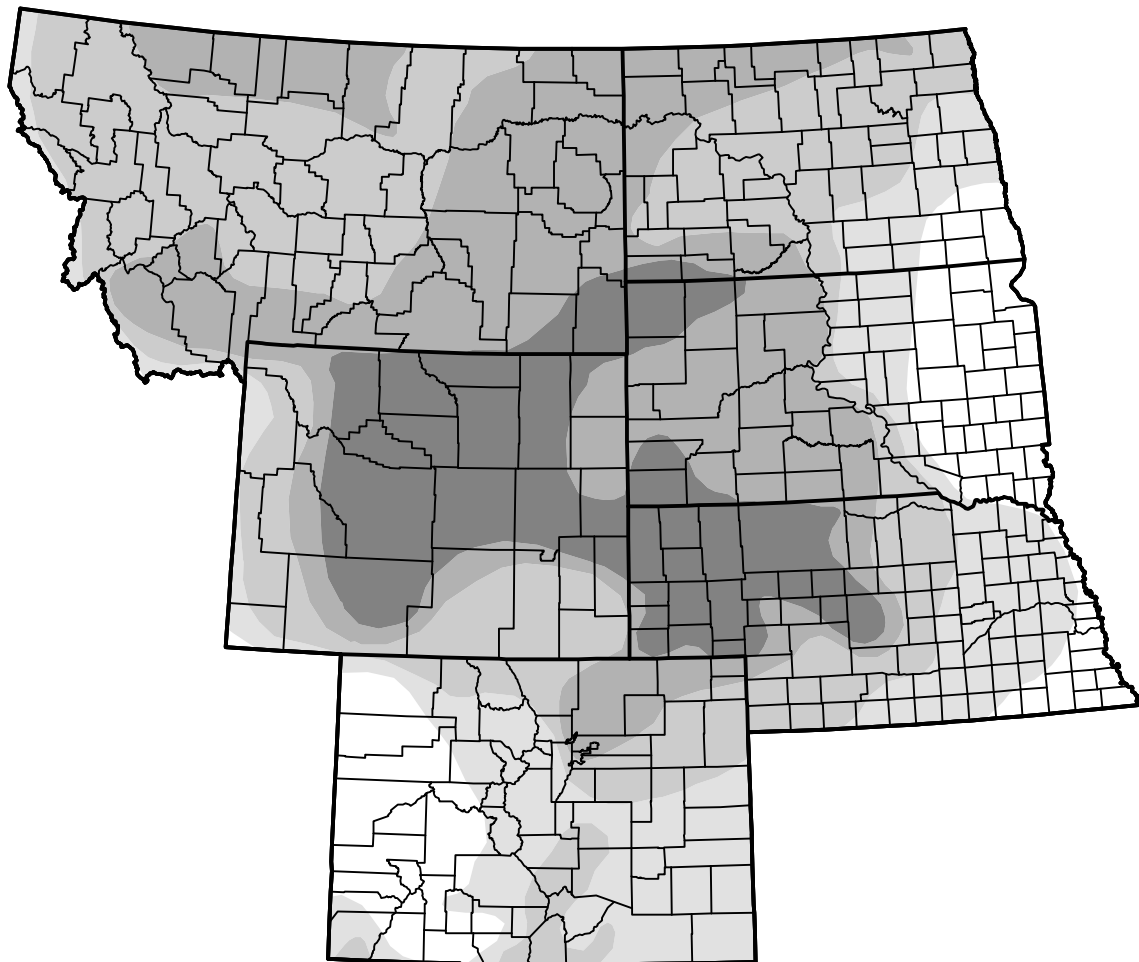


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.02	88.98	72.50	42.92	15.28	0.00
Last Week <i>10-10-2006</i>	11.02	88.98	72.50	42.92	15.64	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-18-2006</i>	7.19	92.81	82.89	38.28	9.75	1.89
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>09-26-2006</i>	5.69	94.31	72.90	44.20	15.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2005</i>	38.55	61.45	25.02	0.49	0.00	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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