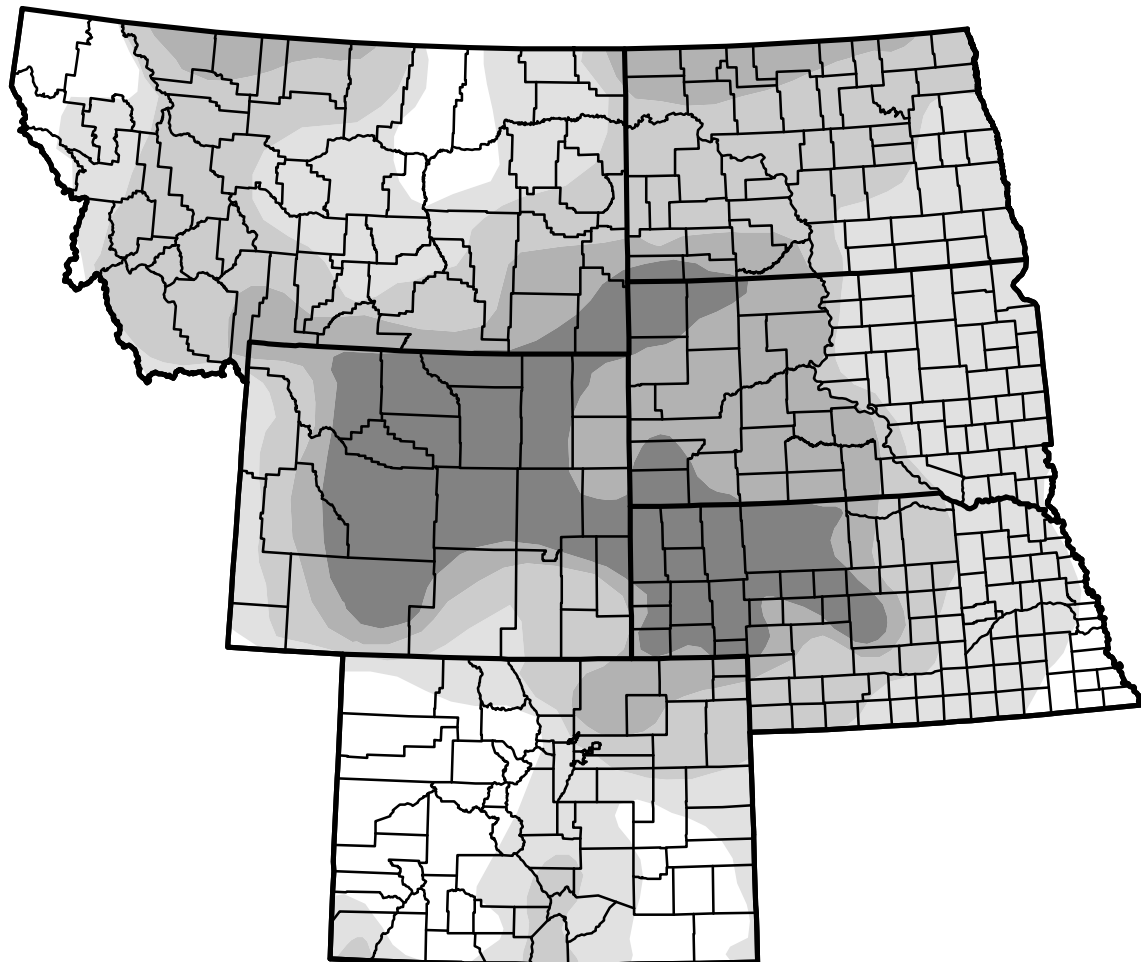


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	13.08	27.46	26.89	17.46	15.12	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>11-14-2006</i>	10.57	27.71	27.01	19.59	15.12	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>08-22-2006</i>	0.15	11.11	28.96	40.44	17.23	2.11
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	49.75	29.62	20.60	0.03	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2006</i>	5.69	21.41	28.70	29.13	15.07	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>11-22-2005</i>	39.65	36.26	24.09	0.00	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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