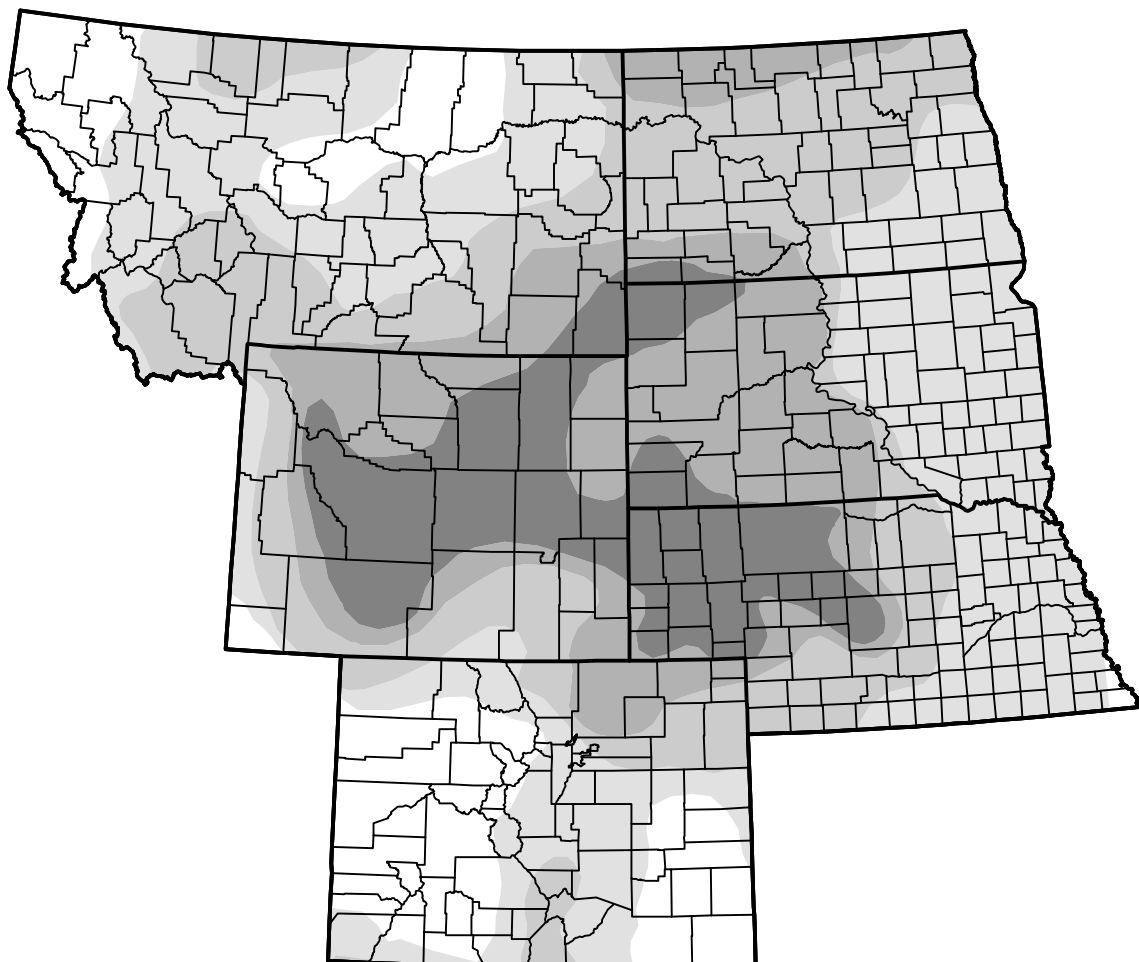


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.32	85.68	54.95	31.28	13.46	0.00
Last Week 12-12-2006	13.02	86.98	57.41	32.56	13.70	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-19-2006	3.01	96.99	83.27	44.73	19.84	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2006	49.75	50.25	20.63	0.03	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2006	5.69	94.31	72.90	44.20	15.07	0.00
One Year Ago 12-20-2005	51.25	48.75	21.34	0.03	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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