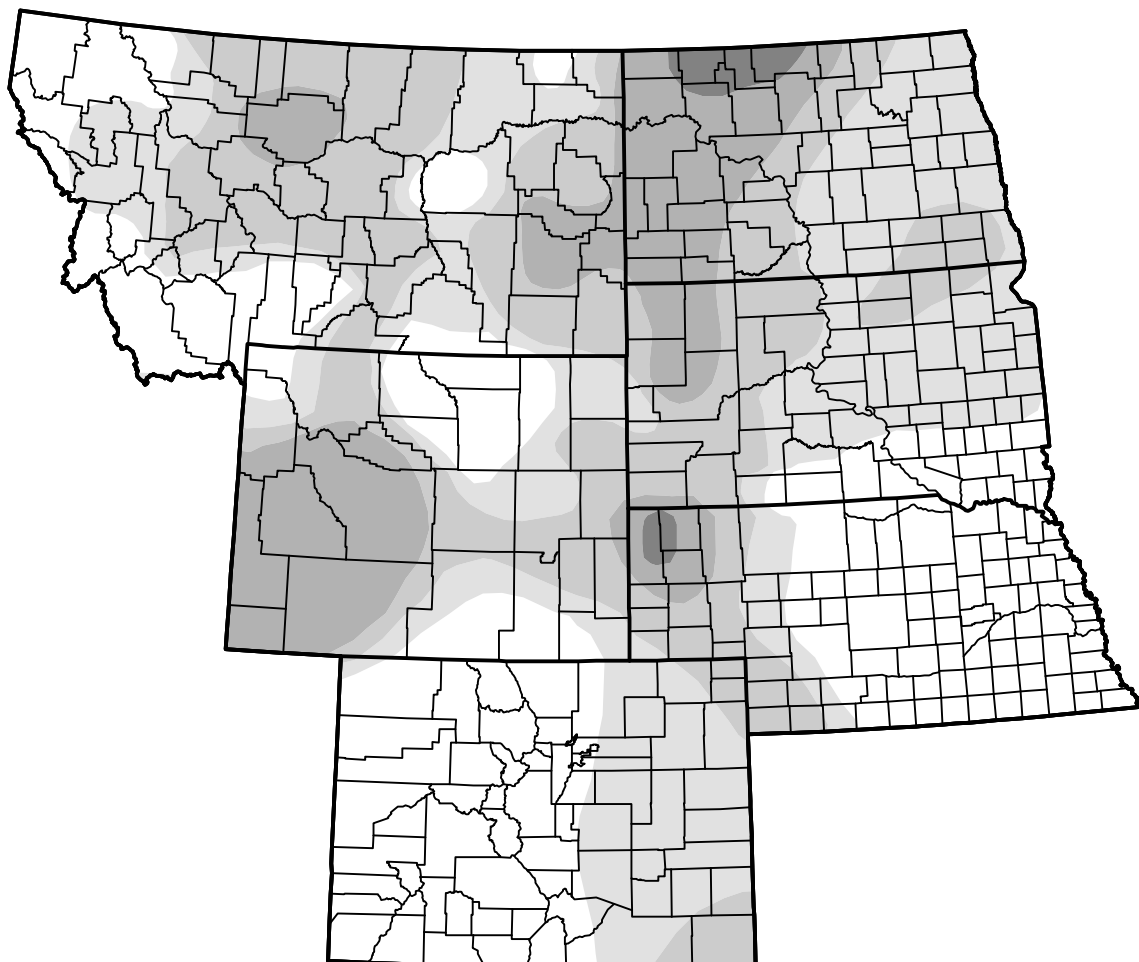


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 33.47 | 66.53 | 39.43 | 14.82 | 0.95  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-11-2008</i>              | 33.47 | 66.53 | 39.38 | 14.82 | 0.95  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-18-2007</i>           | 32.44 | 67.56 | 40.90 | 17.35 | 0.23  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2008</i> | 32.44 | 67.56 | 41.04 | 17.24 | 0.23  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2007</i>    | 37.87 | 62.13 | 41.89 | 22.11 | 3.34  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-20-2007</i>           | 31.56 | 68.44 | 46.20 | 27.17 | 8.69  | 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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