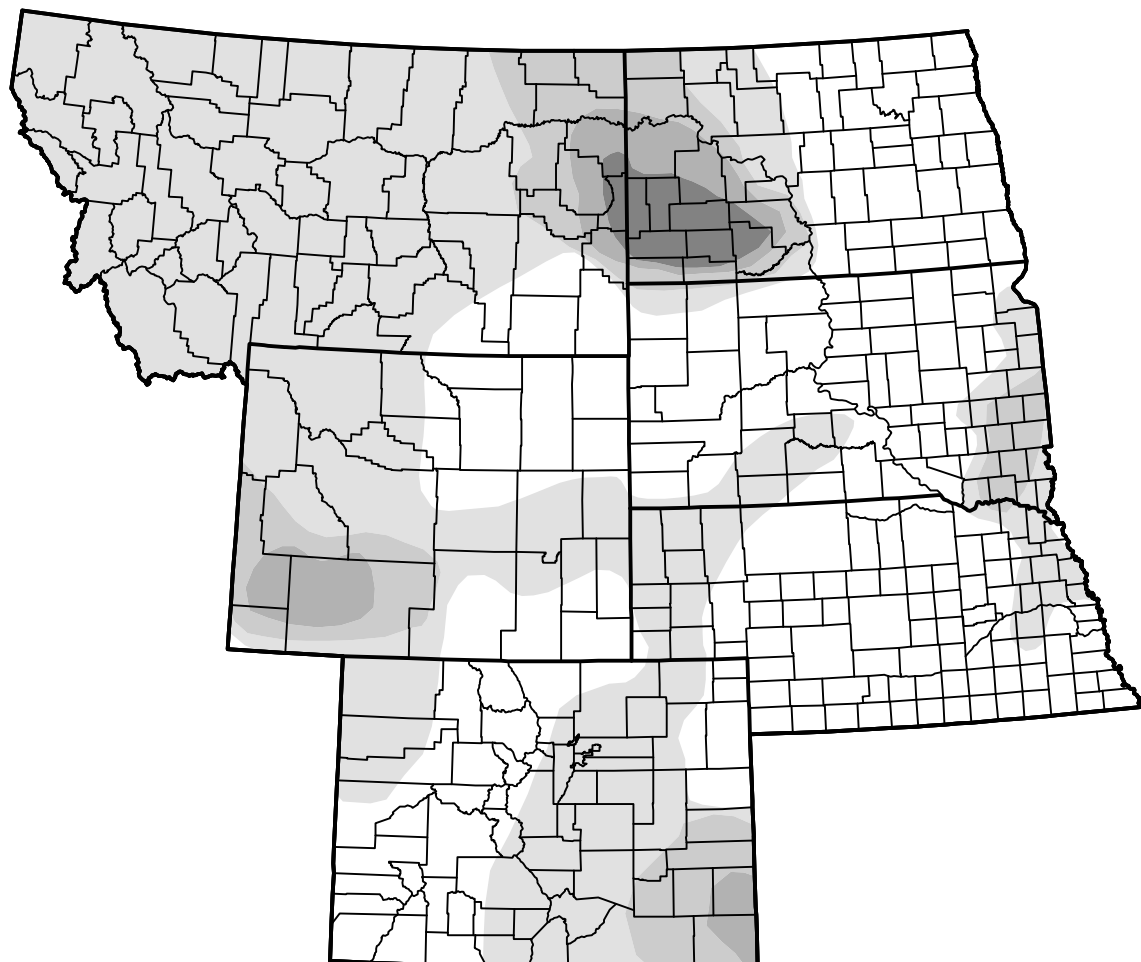


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.04	43.31	8.34	3.60	1.72	0.00
Last Week <i>09-09-2008</i>	40.43	43.53	10.97	3.85	1.22	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-17-2008</i>	65.15	19.97	7.80	6.63	0.41	0.04
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	32.44	26.52	23.79	17.01	0.23	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2007</i>	37.87	20.24	19.78	18.77	3.34	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-18-2007</i>	36.41	22.17	18.37	18.13	4.92	0.00

Intensity:

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

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