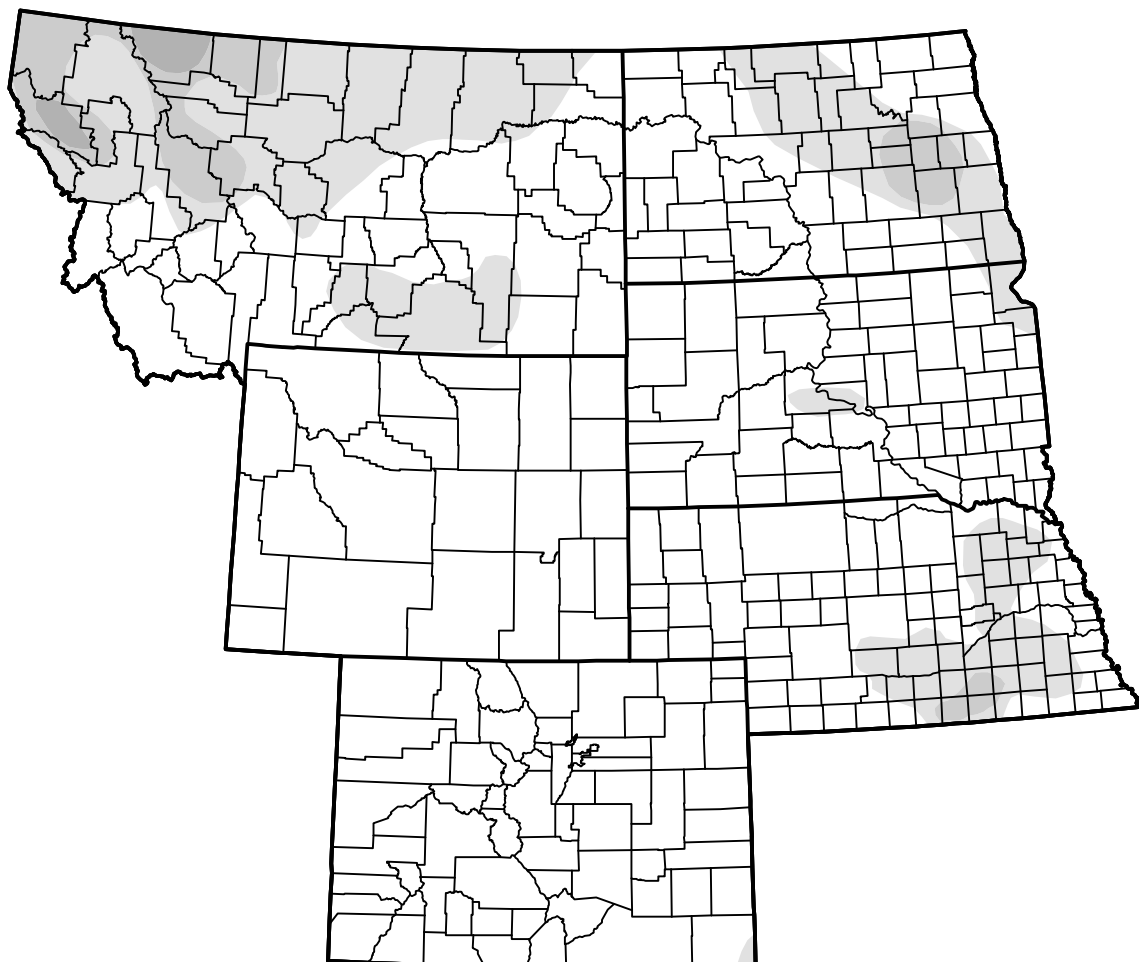


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**July 28, 2009**

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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>                                     | 79.13 | 20.87 | 4.47  | 0.59  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>07-21-2009</i>              | 78.02 | 21.98 | 4.60  | 1.06  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>04-28-2009</i>           | 70.67 | 29.33 | 2.30  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 55.97 | 44.03 | 7.56  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 56.54 | 43.46 | 12.03 | 3.99  | 1.72  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>07-29-2008</i>           | 36.06 | 63.94 | 21.89 | 11.35 | 6.20  | 0.12 |

### 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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