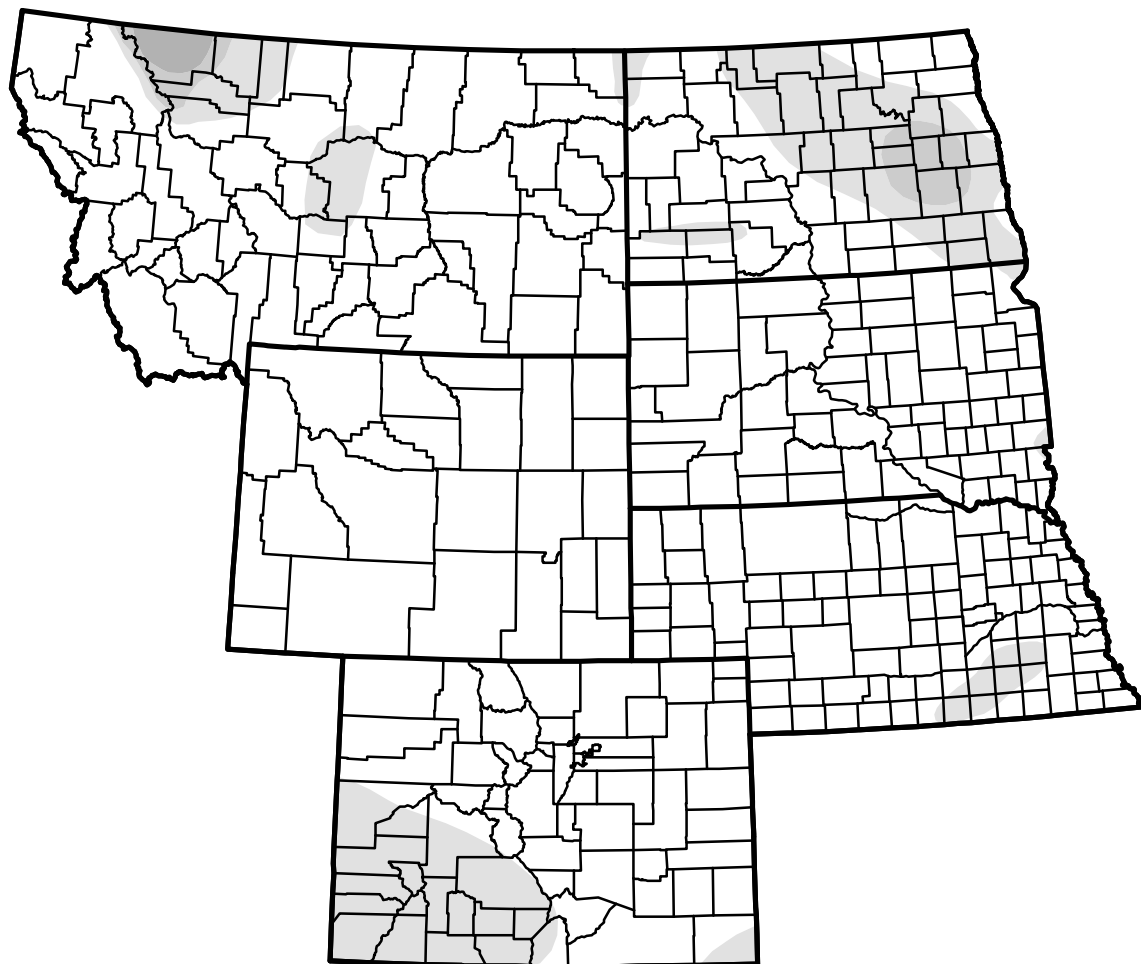


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	86.68	11.68	1.26	0.38	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>08-25-2009</i>	86.65	11.23	1.74	0.38	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-02-2009</i>	73.95	25.15	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.97	36.48	7.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	56.54	31.43	8.04	2.27	1.72	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-02-2008</i>	39.10	44.00	9.53	5.51	1.85	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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