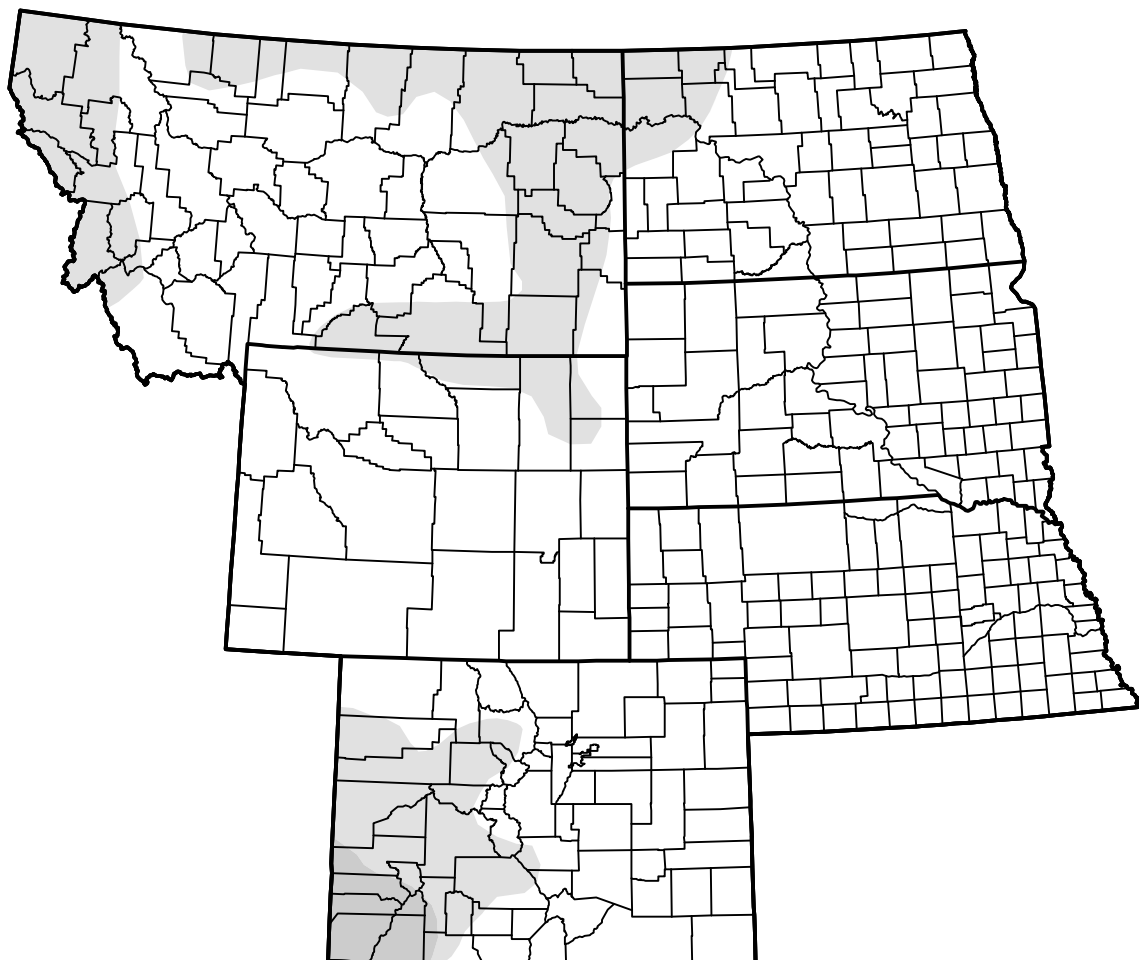


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	80.40	19.60	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-08-2009	82.39	17.61	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-15-2009	85.88	14.12	1.43	0.51	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2008	55.97	44.03	7.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2009	76.34	23.66	1.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-16-2008	53.48	46.52	9.41	0.00	0.00	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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