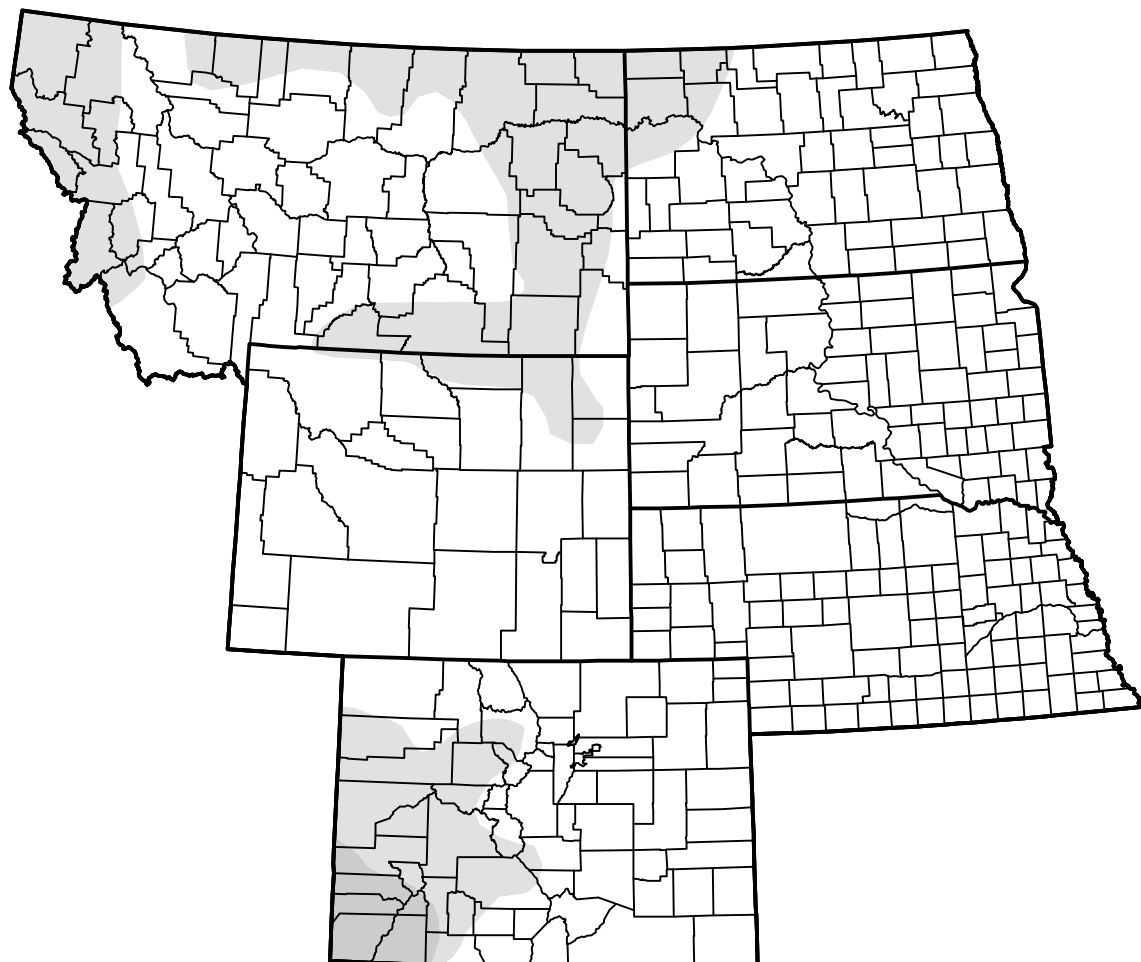


U.S. Drought Monitor

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 <i>12-15-2009</i>	80.40	19.60	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2009</i>	88.58	11.42	1.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.97	44.03	7.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	76.34	23.66	1.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2008</i>	53.48	46.52	9.41	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:



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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