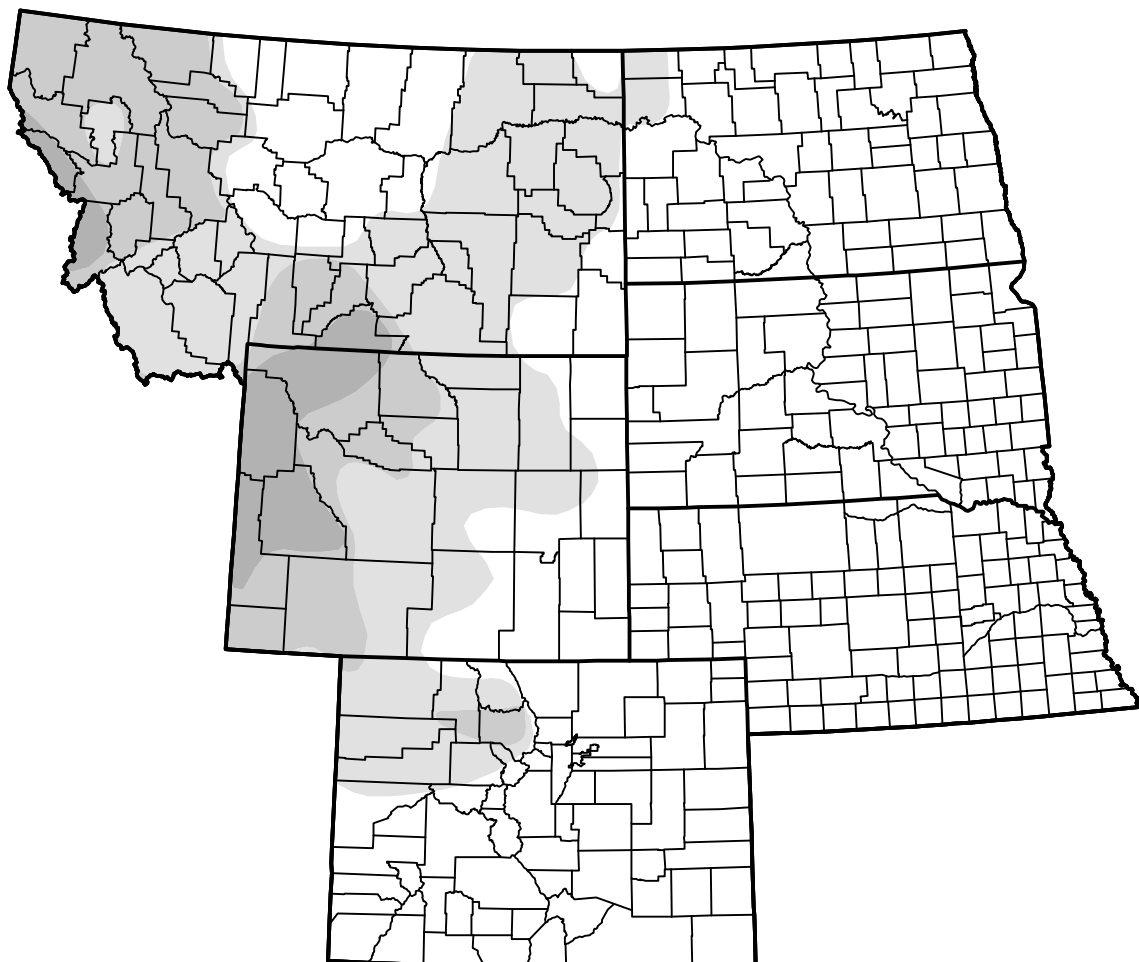


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**April 20, 2010**  
 (Released Thursday, Apr. 22, 2010)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 65.89 | 20.32 | 10.20 | 3.59 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>04-13-2010              | 61.24 | 24.29 | 11.69 | 2.77 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>01-19-2010           | 76.29 | 18.92 | 4.72  | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-29-2009 | 78.67 | 19.96 | 1.36  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-29-2009    | 76.34 | 22.27 | 1.39  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>04-21-2009           | 74.25 | 23.45 | 2.30  | 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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