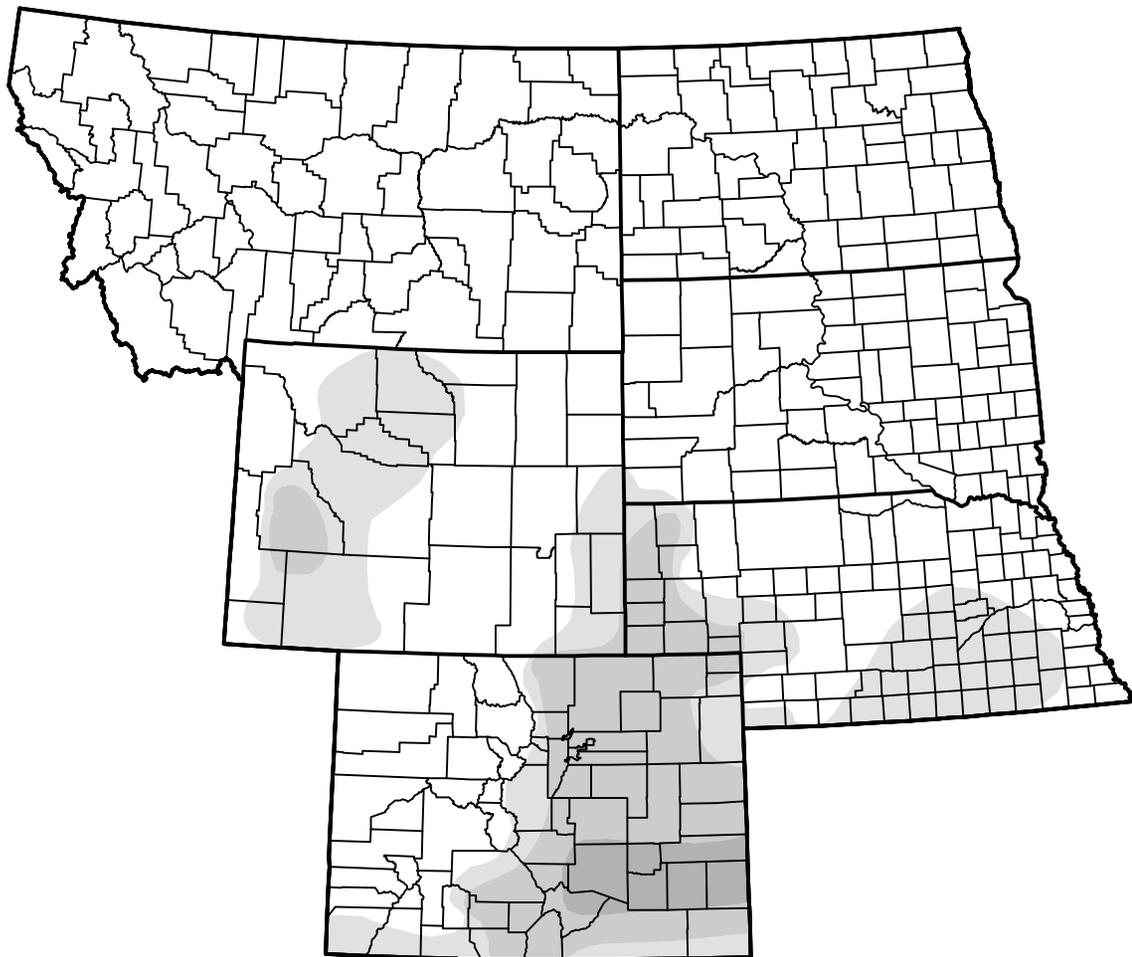


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**December 21, 2010**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	76.16	23.84	10.88	1.84	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-14-2010</i>	76.35	23.65	11.01	1.83	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-21-2010</i>	76.68	23.32	1.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2009</i>	78.67	21.33	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2010</i>	71.39	28.61	3.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-22-2009</i>	80.40	19.60	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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